Youth's Contribution To Christianity

By Miss Ruth Robinson, Mt. Beulah College, Edwards, Miss.

Much has been said from the pulpit, from the oratorical platform, and by the press concerning the unrighteousness and evil tendencies of modern youth. I am not here to discuss these accusations or to present arguments which aim to justify young people in their actions, for I realize as does everyone else, that Youth has its faults, just as every generation has, and just as every generation has today, just as every generation will have in future. My speech concerns another and brighter side of Youth, a side which deals with youth's contributions to the greatest religion in the world, Christianity.

Since the birth of the Christian dispensation, each era, each century, and even each generation has made its contributions to Christianity. Modern youth with its background of culture and learning has had its advantages and opportunities to make its contributions, and indeed, these contributions have been great and numerous.

Probably the greatest of these unceasing gifts is the contribution to Christian unity. Youth has thrown aside its prejudices against denominationalism because youth thinks of the future of Christianity and not of the past; and though youth tactlessly presents many of its new ideas it intends to profit by the experiences of the past. Young people representing the different denominations can come together without there being uppermost in their minds their religious differences. Youth is beginning to see as their ancestors never saw, the great blot that divisions and factions are to the Christian religion and the great hindrance they are to the progress of Christianity. Youth is beginning to realize that Christ did not establish a religion of various creeds and doctrines and that any differences have been brought about by mortal men. So young manhood and young womanhood, with characteristic directness is saying everywhere today, "Let's get rid of it," meaning denominationalism. To my mind this contribution should head the list in importance.

Youth has contributed much that is new in the line of Christian service. He is fast putting Christianity on a practical base. Christ, he has discovered, was the most practical teacher that the world has ever known. The past generations have been wont to view Christianity as something abstract, something that has to do with the emotions only, while the present generation is looking upon it as something concrete, something tangible. Through careful study of the life of the Master, youth has seen that His life was full of service for

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PINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TULSA

C. W. ARNOLD, Minister

Church moving along nicely since pastor and wife have been with the Tulsa folks. Since March the church shows outstanding improvements worthy of mention. Repairs, plumbing and redecoration of interior of church was done at cost of $375 which was paid with the assistance and generosity of our white sister churches. The beautification of church lawn adds to the attractiveness of church site.

Several new members added during past eight months. Under administration of Brother Arnold two new features have been inaugurated—namely, an employment bureau and a Daily Vacation Church school. More than forty-five persons have been given part time work including maids, cooks, laundresses, etc. The main objective of the new community service agency is to find employment for the needy. A Daily Vacation Church School was conducted by Mrs. Arnold, director of Christian Education in the local church. The total enrollment 174, average attendance 95. A splendid group of teachers served as faculty for three weeks.

The church is kept constantly before the eyes of the Tulsa citizens at large through various programs. At least FIFTEEN CHRISTIAN PLEAS IN PINE ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOMES IS THE GOAL SET FOR THE CHURCH.

JELICO, TENN.

Dr. E. L. Hairston, church treasurer and leading dentist and citizen of Tulsa was recently appointed county Dentist to serve residents of Tulsa and vicinity. The pastor has been requested to furnish a series of articles for the "Tulsa Call" local weekly of the city. He is bringing fine sermons each Lord's Day. Recent sermons subjects: "Why Marriages Fail," "The Church That Ought to Be," and many other inspiring ones.

The pastor and wife are not only a credit to the local church but busy in community work. Both are in civic and social service projects of the city. He is termed one of the leading ministers in Tulsa.

Prof. George W. Washington, Reporter.

THE HEART IN THE WORK

By D. W. West, Kansas City

Most teachers and leaders, are sensible of the miserable state of sinners, and the deplorable condition into which so many of the members of the Church have fallen.

They have a feeling for them, and that something ought to be done for them, but have not the will-power to put their knowledge and feeling into action.

And hence, their service to God is only a two-third Hearted service, if we know that parents are not doing full duty toward their children. If we would render a whole-hearted service to God. For Christ's sake, we should go to them personally and reason with them, hear the word of God.

"Come now let us reason together," Paul, "Reasoned for three Sabbath days," and all of this reasoning was because those person's were doing wrong, and if parents are not doing their duty toward their children today.

We, Christians, and Teachers and Leaders, should go to them personally and reason with them. If our Young People are not doing what they ought to do. We should reason with them, and not kid with them and broadcast their shortcomings and thus advertise their badness.

Which is more detrimental than advantageous. John says "This is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any
thing according to his will, He heareth us." And it certainly is in harmony with his will.

When we see a Brother sin a sin that is not unto death, to ask life for them that sinned not unto death, and this is in harmony with the statement, "That God would not that any should perish but that all should come to repentance and live."

Now as James said, "My sentence is that we write letters." My sentence is, that each teacher and Bible School worker spend just a little time each week in making personal visits up on some young persons or parents and lovingly reason with them, and before starting out on such an important mission, let us Pray this prayer:

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me,
Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit,
Then will I teach transgressors thy way;
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.

"The news! Our morning, noon and evening cry; day after day repeats it, till we die."
—Sprague

**THE CHRISTIAN PLEA**

**DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AT CENTENNIAL CHURCH ST. LOUIS, MO.**

December was a full month at Centennial in St. Louis. The first Sunday was our first real effort toward the Unified Missionary Program. This plan will bring about better fellowship and a better sharing of Missionary money by the entire membership. Fortunately we had both Professor and Mrs. Peoples to bring morning and afternoon messages.

The next two Sundays were in charge of Women and Young People. The speaker for Missionary and church Aid Societies was detained, but the women made up for this in finance.

The third Sunday, was sponsored by Young Peoples Department: the church school, the Christian Endeavors, the Young Peoples Club, and the Jr. Choral Club all combined. The church beautifully decorated, the Christmas spirit permeating the air. Junior Choral group rendered music. Misses Valeska Hart and Cecelia Reynolds served as deaconesses. After Christmas Candle Light Services in the C. E. the Young People conducted evening services. The special features were: Scriptural Dramatization by the Misses Davis, Gladney, Hart and Wynn. Story "The Fourth Wise Man" by Miss Willis C. Davis and short talk, "Keeping Christmas Christian through Eating" by Mr. Wm. J. Alphin.

The church led by Mrs. Oneda Reed and Mrs. Lornetta Simms, presented the Christmas play Christmas Eve. Friday the Ladies Aid presented the annual "Home Talent Musical."

The church school ended, on same night, the Shirley Temple Doll Contest, Little Dorothy Flowers won first prize and received the large life size Shirley Temple Doll, Little Jacqueline Negley, winning second prize, received a two dollar check.

Watch meeting ended a prosperous year for Centennial. Prosperous in all church departments, and trusting in our Lord, Jesus Christ, we’re looking forward to a bigger and a better year in 1936.

Elder William Alpin, Pastor
Cheerful Wynn, Reporter

**WITCHITA, KANSAS**

The Indiana Avenue Church News Items.

Our own Elder and Father, R. L. Love, is yet trying to do for the cause. Altho' not well, he still feels the urge to carry on the work.

Last State Convention, appointed him President of District No. 1 of Kansas. He is helping the churches who have no shepherd.

He has made his first round and preached to the Churches. His subject was: "That Church and its Mission to the Youth of the World;"

The church of Love, Preparation, Inviting, Progress, Encouragement, Business and Fellowship...

By this we will have prepared Leadership of Youth to replace the old Pioneers.

Much credit is due him for efforts to "carry on" work God intends for him to do. We are praying that he be restored to health; and do much good in the cause of Kingdom Building.

Fraternally,
Frances Neal, eporter.
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson

"SOUND DOCTRINE"

All too often is just one item noticed as to one's "sounness in the Doctrine."

We've been taught Faith, Repentance, Confession and Baptism, leading into the Kingdom.

But in practice we center on Baptism and with little or no regard for the other three.

When in fact, one may be sound as adollar on Baptism, but rotten as a graveyard on his Faith and cool as a cucumber on Repentance and Fellowship.

Some are yelling about Baptism who've lost all Faith in God, the people and themselves.

We submit that "Sound in the Faith means 'Sound in the Faith'" and it takes three and one to make the four.

Twas Jesus who said "Thy Faith hath saved thee" and again piteously to his own disciples "Where's your Faith?"

LET'S STRESS THE WHOLE PLEA OF SALVATION AND NOT TRY TO STRETCH ONE ITEM OUT OF ALL PROPORTION, AND WE MIGHT NOTICE THAT JAMES MAKES OUR "WORKS" A PASSPORT INTO THE ETERNAL KINGDOM. "SHOW ME" SAID HE.

The sympathy of the Brotherhood is extended to our beloved Rev. R. L. Peters of Winston Salem, N. C., in the recent passing of his faithful wife, also the passing of his aunt. They join the great host who went out in 1935. May he find strength in the Promise "I will not leave thee, nor forsake thee."

C. H. D.

SOMONETTE

The challenge to the preacher and church.

By Eld. J. E. Blair, Danville, Ky.

The Church of today is face to face, with a great struggle for its continuation, through these crucial hours, of economic distress.

It is the supreme task of the Ministers of today, to teach and preach, by both precept and example, the sacrificial spirit of Christ. When the way seems dark, and we do not see our way out just think of the words of the great hero, of the Gospel of Christ; the Apostle Paul, when he wrote his inspirational letter to the brethren of the church at Corinth; encouraging them to be joyful sufferers for the cause.

2 Corinthians 6: 3. Giving no offence in any thing; that the ministry be not blamed. The import of the word in the original, signifies a stumbling or anything over which one stumbles or falls; but here it means any transgression or scandal that might take place among the ministers or christians themselves, whereby either Jews or Gentiles might take occasion of offence, and vilify the Gospel of Christ.

I firmly believe that the time has come that we should awake out of sleep, and arouse men to action we claim to love; by that I mean that our churches are in great need of men who are willing to pay the price to teach our folks stewardship, love and obedience, to the great head of the church.

Some churches are failing to realize the most important thing in their selection and election of pastors, that the man must be filled with the Holy spirit of God, he must be able to teach patience, live a patient life, and not ready to cry out defeat, before he has used all means at command. Our official boards should read Paul's letters to Timothy, third chapter, and see whither they are men according to rule in the new testament of Elders and deacons and preachers.

The writer has had many calls to conduct meetings in many of the churches in the State of Ky. In the passed two years or more. And therefore I write from the lamp of experience.

Many of our churches have not been taught, to support the ministers not many of them have come to the conclusion, that it is a divine obligation, not muzzle the Ox, that is to say today the strength of the church is in the minister in charge. When he grows weak,
the church is on the road to defeat; hear Paul again, en-
treating the church of today, to honor them very highly,
who labor in word and in doctrine, for their works saks.

St. Paul did not preach the dolesome Gospel of self pity,
but he rejoiced in suffering for Christ and the church. "In all
things approving ourselves as ministers of God in much
patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses.” He
never cried out defeat.

Many of our churches are falling short of the power and
influence which they could use to bring men to christ, because
of the lack of faith in God through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our official boards should read Titus first chapter and see
the things which the holy spirit says relative to qualifi-
cations of the man of God.

Lord have mercy upon us and cause your face to shine on us
and give us peace.

J. E. B.

PORT GIBSON, MISS

Miss Eloise Jackson, Annie
Lee Fair, Messrs. George Lakes,
Bill Heath, Robert Reed and
Cleveland Jackson, all of the
Southern Christian Institute
are at home for the holidays.

Robert Reed and Cleveland
Jackson are from Alabama, and
both are visiting Bill Heath.
They spent a few happy hours
in the home of Miss Eloise
Jackson, December 24th.

The four o’clock service at
Christian Chapel Christmas
morning was well attended, the
sermon well rendered by our
pastor, Elder B. C. Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rayfield
Travillion and little daughter
Christian, spent today, Dec. 26
in the country with his mother.

(Miss) Jennie Mitchell
1208 Vine St.
THE HENRY L. HEROD MEMORIAL FUND

Surely delegates to the National Convention at Jackson, Miss., remembered that the First Sunday in January, 1936, in Rally Day for the HENRY L. HEROD MEMORIAL FUND, better known as SCHOLARSHIP FUND. This will be a revolving fund for the education of young men and women for Christian service. There is no better way to remember the late Henry L. Herod than the education of Negro youth, who, himself, was a scholar and educator. Surely this appeal will reach the heart of every lover of the Cause of Christ, and that every Pastor, Officer, Member, and Church will respond by forwarding the amount raised in the RALLY on the First Sunday in January to Dr. J. E. Walker, Box 241, Memphis, Tenn., and register your report with Elder R. H. Davis, 4151 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Illinois. The Churches will be hearing from Bro. Davis, our corresponding secretary on this matter.

For nearly five years Bro. Herod served as President of our great National Convention, and stood for higher education in every sense of the word. And it seems very fitting to remember him across the years in this way. Therefore let us perpetuate his memory thru the lives of young men and women. And since January 1, 1936, will be our first effort along this line, I, B. C. Calvert, National President, am calling upon the entire BROTHERHOOD for your heartiest support and cooperation in this matter. Unborn generations will rise up and call us blessed when we succeed in this. It will really put the Church on the map with the outside world. "Faith without works is dead, being alone."

Yours for Henry L. Herod Scholarship Fund.

B. C. CALVERT,
National President.

From H. B. Holloway
Christian Publicity Committee
International Convention of Disciples of Christ
222 Downey Ave.

Indianapolis, Indiana
December 26, 1935

The special committee appointed at the Sanantona Convention consisting of L. N. D. Wells, President, Graham Frank, General Secretary, and H. B. Holloway, Transportation Secretary, to investigate facilities offered by the cities which extended invitation for the 1936 International Convention of Disciples of Christ, announce after such investigation that the executive committee and the time and place committee have fixed Kansas City, Missouri, as the place, and October 12-18 as the date for the next International Convention.

The convention sessions will be held in the new six and a half million dollar municipal auditorium which Kansas City is just completing and which offers every modern facility for the holding of a great convention. Our people held previous International Conventions in Kansas City in 1886, 1900 and 1917.

The Disciples of Christ have a constituency numbering 25,000 in the greater Kansas City area, which according to Dr. Harry L. Ice, President of our Kansas City Ministerial Association, will heartily welcome our next convention. The geographic centrality of Kansas City to our churches assures a largely attended convention next October.

N. LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

By Mrs. S. L. Bostick

Three of our National workers attended the White Woman Council at Pulaski Heights Christian Church. This was a very great meeting. Prof. R. H. Peoples represented our religious educational work, was kindly received and heard and Mrs. Peoples who represented Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas, spoke on the "Loss by Fire," of the boys dormitory at Jarvis. Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy, spoke on the Women\'s Work to a good advantage. Mrs. J. H. Fuller (white) secretary of State Work and Rev. Hunter our return Missionary from India, brought great messages.

Mrs. J. H. Fuller who has always come to our rescue is greatly loved by our people. May she live long and also her husband. She planned the one day convention for our people for us to get the same information from our white workers from headquarters.

She is very much interested in the colored work here. As to our Women\'s Missionary program at North Little Rock, several women from other churches took part on program and read interesting papers, as was the sermon by Elder Smith, Methodist minister and remarks by pastor Elder M. M. Bostock and wife led off in the offering, giving one dollar each. Others gave 50c, 25c, etc. till we did our best to raise our ten dollars.

Elder T. R. More, Pastor
Mrs. S. L. Bostick, President of Missionary Society.
Mrs. Mahale Moore, Secy.
Mrs. Ruth Fourb, Treas.

An Oklahoma town of 20,000 colored people wants a doctor. Those interested may write Editor of Christian Plea.
SOME BEWARES FOR 1936

Beware of using and “placing back” peoples money, of holding out subscription money, “till you get more.” Of the phrase “find space in your valuable paper,” of writing news and “love letters” on some sheet of expecting your letter to appear “right now.” Of expecting a ten page letter in an eight page paper. Of waiting to be reminded of your subscription. Of changing your address without notifying us. Of preachers and churches trying to live without each other, or either, oppressing the other. Of being a “slacker in the Christian army. Of people who always complain, but never die. Of holding in treasury any money that should be sent. Of staying away from church on “bad days.” Of snoring during the sermon. Of being as careless this year as you were last. Of not attending church at least once every Sunday.

YOUTH’S CONTRIBUTION TO CHRISTIANITY

(Continued from page 1) His fellow man with no thought for His own discomfort of inconvenience. On one occasion He said to His disciples, “He that will be chief among you, let him be your servant.” Serious-minded young people are saying, “To be like Christ, we must serve.” So they are looking about for opportunities to be useful Christians, and in finding them as is shown by the many great young people’s movements existing today, not to speak of the thousands of unrecorded individual services rendered daily. As there was a Timothy in the first century there are also Timothys in the twentieth century religious program. There are some who have gone unaided to faraway lands to assist in the propagation of Christian ideals. And when youth comes into a fuller and richer understanding of Christ’s teachings he will find still more opportunities for practical Christianity.

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FROM THE HILLS OF OLD MISSOURI

E. K. Burton

Just in from first district convention at Kansas City, 14th to 17th; very good. We have another young minister ready to serve any church who needs him. He is in Kansas City.

We are very proud more people are writing our paper. Keep the good work up brethren. We are glad to hear from Georgia coming to the front. Keep going young Evan’s and there will be plenty of help after while. Churches try and pep up your ministers as the laborer is worthy of his hire. Pay him that he might care for his family and you will not be ashamed of him when he stands before you to proclaim God’s message. I will visit some churches before the state convention to know them and that they may know me.

Come good people, let’s see how much state money we can get in before the convention. Let’s get out of the old rut of waiting until the last minute. Give Rev. Myers, our field man, a good hearing and a good offering and so be paying your apportionment. First district has decided to have two district conventions this year. One, Thursday before the third Sunday in September, the other, Thursday before third unday in May. They hope such will gain greater interest in the work.

I believe every church should have a reporter to send in news of their work. For how can we know what you are doing unless you tell us. Rev. Peoples will be coming around soon to visit our schools—let’s get ready for these workers.

God has called them and we have sent them, so let’s appreciate their service.

MIDWAY, KY.

By Miss Elena M. Jackson

A cooperative financial campaign was launched recently in the Methodist, Baptist and Christian Churches here, sponsored in our church by the Pastor’s Aid of which Sister Lizzie Printers is the president. The campaign was highly successful.

Sisters Rosa Bohannon and Lizzie Anderson sponsored a rally for the church to purchase coal.

The choir headed by the President, Sister Lizzie Williams is promoting a contest among its members assisted by the other church members to purchase pulpit chairs. It began some time ago, but the spirit lagged. Sister Sara Johnson, Sister Tevis Guy and Sister Ellena Webster have made good beginnings. You shall hear more from us.

E. M. J.

Again stepping in “Daddies tracks” is the young Prof. Walter Dempsey Bean, Principal of High School at London, Ky. His father is the well known educator. Prof. J. E. Bean of Midway. The Beans “won’t quit”. 
One doesn’t often think of an African and his wife really loving each other, for marriage is just a business proposition in Belgian Congo. That is the way it was for Lokange Mose and Mata.

When Lokange’s father bought Mata to be his son’s wife, Lokange wanted to be married to an older woman, one who could cook and take care of him, not to the girl Mata. However, Lokange married the young girl, though he didn’t deem her worth even the dowry so coveted in Africa. Perhaps his father would buy a second wife later.

Mata worked hard to please her new husband, but he was unkind to her, hoping that she would become discouraged and return to her parents. Then strange things happened. A Christian evangelist and a school teacher came to the little heathen village. Lokange and Mata started to school and to church. They learned to read, to write, to work arithmetic problems; and learned of Christ. Gradually Lokange realized how much Mata meant to him, and they established a Christian home. Today Lokange Mose is a district evangelist of our Lotumbe mission station, and has charge of a large territory among his own people.

**A NEW YEAR’S PRAYER**

God, let me start the New Year right,
Let me have dreams as fair and bright
As sunshine. Let new hope arise
As I look out with happy eyes
Upon the dawning day.
And let me strive to do
Without regret, the harder tasks.
God, let my hands be kind and gentle,
Sorrow stands in every year, a saddened ghost.
Let me help those who suffer
Let me have pity for their pain, most
And teach them to know joy again.
God, let my resolution be a step
In all sincerity up to your Heaven.
Let me know intentions that shall thrive and grow
Until they come to some good end.
Make me, dear God, a friend,
A better helpmate, and an aid—made,

Let the small efforts I have
And this whole fleeting life of mine,
From day to day, by wholly Thine!
Dear God, upon this day I ask
That thou wilt make each little task
I have, a something worth the while.
Give me the heart always to smile
In trouble’s fave—to meet with fear.
I sent my soul into the invisible,
Some letter of the after life to spell,
And by and by my soul returned to me
And answered, “I myself am am heaven and hell.”

—Omar.

I think that I shall never stand,
Before a tree great as a man.
A man whose hungry soul so pressed
Looks up to God for strength and rest.
God made a tree in power to stand
But God Himself lives in a man.

Selected

For poet’s corner...
“**My thoughts are vain, my heart is hard**
My temper apt to rise
And when I would be on my guard,
It takes me by surprise.
“**Often when I begin to pray, And lift my feeble cry.**
Some thought of folly or of play
draws off my heart from thee.
“**O look with pity on thine eye, Soften a heart so hard.**
O do not slight my feeble cry,
**My Savior and my God.**”

—Selected

Cheerful Hymn, St. Louis, Mo.
Facing A New Year Of Kingdom Building

By Z. H. Howard, Oklahoma State Worker.

We have been Provintially guided through another year. In moral and religious efforts we may measure endeavor, but cannot inventory results. Only the bookkeeper in Heaven can render a true balance sheet.

We cannot value service rendered by miles traveled, though they exceed any previous year; or sermons preached, conferences held, or letters written. These only indicate efforts I have put forth. To develop successful plans to meet present needs of our work makes no easy thinking. I have rendered the growth of every local church at heart. And in most cases it has been encouraging. Needless to say this has been a most difficult year, climatic, and other difficulties, but in every church the faithful few held faith and carried on. I have been kindly received by the leaders. They have written friendly letters. The people are ready and anxious for cooperation. I am happy to say that my work with the officials has been pleasant during the three years I have served.

The last five years have tried men's souls. If the Church is to save itself out of so much wreckage it must gird itself for a new day. My interest is 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. It is grievous to see leaders think in terms of departments rather than bringing the whole church in line with the real purpose of these departments—the making of a full church.

Oklahoma offers possibilities for a trained church as good as any other state and much better than some. For two years Oklahoma gave an instructor for the Young Peoples Conference—Oklahoma has furnished two presidents for Young Peoples' Conference. This past year the National Convention asked Oklahoma for special speakers on the program. We have lined up trained men and women equal to the best in our brotherhood. The leaders are receptive. Whatever I do for the church, I want Christ and His Church glorified (not I, but Christ). A leader must be able to follow, a person who cannot follow cannot lead.

Each year in our annual convention we have thought in terms of progress, our programs have been educational and inspirational—through them both adults and young people have been reached. After thinking in terms of progress we thought in terms of evangelistic service. The objectives are:

1. To preach and teach for the pastorless churches that were reporting in the convention.

2. An Encouraging Letter

Ere these lines are off the press the New Year will have been ushered in upon us. It is my fond wish that each of the Plea readers have enjoyed a Merry, Merry Christmas, and that you will have a Happy and Prosperous New Year. It should be the desire and purpose of every one to do more in 1936 than we did in 1935. We must advance or retrograde; there is no such thing as standing still. Each New Year is another chance to make our calling and election sure. God never condemns until He has given man ample time to fulfill his mission. Therefore let us use our God-given opportunities.

One of the outstanding things that has encouraged me to do more this New Year is a letter I received sometime ago from Elder Edward L. Griffin, pastor Second Christian Church, Pensacola, Fla.

Let us all pray that every minister in our great Brotherhood may have the same spirit Bro. Griffin has with reference to our National Work. Not only the ministers, but let us pray that every Officer, Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, every officer of Missionary Societies, every member of the Church of Jesus Christ may have such a spirit.

If so, our National Program

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WHAT THE ON-DAY CONVENTION MEANT TO ME

By I. S. Asche of Roanoke, Va.

It was my privilege, by request of Mrs. Bracy, to speak at the night session of the recent one-day convention held at Roanoke, Virginia, January 15, 1936, and thereby to attempt the impossible—that of telling what the convention meant to me—in just ten minutes.

In the first place, even twenty minutes would not have sufficed in which, first of all, to adequately thank the conference Staff for their visit to Virginia, and for the much and wholesome information, inspiration and advice so freely given by each of the three; Mrs. Bracy, Mr. Peoples, and Mr. Smith.

Then too, appropriate and extensive remarks might have been made upon the labor and expense of such a visit, probably amounting to more than the entire year’s contributions of all our Negro churches, combined, in the state of Virginia to the U. C. M. S.

And so I used one or two of those precious minutes to thank our noted Christian visitors and to get their consent to come again or else send other such leaders if and when the several zealous church in Virginia agree to have another such one-day convention.

What did the convention mean to me? First, it brought me new thoughts of the cause and its needs; secondly, it revived old thoughts to a renewed (new level, as they put it) activity for the Kingdom, and finally, it preached in a better way the same gospel which we preach or have preached in our old home town.

Recovery and Advance! At first I wondered how either or both words could be applied to the convention’s work or aims, and I confess that my critically overworked mind had decided they were subjects which might (and best ought) be replaced by some slogan more suitable to the minds and conceptions of the average disciple. But, wasn’t I fooled? Yes, and pleasantly so. The result of my presence at the convention proved that no other two words could better have filled the several situations as did—“Recovery and Advance.” In a nutshell, they taught us this thing: First: “See where you were”; second, “See where you are,” and third, “See where you ought to be.” As Mr. Peoples wisely put it: “Analyze yourselves, individually and collectively—as a disciple and as a Church.

Mention was made (and truthfully) of methods, of records, of neither method nor records, and our inherent inclination to ignore and abhor anything that looks like church history or church records, except what the Apostles did or did not.

I am more than ever convinced, after the convention, that our individual title ought to be an hyphenated one, Disciple-soldier. It is not enough to be a Disciple in this modern day when there is so little faith and so few visible leaders. When the visible Christ left this world many so-called Disciples left the Faith also, not being able to see or visionize the spirit. So, too, many Disciples have ceased to follow the plan of the Spirit since “good old pastor So-and-So” died. On the other hand, a soldier is taught (in loyalty to the Kingdom) to enlist to that intent; to obey his superior officer; to work, march or fight in unison; and to die if need be in order to preserve the king or establish the rights or extensions of the Kingdom. And so in like manner is the local church a unit of the Christian Army, a basic unit and a proving ground looking forward to greater obligations and greater victories for the Kingdom.

What of these tenets have we lost and hope to recover? Which virtue in our possession has failed to advance with time and the needs of Church?
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CHIVALRY—DOES IT PAY?

He was a young and had been reading knightly romances, and grew dissatisfied with the present unromantic state of the world. He believed it his duty to inject some romance into the daily toil.

On a rainy, muddy day he sallied forth to perform some knightly errand. He beheld a bewitching girl about to step from her car onto the dirty pavement. Hastening forward, he spread his coat under her jainty feet.

She looked at him in surprise: “Well, of all the darned fools!” she exclaimed.
FACING A NEW YEAR
OF KINGDOM BUILDING

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To contact churches that were not lined up with the state work. 3. To visit and strengthen the churches with pastors when ever possible. 4. To keep up fellowship between all churches in the state. 5. To help out perplexing situations in the local church.

Extension work requires finance—a preacher cannot go into new places unsupported. He can't expect disinterested people to support him including room, board, transportation, etc., for holding a three or four weeks meeting—our organized churches seldom do that now. Our great task is to hold and train the churches. Each pastorless church ought to do her share to help herself have preaching and teaching when others are willing to supplement. A definite sum should be set aside to be raised. The few who have the work at heart find it difficult to enlist every member in the giving program of the church but fight on; you'll not know how sad it is to be without service until you fully experience it.

Each church should begin the new year with a worked-out program. A church calendar should be prepared for each month and everyone feel that he has a task.

We have been in the field work of Oklahoma since the new convention year began, serving under prevailing circumstances. I find some loyal faithful christians upon whom much depends. Nearly all points have been visited; in several places there have been property improvements—others raising small sums for repairs. This is very pleasing. The Church property must be kept up.

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The raising of finance is far below par to the regret of those who are anxious about Kingdom building.

As a member of the trustee board of the late and honored Preston Taylor's Estate, I reached Nashville, Tenn., on the 3rd of December by request of Sister Taylor, the generous, friendly and christian widow of the donor. None of the other members were present, but my three days visit with Sister Taylor was valuable as well as pleasant. We talked of some possibilities that lie in the wonderful gift bequeathed to the brotherhood. These possibilities lie dormant to be developed by the brotherhood. It was with this development in mind that Sister Taylor attempted to get the board together. We sometimes talk of the need of a home for the aged of our group; and orphanage for our orphans. Great thinking and acting on the Taylor Estate might solve the need. Sister Taylor showed me about the place which is worth thousands of dollars and most beautiful. She seems to have the spirit and love as did her husband; and is carrying on the business splendidly well. Let us pray for her as she travels alone, and on.

—Z. H. HOWARD,
State Evangelist of Oklahoma.

AN ENCOURAGING LETTER

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I take this opportunity to ask the Churches who failed to Rally on the First Sunday in January, 1936, for the Henry L. Herod Scholarship Fund, to set another time nearest to that Day and Rally for that Fund. This is vitally important, and I do not want you to pass it up lightly. The late Henry L. Herod was the most scholarly man in our brotherhood, and through this Fund our brotherhood wishes to remember him across the years. It will help many poor boys and girls who struggle to obtain a liberal education. Thus you see we will do two vital things—perpetuate the memory of a soldier of the Cross who laid down his life for the Cause, and give aid and encouragement to those young people who struggle to go through college.

The test comes to every individual in this life. The projects mentioned above are real tests to the Christian pride of our brotherhood. Are you going to prove yourselves equal to the task? Or will we in shame and disgrace sit down on the job? The task is ours. Will we do it? I have confidence in you. I believe you will. I shall pray for you, and I ask an interest in your prayers that I may faithfully perform the task that is mine.

Yours for better service,

B. C. CALVERT,
National President.

First Christian Church, Concord, N. C.

Church of Christ, Wilksboro, N. C. Progressing slowly for lack of leadership. How can we hear without a preacher. Rom. 10:14.

First Church of Christ, Stuart, Va. Doing business until preacher is called.


Phillippi Church, Louisa Co., Va. Elder I. L. Buie (Minister).
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THE WORTH-
LESS PREACHER

Let’s take a squint at him
and see if he is due his place in
the sun. When I say worth-
less preacher, I mean one who
Costs less, satisfied with less,
is worth less than some others.
has made less outlay and been
helped less.

I hasten to declare the need
of highest culture for the Chris-
tian Ministry. The strong-
holds must be fortified to “Meas-
ure Up” where Greek meets
Greek and measuring lances is
the order of the day.

No Birdshot need be wasted
on ‘Unicorns, Buffaloes and
Bulls, but there are those up-
stream where the water is shal-
low and we wade across; and
those out-yonder places must
be filled.

The various far-seeing De-
nominations have kept in view
this very thing. They have
men who are worth less for
places that pay less. My man
who is worth less, as men count
worth, can live, thrive and be
happy out there where the oth-
er man is, by training, un-
fitted to exist. And just as the
rivers run into the sea, just so
these outlying Districts are
feeders to the City Churches.

This worth less preacher can
preach at a minutes notice and
has no 1stly and 2ndly man-
uscripts to bother him. At
night when the church is
jammed full of anxious hear-
ers and the little one-jet lamp
burns too low to see a letter,
this worth less preacher will
give the message and some half
dozien will make the good con-
fession to pass on into City
Churches to swell at least, its
numerical strength.

Out yonder, my Worth-less
man is not worried about over-
head, first of the month and
Big-leg pants. He preaches to
the folk in their language and
tongue and when money is
scarey they “Grubstake him”
and Love him and that is not
to be despised. He looks out
for himself, having learned to
"Root Hog or Die." Oh for a
factory to turn out worth-less
preachers! Plain clothes men
who live close to nature and
to nature’s God. “In league with
the Stones of the Fiel.” Among
his accessories would be found
in poem in next number.

C. H. D.

Kentucky State Board had
splendid midwinter meeting in
Lexington this month, and
plans to come up to Nicholas-
ville State Convention in good
order. Nicholasville recently
entertained District 2 S. S. and
Missionary meeting.

Danville—with a twelve inch
snow and impassable roads—
entertained the one-day Con-
vention. The team composed

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of Mrs. Bracy, Prof. Peoples
and Mrs. Frye (a returned Mis-
sionary from China) gave royal
programs three times. Such
meetings bear fruit. Last week
we attended the double funeral
of Sister Katie Tucker Miller,
of some eighty years, and her
son James Tucker, some fifty
odd years at our Moreland
(Milledgeville) church.

We still have vacant pulpits
and idle ministers with no good
reasons. Are the churches
afraid of the preachers? If so
why? Have we oppressed them
till they fear to engage us?
Or, are they dodging responsi-
bility unmindful of what it is
all about?

Wish we could somehow
make ourselves indispensable,
esion to the church. We think
they all mean well—feebly.
Our young man, H. E. Fowler,
is making a brave, manly fight
for our Covington church and
should have hearty coopera-
tive assistance.

And what is happening at
our Kenyon Avenue Church,
Cincinnati, and Pastor William
Martin? Again Ike might
"spress his self."

The officers and Church at
Hustonville did not forget their
minister, Christmas.

C. H. D.

Give me great thoughts, O God,
Lend me the royal mind;
Lead me where the truth has
trud,
Where faith has been refined.

I, too, would know the plan
Thou hast to others brought—
Crown me, a common man,
With high and kingly
thought.

What matters, then, my dole,
Upon this peasant clod?
Within my cloistered soul
I keep a tryst with God.

—Selected.
Sister Elia Murphy, the oldest member of our church, was buried December 17, 1935. Known by all the members as "Mother Murphy." She merited this title by unselfishness and motherlike love for all members and unequalled devotion to the church both spiritually and devotionally. In her untimely death we sustain a loss that cannot be overestimated. A loving and affectionate mother; good citizen, real Christian. The resolutions from the church, missionary society and fraternal societies with which she was affiliated were in one accord, paying tribute to her exceptional life and usefulness. On Sunday, January 12, 1936, at 11 o'clock, the drapery was removed from the pulpit and her seat in the church; followed by a short memorial service. She still lives in the hearts of all who knew her.

Raymond R. Walton, young man of Chicago, ordained by Rev. L. H. Crawford at Kansas convention last summer, is located at Parsons, Kan. In four months he has revived the church. Most members are back into harness and have paid church extension interest to date.

Rev. Baxter C. Duke is starting well at Second Christian Church in Indianapolis. The church feels that they have the right man as successor to Rev. Herod.

Over fifty of the adult leaders of the various auxiliaries gave him a shower Tuesday, the fellowship lasting far into the night.

All made lavish gifts. No one leading, with gift a fine Morris Secretary's desk.

We look for continued progress among this unusually generous people.

Friends are asking for the latest news of young W. D. Campbell, minister of First Christian Church of Chicago. "Speak up, Ike, express yo self."

Rev. Whitfield was really at his best on New Year's Sunday all dressed in a tailor-made suit, presented to him by the members of the church. He was truly "fit for the task" whether it was the new suit or the exceptionally large congregation or his being in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, one thing we do know, he did preach us some sermon. At the conclusion two took membership. And still the good work goes on.

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TRI-STATE ECHOES

Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, this is the way. Walk ye in it. Isa. 30:21. (R. L. Peters, Field Secretary) 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

SALEM, N. C.

The Churches in Tri-State Christian Convention, sixteen in number are progressing: Spencer Memorial Church of Christ, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mother of them all, closed the old years work in Joy and Sorrow. Sorrow because of the passing of two of its faithful and consecrated members, namely — Sister Martha Ann Peters, wife of the Minister R. L. Peters, age 57 years, who departed this life, November 17. And Sister Ruth Peters, age 70, passed out December 25.

Joy because of the very fine Christmas Holiday services. Christmas morning, 11 : 00 o'clock, the Minister brought the Annual Christmas message. Subject: "The Undisputed Gift." One very fine young woman from the Baptist Church accepted Christ, promising to lay aside all human creeds and accept the New Testament as her guide and to wear the divinely-given Name above all Names. (Acts 11:26)

News in Brief: Rev. W. O. Miller of the C. M. E. Church recently united with the Church of Christ. Held a very successful revival at North Main St. Christain Church which which resulted in his being called as pastor. He began his work as pastor Sunday, December 29, 1935. We believe that he will be the right man in the right place.

Ninth Street Church of Christ—Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder O. Zollar, of Reidsville, N. C. (Minister). Church moving on fine. Mrs. A. J. Washington, wife of the former Minister, Elder A. J. Washington, was present at services, December 22nd and donated to the church $25.00.

Winston-Salem has a population between 85,000 and 100,000. Around 42,000 are colored. Spencer Memorial Church has two outstanding Missions in good locations that are being supplied with good preachers and supported financially.

First Christian Church, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder W. W. Williams, (Minister). All departments in action.


To the Missionary Societies of the disciples of Christ of Kentucky, I am wishing a happy, prosperous new year's work.

I wonder if you have stopped to think that one-half of our year is gone and that one-half of our appropriation should be raised already? And yet not many have sent in our first quarterly report to the secretaries. The minutes are all in the hands of the presidents by now, and so the information desired for our work is before us. With a $500 state apportionment to be raised and other goals to be reached, it is time to be definitely and earnestly at work. The depression is getting to be history. And we are enjoying a more “abundant season” of blessings! So why not share with the “Bountiful Giver the gifts He has given.” May I wish for each society, again a happy, prosperous new year’s work.

E. WINIFRED OWENS,
Corresponding Secretary.

HOLIDAY VACATION AT JARVIS COLLEGE

By Elder T. B. Frost.

We left S. C. I. December 26 at 4:30 a. m. for Hawkins, Texas. Spent the night with Elder Rogers. Next morning, after transacting business in the interest of our farm, we went up to Jarvis, and it reminded us of Nehemiah’s visit to Jerusalem, when we saw the ruins of the School building with a few walls standing.—Burned.

We found all busy and going about their work.

The morning after the fire President Ervin and his staff of teachers made a set up for work, and everything has been going fairly well under the crowded condition.

Monday we finished our business on the farm. Tuesday morning we left for S. C. I., arriving the same day without any trouble. Had fine safe trip both ways.

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Rev. R. L. Peters. Namely—Mary Evans, Mr. James Allen Mr. Edwin C. Mosely and Miss and Miss Ineda Benton, and Mr. William Jackson and Miss Ethel Johnson.

North Main St. Church of Christ, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Three couples desiring to become life-time partners were recently joined in Holy Bonds of Matrimony by the Minister,

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LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS
(CROSS ST. CHURCH)

By Mrs. Minnie Guydon.

In December we had Prof. Peoples, Field Secretary for Bible Schools, also Mrs. Peoples and Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy, all national workers.

His message was the great task of preparing our young people for problems of Christian life, richly deserves the support of every Christian.

Three young people made the good confession and were added to the church. Mrs. Peoples made an appeal for Jarvis Christian Inst.

Mrs. Bracy spoke to the church, stressing the need of unprejudiced cooperation in support of the gospel of Jesus Christ, both spiritually and financially. We're grateful for her words of truth. A shower remained to help in our financial task of preparing our young people, A young and responsible to God for their hearts of people concerning their relationship concerning their relationship. We felt that this entertainment would serve a great cause in maintaining a personal contact between the Brotherhood of two races of the same faith. The names of all members of Cross St. Church who gave $7 in this drive, were to be placed on an honor roll and those who gave $10 or more were placed on a double honor roll.

Our members gave three hundred and sixty-five dollars. The White churches gave us one hundred and forty-five dollars. So we praise God and Sister Bracy for five hundred and ten dollars.

The Roll of Honor and Double Roll of Honor will follow.

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Pursuant to the one-day convention at Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Md., January 13, Prof. R. H. Peoples and Mrs. Rosalie Bracy, who are conducting one-day conventions, spent a few hours in our city, Tuesday, January 14th. Our pastor took advantage of their presence and called the members by phone and otherwise to the church at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening to meet Bro. Peoples and Sister Bracy. Twenty-six members responded. As usual Sister Bracy gave a very interesting, inspiring and informational lecture on Recovery and Advance. She introduced Bro. Peoples who also spoke briefly on Recovery and Advance. His address was really a treat. Bro. Peoples convinced us that he was equal to the mission which he is chosen to fulfill. It was really food for thoughtful Christians. With such a team there is every reason to believe the one-day conventions will be worthwhile to the churches that take advantage and attend them. While here they were guest of the Magowans and Whitfields.

Mrs. Ida Lucas visited friends and relatives in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. PaulineStafford's mother, of Virginia, visited her and relatives during the holidays. She was a most welcomed guest while in the city.

Mr. Jesse W. Magowan, a student of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., spent the holidays with his sister, Miss Sara E. Magowan, 1703 5th St. N. W.

Miss Martha Bogan, a teacher in our Public Schools, has recovered from injuries caused by a fall during the sleety days.
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To destroy all our well made vows.
So we breathe another prayer
To him in our despair,
To help us stem the tide once again.
It is not the yearly promise made
That counts so much to our aid Throughout the coming year.

Neither is it the petition We so much trust
That will make us true and just.
It is the resolutions made each day,
To seek out a better way
And live a life that's worth while.
Share some burdens and some woes,
Scatter sunshine where we go,
And meet the frowning world with a smile.
—S. A. SCOTT.

DISTRICT 3

By A. D. Gault of Mayslick, Ky.

We're holding the Banner with G. L. Anderson, Supt. of Sunday School and Miss Franklin, president of Endeavor. Bro. L. H. Moore preached three days here in December. He majored on “The Church” and “Eagle Stirring Her Nest.”

Bro. William Custis of Winchester preached for us on “The Five Keys” and “The Greatest Christmas Gift.”

Miss Odie May Johnson led the Sunday School and Endeavor in a pageant “The Men of Old.” It was indeed a grand scene. As our president asked, we’re checking off each recommendation. By support of local schools she will put the program over. Bro. Johnson, our State Evangelist, is working in all departments. So let the Big Church stand by him through the winter, since we put him on the field.

“FORWARD WITH UNIFIED PROMOTION”

By L. L. Dickerson of Lockland, Ohio.

I read from a report of the Executive Committee of the National Convention that the general theme for the next program will go “Forward with Unified Promotion.” I wonder if the leaders of our convention really mean to ask us to travel several hundred miles and spend an entire week talking about some new fangled idea, when there are so many perplexing problems facing our brotherhood that could no doubt be discussed with better results.

Unified promotion may be all right and it ought to be fully explained from time to time until we are familiar with it. But to make “Unified Promotion” the general theme of our convention seems ridiculous to say the least. Why not give us a general theme that will be challenging, inspiring and helpful.

Yours for a Better Theme and a great convention.

FROM THE FIELD

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In addition to the regular Elders and Deacons of our church, Brothers James Adams, William Robinson, Vernon Spotford and John Hooks were recommended by the pastor for deacons on trial and were accepted by the church.

The Bible School led by Supt. Brother Bowie rendered a very appreciative program during the holidays, when a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, surrounded by presents for all the children and quite a few for older members of the church, was displayed.
By William Owens, Pastor of Maple St. Christian Church, Nicholasville, Ky.

Subject: “Christian Religion Vain Without the Resurrection of Christ.” Text, 1 Cor. 15:17, “And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain.”

Paul, to the group of disciples of Christ in Corinth, stresses the fact, that if back of their belief, trust and hope, based upon the resurrection of Christ, be not a reality, there were built an empty delusion, and the gospel unreal, deceitful, producing no good results, filled with conceit. The Christian world has been proclaiming from their pulpits from the rivers to the isles of the sea, a living Christ, the world’s redeemer, the new testament church, celebrates each Lord’s day the death and suffering of the crucified Christ. We have sung together the hymn, on a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, with out very souls enraptured with brighter hopes of the eternal day, and our very souls have mounted up as with eagles’ wings, we felt a deepening within our very souls because we have believed in the resurrection of Christ, the foundation of the new testament church, rests upon the resurrection of Christ, let us think of Paul, that valiant herald trudging the open highways of the world carrying the Gospel of Christ and his love which told of a marvellous conquest of sin and the grave. He faced hostility, persecution, and suffering, and even the menace of death, in order to give the public ear a living Christ, this herald went to all the great centers of the world to Gentile Antioch, to Ephesus, to Rome, to Athens the educational center of the world, and even to heathen Philippi, to announce to those steeped in sin, of a living Christ.

Think of John Wesley inspired with burning flames of love burning upon the altar of his heart, carrying the proclamation on wings of flame to every part of his native land, he proclaimed it to miners, to privileged students of Oxford and to the poor and underprivileged peasantry of Ireland, that great herald went across the broad seas and proclaimed his tidings on unfamiliar soil. Wherever he could get an open square on the village green, he nailed the proclamation, wherever he could get a hearing he announced the startling news that death had been beaten, and that the power of sin had been overthrown. Think of Henry Beecher who saturated the world with the news of God’s redeeming love and resurrection of Christ from the tomb. Think of these Corinthian Christians who had listened to this great herald of the cross, the Apostle Paul, and had put their faith in Christ and had gone about Corinth rejoicing under the banner of the Saviour’s love, and yet if Christ had not been raised their security was an idle dream, their faith was rooted in delusion, the foundation of their house was laid in fiction, and nothing about it eternal reality and truth. If the resurrection of Christ be not a reality all the martyrs of the Christian centuries were inspired by a faith which really had its ultimate springs in the grave, if the resurrection of Christ be not a reality.

Paul argues that if Christ be not risen those who have fallen asleep in him have perished, if Christ be risen Peter and other Apostles sleep today as imposters of the Christ, the sloop from which there is no awakening.

My friends, if Christ be not risen from the grave the universe is empty, and there will be no loved ones waiting our coming when the mysterious door shall open the unknown tomorrow. But let us watch the Apostle as he changes hroses and turns from this black path of incredible assumption, and stands again in the spring light of the resurrection, but now is Christ risen from the dead? Historic facts are against the dark assumption, Christian experience is against it, regenerated lives are against it, this cold unfriendly, volcanic changing, hostile, depressed world, is lighted up with the glory of the resurrection.

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

EVERETT NOTES

Carlisle, North Middletown and Arons Run, Ky., are moving on Brother Ed Ross and Elder in Carlisle and Superintendent of Sunday School for twenty-five years, died in the faith. He served under the late Brother Henry Clay, the founder and builder of Carlisle church, who was one of the pioneers of the work in the state, along with Brother Samuel Buckner. The work needs supervision.

Middletown is holding its own. We have been there since 1928. A fine loyal people. The officers are a fine bunch of men who recognize leadership. The depression has hit our group the hardest because our people are mostly wage-earners and work has been at a premium.

The work at Aron's Run goes forward in a very fine way. They are loyal, and love the church. I preach for them twice a month in the afternoon and they are always on time. I enjoy preaching to this faithful few as much as I ever enjoyed the work at any place.

We get the Plea every issue and we are delighted with its contents. We did not know that our old friend, C. H., had that kind of stuff in him. I have another word I must say. I am wondering if we are not biting off more than we can chew. I notice the call for the Herod fund and what have we done with the Taylor monument project? Has it fallen through? We must learn not to cut our patterns too large for our flocks until we have educated

NICHOLASVILLE, KY.

By MRS. ANNA MAE TAYLOR

The Bible School entertained District No. 2 Institute and District Missionary Society. We were glad to have with us Miss Edith Wilson, president of our State Bible School Convention; Eld. I. H. Moore brought us a wonderful message.

The missionary society gave a silver tea at the parsonage. The parsonage was beautifully decorated in purple and white. Thirty guests attended the tea.

Miss Carrie Mae Turpin, four years old, beautiful little daughter of Mrs. Minnie Mae Turpin, rendered a program alone, herself, of 20 selections. She had a good audience to hear her, and was enjoyed by all, hope to have her again. Benefit for pastor's salary.

Eld. Wm. Owen and good wife are laboring hard with us to put the program over, for old "First" will go over the top. For we are going to entertain the State Convention July, "Watch us grow." Eld. Owens brings to us well prepared sermons. The church is taking on new life and doing fine.

We are glad to have in our midst Eld. James Conway and his good wife. They are loyal supporters of the church.

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

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

Fifty-sixth Annual Convention of the Churches of Christ held with the Vine St. Church of Christ, Knoxville, Tenn., July 25 to 28, 1935. All the 11 churches reported except two. The reports from all churches broke all previous records in finance. Many helpful and prepared messages were presented by well-prepared messengers.

Among them were Mr. Grant K. Lewis, of Indianapolis, Ind., Dr. R. S. Fields, M. D., of Memphis, Tenn., and Elder D. W. Bradley, of Rogersville, Tenn., District President.

The Second District Meeting No. 1, held with the Church of Christ at Washington College, Tenn., was one of the
best district meetings held for years in east Tennessee. Our next district meeting will be at Jonesboro, Tenn., Friday, March 13th, at 9:30 a.m., and will close Sunday. We are asking all churches to make a round report.

The one-day convention conducted by Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy and Mr. R. H. Peoples at Johnson City, Tenn., Jan. 17th, 1936, was indeed a success from all points of view. The Lord blessed us with a fine day and Mrs. Bracy, Mr. Peoples and Mr. Smith, our foreign missionary, brought us fine messages. Among out of town representatives attending the one-day convention were Elder Ira Ashe, of Roanoke, Va., Mr. James Hughes, of Bristol, Tenn., Mrs. I. M. Walker, of Jonesboro, Tenn., Mr. G. W. Gillespie, of Washington College, Tenn. We have every reason to feel encouraged over the work in this section. Any church in the state that needs my services at any time, just call and I will answer.

I am thankful to say that the church at Johnson City, Tenn., has taken on new life in the year of 1936. We have a fine group of people here, all working together.

Our State Convention will meet at Bristol, Tenn., Wednesday, July 15th, at 9:30, and will close Sunday, the 19th. We are asking every church in the state to make a round report to the state meeting.

PARSONS, KANSAS

By Robert Mallory

The Morgan Ave. Christian Church called Bro. Raymond R. Walton as minister after a week’s meeting last September. He has been actively engaged in promoting the cause here in Parsons. We are proud of him because he is not only conscientious but full of new and progressive ideas. He has put on three rallies and each one has been a decided success. His interest for the church is quite outstanding.

In November we had a show and contest. The house was packed and all praised our work.

On February 6th we had a mid-winter banquet and the like has never been seen in Parsons before in any church. We served nearly 200 people and gave a splendid program. The church was artistically decorated and the hostesses and ladies in charge in their evening gowns made a picturesque scene. Rev. and Mrs. Sorey (white Christian church) expressed their sincere desire to further cooperate with us. The church is indeed grateful to them for a china service for 50 people, and about $10.00 in donations.

We are striving hard under the able leadership of Brother Walton to pay church indebtedness and by time of National Convention, we hope to report out of the “red.” All our efforts have been successful because our pastor mixes well and then has the gift of music, playing the piano and singing.

We sent three delegates to the one-day convention in Kansas City: Sister Ella Mallory, Barbara Bridgewater and our pastor. They reported a very inspiring and instructive session.

Through the cold winds of winter we have had only one case of sickness and that not confined to the bed, “Mother” Lucy Bridgewater.

Elder Shelby Bridgewater died last October.

Brother Walton’s mother spent November and December with him and we enjoyed having her.

Beginning Feb. 28th, we will have Fellowship Nights every second and fourth Fridays. Each auxiliary will have charge of a night. This is another program of our pastor.

Every fourth Sunday afternoon we have a Vesper Musical, which is always well attended. Watch Morgan Avenue grow and go.

Pastor’s address is 2317 Morgan Ave., Parsons, Kans.

A TEST OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

Sorrow is a test of Christian faith. In Africa death, especially often causes those who believe themselves to be truly Christian to return to their jungle beliefs.

Not long ago a young Christian couple at Mondombe, Africa, parents of five children, lost their sweet year-old baby. For ten days the missionaries did all they could, but the child, weakened by pneumonia, died when meningitis developed. The mother and father were truly courageous and inspirationally Christian in their mourning.

The superstitions concerning death are among the most difficult for the African to overcome, but this couple set a fine example of faith and fortitude.

The Mission at Danbury, N. C., is on a standstill. Minister Elder W. A. Bule is handicapped on account of weather conditions.
EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson

"AND HOW SHALL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER?"

Romans, 10:14.

In this number we give the coherent account of the telling life and passing of "Father" Andrew Jackson Hurdle, another pioneer who "obtained a good report through faith" translated into works. Heb. 11:39.

News comes that Mr. Cleo Blackburn now has charge of the Flanner House movement in Indianapolis, Ind., succeeding our late Bro. Herod.

We may expect good reports from this institution and congratulate the management upon the choice of this splendid young man.

We recently conducted three funerals in Lexington, those of Sister Dillard, Brother John Morton, and Mr. Charlie Davis.

Our Winchester, Ky., church is considering the "Early Evening Service" for Sunday nights, the first half hour of which will be study of Bible lessons, using a text book.

Along with the birds, our rural churches have been frozen stiff as well as city ones. Truly "He saith to the snow, be thou on the earth." Job, 37:6. "And out of the south cometh the whirlwind and cold out of the north." Ver. 9.

Our good brother, J. J. Conaway, 231 E. 10th St., Covington, Ky., seems to have latest news touching the Kenyon Avenue Church in Cincinnati, O. A news item will follow. He also speaks a splendid word of praise for Eld. H. E. Fowler at Covington.

Brother I. S. Ashe, of Roanoke, Va., seems to get more from the one-day convention than many of us get from a week's state or national. And he knows how to tell it. May his tribe increase.

We have a few communications which we have not been able to decipher. We are trying to "spell them out." When we do, we will publish them. Be patient.

Since we have enough stamps to run us a while, please send small money orders, but if you must, send stamps. Send one-cent and three-cent stamps, instead of fives and tens.

Mrs. Bostick, of Arkansas, reports good meetings held by Prof. and Mrs. Peoples and Sister Bracy and also Bro. and Sister Devine, of Paducah, Ky. Sister Bostick also tells of the local societies helping to "dress up" a girls' room at the Mt. Beulah College in Mississippi. Who else will follow suit? There should be many. They are worthy.

Our Poets Corner is filling nicely and the "calf wants more rope," as the whole thing is getting more steam than steam.

Come, friends, let's turn on more steam, then watch her roll. "Ketch up" now.

Upon our desk lies the question which abler minds may answer. "Will the nineteen Brethren, our Supreme Court, who are re-studying the Brotherhood, consider the 'Great Commission' under their jurisdiction?"

And the other is like unto it: "Since 'Race Relation Day' is fraught with such tremendous possibilities for good or evil, are there any forthcoming reports of activities on that day?"

Most of us believe that when Brotherhood blossoms into Fellowship, a bright day will be dawning.

Our first April number will give the "Preacher and Officer Roll of Honor." The Preacher Cut Rate will continue for Preachers till that time. Then look out!

-C. H. D.

FOR CHRISTIAN PLEA

With sorrow we note the passing of Eld. Alex Williams (Hezekiah), of Bro. Floyd's Church in Louisville. See next issue.

The Bible School and W. M. S. of District Three have out a great program for Institute at Paris, Ky., March 14 and 15.

Surely the Johnsons, Davises, Gaults and Hustells with those good people of Paris will "make her go." We hope to look in upon them.

Is it "snowin' agin, or yit?" —C. H. D.
ANDREW JACKSON HURDLE

(Taken from The Christian Evangelist)

Andrew Jackson Hurdle, pioneer minister of the Christian church in Texas, died on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1935, at his home six miles southeast of Greenville, Tex., where he lived the past 60 years. He purchased his farm about 60 years ago, reared his children, 19 of whom were born on that farmplace.

"Father" Hurdle, as he was well known, was converted in the early seventies. He was ordained to preach shortly after his conversion. He was baptized near Mount Vernon, Tex.

"Father" Hurdle was connected with the state work of the church, the Christian Missionary Convention of the Colored Disciples of Texas. He was a charter member one time as state evangelist. He was a member of the executive committee when the attempt was made to build a Christian college in Dallas.

It was in the Waco convention of 1899 or 1900 that the establishment of a Christian college to be operated and controlled by the colored brotherhood was discussed. C. C. Smith and Professor J. B. Lehman advocated that Texas should not attempt the project at the time, that the colored brotherhood did not have a sufficiently trained faculty. "Father" Hurdle opposed waiting. The year following, with a group of the colored brethren, he organized the North East Texas Christian Missionary Convention at Dangerfield, and was elected president. For 14 years he led with great success. Thousands of dollars were raised during this time. Fifty acres of land was purchased one mile north of Palestine, Texas, and three buildings for a college were erected. The North East Texas Industrial College was organized under the administration of "Father" as president of the convention. In 1910 the school opened with Professor D. T. Cleaver as president.

From 1921 to 1929 attempts were made to develop the institution into a home for aged ministers, or some other form of charitable institution. The forces of northeast Texas have been working with the United Society the past 10 years or more.

It was "Father" Hurdle's desire that he be permitted to spend his last days in the institution at Palestine, Texas, but it is not properly supported to care for aged ministers. His remains were laid to rest in Center Point Cemetery, at Greenville, Texas, by the side of his wife, on Nov. 29, H. G. Smith, the president of the colored state convention, officiating, assisted by N. H. Johnson, Clark Street Church, Greenville, Texas.

A great man has fallen. "Father" Hurdle was on the retired list of the brotherhood's ministers, having received monthly pensions for about seven years.

IN TOUCH WITH THE WORLD

Mondombe, Africa, farthest inland of our mission stations in Congo, is fifteen hundred miles from the mouth of the great Congo River. Our missionaries there, because mail must come by river steamer, are two months behind with the news. Imagine their joy recently when a visiting missionary brought a radio.

There, in the heart of Africa, not out of hearing of the forest drums, they tuned in the short waves and learned from London of the history-making application of sanctions by the League of Nations. They tuned in on Addis Ababa and heard him broadcast in perfect French. They heard music from New Jersey, London, and Germany. Mondombe with its stone-age civilization, was not so far away from the twentieth century after all. Will its social heritage change rapidly enough to meet the complexities and challenges of this newer day?

WRIGHTSVILLE, ARK.

Our church here, with our pastor, Eld. J. W. Forbs, is doing a good word. He has only been with us five months, and has put a new top on our church and is planning to fix it generally by the time the state convention is held here in October. He seems to be more interested about the church than himself. He is preaching for us twice per month. He comes from North Little Rock. His messages are interesting and we have learned much about our church duty from him. We were blessed with our national field workers.

This was the first time the church had them and we enjoyed them.

* Miss Cornelia Stowe.
ONE-DAY CONVENTION

By Elder Ira S. Ashe—Continued from last number.

The convention taught us that spiritual power is the foremost need of the Disciples of Christ, and that Love is that power, even the spirit of Christ.

One of the Leaders confessed that in some of the churches they have visited (and these are my words, but his thought) "Have not so much as heard whether there be any Spirit of Christ." It is not enough to have spiritual power, they said, It must be in action.

Four divisions to a complete Disciple—he must be a good man, good worker, good co-worker, and, must be in action.

Stewardship came in for its share, and Mrs. Bracy's illustrations were convincing as well as interesting when she referred to our stewardship of the world and our partnership with God. Too bad that many of our misers were absent. Recover the principles of stewardship, they said, and practice it in the individual life. Take it into the home, the church, the community, and into the world.

Recovery, they say, is not worth much unless we establish a new level or goal to which we hope to advance. Nothing stands still, it either goes backward or forward; downward or upward. Another mentioned the three great "P's" which were sufficient for our great grandfathers, but not for us—Preaching, Praying and Proving. The advance movement brings on two more "P's"—Preparing (education) and Paying (world missions), and may I advance farther toward the goal by adding "Proving" (that we are really and truly New Testament Christians)?

Yes, money was actually mentioned. And is not this a fine answer to the money question which was so beautifully illustrated by one of the staff? Listen: Congress as well as States have passed bills of all sorts to meet with the misfortunes of depression, and in each case money is needed—sometimes much money—and in each case a plan for raising the money is outlined. God is wiser than man.

In the Holy Bible is God's great plan of Salvation, and in the same Bible is the one and only fair, reasonable and just method of financing God's plan—the Tithe.

"If," said one speaker, "under the law you gave a Tithe, how much more ought you to give, being now under Grace, and free from the law?"

Zacchaeus, the Apostles, the early Church, what did they give when they decided to be New Testament Christians? Only that St. Paul puts it more definitely: "On the first day of the week" and "as God has prospered you."

"What is that in thine hand?" Yes, verily, many of us started out with a rod or staff in our hand, and by some one's power it became a snake—and is yet a snake. Recover, by obedience, the spiritual rod and advance, as did Moses, that the power of the rod (when God is with it) will open your way through and even to the final goal of Canaan. Cast down the serpent and pick up the staff.

Put down self and pick up fellowship. Put down ignorance and pick up knowledge. Put down inaction and pick up activity. Put down hate and pick up love.

Analyze yourself—your church. Behold where you were, where you are, and where you OUGHT TO BE.

Thanks for the One-Day Convention of Disciples of Christ in Virginia.
Another gift of young men and women is greater vitality. I have often heard older people say that there is a new freshness and energy to everything in which youth participates. Many young people disregard the church because they feel that the church is a dead organization. I think that they themselves would only throw themselves wholeheartedly into the program of the Church if they could do more to put life into these activities than any other group. Youth adds more life to the Sunday School and Y. P. S. C. E. or they add more pep to the songs and discussions. For youth is ever alive, eager and alert and those characteristics are essential to the progress of any organization.

Through the contribution of Christian experiment, youth has shown us new ways of presenting Christianity. Such organizations as Boy and Girl Scouts or Girl Reserves which encourage boys and girls to live a clean Christian life contribute much to Christianity. Youth has utilized many things which have never before been used in such a capacity, for the presenting of Christianity. Some of these new experiments are games and contests of various types, movies, art and science. And the eager eyes of youth are seeing more and more ways in which God reveals Himself to us and youth is profiting daily by his visions.

A new sincerity to Christianity is another contribution made by young folk. Religious progress has been greatly hindered by Christians' lack of honesty both to themselves and to their brothers. When Benjamin Franklin said, "Honesty is the best policy," he was not only referring to thievery, but he was thinking of mental dishonesty was well. Now this dishonesty breaks down character and leaves room for temptation. True Christianity has no place for little white falsehoods and half truths which break down understanding and trust. And youth is bold and frank, so frank indeed, that he often causes great embarrassment and consternation. Young people dislike many of the things done by their elders in the worship of God because they feel that those things lack sincerity. They are everyday coming nearer to the true understanding of worship of God. "In spirit and in truth." And since candidates is shrdu cmfw since candidness is good medicine for the soul, this gift of sincerity should by no means hold an unimportant place in the list of youth's contributions.

Should time permit, I could go on indefinitely adding to the list of gifts already named. However, what we have said proves that youth has assumed its share and spheres of moral and spiritual usefulness in a very large measure. Youth hardened not its heart when the call to arms within a radius of their intelligence is heard, but is rather softened into benediction and their joys are kept forever fair.

Let our motto be, "Excelsior" as was the motto of the hero of Longfellow's poem. And as we go on climbing the stairs of success, let us add to our faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if these things be in us, and abound, they will make us that we shall neither be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RUTH ROBINSON,
Mt. Beulah College,
Edwards, Mississippi.

THE SERVICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The churches of the Disciples of Christ, through the United Christian Missionary Society, have a special service through the Department of Higher Education, which helps our youth in the colleges. Dr. H. O. Pritchard is the secretary of this department, and Miss Laura E. Aspinwall is national student work director.

Many are the purposes of this division of our educational work. It recognizes the necessity of guiding students in their transition from high school to college. It educates our brotherhood to the needs and responsibilities for higher education, and so far as possible helps students with loans. Fellowship and counsel are given students in interdenominational seminaries, and fellowship, counsel and service to those in Colleges of the Bible of Disciples of Christ. Administrative and curricular counsel is rendered our church colleges, and standards for the ministry and allied full time religious professions so far as training students are served with respect is concerned set up. Graduate to positions as teachers, special workers and preaching positions.

Midway Church of Christ,
The Poets’ Corner

Some Accessories

(Continued from last issue)

A Chevy, a Ford or two good legs
A stomach unharmed by hard boiled eggs
A pair strong ankles and cornless feet
A conscience clear, disposition sweet.

He should have strong lungs that never tear
A healthy smile made “Ready to wear”
He must know his songs and Bible too
Optimistic always, never Blue.

He’ll need some patience to reach his goal
Having faith in God and a song in his soul
He must marry the lovers and bury the dead
Without book or paper—using his head.

And just whom to praise and whom to Blame
He’ll learn, for he knows his folk by name
He’ll know the school teacher and be a friend
When others knock from the other end.

My Worth-less man makes friends of the boys
And leads them in harmless sports and joys
He’ll teach them the game and to play it fair
Nor smutty parlance endure or share.

My worth-less man has no less brain
Than the Worth-more man who toils in vain

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But for Big day speakers of
course they’ll send
For the Worth-more man from
his worth-more den.

No wonder the worthmore man gets Blue
Has High Blood pressure, Lumbago too
He figures all day and half the night
To keep up appearance and stay in the fight.

God give us more men of the
cross-roads kind
Who can serve the masses with
willing mind
The one talent man who’ll never tire
Warming men’s hearts, with
his own on fire.

Our strong men now and the
ones who care
Were discovered by some
worth-less man out there
Diamonds in “Ruff” now polished they shine
Hurrah for this worth-less preacher of mine.

These Worth-less men are on
the “Firing Line”
Unused to rifles so beaded fine
But “Banging Away” and “Bagging the game”
And singing His praise to His Holy Name. —C. H. D.

TO THE MISSIONARIES

The harvest fields are very white,
While laborers are but few;
So many souls in darkest night,
Who know not what to do.

In foreign and in homeland here
The people need God’s word;
It’s sad to say, but yet I fear
So many have not heard.

The night is passing very fast,
The day is near at hand;
The harvest time will soon be past.
For reaping in the land.

O, friends of Jesus, Rise and
Shine!
Help finish up the work;
And be like Jesus, have the mind
Never to think to shirk.
For we are here to take the stand
In His most glorious stead;
As he was slain, He wants His plan
Made plain just as it’s read.

He wants His workers to work on,
Until the day is done;
Until the breaking of the morn,
Beyond the setting sun.

And if we do our very best
‘Mid days so dark and drear;
From labor we shall have a rest
In mansions bright and clear.

“Isabel Ellison,
3080 Hickory Street,
St. Louis, Mo.”

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of gold.

These narrow gates: First, ‘is it true?’
Then: ‘Is it needful?’ and the next
Is last and narrowest: ‘Is it kind?’
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speech may be.”
The Imperative of the Hour; Christian Stewardship

By ELD. S. S. MYERS, Kansas City, Mo.

SERMON

I

Text: For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straight way took his journey. Matt. 25:14-15.

The first imperative of the hour, in Christian stewardship is a conviction of each Christian, that God is the creator of all things, and the giver of every good and perfect gift. We learn from Genesis who the creator is. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Gen: 1:1. David believed this and acknowledged it in his life and writings. He said, “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.” These two passages and many others bare out the fact that God-created man and the world, heaven and all therein. Therefore He is the owner.

Every disciple believes that there is a good Father who provides for all our needs. Our Father is the giver of all our social, mental, physical and spiritual blessings. His blessings are constant as the air we breathe, the food we eat, the health we enjoy, the spirit that comforts and gives guidance to our spiritual nature. We can depend on our Father for our needs. Can our Father depend on us to be our best? We are his stewards and we are held accountable for our stewardship.

It is very important that man keep in mind that God created man and that his well being rests in the Father’s hand. “For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your poets have said, ‘For we are also his offspring.” Acts 17:28.

II

The Imperative of the Hour in Christian Stewardship, is the Conviction of One’s Stewardship to God.

Only a few disciples have any conviction of their christian stewardship. I believe that every local church ought to put in a stewardship program, beginning with the Bible School and every other department in the church. The minister should make a special study of this matter and preach sermons on it. This is one of the great needs in our brotherhood life. If our people would share with the Lord as they are blessed, we would have money enough to take care of all local expenses and do our part in sending the gospel to the ends of the earth. One of the purposes for which God created man, is to make a steward out of him. He has made us partners with him. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before prepared that we should walk in them.” Eph. 2:10. “Let us make man in our image,” God said, and let him have dominion over the fish, fowl, cattle and over all the earth. God blessed man after he was created and made him a steward of all his created things in the world. When God created man, He did not ask man his wishes in the matter. In the parable of the talents, he does not ask man his wishes in the matter. He created man in the beginning and placed him over all his created things. In the text of the lesson, he does not ask the men how many talents do you want? Neither does He say to the man whom he gave five talents, you will be held responsible for the talents of the other servants. But gave to them his own goods, not theirs. The context teaches that He expected of each one to make good with what he had, not what the other servants had. It seems to me that man is a steward, first by creation, second by redemption. There is only one choice for him to make, that is to be faithful. The Holy Scripture teaches, it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful. Each Christian reward will be determined by what he does with his life and possessions. The law to have is the law of sharing.

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

By MRS. ROSA GRIFFITH
The East Vine Ave Church of Christ

Our church is working with renewed vigor under the leadership of Eld. R. W. Watson who came from Brooklyn, N. Y. The church is a regular beehive of activity. The choir has been reorganized, led by Mr. H. M. Watkins. The officers of the church are attending regularly and each one is at his post of duty.

The Sunday School has almost tripled its attendance of the past few months. Last Sunday our temperance program was sponsored by Mrs. C. B. Cain. Next Sunday Louise Siler Griffith will lead our missionary program.

At the Christian Endeavor period Mrs. Madeline Drake gave three beautiful poems. The young peoples circle gave a valentine party at the residence of Eld. E. D. Bassett. Many delightful games and a delicious menu were enjoyed.

Last Sunday Eld. Watson used as his morning theme “Christian Living.” At evening service he spoke on “Obedience the Price of Salvation.” These subjects were ably discussed and the congregation returned to their homes with a deeper impression of the necessity for Obedience and Christian Living. If there are any who have relatives attending Knoxville College here in Knoxville, please send us their names that we might visit them.

We wish to express appreciation to the leaders of our brotherhood who so willingly advised us in securing the services of a competent man. We ask your continued prayers that the work here may continue to grow and that we may properly appreciate this man who came to us.

KY. BIBLE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

By MISS EDITH WILSON
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Superintendent:

I hope that your school is doing nicely. In case of any needed information concerning work in the school please write me. Half of the year has passed; is half your work done? Have you checked off each recommendation that you have worked out? Have you an organized conference club or a group of young people who are getting ready to attend this conference July 6-12? Are you keeping up with the special days in program and offering? Are your worship services correlated with the lesson for each Sunday? When do you plan for me to visit your school? Is there a Christian Endeavor Society in your church? Wont you organize one? Are you particular about the songs sung in your school? Do you have your teacher’s meeting regularly?

These questions will aid you in taking inventory of your school. Take your Sunday school work seriously; there is so much sham and superficiality in most endeavors.

Yours in His service,

Edith Wilson

SPARK FROM MISSISSIPPI

By E. J. JENNINGS,
President Mississippi Bible School Convention

I am yet happy over my trip to the National Convention held in my own State and in capital city Jackson, Miss. Being the first National Convention I ever attended it brought much inspiration and information to many throughout the southland. It was a pleasure to meet many good brethren whom I had read of through the Christian Plea and World Call. And to meet so many of my old Mt. Beulah Schoolmates, Myers Leadhalt, Lewis Burton and others.

I admire the Christian spirit that existed during the convention in every department. I enjoyed the church school departments since that has been my work for 12 years. I found where much was needed in my own local school as well as state.

It is my aim to arouse the interest of church schools through the state. In unity there is strength. We have the right name; the name who said if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me. I was again proud for the expression of appreciation of dear old S. C. I. for the entertaining of national council on Sat. in such splendid way. She knows how I am proud because I feel we are in the midst of one of the best Negro schools. I am proud of the many young people I recommended to this school, and now preparing themselves for greater services, teaching,
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AN URGENT MESSAGE

Dear Church Workers:

This letter is addressed to everybody that works in the church, from the Janitor to the Pastor. That includes YOU. We sent out a letter before Thanksgiving Sunday addressed to the Church School Workers asking them to send in a liberal offering for the SUPPORT of the Work of Religious Education in general. The Church Schools rallied (some may have done their best; others nothing) but their combined gifts amounted to only $166.00. To me these figures are the measure of the reality of your religious fervor. Your gift determines in a large measure how much religion you have. Christians, what you are DOING is speaking so loud that the world cannot hear what you are SAYING. Most assuredly a $166.00 voice is too weak to be heard even across these United States, a much shorter distance than around the world.

I am now addressing another letter to YOU asking you to make a Sacrificial Gift for Home Missions on Easter Sunday. Our Home Missions gifts go to the support of all work being done by our brotherhood in the United States. Besides spending between forty and fifty thousand dollars in the support of our two schools, Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis Christian College, this department is spending almost five thousand dollars a year to support local pastors in strategic areas, Evangelists, Editor of CHRISTIAN PLEA, and general Secretary. Moreover, in making mention of what this department is doing we would not forget that it is working with every neglected group within our borders: The European immigrants, the Mexicans, the Japanese, the Chinese, the American Indians, and the underprivileged whites. It is helping to establish mission churches among the whites in areas where they are needed.

No loyal Disciple can know about this great work, this tremendous responsibility, and not wish to share in carrying the financial burden of Kingdom Advance. I trust that no one department of the church will feel that this appeal is directed to some other department. Instead, it is to EACH DEPARTMENT and we are calling upon EVERY CHURCH WORKER and every person whose name is on the church roll, from the Janitor to the Pastor, to make a Sacrificial Gift for the support of our Home Missions work. "IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE."

Sincerely,

R. H. PEOPLES.
General Sec'y. of Colored Churches.

A DEFINITE PORTION

The setting apart of a definite portion of one's income in acknowledgment of God's ownership is approved by experience. It puts God first. To talk of stewardship and partnership with God in the Kingdom task without setting aside a definite portion for His cause, and by the proper use of the remainder is sheer nonsense.

What the definite portion shall be is a personal question for each Christian to answer in the light of his understanding of God's will for him. Whatever may be said about the perils of the tithe law, it has proved an excellent schoolmaster to lead men into the experience of stewardship. For people enjoying the manifold blessings of Christ, certainly the tithe is the minimum.
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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"AND THEY WENT EVERYWHERE, PREACHING THE WORD."

We Need a "Lost and Found" Column.

These balmy Spring days point us directly toward District, State and National Conventions.

Easter Sunday, April 12th, should find us going our whole length for Home Missions.

State by state should fall gracefully in line and shine in new spirit as well as new clothes.

Prof. Peoples is getting good hold on the Field work and a brilliant future is predicted.

Eld. William Campbell is back in Kentucky singing "No Place Like Home." Danville will follow Paris in entertaining District Institutes of Bible School and Woman's Work. Read and heed President Calvert's request.

We left the auditorium where thousands heard Dr. Kagawa, the Japanese missionary wonder, saying "We never saw it after this fashion."

Like John Mark, he stresses Works, not Words. Our friend, Watson, now in Knoxville, Tenn., is a plant that flowers in any zone. He will succeed.

Eld. Myers of Missouri, our National Bible School President, stresses tithing in the sermon of this number. Too bad we had to save some of it for next time. But this first section says a plenty. Bro. L. L. Dickerson of Ohio and the Georgia Brother come next.

We want a lineup of State Convention dates. Let's have them, please. Just one year since Bro. J. B. Lehman's affliction and we yet hope for his recovery. Meantime his work lives on and prospers.

EDWARD C. MARTIN

VIRGINIA - WEST VIRGINIA
NORTH CAROLINA
Tri-State Echoes

"Thine Ears Shall hear a Word behind Thee, saying, this is the way."—Isa. 30-21.

(By R. L. Peters, Field Secretary, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C.)

Winter worst in many years. Some church doors in rural districts closed for two or three months. Churches in Winston-Salem and nearby towns progressing both Spiritually and Financially.

A big Easter service planned at Spencer Memorial Church. All churches connected with Tri-State Christian Convention will be represented at this service in large numbers. The major features of this service will be an all-night meeting Saturday, April 11th, prior to Easter Sunday.

Baptismal services at 5:00 A. M. Easter Sunday and the Big Holy Communion services at 6:30 A. M.

The Christian Ministers, Elders and Deacons' Union of Winston-Salem, N. C., is doing fine work in Kingdom Building. They have recently bought a tract of land containing several acres on the National Highway within three blocks of the city limits of Walnut Cove, N. C., and it's adjacent to Bailey Town, a settlement of progressive colored people. The First Christian Church, Bailey Town, hopes to erect a brick church on this land this fall or in the spring of 1937. Now since spring is near we hope to let the Plea Family hear from us more often.

Paris served No. 3 District meeting royally and Little Rock, Ky., will go them one better in serving "Big Six" District Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22.

But watch Danville and District No. 2, Easter Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12.

Miss Smith is having our National Worker, Prof. R. H. Peoples, with us at Danville, Ky., that day.

So Mr. Johnson of Third District and Miss Butler of No. 6 may look well to their laurels. With the Springtime all the districts are taking on new life.

THE IMPERATIVE OF THE HOUR; CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

(Continued from page 1)

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom." Luke 6:38. Remembering that, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver."

(To be Continued)
"GREATEST CHURCH PROBLEM; IT'S SOLUTION"

By D. I. Reid, Laxington, Ky.

The greatest church problem today is the dependent ministry. This is surely the weakest spoke in the wheel. Next to that are the independent non-consecrated church people, be they laymen, officiary or ministers. Next, is the general lack of information of what the church is all about. Next is the movement for a series of worship assemblies. The meetings are being held at the First Baptist Church and are sponsored by the young people of the Committee on Race Relations of the Society of Friends and of the Philadelphia Church Federation.

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Do we believe the Christmas story? Do we believe that Jesus Christ was a superhuman gesture from God to man? Do we believe and recognize the divine effort, made supreme, to communicate with the human spirit, in and through, the personality of Christ.

Science hopes to, at some time, speak with the stars. But the heavens have already spoken to the earth, through God's holy prophets and later has confirmed it all, by the greatest of the prophets—Jesus, the son of the Heavens. Does religion really believe in Jesus?

Our problems will have been fully solved when we shall have intelligently believed that Jesus was duly delegated to teach humanity the way of life and the way of true happiness, peace and prosperity.

It is futile to attempt the Christian life until one has been enabled to say "I believe, help thou my unbelief."

After faith, comes trust, hope and the victory.

If you love him, you will keep his words. Jesus has said my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Come unto me, learn of me, and ye shall find rest for your soul.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF MIXED RACES IN PHILADELPHIA
"FELLOWSHIP CHURCH"

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16.—A group of white and Negro young people of this city have launched a significant project known as "The Fellowship Church," a joint service of these young folk which will be held each third Sunday of every month during the winter. This is not as yet an organized body but a movement for a series of worship assemblies. The meetings are being held at the First Baptist Church and are sponsored by the young people of the Committee on Race Relations of the Society of Friends and of the Philadelphia Church Federation.

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Mr. Paul Bowen Magowan 24 and Miss Lorraine A. Vaughn 22 were married in the rectory of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Saturday afternoon February 15th, by Father King, the assistant rector. The ceremonies were witnessed by Mr. R. I. Vaughn and Mrs. M. E. Vaughn, parents of the bride; Miss Emogine Vaughn sister of the bride; Mr. Ralph Vaughn and his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughan; Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Magawan, parents of the groom, and Miss Sara E. Magowan. Next to the bride was her maid, Miss Ada Collins. Next to the groom was Mr. J. E. Bowie, his groomsman. The party returned to the home of the groom at 1703 8th St., N. W., and joined a party of relatives and friends at the home of the bride at 506 T St., N. W., where they were served a delightful supper. Characteristic of the Vaughn family at 12 the groom, his groomsman and his wife, Mrs. J. E. Bowie, Miss Sara E. Magowan and company returned to the newly wed's home, where the groom's parents had prepared a cocktail treat as the conclusion of a perfect day. True to their home training on Sunday morning the groom and bride attended the 10:15 mass service and at 11:30 attended communion services at the 12th St. Christian Church. We think it was an excellent way to start their honeymoon. They received quite a few valuable and useful presents for which they are very grateful. May they live long to do much good.

The secret of life I will tell you,
The secret of life that is true—
The secret of life lies in living
The best that you ever knew!
LOUISVILLE, KY. WAKES UP

Mr. William Tolbert, of Hancock Church, was married March 10 at the home of Eld. Allen.

Miss Mable Craig of the same church, was married Feb. 1, at the home of her parents. She is now Mrs. Lewis.

Miss Lula Tolbert of Third Church, married sometime in January. Her husband is Mr. Samuel Hicks.

Mr. A. W. Williams, the oldest elder in this city, passed away in his home on Feb. 8. He was a member of Third Church. His home was in Midway, but he had lived in Louisville for more than sixty years. He was buried in Midway.

Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy, our national field worker, will conduct a financial campaign for Central Church. This campaign is to begin Easter Sunday. It is hoped to pay off the small indebtedness and beautify the building.

The joint conference group, under Miss A. Moore, is striving to send each of its members to conference.

EASTER OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS

To assure recovery and advance for home missions, every individual should share in the Easter offering taken in his Sunday school for home missions, Sunday, April 12. Not only does this offering help home missions, but it also helps the Sunday school reach its goal for the year as suggested by Unified Promotion. Every Sunday school taking the Easter offering for home missions, every class and department accepting and raising its share, and every member having part means recovery and advance for home missions.

WORLD CONVENTION DATES

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee held in Toronto, it was decided to hold the Third World Convention from August 6-12, 1940 (Tuesday to Sunday). This decision on dates was reached after conference with our churches in Toronto.

It is not too early for members of our churches the world around to begin to make plans to attend the Toronto Convention. Many will want to start savings accounts for this remarkable event, when representatives of the churches in many lands will come together again for fellowship and inspiration.

JESSE M. BADER, General Secretary

WHEN KINDNESS WAS GENUINE

To those who have never known genuine kindness, sympathy and help during need seem unbelievable.

Last year there was famine throughout that part of China where our Luchowful Christian Mission is located. There had been no rain through the summer, and the rice crop was a failure. In the country the people ate weeds and ground up tree bark. The trees, of course, will die, but starving people do not think of that.

One of our missionaries found a man stripping a tree outside the mission compound. He was so desperately hungry and weak he could scarcely walk. When he was given food, and a chance to work in the garden, he would not believe there could be such kindness without some treachery. A neighbor assured the poor fellow that everything was all right, and that he was not being blamed for stripping the tree.

A major part of our missionary service is the rural reconstruction program which is helping these people to get work and plant a variety of crops so there will be less hunger and distress.

WICKIZER U. C. M. S. SECRETARY

Willard M. Wickizer, pastor of the First Christian Church of Marysville, Mo., has accepted the call to become executive secretary of the department of evangelism and church development of the United Christian Missionary Society. He will begin his new duties April 15.

CROSSED OVER

Eld. A. W. Williams of 3rd Christian Church, Louisville, Ky., died Feb. 2nd, but we “sorrow not as those who have no hope,” for we know, as a man lives, just so he will live again.

He was a member of the men’s Bible class and leader of the prayer service and served as sexton. He was the oldest Christian minister in Kentucky.

Out of this life I shall never take.

Things of silver and gold I make.

All that I cherish and stored away.

After I leave, on earth must stay.

All that I gather, and all that I keep

I must leave behind when I fall asleep

And I wonder often, what shall I own

In that other life when I pass alone.

F. T. Floyd, Pastor,

Robert Ramsay, Clerk.
Church Maintenance

Since 1849 Disciples of Christ as a brotherhood have helped over 50 per cent. of our churches at some time in their history. Today churches in strategic places are being developed and brought to self support. Although we have changed from a pioneer geographical approach to a more intensive cultivation in rural and urban areas, tremendous needs and opportunities confront us. Today we have 134 preaching points in strategic places in 31 states and 7 Canadian provinces. There were 1,533 additions to home missions.

Developing Intelligent Leadership

Intelligent Christian character as a basis for Christian action in the affairs of life can only be developed in Christian institutions. For those in disinherited groups to whom education has been denied, an intelligent leadership must be developed. Through the educational program and institutions of home missions in our brotherhood, not only have individuals been given an opportunity to rise and better themselves, but entire communities have been transformed because of the enriched personalities of Christian trained men and women.

Permanent Kagawa Committee

Dr. James A. Crain, executive secretary of the department of social education and social action of the United Christian Missionary Society, and Dr. Alva W. Taylor of Vanderbilt University have been named on the national permanent Kagawa Committee.

When Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa first came to this country from Japan during the latter part of December, he was operating under a tentative committee. The permanent committee plans two definite things according to a statement secured from Dr. Crain: 1. To take charge of further dates during the Kagawa itinerary. 2. To conserve the results of his visit to this country. This latter looks forward to forming in this country a movement based on the Kingdom of God fellowship in Japan.

Central Christian Church, Jackson, Miss.

By S. W. Frost.

Central Christian Church is still alive. December 31 we had a call meeting of the church.

Officials elected for '36 were J. B. Foster and D. J. Johnson, Elders; H. C. Clark, Riddle, and R. B. Donson, Deacons; A. Wells, clerk; Jordon Shetlow, treasurer; R. B. Donson, teacher of adult class; A. Wells, primary teacher; H. C. Clark, secretary; Willie Williams, pastor.

Elder T. B. Frost.

The majority of the membership were present and pledged to do more in every way in '36.

Elder Frost preached. Morning, "Cost of Discipleship"; evening, "When the Change Comes."

Success

Who battling against some seeming wrong, Can meet disaster with a song, Who only lives the world to bless
Can never fail—he is Success!

Kansas City Convention

The Administrative Committee of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ recently met with representatives of the various organizations reporting to the International Convention and effected the organization of the Committee on Program and Arrangements for the Kansas City Convention, which meets October 12-18, 1936.

The officers and personnel of the Committee on Program and Arrangements as selected are: Chairman, L. N. D. Well, Dallas, Texas; Executive Vice-Chairman, C. M. Yocum, Indianapolis; Secretary, H. B. Holloway, Indianapolis, and Graham Frank, Dallas, Texas, C. E. Lemmon, Columbia, Missouri, F. M. Rogers, St. Louis, Missouri, H. C. Armstrong, Anderson, Indiana, J. A. Dilinger, Des Moines, Iowa, and Stephen J. Corey, Mrs. J. M. Stearns, R. Melvyn Thompson, F. E. Smoth, H. O. Pritchard, John H. Booth, Dean E. Walker, Frederick D. Kershner and C. O. Hawley, all of Indianapolis.

The Committee on Program and Arrangements later appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of C. M. Yocum, Chairman, F. E. Smith and R. Melvyn Thompson, with H. B. Holloway serving as Secretary.

The Sub-Committee is proceeding immediately with preparations for the building of the program including the allocation of time and selection of personnel to be submitted to the entire committee at a meeting which will be held the middle of March.

Everything points to a very successful and largely attended convention next fall.
Our Home Mission Number

Home Missions And The Pastor-Evangelist

By R. WESLEY WATSON, Knoxville, Tenn.

On April 12th, our churches and all departments will have opportunity to show their faith in "Home Missions.

We ought to give willingly because of the fellowship.

1. Interest. In proportion as we give our interest increases. If we make a definite contribution we are interested in results of our work.

"A little boy going to a city went to a large building, took off his hat, walked around, looked up greatly interested in the building. A man seeing him, said, "boy, what is the matter with you?" He said, "I have an interest in this building; when they passed the hat I put a nickel in the collection."

2. It is like bread cast upon waters. We find it after many days. We may now be worshiping in a modern church, having a well organized program, a splendid preacher and able to provide for them financially. But who can tell, life may find us tomorrow in some place where folks are struggling to establish the cause. You, too, need the support of "Home Missions and the Pastor-Evangelist.

3. It helps us to contact and conserve the Christians who leave our churches and live in other cities.

II. We ought to give liberally because of the worthiness of the cause. Brethren, the years of my experience moves me to say, I know Home Missions is worthy.

1. Planting the church of Christ in strategic points.

2. The continuation of evangelism.

3. Helping to give the Pastor-Evangelist adequate support.

III. We ought to give sacrificially because of the great need. Many of our churches and Missions today are unable to take proper care of their minister because of few members, depression and heavy debt; but that minister can go on preaching the gospel, knowing he has a friend in "Home Missions," who after 26th of each month will say, "This is your monthly check, made possible by generous giving of a great brotherhood, to help you preach the gospel." And what a burden is lifted from the heart that faithful Pastor-Evangelist and his people!

And, Brethren, it is now our immediate duty on the 12th of April to give to this cause of Home Missions and the Pastor-Evangelist. Easter Sunday.

I appeal to every member of this great brotherhood to give

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

CHURCH BULLETIN

Indiana Avenue Christian Church, 4413 Indiana Avenue.
Phone Kenwood 3551. Richard H. Davis, Minister. Phone Oakland 4332.

"This Church lives by the love of its members and friends. Its privileges are open to those who would walk with God. Its worship is designed to deepen the hunger for righteousness. It strives to give rest for the weary, comfort for the troubled, hope for the downcast, and the Christlike strength of the quiet mind to all who come within its portals in need or in aspiration. Enter it not without a prayer for yourself, for him who ministers, and for those who worship here."

WALK STEP BY STEP WITH JESUS

At this glorious season of the year, Christ beckons us to walk step by step with Him through His last tortured days with mankind on earth. We can share His humiliation, rejection and sorrow. We can pray with the few in Gethsemane and bring comfort to those leaderless disciples left behind and grieve with them as He dies on the Cross. And when the brilliant rays of Easter’s dawn drive away the shadows of sin’s darkness, we can rejoice that “He is Risen.” He died for our sins and if we die in Him we shall also rise and live in Him.

As this season, with its stirring messages, searches your soul and brings you closer to the Cross and the Christ, will you not answer the call by saying, “Lord, be merciful unto me, a sinner?” If you are not a member of the church, why not unite with us during this blessed season?

EASTER

Give less time to the world and more to God.
Read the Bible daily and meditate upon its truths.
Practice daily by showing kindness and love to others.
Aim for 100 per cent attendance at the church services.
Endeavor to win at least one member for Christ and His Church.
Make daily self-denial offerings and lay them upon God’s altar on Easter.
Pray for your pastor, for your fellow church members, and for those outside the Christian Church.

ON GOING TO CHURCH

1. Be regular and go early to church; it energizes your spiritual life.
2. Go in a reverent spirit. On the way remember whither you go.
3. As you enter the church, breathe a silent prayer of invocation for the influence of the Holy Spirit.
4. As you take your place, bow your head reverently in prayer for yourself, the minister and all others who enter the sanctuary for the services about to begin.
5. In all the service take an active part; as hearer, as worshiper.
6. At the close of the service, greet with cheerfulness and good will all whom you happen to meet, remembering that Christian fellowship is a part of Christian worship.

A MODEL CHURCH

Miss. Blvd. Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn., debt raising campaign, 1936. Some Facts About the Church.

The Miss. Blvd. Christian Church was organized in 1921 with eleven members. It started with a debt of $12,500.00 which debt has been reduced to $900.00

During these fifteen years the Church has administered to the sick, fed the hungry, given clothes to the needy and preached the gospel to the poor in Spirit.

The physical plant has been improved. Electric lights, fans and furnace installed and a beautiful piano paid for.

The church has an enrollment of 190 members, with a flourishing Missionary Society Church School and Christian Endeavor. The Church has held prayer services once each week during its organization with the exception of four nights. Each year the Church and the various departments have met all apportionments for home and foreign mission.

The Minister and Official Board desire to pay off this small amount in 1936. We are requesting that you make a contribution in keeping with your income each month or raise a certain amount each month for this cause.

Blair T. Hunt, Pastor
Utilius R. Phillips, Sec’y

Five grown young people to be baptised Lord’s Day after Easter, plus those who may confess Christ decision day —Easter.
SOME RESULTS OF HOME MISSIONS

(Continued from Page 1) Mississippi. His chief money crop is cotton, he remains dependent upon his landlord under the vicious tenant system of this region, he looks upon the law as a thing to be avoided rather than used to promote peace and dispense justice, even now in 1936, rural schools for Negro children are open only four or five months out of a possible nine. Lack of funds say school authorities, but they vote special appropriations to continue their own for the usual term. Such is the general economic and educational opportunity for Mississippi's rural Negro population comprising approximately sixty-five per cent of the million Negroes in the state.

If during the years of its existence Southern Christian Institute had served only the youth of Mississippi it would have justified its existence. But we have not been geographically limited and the school's contributions to society were gathered from many states and countries and have returned to lead and enrich the professions and vocations they have chosen.

It is interesting to examine the records of the institute and read the names of graduates and former students whose subsequent achievements have given Southern Christian Institute its reputation as a training school for leaders. One hesitates to choose names from the imposing list of those whom we claim as our representatives but here are a few whose work speaks for itself: Rev. O. Singleton, a member of the first graduating class of 1892, founder of the National Home Finding Society, Irvington, Ky., the only one of its kind for Negro children in the United States; T. B. Frost, pioneer man for Jarvis Christian College; Jacob Kenoly, our departed missionary hero, and the late P. H. Moss, also a missionary of Bible school efficiency; N. S. Taylor, a lawyer of ability now residing in Chicago; Mrs. Rosa V. Bracy, Mrs. Doetsy Blackburn Gray, both well known for present and past work among our churches; B. C. Calvert, president of the National Convention; and among our more recent products the names of R. H. Peoples, general secretary of Negro churches, Vance G. Smith, a specialist in social service; Cleo W. Blackburn, head of Flanner House, and Emmet Dickson, now at Jarvis Christian College. Add to these pastors like S. S. Myers and F. H. Coleman in Missouri, Z. H. Howard, Oklahoma, G. E. Letton and S. C. Devine in Kentucky, R. H. Davis and R. E. LaTouche in Illinois, Moses Lambert, North Carolina, and Edward Griffin in Florida, Lorenzo Evans in Florida, and one begins to get a better idea of the contribution Southern Christian Institute has made to our brotherhood.

CENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

St. Louis, Mo.

Centennial is indebted to Professor P. C. Washington, Professor J. J. Green, Professor Peoples, Elder Heatly and Mr. T. C. Swearingen, former Young People's Conference Promoter, for bringing inspiring messages during the pastor's illness.

The Junior C. E., led by Misses Chandler and Givens, entertained a large number at their "Musical Tea" in March. The Bible Study Class, led by Professor P. C. Washington, is increasing in number and intellect. It is an interesting and valuable class of the church.

Centennials basketball team won another victory. It is new but has won many games in St. Louis. Games are scheduled for every Wednesday evening during the season. The school is proud of her boys.

Elder W. A. Alphin, Pastor Cheerful Wynn, Reporter.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF INDIA

In America, young people working together and playing together is taken as a matter of course. It seems strange that workers in Oriental countries should regard such a fact as a victory, until one considers that until very recently, and then only among Christian folk, such an accomplishment has been possible.

Miss Lucille Ford, one of our missionaries at Kulpahar, India, has written to her friends in the homeland, "How I wish you could come to India and see our fine young people! I have recently had a letter from a young lady studying in Isabella Thoburn College. She said she had just returned from a camp at Sat Tal-Asram where Dr. E. Stanley Jones goes each year. It is like the young people's summer conference at home for young people. She says, 'Boys and girls went out boating and also played games together with pure and wholesome and entertaining spirit.' "We are so glad the time has come when we can do this for our young people. I attended a convention over the weekend. There were many fine young people there, and all seemed so earnest and interested in the work.'"
And now he walks the street and looks at those he meets, sad and wan.
And shakes his feeble head that seems as if he said, "They're all gone."

Here's to you, doctor. None of us have found the "Fountain of Youth." But there IS one.
The older men BUILT the churches; will the younger men maintain them and be true to the "Faith of Our Fathers—Holy Faith?"

Join the countless thousands in Easter praises. The Plea wishes a happy Easter to all.

Pastor Wm. Owens is conducting pre-Easter meeting at Nicholasville, Ky.

All hats off to Bro. R. H. Davis and his loyal people who in March marched into the new permanent church home in Chicago. Those who said "Davis can do it," now say "I told you so."

'Twas a long way to Tippery but Davis is right there.

Fulton, Mo., needs a minister.

Like many other Kentucky churches, Hustonville "squared up" with the minister recently.

Winchester is taking to the early evening service.

Mt. Sterling has called Eld. Leton—seventh year. Lexington lives; Georgetown is in need and has company, and what will we do for Home Missions Easter Sunday?—C. H. D.

NAMING THE CHILD

The general theme of our National Convention is drawing suggestions; namely, Being rather pedantic or stilted for all grades from the whales in the ocean to swallow and the minnows in the pond to nibble. Our graded Bible School literature has the same lessons from adults to youngest juveniles and primary—often—but said in milder terms.

Our Christian Endeavor and younger Bible School people may need to have this Lordly monstrous appellation "split up" so they may grasp it. I'm not "kickin'," but I'm fearing the results of some getting kicked.

True, these questioned words are tri-syllables—three syllables—but carry an idea not very easily grasped by the masses. More than once have we been asked to "Say it in English."

We could suggest that the committee do as our fellow brethren do, naming ourselves; they write "Christian or Disciples of Christ."

So if we had some common expetive to follow—in parenthesis—this unswallowed theme, it might reach all areas and prevent indigestion. In another column we print a fair sample of some thusly minded folk.

A splendid program committee will soon tell what to do in Tulsa in August.

HOME MISSIONS AND THE PASTOR-EVANGELIST

(Continued from Page 1) willingly. Let us first as leaders, when the time comes, lead with not less than $1.00 (which is less than 2 cents per weke) then urge our officers and members to do likewise for this worthy cause.

As we give let us remember, God gave His All, His Only Begotten Son, and His Son gave His last corpuscle of blood, the Apostles Give Their All; and shall we who follow in His steps, who are members of His church, and who wear His Name; "Shall we on Easter Sunday do less?"
HOME MISSIONS AND THE PASTOR-EVANGELIST

(Richard H. Davis of Chicago, Ills.)

Home Missions has played a significant part in the ongoing of our many churches. As one of the pastor-evangelists who has been greatly benefited by this ministry, I am exceedingly happy to bear personal testimony to its far-reaching benefits.

My first experience of its fine work undergirding the local church in support of the minister, came in 1916 when I became pastor of the Kenyon Avenue Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In my first conference with the official board they were amazed when I would not consider the church for less than fifteen dollars per week. They finally agreed to pay it after Professor Moss, our National Secretary, told them the Home Missions Department would pay the major part of the fifteen dollars. Fortunately for the minister then he was without the fine responsibility of a help-mate.

Had it not been for the consistent regularity of the coming of a check from the department of Home Missions, once every three months, it would have been impossible for the young minister to exist. Through the moral support of President Lehman, encouragement of P. H. Moss and the superb loyalty of a “faithful few” undergirded by the financial aid of Home Missions the minister was successful in a decade to build a self-supporting church which paid him one hundred and sixty dollars salary per month besides meeting all its other overhead expenses, its state and national appropriations. In 1930 the Kenyon Avenue Church was the most outstanding congregation of Negro Disciples in Ohio. Without the cooperation of Home Missions rendered by Miss Rosa V. Brown and Patrick Henry Moss such would have been impossible. At the Oakwood Boulevard Church in Chicago, Home Missions played a most, significant part. The pastors could depend upon the department for the amount of money it agreed to pay as a supplement to their salary. This was true of the majority of strategic centers where Negro pastor - evangelists were being supported in part by Home Missions.

In the early days of our Home Missions the name of Joel B. Lehman stands out in bold relief. It was his task to find men and women for centers of Negro population where the prospects for the development of self-supporting churches were bright. It was his opportunity to train and recommend the first two national field secretaries in the fields of religious education and missions among our Negro churches. The names of P. H. Moss and Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy have been universalized and idolized by our Disciple brotherhood in general and by our Negro Disciple constituency in particular. Time will not permit me to tell of the advantages and disadvantages, the pioneer adventures, the fine inter-racial experiments and sacrificial services which these two noble adventurers endured.

In later years the name of Grant K. Lewis has left its remarkable imprints upon the lives of all our pastor-evangelists who had fellowship with him. To me he is one of the noblest Christian personalities I have ever known.

Last, but not least, the name of R. H. Peoples, the young man upon whom the mantle of P. H. Moss fell, is beginning to arrest the attention of our great brotherhood as one who is particularly fit to carry on successfully the work which his worthy predecessor so nobly begun.

SERVICE TO THE DIS-INHERITED

We are serving among the underprivileged of our national life, among the Negroes, the Indians, the Mexicans, the Japanese, the mountaineers and the European immigrants. These groups look to us to share with them the Christian way of life, and only through Christ can the barriers of race, suspicion, poverty and wealth be overcome and understanding love prevail. 490 were last year served at Japanese Christian Institute, 5,500 at Mexican Christian Institute, 17 girls at the Yakima Indian Christian Mission, and uncounted hundreds by the coke region and French-Acadian missions.

TO ELDER ALPHIN

We are praying for you and counting on you to keep up spirits and faith in our Savor. We know that “now and then a burden all your strengths do test” but “Life’s Tests” come.

“If never a sorrow came to us, and never a care we knew; If only joy were found on earth, and no one ever sighed, And never a friend proved false to us, and never a loved one died, And never a burden bore us down, soul sick and weary, too, We’d yearn for tests to prove our worth and tasks for us to do.”—E. A. G.
YOUTH MEET AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

(By Foster Craggett)

The second annual negro youth meet was held with Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio. It began March 13, with a banquet. Rev. C. E. Craggett, master of ceremonies. Welcome address by Attorney Ray E. Hughes. Mr. W. E. Starns, director of Religious Education of Ohio, introduced members of the faculty, which consisted of Mr. R. H. Peoples, General Secretary of Negro Work; Mr. C. M. Yocum, Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions; Mrs. Rosa Bracy, General Secretary of the Missionary Department; Mrs. Normal Ward, returned missionary from South America; Miss Annabelle Carter, former teacher at Southern Christian Institute, and Mr. C. E. Craggett. We sent a message of sympathy to Miss Bertha Park, the instigator of the youth meet. Other interesting events included a sermon by Prof. Peoples, and an educational movie.

Saturday sessions included a worship service led by Margaret Kimbrough of Dayton. Professor Peoples addressed on "Christian Youth in Cooperative Action."

The highlight of the meet was the discussion of problems and an address by Mrs. Ward.

Sunday morning session began with early morning worship service. Those elected co-presidents were Floyd Haynes of Youngstown; Ia Stovall of Cleveland, and Dorothy Wilbert of Dayton, Sec'y.

Miss Starns, Mr. Barnett and Mr. Yocum were heard in address and sermon.

Thirty-eight young people and seventeen youth leaders attended. Columbus, Ohio,

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

WHO CAN BE SAVED!

SERMON

By L. L. DICKERSON

of Lockland, Ohio

When His Disciples heard it they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved. Matt. 19-25.

The Disciples asked this question in reply to an astonishing statement made by Jesus.

Jesus said: "Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

The Disciples were exceedingly amazed, saying, "Who, then, can be saved?" This question has oft been repeated. Most people believe in the immortality of the soul: Another life after this. There are, of course, those who reject this idea and contend that death ends all. Whether or not they are sincere, doesn't matter. Suffice it to say, most people believe in future life and hope was chosen as place for the Youth Meet next year.

Many thanks are voiced to both white and colored state boards and to Mrs. Craggett, mother of the Youth Meet.

In addition to the large Columbus delegation, Cleveland and Dayton turned out in full, and Oxford, Lockland, Youngstown and Springfield were represented.

In the closing service, led by Mrs. Bracy, the Friendship Circle counted benefits received and told of hopes and ambitions for usefulness in their various home circles. Eternity alone can measure the ultimate good of such a youth meet.

to spend it in complete happiness. No hope by some mysterious means to inherit eternal salvation.

As a result, we have a great number of organizations, which are commonly called churches. Each attempting to prepare us for "future life" as well as help us make the most of this life. However, there are different opinions as to what is necessary in order to be saved. What some consider all important, others claim immaterial. Then, too, we have the Holy Scriptures "which are able to make wise unto salvation." The scriptures came to us through many divinely inspired writers. Each setting forth those things which are required of all mankind if they would be saved. To the average person it seems impossible to keep all these precepts and follow all these examples. Yet, every one is vitally connected with salvation, and every one is zealously defended by some religious group. Hence the question, "who then can be saved?"

There is no chance for the liar, the thief has been outlawed, the covetous man is denied salvation, the slothful, the adulterer, the wicked, the reveller, the hypocrite, in fact every evil has been named as a barrier to salvation. Gal. 5-19-20.

Not only has there been a code of ethics prescribed for our conduct but even our attitudes and dispositions, thoughts and beliefs, have been made subject to God's will. Then, too, there is the question of whether all these different religious organizations are divinely given. Can a man be saved through any or all of them? If not, then which ones or what ONE, is THE church or The ONLY church? If you say there is Salvation in all of
them, then you must admit that Christ has no uniform plan of Salvation, and we have only a conglomeration of conflicting ideas and doctrines, and the inevitable result, denominational bickering, confusion, jealousy and rivalry, which threatens to defeat the very purpose for which Jesus died. If this be true, then there is no specific answer to the question: “What must I do to be saved?” But the Prophet Isaiah predicted that there would be “a way” plain and simple.

On the other hand if we designate some particular church as being THE Church, the only divinely given institution for the salvation of all mankind, we must answer the question, “What will become of the millions of others who seem to be struggling as hard, as earnest and sincere, even though they do not believe and practice the things that this “ONLY Church,” believes and practices.

So, like a cork upon the water, the question is continually bobbing up, “who then can be saved?” This question should claim the attention of every individual who hopes for everlasting life. It would be the height of folly to go on until the end with no assurance that what you believe and practice is sufficient unto salvation, except your feelings or the dying statement of a relative who knew no more about it than you, and who lived under the same confused circumstances.

The Catholic Church claims that it and it alone is the only church that can save. We Disciples claim that the Church of Christ is the only divinely given institution for the salvation of all mankind. Our mothers and fathers contended that it was “this way or damnation.” Of course we of this modern day with all of our tolerance, religious diplomacy, broadmindedness and one thing and another, will not go as far as the pioneers, that this is the only way and everybody else is wrong. Whether we should be commended or condemned for this change of attitude is debatable. But there is one thing certain, our broadmindedness on religious questions, has just about killed the restoration movement. We have become a little more than just another denomination, and there is doubt about any justification for our continued existence as a separate religious body. I confess that we have to some extent been a victim of the spirit of the times. But I thank God that deep down in my soul there is that conviction that the Church of Jesus Christ is THE SHIP and all else is the sea.

**A RENEWED CHURCH**

That the local church is basic in any thought of recovery and advance for the Kingdom of God is fully recognized in the program of Unified Promotion. The presence of the church in Christianity from its beginning and everywhere it has gone suggests that the church belongs to the essential genius of Christianity. The church is an indispensable constituent of the Christian religion.

The depression has cost the churches heavily in spiritual life, in program of service and in financial support. When the entire world is in a life and death grapple with these conditions, every local church is drawn into the struggle. In such a position the church is faced with an opportunity of giving to deeply troubled and downcast mankind the message committed to it, or of confessing by inaction, by giving less of self and means, that it is a fair-weather prophet only, and that its answer to the cry to agonizing humanity is one of superficial sentiment.

It is only a renewed church that can triumphantly rise to the occasion. Recovery and Advance for the local church and its world-wide causes are necessary if the church of Jesus Christ is to minister adequately in this day.

**PASSING ON**

(By Mrs. B. M. Topley, Hannibal Mo.)

From the Christian Plea we note the death of Miss Hynita Robinson who died March 17th, and was buried in Lee Robinson’s cemetery of Hannibal, Mo. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Robinson of this city, members of Second Christian Church and pioneer servants of God. She graduated from Douglas High School in 1934 and attended Lincoln University in 1935. She was an active member of the church; a member of the choir, and a lovable young lady. Funeral by Rev. B. Parsons, pastor of the church, and Mr. Geo. Roberts, colored mortician.

**ELD. R. L. LOVE IMPROVES**

Much better, than when I wrote last. Can’t go as I once did but can help out at home church.

Have not forgotten how to preach and could hold ten days’ meeting O. K. anywhere a church needs an older minister.

I’m glad to be a part of a great brotherhood. Brethren, may write me at 1819 Indiana Ave., Wichita, Kan.
TO MAKE A CHURCH

O, it takes a lot of living
You will receive many a blow;
O, it will take a heap of loving
To make the church work go.

Often we are found sighing
Take it to the Lord, He’ll know;
Perhaps you find you’re crying,
But just make the church work go.

We must do a heap of praying
To keep the sheep from the foe;
Your shepherd must do the preaching
To make the church work go.

You may think it keeps off trouble,
You may think it life of woe;
But your reward will be double
If you make the church work go.

Don’t lament your heartache
Or tell needs and troubles so;
Just your Christian troubles take
And make the church work go.

There is joy in Christian service,
Sing His praise with harp and bow;
Take a Minister’s wife’s advice
And make this church work go.

Mrs. Frank H. Coleman,
Columbia, Mo.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Conference on the Rural Church was held in Washington, D. C., January 14-17, 1936, on the general theme of “The Rural Church Today and Tomorrow,” under the auspices of the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Home Missions Council. The substance of the report of the Findings Committee may be had for the asking. Some recommendations follow:

(1) A church school, meeting regularly throughout the year, graded as to materials and methods and making full use of the environment and the life experience of the people.

(2) An annual vacation church school of at least ten teaching days and preferably of four weeks’ duration.

(3) Some form of adult education having to do with problems of the local community and with the relation of the church to them.

(4) Some form of week-day religious instruction, in conjunction with public schools, if that is possible, or otherwise conducted directly by the church or churches of the community.

(5) Some form of leadership or teacher training.

(6) Organized group activities for boys and girls and for young people, including summer camps or conferences whenever possible. Such activities should have both social and educational, as well as religious, objectives.

(7) The continued promotion of family religion and of the study of the Bible in the homes.

(8) Missionary education in the church school.

ITEMS OF MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL INTEREST

United Christian Missionary Society

Mrs. Herbert Smith Honored

Again one of our missionaries to Africa has been honored. Mrs. Herbert Smith, on the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of the independence of the Belgian Congo, received the Medaille D’or de L’Orde Royal du Lion from Leopold III, King of the Belgians, this in commemoration of her twenty-seven years of service in Congo. In 1929 Mr. Smith received the Order of Knight.

JANUARY WORLD CALL

The January World Call starts off 1936 in a really distinctive way with two featured themes, Higher Education and Latin America. Photographer and engraver have worked together to produce a striking cover, a campus scene as viewed from inside a college entrance.

Lucid, forceful articles by college presidents Hilley, Lyon and Briggs set forth the claims of today’s Christian school. “The Submer’s Work of a Student Pastor” by one of them, and Dr. H. O. Pritchard’s “Hundred Years of Higher Education” are outstanding features.

A double spread of pictures from Mexico, Paraguay, Puerto Rico and Argentina brings us glimpses of Latin America, and Dr. Samuel Guy Inman tells of affairs of those countries in 1936. Fritz Hugel’s article, “A Seminary on Wheels”, is a story not to be forgotten. Other articles are from the pens of Idla B. Wise Smith, F. E. Davison and O. J. Goulter. Maude Sarvis has a Chinese story, “The Mink Coat”, and Doctors Lemmon and Crain as well as Fra Edgardus contribute pages that sparkle. World Call Week is January 26 to February 2.
Facing Problem of Evil

By Lorenzo J. Evans, State Worker, Georgia.

"But deliver us from the evil one." Mat. 6:13.

These words find universal response in the human heart. From the beginning of conscious life on this planet, man has wrestled with the problem of evil. And when he has prayed at all, the burden of his prayer is for some kind of deliverance from evil. Jesus recognized evil as a fact, and in this petition of his prayer, he leaves the impression that His Father and our Father has provided a way of deliverance from it.

Can we face the problem of evil in our age and be honest, without coming to despair? Surely we cannot escape from it by assuming the superficial attitude of Christian Science. Their way has not worked, either for themselves or others.

Man is not responsible for the sum total of evil either from the past or in the present. But when man faces this evil, he and he alone is responsible for his attitude toward it. Man may accept the evil tendencies from the past and project them into the future if he wills. As we face this problem will we accept this problem of evil and project it into the future of the race?

If it is true that we are caught in the coils of evil from both the past and the present, and if a choice is absolutely necessary, what are we to do about it? What is the meaning of this petition, "deliver us from evil"?

Does God actually take us away from evil? No, this is not God's method of deliverance. Jesus prayed not that his disciples might be taken out of the world but that they might be kept from its evil influences. God's way is to deliver us from evil by re-enforcing the human will to choose good rather than evil. Christianity is God's answer to humanity's prayer.

Through its author, Jesus Christ, it has done two things. First, set in motion great ethical and social forces which are constantly reducing the sum total of evil in the world. It is making human society sweeter. Through education and reform it is making it a little easier for each succeeding generation to do good and harder for it to do evil. Second, in his own person Jesus has made it easier for men to be good. There is something so attractive and compelling about His divine personality that those who live close to Him find it easy to choose the right. No man has ever come in close contact with Him and remained the same man. Salvation, ultimate deliverance from evil, is only to be found in Him. "There is a call for decision lurking in the background of every page of the gospels, and a challenge to choose the best." So we as disciples of Jesus Christ as we are faced with the evil of our day let us live close to Him in order that we might be able to choose the best to give to humanity, be delivered, and deliver others from evil.

TIDINGS FROM PASTOR J. E. BLAIR

Danville, Ky.—The Church is still on the firing line, moving forward holding high the banner of Christ. We have been blessed with some very helpful visitors, namely Prof. R. H. Peoples, our National B. S. worker, a great contribution to the brotherhood. His visit to our church last January 20th with the One Day Convention, has left an everlasting impression on the church, and caused the church to take on new life. Our missionary society has been reorganized. Prof. Peoples and Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy should be considered throughout the brotherhood as gifts from God.

We have just closed our Easter meeting with Rev. Wm. Owens, of Nicholasville, Ky., as evangelist.

The meeting was one of the best. Elder Owens is indeed a great Gospel preacher and tells the whole truth. The thing needful today is more men with the fearless conviction that the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation. We had fourteen additions to the church, the spiritual life deepened and we closed out after having the baptism, and the evangelist preached to a full house. The subject was: "Baptism and Salvation." Brethren pray for us that we will not draw back but that we will continue to the end.

"But deliver us from the evil one." Mat. 6:13.
ECHOES FROM
"OLD FIRST," NICH-OLASVILLE, KY.

By Mrs. A. M. Taylor

Our church is a "work house" for God these days.

Elder Wm. Owens and good wife are still "wide eyed" over the surprise shower given them at Easter program Sunday night. The church folk all had a hand in it. We were closing a revival, the pastor preaching, ably assisted by Bro. J. S. Conway, with Mrs. Charles Anna Graves at the piano. "Faithfulness" is indeed her name.

A passion week service which all of Nicholasville joined, was conducted with a seven-sermon service on Good Friday, preached by Rev. Gray, First A.Baptist, Rev. Simmonds, A. M. E., Rev. Byrd, Presbyterian, Rev. Straus, A. M. E., Rev. Blair, of Danville, and Elder Owens.

Elder Letton, from Mt. Sterling, and Prof. Peoples came Thursday and remained for Friday's union service. Also Revs. Edwards and Parr, of Danville.

The Easter exercise was lovely Sunday afternoon with a presentation of eggs and a big Easter basket for pastor and wife.

Elder Owens reorganized the Missionary Society and that seems to be gaining momentum also.

A CALL TO THE WORKERS

By Mrs. Aurelia Bracy, of Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Co-workers:

We are nearing the close of our Missionary year. Conventions will soon be in session again. May we ask ourselves how well have we carried out the accepted recommendations of our 1935 conventions? Our one-day conventions were well worth the energy spent in attending.

A report sheet from our national field secretaries shows that we are slow in sending in remittances. It was said of one of our late field workers, "our white brethren contributed largely to his death by denying him the comforts of modern travel." I wonder if we are accessory to the charge by failing to contribute. Sure, we are going to remit by June 30th. Some churches will use the second or fourth Sunday in June to raise our quota for world missions, but just how many pastors, Bible School Superintendents, Missionary presidents, Christian Endeavor or Circle presidents would want to work all the year before receiving any pay, and yet preach and teach the golden rule and that we are our brother's keeper. Let us be more consistent and help care for the Kingdom of God of recovery and advance.

We have accepted the program of recovery and advance through unified promotion. We must give some thought to the word "unified." We must truly feel that we are our brother's keeper before we can have unity.

We are grateful and happy over reports from Gay Street Church, in Nashville, Knoxville, Rogersville, Jonesboro and Johnson City. We have not heard from Lea Ave., Nashville, Washington College, Jellico, or Bristol for some time. We are still hoping though. We visited Savannah and found conditions budding for new growth. Our work in Tennessee takes on new interest and if we put a bit of individuality into our work we will each feel "it's my duty," and then we will find growing, glowing and going.

NOTICE! ESSAY CONTEST!

All persons between the ages of fourteen and twenty-five are eligible. Subject, "Open Doors of Opportunity for Youth." Theme is not to be more than three hundred words in length. This theme should be post-marked not later than twelve p. m., May 20, and sent to Miss Edith Wilson, 2216 W. Chestnut, Louisville, Ky. The first prize is a trip to Young People's Conference with all expenses paid, the second prize is to be the registration fee at conference—three dollars.

Ky. S. S. Board.
Texas, Centennial State, Speaks

By Prof. T. W. Pratt

Many officials of the National Convention in San Antonio, Texas, including President B. C. Calvert, of Mississippi, vice-president L. H. Crawford, of Kansas City, Mrs. Ida Taylor, president of the missionary, Nashville, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Indianapolis, Mrs. Luvenia Devine, of Paducah, Ky., president S. S. Myers, Bible School of Kansas City, and Rev. Frank Coleman, Kansas. They served on various committees.

Mrs. Rosa Bracy and Prof R. H. Peoples and wife spent some time in Texas after the meeting. Rev. Calvert and Rev. Crawford spoke in both Rome and Boll Street churches.

Rev. R. L. Sercy and Rev. E. B. Washington are pushing preparations for State Convention in Dallas in August. The Boll Street choir filled an engagement (radio) over station WRR at 10:30 each Friday night.

Rev. J. E. Quarels, pastor at Ft. Worth, Texas, is now state evangelist. Rev. Jno. O. Boles, as district evangelist, visited the Dallas churches.

Texas will have a large delegation at the National Convention in Tulsa Oklahom, in August.

The Texas Bible Schools will raise $500 this convention year. Pres. J. N. Ervin and Mr. T. W. Pratt are members of Texas’ Committee of the Centennial, or Texas World Fair.

Conference Meets

Southwest Conference at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, June 1-7, jointly with Church Workers Institute for Adults.

Midwest Conference meets in Kansas City, Kan, June 15-21.

Central Conference meets at the Memorial Institute, Nicholasville, Ky., July 6-12.

Piedmont Conference, Chesapeake Area, meets at Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va., Aug. 10-16.

R. H. Peoples,
General Field Worker.

Easter Sunday at Clay St. Christian Church, Paducah, Ky.

Prayer meeting at 6:00 a. m. Church School at 10:00 with over fifty students on time. 11:00 o’clock services well attended, many visitors being present. The choir, led by Mrs. S. E. Pearson, was at its best.

At 11:15 while worshipping, Tom Wilson’s house caught fire. While he was trying to extinguish it before the fire department arrived, he fell from a tree breaking his neck. He was rushed to the hospital. After service Bro. Devine prayed with him. He was left paralyzed from his feet up to his head but was able to talk.

At 6:30 p. m. Miss Dorthy Skates, who was baptized about four years ago, was united in holy matrimony. We are very proud of Dorthy as her people are not members of any church, yet Dorthy is a splendid worker in the church, a teacher in our church school, and a student at West Kentucky Industrial College.

At 7:30 p. m. Easter pageant “Victory Through Christ” was well rendered by children from two years to eighteen years of age, to a packed house. The rendition was excellent. The children lifted the offering by classes. The primary class won the banner with the largest offering. Then the children formed a line and marched around about with visiting children and adults. Dr. H. B. Pleasant and Bro. Devine assisted the rabbit Saturday by taking a tub and soliciting eggs over the city, gathering about five hundred. So we had enough for all.

At 12:00 p. m. Bro. Devine was called upon to break the news of the passing of Bro. Tom Wilson, to his aged mother in her seventies. So ended the day our Lord arose from the dead.

Yes, we are surrounded with water, many streets and basements are flooded. Many using pumps day and night, yet in our main auditorium though damp, we are able to carry. May our Father haste the day when our brotherhood will-finish building instead of putting in units. So that His work will go on in any season.

A Servant In The Masters Cause,

Mrs. L. A. Devine.

Passing

Sister Angie Steward, grandmother of our fine young worker, A. D. Gault, of Mayslick, Ky., has passed on at 67 years. Charter member of church, joined under Eld. Samuel Buckner, a pioneer, worshipping with white church till colored church organized.

Long, useful life, her children and grandchildren rise up and call her blessed.

Funeral conducted by Eld. T. R. Everet, who spoke on “The Dead Who Die in the Lord.” He cast a light upon the shadows.

To her life’s toils are over, The lonely casket keeps. The sunbeams love to linger Where sainted mother sleeps.

The Family.

Our Winchester, Ky., church has re-roofed the parsonage and is putting running water into church while beginning spring drive to come off fifth Sunday in May.
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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"HEAVEN MUST BE IN ME BEFORE I CAN BE IN HEAVEN"—Stanford

One J. S. Conway, of Nicholasville, charges one I. H. Moore, of several places, with being "A little hen trying to 'kiver' too many aigs."

Bro. Moore retorts that said Bro. Conway is a hen that left the next and let the "aigs chill." Perhaps both hens need baptizing in hot water.

"Put him in battle front and retire from him" has come down from king to peasant, we're sorry to say.

We knew Bro. Fowler and the good Covington people would carry on a fine State Board meeting. Plenty room for more good young men in the Christian Ministry.

Have the churches and all departments sent in all moneys raised for Home Missions on Easter Sunday? Let the ministers and those in charge check up on these matters and act promptly.

The Danville District Meeting came up to expectation in program and care. Rev. S. W. Parr and his good sister, Mrs. Cheatham, gave us a great dinner that day and bade many. We return THANKS MANY.

Rev. W. D. Cambell is holding protracted meeting in his new charge at Midway, Ky. This is one of our "Old Line" churches, and a very generous people, majoring in State Conventions.

Among our able unemployed ministers are Bros. F. D. Griffin, of Mississippi, J. S. Conway, of Kentucky, and W. M. Martin, of Cincinnati, Ohio, besides a few other "Regulars" whose names the Plea will release upon request.

And now, if every minister, organization and member will drive hard toward State conventions, we will arrive on time.

We appreciate the increasing flow of correspondence coming our way. Some of these good fellows are "writing their heads off" and we're so sorry that our columns are too short to carry them in full.

Our National President B. C. Calvert, of Mississippi, leaves no stone unturned in fostering the CAUSE. His spacious waistline and Websterian forehead have meaningful significance. Like General Grant at the battle of Shiloh, Calvert is all "along the line" encouraging his soldiers.

Will we respond to his appeals? Presidents are practically helpless unless their arms are upheld. Moses led Israel to victory as long as his Brethren Aaron and Hur held up his arms.

No general, however resourceful, can succeed, unless captain and trenchmen co-operate. We must learn to "take orders."

Let the women hear Mrs. Preston Taylor, of Nashville, their national head. Let the Sunday School hear Eld. S. S. Myers, of Kansas City, their national head. Let the Endeavors hear Eld. Arnold, of Oklahoma, their national head, and all join the drive for "UNIFIED PROMOTION" with the kindly guiding hand of Prof. Peoples, our general field worker.

And now for a record breaking attendance at all the young people's conferences. The dates and locations are ideal. The one in Kentucky comes to dear old Nicholasville July 6-12. The Southern R. R. and bus lines are convenient. Facilities are not wanting. The church life and atmosphere are invigorating and will give the Conference the right of way.

Indeed fifty plus should register at each conference. Pastors and officials should busy themselves mightily in helping the "youngsters" off to the conference. It will pay dividends in helping youth find themselves. Prof. Peoples, our own Mr. Vance G. Smith—the veteran Conferenceite and miss Edith Wilson—our Ky. Bible School leader, will fill the week brim full of supervised recreation, worship and study. Come, if you have to walk, we'll send you back.

Our Paris District Meeting took on Convention proportions with fourteen preachers present, including our friend, Mr. Rhodes Thomson, minister of the white church there. His greeting was indeed cordial. We had fellowship in a common ministry in another town — across the years. He didn't forget. Pres. J. A. Johnson, Sec. A. D. Gault, J. A. Hutzel and Miss Ellen Henderson, along with the veteran minister of a third of a century—Eld. Stafford Campbell — made telling gestures in the right direction.
"What should be taught in the Bible School," drew fire from many rifles and snipers. "Stewardship" somewhat "oiled the waters." Miss Edith Wilson was "Minding the Gap."

While old Kentucky still leads in Plea subscriptions, other states are "coming along." April was OHIO month, May is Indiana and Illinois month, etc. Yet EVERY MONTH IS EVERYBODY'S MONTH.

C. H. D.

EAST VINE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Mrs.) Rosa B. Griffith, Reporter

East Vine Avenue church unanimously elected Elder R. W. Watson as pastor. The church gave a surprise birthday party and presented him a Morroco bound New Testament.

Prof. Jason Cowan, who came to attend the meeting of Deans and Registrars at Knoxville College, spent the weekend with us. Sunday morning he preached at Logan Temple Zion Church and Sunday night at our church. His talk of his work at Mt. Beulah College, given at Christian Endeavor, and his sermon at church service on "We Are Debtors," were graciously received. On Monday an officer of the church gave the ministers his car and they went to Sevierville (a nearby town) and Johnson Bible College, where each was presented books written by Ashley S. Johnson and Alva R. Brown.

We observed a ten-day pre-Easter evangelistic service. On Palm Sunday a chapter of the Eastern Star presented an outstanding musical program at church.

During Passion Week the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance sponsored union services each day at our church at noon. On Friday from 12:00 until 3:00 p.m.

On Easter Sunday the Bible School led the service at morning worship hour. The pastor's theme was, "Christ's Easter Message. At the evening service the Young People's Club gave a play "Go Tell The Brethren."

A few Sundays ago the pastor preached on the "Holy Spirit." This message was so forceful and inspiring that the members have called it his masterpiece. Such messages as "The Christian Race," "The Call to a Christian Soldier," "Christian Life," "The Marks of a Christian," have so been directed to the church as to cause an increase in fervor and zeal to work. There have been three additions to the church. Two by confession and one returned. Please pray for our continued growth.

SCHOOLS FOR NEGRO PASTORS — 1936

For information about the following interdenominational schools for Negro pastors address the institutions listed below:

Sam Houston College, Austin, Texas, June 8-13; Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, June 15-20; Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., June 22-27; Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss., June 29-July 4; Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., July 6-16; Gulfside, Waveland, Miss., July 21-29; Gammon Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., July 27-Aug. 1; Claflin College, Orangeburg, S. C., Aug. 3-8; Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 10-15; Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., Sept. 1-10.

Our Hustonville church will observe Mothers' Day program Sunday night, May 10th.

A GROWING SHARE

Sir William Hartley, a merchant, a man of wealth, and a church leader, believes that the distribution of money is a more difficult and anxious task than the making of it. His own expression is, "I sit on my money; I don't let it sit on me."

"It has long been my conviction," writes Sir Hartley, "that a business man needs some definite means of escape into the larger life of the higher world, and that nothing compares in that regard with the decision to devote to humanitarian work a definite and growing share of the total income."

"The greatest event of my life occurred on January 1, 1877. On that day my wife and I made a written vow that we would devote a definite and well considered share of our income to religious and humanitarian work, and that this should be a first charge and that we would not give to the Lord something when we had finished with everything else."

"Since that date we have often increased the proportion, so that the original percentage is now left far behind. The distribution of the Lord's portion has been the greatest joy of my life."

"The real, deep, lasting and genuine happiness of my own Christian life began when I was led to see how dishonoring to God it was to give money for His cause in a spasmodic manner and how much more satisfactory it must be to give Him just in the proportion He gave to me."
SOME RESULTS OF
HOME MISSIONS

(Continued from last issue by Prof. J. M. Cowan, of Mt. Beulan College, Edwards, Miss.)

These are by no means all who ought to be mentioned. The unnamed hundreds, some of whom are in the congregations of the men named above, the loyal teachers who labor under terrific handicaps in the schools of this and adjacent southern states, the fine young women who joined their lot with that of our young men, and others whose contribution has been better homes, better farms, and independent business enterprises are no less ours to speak of with justifiable pride. Upon them falls the burden of following intelligent leadership, setting examples of industry and frugality and thereby helping to raise our people to higher standards of living without which there can be no real progress.

The value of such an institution to a state, a nation, and to a brotherhood cannot be questioned. In order to continue to grow there are some specific needs that our own people should realize as acutely as others have done. As I write, I look from the library window in the academic building and see dormitories for men and women, cottages for teachers, the president's home, the dining hall, the industrial building, the sawmill, the barns, the cattle, mules, hogs and sheep and realize with a sense of shame how little my people have done in gifts of love and money in contrast with what others have done for us. Is it not time that we assume a greater share in this great missionary enterprise?

Today our most acute need is a dormitory for men. Belling Hall, a frame structure, was built in 1900. Built to accommodate forty young men, it now houses fifty-two. Years of constant punishment by youthful bodies within the elements without have made its replacement imperative in the interest of sanitation and safety. Your Easter offering to Home Missions will hasten the erection of a new dormitory.

Then we find ourselves unwillingly drawn into competition with other schools whose courses of study, comfortable buildings, instructors with advanced graduate training, and large student bodies are offered as inducements to prospective students. A greatly limited operating budget and low salary schedule for instructors are not easy handicaps to overcome as we struggle to maintain the high educational level which has been our objective for many years. Your cooperation will help us to meet this competition.

It is absolutely necessary for the life of our present and future churches that we continue to find, inspire and send out young people, charged with the responsibility of Christian leadership. In this we cannot work alone. The Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Baltimore, Md., churches have young men here in training whom they are helping to support. The pastor of the Paducah, Ky., church and his wife have a Timothy here who appreciates their assistance. Other pastors and laymen might profitably follow this lead, for the returns from such investments are imperishable.

The maintenance, physical growth, and the future outlook of Southern Christian Institute are all dependent upon the combined efforts of all of our churches on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1936, when the offering for Home Missions will be taken. Thus our school, and all other institutions under the Home Department, are dependent upon your interest, your prayers, and your gifts, in order that through us, the world may see the Christ and be constrained to follow after Him.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

By R. H. PEOPLES
The International Council of Religious Education held its annual meeting in Chicago February 10-17. The inspiration which I received as a member of one of the advisory sections was great. I was inspired beyond measure in the opportunity to meet such great religious educators as Dr. Hugh Hartshorne whose four lectures deepened my appreciation for him and for the techniques of research in the field of Religious Education. I also had the rare treat to hear Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa give three wonderful addresses. In one of these addresses he gave us a thought which I want to share with other readers of the Plea. He said, “You people in America preach too much about Faith, Error (doctrine), Differences (denominational), and not enough about Brotherhood and Love.”

On February 9, Interracial Sunday, we visited the Sauganash Community Church (white) of which Reverend C. K. Richards is the able pastor. We were accompanied by Brother E. C. Welch and his splendid quartet from the Indiana Avenue Christian Church. The members of this quartet were: Messrs. Leroy Loadholt, tenor; James Hamlin, bass; Mrs. Helen Pratt Lewis, soprano;
and Mrs. Leslie Clark, contralto. We had a very impressive fellowship with this congregation. Reverend Richards is doing a piece of work in this church worthy of the highest praise.

While in Illinois I visited the following churches: Rockford, Bloomington, Southside (Chicago) and Oakwood Boulevard. The latter congregation, now Indiana Avenue Christian Church, moved into its new church home on March 8. They have closed the deal for a good location near 44th Street and Indiana Avenue.

On returning to St. Louis I had as my guest Elder S. S. Myers of Kansas City, Missouri, our national president of Church Schools. Because of pastoral obligations at home Brother Myers could spend only one day with us. Nevertheless, he had a most enjoyable and profitable visit with us. Miss B. E. Chandler, national corresponding secretary of Church Schools, was in conference with us and gave some very valuable information and suggestions on the plans for our Young People's Conferences, Vacation Church Schools and Church School work in general. Brother Myers has a very optimistic view with regard to the outcome of the general church work and we are exceedingly hopeful of achieving a marked degree of improvement in our understanding of the work of the church. We solicit your prayers in this direction.

YESTERDAY—TODAY

There is glory to be gained,
There are great deeds to be done,
There are goals still unattained,
Waiting some courageous one;
What was finished yesterday
Merely paves tomorrow's way.

GREETINGS

To Ky. W. M. S. Everywhere:
With more favorable conditions in weather and finance, the women and men and young people who compose the great family of missionaries, well wishers of our Kentucky churches, should stir up the fires of enthusiasm to zeal for work. The rigors of winter set up back far behind our goal line, and now, let's try hard to "catch up." Even I hear some have still our Easter offering in treasury at home. Send it in sisters, and let it do its work. The home treasury is like an incubator full of eggs with no heat applied. Let's empty up.

Recovery and Step Forward, June 30 and July 22nd, are red letter days for Kentucky missionary workers. Whose district president is going to be proudest? Whose local president is going to be happiest? And how many churches are going to be able to say with pride, "Our women's work is better this year"? Try to recover, then you'll surely advance.

Mrs. E. WINIFRED OWENS,
State General Secretary,
Nicholasville, Ky.

Dear Friend of Youth:
Because we are both tremendously concerned about the Christian Education of young people I am glad to write you concerning the young people's summer conferences. These conferences are coming to have an increasing place in our Christian Education Program for youth and I know you will want your young people to share in them.

I feel sure that the conferences this year will be better than ever. The introduction of the new curriculum and other changes will make them even more effective than they have been in the past.

I hope you will find it possible to give attention to the securing of a fine conference delegation from your church. If none of your young people have ever attended, see if you cannot arrange for the finest young man and woman in your group to go this year. If you have had a delegation in the past, plan for one again this year. Do everything you can to have it made up of your most capable young people.

D. H. C.

By JULIA FLOWERS

The South Side Christian Church of Chicago, led by Rev. R. E. La Touche, is reporting for 1935, which was very successful, spiritually as well as financially.

We closed the year with fourteen additions.

At the beginning of the year the pastor asked us to make this a banner year in every respect.

Financially we have exceeded any previous year during the depression. We started out to raise five thousand dollars, but we raised five thousand, one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and fourteen cents.

We are not large numerically, but through cooperation and the very remarkable leadership of our minister we are able to achieve our aim.

The Church is in excellent mood, with a fine group of young people, ready to shoulder any responsibility which may be imposed upon them.

From the outlook of our church we hope to make 1936 even a more successful banner year in all departments.

May we ask for your prayers as we face the future.

R. E. La Touche, Pastor
JULIA FLOWERS,
Reporter.
The Poets’ Corner

**KETTLE MUSIC**

I know a song that always draws me home,
With home sick heart, remembering dear things;
No matter where I am, I plainly hear
The song my mother’s kettle sometimes sings.

**THE ART OF LIVING**

To touch the cup with eager lips and taste—not drain it;
To woo and tempt and court a bliss—and not attain it;
To fondle and caress a joy—yet hold it lightly,
Lest it become necessity and cling too tightly.
To watch the sun set in the West without regretting;
To hail its advent in the East—the night forgetting;
To smother care in happiness and grief in laughter;
To hold the present close—not questioning hereafter;
To have enough to share—to know the joy of giving;
To thrill with all the sweets of life—is living.

**TO THEM**

Musicians think our souls are harmonies;
Physicians think that they complexions be;
Epicures make them swarms of atomies
Which do, by chance, into our bodies flee.

One thinks the soul is air; another fire;
Another blood diffused about the heart;
Another saith the elements conspire,
And to her essence each doth yield a part.

Some think one general soul fills every brain,
As the sun gives light to every star;
Another saith the name of soul is vain,
And that we only well-mixed bodies are.

**JUST A LITTLE**

A little more gray in the lessening hair
Each day as the years go by;
A little more stooping of the form,
A little more dim the eye.
A little more faltering of the step
As we tread life’s pathway o’er.
But a little nearer every day
To the ones who have gone before.
A little more halting of the gait,
And a dulness of the ear;
A little more loneliness in life
As the dear ones pass away;
A bigger claim on the heavenly land
With every passing day.
A little father from toil and care,
A little less way to roam;
A drawing near to a peaceful voyage
And a happy welcome home.

**THE MILK MAN IN INDIA**

Curious customs can often be traced to stranger beliefs. Some of our missionaries at Damoh, India, discovered that their Hindu milk man had been putting water in the milk. Upon questioning him they found he actually believed this to be necessary.

Non-Christians believe that if they do not add just a little water before boiling milk, the essence of the milk will go in steam to the cow, buffalo or goat which gave the milk and cause it to become dry. Just a little water prevents this happening because it escapes in the steam. The Christians of the town know the folly of such superstitions.

**LIVING CHRISTIANITY**

Jesus took time to be kind. He lived his teachings. He was never too busy to take little children in his arms, to heal a sufferer who touched his garment, to give the light of his spirit to one who sought him by night.

One of our home mission pastors learned that the husband of one of his most faithful church workers was practically blind. When he called at the home he learned that they were in pitiful financial straits because of the collapse of real estate values.

The pastor and a deacon worked together, and against many obstacles succeeded in getting them relief on relief. Then they helped them to secure a government loan on property. Finally they were able to interest relief agencies in the matter of the husband’s vision. He was taken to the hospital and cataracts removed from both eyes. Now he is on his glorious adventure of renewed sight.

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Thinking On These Things

The Imperative of the Hour In Christian Stewardship, is a Conviction of the Ownership of Wealth.— Mat. 25:14, 15.

By ELD. S. S. MYERS of Kansas City, Mo.

When men speak of their wealth, they use the following terms; my farm, my home, my job, my business, my country, by church, my Father. We need to learn the meaning of the word, “ours.” Jesus taught His disciples to pray “Our Father.” We do not even belong to ourselves, we are bought with a price. The text says, “He called His own servants and delivered unto them His goods. We are in partnership with God and with one another in kingdom building.

Man needs a conviction that other factors beside himself enters into the making of wealth. Mr. Burt Wilson put it like this, “There are three factors in wealth making—the individual, society and God.”

To make this idea clear, I am using an illustration. I believe we have some knowledge of the farm. The farmer; what part does he play in the process of making wealth? He furnishes the labor to plant, to plow and harvest. What does society do in the process of making wealth? It furnishes the plows, harvesting machinery and creates a demand for

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among the brethren

southern christian institute commencement

To our many friends and alumni, Greetings:

The Forty-Fourth Annual Commencement Exercises at Southern Christian Institute was observed May 22-26, 1936. The closing school year has been a very successful one from every angle. Our enrollment for all departments is two hundred and three with an increase in our Junior College enrollment, which is the most satisfactory gain in recent years.

Opinion is generally unanimous that the outstanding and most helpful event of the last twelve months was the coming of the National Convention delegates to our campus. It is not at all surprising to find thousands of our white brethren who know nothing about our work but is was rather a shock to hear from our Negro brethren such expressions as: "I didn't know that we had all this-" or "I've heard of S. C. I. for years but I wasn't prepared for what I find here." That visit opened many eyes to the possibilities of this institution and has already brought some concrete expressions of helpfulness and cooperation.

The Womens' Missionary Society of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, made a splendid contribution to the appearance and comfort of the Mens' Dormitory in the form of curtains for windows and closets, and spreads for beds. These colorful articles brought a sense of pride to many youthful hearts and also helped several fellows to become better housekeepers.

Then Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Baltimore, Md., churches started something that reminds me of my own experience some twenty years ago when the Womens' Missionary Society of the Dayton, Ohio, church paid my tuition as a starting push. These two churches are helping two fine prospects for the ministry with their financial support. This is an excellent way to become "doers and not hearers only."

Eight young men and women completed our Junior College courses this year and twelve graduated from the high school. We make every effort to convince these young people that they are only at the threshold of their preparation—not at the exit. Most of the members of this group have already filed applications in this and other schools for places and for work which will enable them to continue their training. This, we hold to be real progress.

The Commencement Program follows:

May 22nd., 7:30 P. M.—Opera by first six grades of the Elementary school.

May 23rd.—Promotion Exercises

May 24th. — Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. B. L. Jacobs. In the evening the church choir and Glee Clubs presented their Annual Concert.

May 25th. — Twelfth Grade play.

May 26th. — Commencement Program. Address by Willard Wickizer, successor to Grant K. Lewis as General Secretary of the Department of Home Missions. A barbecue dinner closed the activities of the day.

A cordial invitation was extended to Christian Plea readers by the students and faculty of Southern Christian Institute to be present and participate in these activities.

Jason M. Cowan

central conference

On July 6, at Fee Memorial Institute, at Nicholasville, Ky., Central Young Peoples' Conference will begin. An enrollment of at least (50) fifty students is expected. Judging from the promises made, this will be a banner year for Central Conference.

Every Superintendent, in Kentucky and some in Ohio and Indiana, have received a poster, some bulletins and registration blanks concerning conference. This material is to be given to young people in order to give them an urge and a reminder about conference.

Dear Superintendent, don't fail to display the poster. If more material is needed please write for it. I'll also be glad to offer any suggestions that you need.

Here are a few ways of raising money—cake sales, candy sales, plays, teas and various contests. People respond to conference cries rather well.

Remember, people, that the conference expense is the same for one student as for fifty or more. The faculty will be there ready to instruct the young people. Won't you send at least two from your school? If each school sends two students we will have more than last year.
GOOD BYE, MR. GIA

"Good bye, Mr. Chips" by James Hilton has brought tears to the eyes of thousands of readers. "Good bye, Mr. Gia" has brought both tears and beautiful memories to all those connected with our China Christian Mission.

Our older missionaries remember Mr. Gia Fu-tan as the head teacher in the Nanking Language School. Without knowing any English whatsoever he initiated them all into the new mysteries of the Chinese language, and each class of new missionaries, year after year, sat before him spellbound, inspired by his remarkable ability to teach beginners by the direct method, and cheered on by his intense and constant enthusiasm over their progress.

Mr. Gia became a Christian in May, 1923, and joined our Drum Tower Church in Nan-king. Long years before, however, influenced by the missionaries, he had opened a school in his home for neighborhood children. Mr. Lee Yao-tung, who conducted the memorial service for Mr. Gia, entered this little school when he was a child.

Later Mr. Gia became a personal teacher to one of our pioneer missionaries, Mr. F. E. Melgs. In that capacity he served as a go between.

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A CHINESE PROBLEM

Shi Fen is a pretty young girl student of our mission school at Luchowfu, China. Her grandmother has been a church member for many years. Shi Fen was baptized several years ago, and is now a member of the choir and helps in Sunday school.

When Li Shi Fen was a small child, her family was in extreme need of money. Her father is blind, and can do little to support his family. In desperation the family decided to engage the small daughter for a good sum so they could eat. She was betrothed to a young boy whose trade is making "oil twist" cakes, a kind of doughnut. He is an ignorant, humble lad, and makes a precarious living, but his family paid $65.00 for his future wife. In mediaeval Luchowfu this is considered a bargain not to be broken.

Six years have passed and Shi Fen has grown to be an especially clever, intelligent girl. She graduated from grammar school at the head of her class and won a scholarship for her first year of Junior high school. She is now in the second year and has paid all her expenses by knitting. Her problem is this: She is educated far above her future husband and will never be happy with him. Yet, according to local custom, she cannot break the contract except by going to the magistrate and paying about two hundred dollars, an unthinkable sum to her humble family. She is a superior type who should have the chance to express herself and to develop her abilities to the utmost.

Such is the fate of a woman in China, though new and Christian ideas are beginning to shape marriage customs.

RELATION OF KAGAWA, CHRISTIANITY, AND THE COOPERATIVES

(By James Myers, Industrial Secretary, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.)

Because of his Christ-like compassion for the multitudes and his personal way of life, Toyohiko Kagawa has been called the world's greatest living Christian. After years of first-hand experience in the slums and after careful study of the causes and effects of poverty, Kagawa came to the conclusion that he was fighting a losing battle, in trying to change the lives of individuals without removing the causes of poverty, slum conditions, low wages, and the war system which make it difficult or impossible for men and nations to live like children of God. He therefore launched out as a Christian social reformer as well as a flaming evangelist of personal religion. As economic means to accomplish Christian results in human society, he emphasizes consumers' cooperation. The cooperative movement he calls "the love principle of Christianity in economic action."

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work, the work that has been so carefully planted by our brethren, this must be corrected before we can advance.

Our Missionary money should go to the most needest place, and favoritism and friendship should not come into the consideration. I will write on this subject in the next issue.

Respectfully,

Yours for larger work,

L. H. C.
"A SMALL DEBT MAKES A DEBTOR, A LARGE ONE, AN ENEMY."—SYRUS.

By C. H. Dickerson

The Threefold Hope of the Church.

"The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." For there shall be no loss of any man's life." "Except these abide in the ship ye cannot be saved." "On boards and broken pieces all came safe to land."

The first of these four scriptures is too well known to need chapter and verse. The last three have their first reference to that nonsuch and unforgettable shipwreck described in the twenty-seventh chapter of "Acts of Apostles."

Our young people are called the hope of the church—its perpetuation. So might it be. But they must be made "fit for the Master's use." "Trained up in the way they should go."

Trained, not Driven. Trained, not Traduced. Trained, not fired into with a shotgun. Too much of our dealings with them have been "nots and don'ts." Let's find the other approach, by sending them to our young people's conferences.

Secondly, the present active member, his hope as the shadows lengthen is in committing these things to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also. This truth must be relayed down the generations "that in ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace"—must not perish from the earth.

Third, and all-inclusive, is the church, who "loved the church and gave himself for it," and to whom it belongs. This is the hope of the church and the church is the hope of the world.

The church is the only existing institution given solely to perpetuation of the life of Christ in the world.

We observe four special days annually: The financial content of Thanksgiving Day is for Religious Education; of Christmas is Benevolence; of Easter is Home Missions, and Children's Day, first Sunday in June, is for Foreign Missions.

To those who claim that the "Negro is the 'Forgotten Man' and the church is the one who forgot him," we would ask that they forget not themselves and others.

The Kentucky State program for convention is another splendid gesture forward.

Brother Owen at Nicholasville will find us coming up like "Pharaoh's Frogs."

Kill old "Summer Slump" with enthusiastic, cheerful, brief, but intensive service. Change he sleeper into a worker. Shake him, wake him, take him, break him and make him, but don't forsake him.

Eld R. H. Davis of Chicago writes, "Seven Baptized on Mothers' Day. Twenty-five added—and over six hundred dollars raised since March 1st. Present membership around 300."

That "Noble Roman," R. L. Peters, has been elected president of the " Ministers' Union at Winston-Salem, N. C. He's always a top notcher.

If the preachers would follow the lead of Dr. G. Calvin Campbell, of Cleveland, they'd get some extra stars in their earthly crown. Said Dr. Campbell pays up "In Full" for the Plea.

The passing of "Mother Elliott in Wyoming, Ohio, marks the moving of another old landmark. She gave to the world several thrifty sons and one daughter who live to make the world better. Like her aged husband, she was carried back to her well beloved Lincoln County, Ky., home for burial. The minister, Eld. L. L. Dickerson, made the journey with them.

We carried some subscribers almost as far as the law allows. Please count the Christian Plea among your bonus claims. Will presidents of states please give us times and places of coming conventions.


Tri-State Convention meets at Stewarts, Va., in August. Ohio goes to Dayton.

Sister Rosa Bracy is conducting another financial campaign, this time with Bro. R. E. Pearson at the old historic Central Christian Church in Louisville, Ky.

Kentucky State Board is declaring that the convention will hold each minister responsible for every church he serves, accounting for same.
Eld. H. T. Wilson, the wizard of the "Jackson Purchase" dropped in on us en route to the West End. He reports Carlisle anxious for 1937 State Convention. "So mite it be."

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the crop. What is God's share in the process of wealth making? He furnishes the land, the rain, the sunshine and gives the increase, etc. We can readily see that to have wealth, three factors enter into the process. If it takes all three to make it, then it is a joint ownership. So wealth belongs to man, society and God, because it is jointly made and jointly owned. So we should stop saying my farm, my home, my car or my business. We should say "Ours."

What Is The Lord's Share, And How Is He To Get It?

These two questions must be answered by every Christian, not one-third of the membership but every member. If we are to have any recovery and advance in our Christian program, it will come when we do all in our power to have men face up to their stewardship obligations. The members must be taught, that he or she must share what they have. The question God asked Moses. He is asking each one of His children today. "What do you have in your hand." What Moses had, God used, to deliver His people. With what we have, He is to use, in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, healing the sick, visiting the imprisoned and in preaching the gospel to the ends of the earth. Our task is His task, His is ours. We are to build together His kingdom in the hearts of men and give to humanity a social order that is Christian in practice as well as in doctrine.

Without reciting scriptures on tithing, I will draw this conclusion, that the Lord's share is the tithe or that this is the least the Christian should give. The Christian's obligation is greater than that of the Jews. We would do well to take the advice of the prophet Malachi, when he said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the sorehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

Man will get his share. Society will make him pay his taxes and get its share. The Lord has left His share with His servants. He requires of the steward to be faithful. The Lord has only one law to enforce man to be fair with Him. It is the law of love. "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." It has been well said, "You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving."

UNITED ACTION FOR RECOVERY AND ADVANCE

Disciples of Christ have a heritage of which they may be justly proud. Our pioneer preachers pushed their way westward with the caravan trains and home seekers, established churches and schools, preaching in circuits, ministering to the needs of pioneer people who were hewing their future out of vast forests and plains. Only a little less than a century ago we were a little handful of non-conformists. Today our church numbers over one and a half million people.

We have established schools and hospitals. We have taken the message of Christ as a personal responsibility and have established missions over the earth. Such a noble heritage brings awe-inspiring responsibility.

The real test comes in the midst of our strength. Are we going to hold our heritage?

The total cause of Christ must be preached and practiced with adventure and passion of the first century Christians.

His Gospel must be carried to every corner of the earth.

His ministry must be exalted and sustained.

His will must prevail throughout our continent and all its commonwealths.

His dynamic teaching must permeate all education.

His righteousness and justice must be proclaimed and incarnated in all areas of life.

His church must be unified to meet and solve the far-reaching issues of our day.

These causes of Christ depend upon Recovery and Advance by June 30. A gain will undergird the work and greatly encourage the brotherhood. A loss will mean a major disaster to some phases of the Christian task. The appeal for Recovery and Advance for the local church and its world-wide causes is reasonable in the light of more than a twenty per cent gain in national income for 1934 and 1935. The work of Christ should share in this increase.

The call is for action—united action, vigorous and immediate. Opportunity for success lies in unanimous cooperation. The results by June 30 determine how much service can be rendered next year in the name of Christ. Every church and each of its organs—

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izations is urged to make June
20-30 a period of realization
for Recovery and Advance
Goals. Which shall it be—
some part of the work strength-
ened or some part abandoned?
Your wholehearted participa-
tion in the final effort for Re-
covery and Advance by June 30
will supply the answer.

PRAYER FOR SLUM
CLEARANCE

Father of all mankind, who
hast blessed the human family
as the cradle of divinity, and
hast granted to us the security
and strength, the joy and com-
fort, and the supporting good-
ness of our homes, do Thou for-
give us that we have been con-
tent to accept these precious
gifts of life but have taken lit-
tle thought of those whose lot
confines them to the slums of
our cities.

Give us, we pray Thee, a vivid
sense of the little children con-
demned to live in crowded ten-
ements and to play amidst the
traffic of the streets, deprived
of the elements of human
health and happiness, robbed
even of the common heritage of
pure air and sunshine. Make
us conscious of the preventable
disease which breeds in the nar-
row alleys, and in the dark in-
ner rooms where sunlight
never comes.

By our hope of Thy mercy as
we sit concerned by the sick-
beds of our own little ones, may
we be willing in love to share
the anxiety, the anguish, and
the grief of the parents of the
poor as they watch by their sick
or mourn the death of those
who need not have sickened or
died but for the condition in
which they are obliged to live.

In the measure of our long-
ing for a happy home for our
dear ones, with space for gra-
cious living, free from the
special strains and irritations,
and the moral exposures of
crowded quarters; by our pleas-
ure in the joyous play of our
happy children in God’s out-of-
doors, do Thou lay upon our
conscience the plight of count-
less families whose lives are
 cramped and thwarted for lack
of space and air in which to
live, and play, and grow in stat-
ure and in favor with God and
man.

By the anguish of our prayers
for our own children, that the
may be saved from sin and may
grow in grace and goodness, do
Thou make us ashamed of our
toleration of the slums, which
in disproportionate measure
continue to make criminals and
prostitutes of many boys and
girls who never had a chance.
O God of love and justice, we
acknowledge before Thee our
personal and corporate respon-
sibility for the sins of such per-
verted lives.

Grant us grace at this time to
gird ourselves for action. May
our city and the nation put
their hand to the clearance of
the slums and to the building
of homes more fit for the chil-
dren of God. Vouchsafe to us
in this task of Thy Kingdom a
special sense of Thy nearness
and Thy love, inasmuch as we
would do it unto Thee. For Je-
esus’ sake, Amen.

THE MASS MOVEMENT IN INDIA

There is great restlessness
among the low caste peoples
of India, and strong trends to-
ward large movements into
Christianity. In this country
where caste, persecution and custom
make conversation of individu-
als so difficult, the coming of
whole groups to Christ is en-
couraging. In mid-India where
our work is located, our inten-
sive work among thousands of
people of the “approachable
castes,” as they have been
called.

In Damoh our major endeavor
is among Chamars and
Sweepers. The Chamars are
leather workers who are con-
sidered untouchables by those
of other castes. The adults are
visited, shown magic lantern
pictures, and told the gospel
story. Schools are conducted
for the children. The mission-
ary doctor and nurse care for
those who are ill.

The selling of gospels plays
an important part in reaching
the people. To the Indian, the
possession of a book which
tells all about Jesus is a pre-
cious thing. Though he might
not yet be Christian, he knows
that here is one whose in-
fluence is so great that the en-
tire world has begun to count
a new era from his birth. Ma-
hatma Gandhi, their own in-
comparable leader, studies his
teachings every day and the
number of Christians in India
is increasing at the rate of
200,000 each year. Surely one
should know about such a great
person. In greater and greater
numbers, India is turning to
Christ.

CHURCHES IN GEORGIA

(By Lorenzo J. Evans)

The State Board at Eastman
accepted the program for the
state as outlined by the evan-
gelist, including financing dele-
gate to the Tulsa National.

Valdosta entertained the
South District. Subject, “Pro-
gress through cooperation.”

Because of the passing of his
father-in-law, Eld. H. S. Dick-
inson, the white minister could
not be with us, but Mrs. Stev-
ens and others of the mission-
ary work attended and she
spoke on “Find Joy in Service.”

With the cooperation of the
white Christian friends of
Georgia the program bids fair
to succeed.
BE HAPPY AWHILE

To many Mexican mothers, the meeting of the Mothers' Club at our Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas, is the high light of the work. One mother told the leader, Miss Leona Hood, "When I come to Club I leave all my troubles at home and come to be happy awhile."

Meetings are held each Wednesday. On the first Wednesday of the month there is a business meeting, and on the second a program given by the mothers. On the third Wednesday physiology and sanitation are studied, and on the fourth, English. At every meeting the mothers sew for thirty minutes, and have at least a fifteen-minute devotion al service.

BAPTISM OF JAPANESE STUDENTS

Our Margaret K. Long Girls' School in Tokyo, Japan, is now celebrating its thirtieth anniversary, and plans to raise yen 15,000 are well under way. Already yen 12,000 has been pledged, and one-half that amount already paid in cash. So great is the enthusiasm of alumnae, patrons and faculty for the Christian girls' school, that they are now considering making the goal yen 30,000 so that some enlargement of the main building may be possible. This winter a fine group of the students was baptized, twenty-three of the young women making their confession of faith at this time.

WATSON AT ROGERSVILLE

We have just closed an interesting meeting with D. W. Bradley and good church at Rogersville, Tenn.

Much interest was manifested by the entire town and crowds increased each night the last two nights folks had to stand on outside.

Church was very much helped, Methodist and Presbyterians attending each evening. Two added.

Brother Bradley has labored there (his birth place) for twenty-five years and is one of the leading spirits in all matters of community life.

Mrs. Bradley and daughter with members cooperating did everything to make our stay pleasant.

Back home. Preached to good audience Sunday evening.

VIRGINIA - WEST VIRGINIA - NORTH CAROLINA

TRI-STATE ECHOES

"Thine Ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way.—Isaiah 31:21."

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North Carolina
Spencer Memorial Church of Christ
"Easter Services"

Major Features

On the 11th all-night services. On the 12th Holy Communion and Baptismal Services at 5:30 A. M. On the 13th Big Easter Egg Hunt, and beginning of two weeks revival. Elder S. Kenney of Johnson City, Tenn., doing the preaching. The Church "Prayer Band" in charge of the devotionals. Sunday the meeting reached a climax. Visitors present from Tennessee and Virginia. Fourteen accessions. Eight by baptism. Monday night reception given to the new members, Evangelist S. Kenney and wife by church. Record breaking crowds at all services.

North Main St. Church of Christ
Winston-Salem, N. C.

J. T. Thompson, Minister, has been in charge three weeks. Fifteen accessions. Twelve by primary obedience. One preacher among the number. Remarkable increase in Finance and attendance.

Ninth St. Church of Christ
No Minister

12th St. Mission
J. J. Jackson, Minister

Dreamland Park Mission
J. W. Mack, Minister,
Both Missions progressing.

Parks Grove Church
Wilks Co., Pastorless.

J. W. Jackson of Winston-Salem preached for them in March and April.

Mt. Olive and Antioch Churches, Greensboro, making progress under the leadership of L. B. Law and W. B. Brownson. L. B. Law, Minister of Antioch Church preached a special sermon at Spencer Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, April 12th, 3:00 P. M. His congregation accompanied him.

Mt. Olive Church of Greensboro, N. C., threw wide her doors and furnished shelter for the recent tornado sufferers, those who barely escaped for their lives.

First Christian Church
Mt. Airy

R. E. Burton, in charge. Church very much in debt. The Executive Board of Tri-State Convention paid off some notes on the property to save it.

First Christian Church
(Bailey Town) Walnut Cove
C. M. Robinson, Minister.
Making fine progress.
VIRGINIA
Phillippi Church of Church of Christ, Louisa Co. Ivory L. Buie, minister. Splendid progress in church and Bible school.
First Christian Church, Stuart, Va. J. W. Jackson, Minister. Making fine progress.
Eld. J. E. Blair, that thunderbolt from Danville, Ky., held a great meeting at Tazewell, Va., for Eld. G. M. Dickerson, an old historic church, always vibrant with exuberant life and the scene of many forensic encounters.

The Poets' Corner

PRAYER

By MISS OLLIE GIBSON
Lovejoy, Ill.

The Master teaches us to pray in belief,
And from prayer we should get relief.
Is there anything in the holy word
Tells us that our prayers are heard

Tho' they unanswered seem to go
When we've prayed the best we know?

Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given
Every good and perfect gift comes from heaven."

We know the Lord answers prayers indeed,
And always knows our every need.

But when we still suffer so in pain
How do we know we've not asked in vain?

Are we sometimes so centered in I,
Not the others, just me and my,
And fail to pray with a penitent heart,
And so fail in the attempt from the start

Thinking the Lord has failed to do
When it isn't the Lord, but you?

HABIT

"Habit is hard to overcome,
If you take off the first letter
It does not chance "abit."
If you take off another
You have a "bit" left.
If you take still another
The whole of "it" remains.
If you take still another
It is not "totally" used up.
All of which goes to show
That if you wish to be rid of a "habit"
You have to throw it off together.

Seven essays are in hand for the Nicholasville Y. P. Contest. Our next issue will report the winner and why our Indianapolis, Ind., church is again moving grandly on under the pastorate of Brother B. C. Duke, another preacher's son. It's in the blood. More from Indianapolis in next issue.
CARLISLE CHURCH
STILL LIVING

The Little Rock (Ky.) Church, with its minister, I. H. Moore, took a truck load over to the Carlisle church service Sunday afternoon.

Little Rock sang and Carlisle did too, and Bro. Moore, the little man with a big message, stirred them from their slumbers.

The friendship of these congregations dates back to when Carlisle church helped Little Rock church out of a struggle and good old Brother Hughes "Hauled the Benches."—Gratitude.

CRAWFORD VISITS
CLEVELAND, OHIO

I worshipped this morning with Elder Calvin G. Campbell. Had a great service. I preached for him tonight. Things are looking good for our National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Elder S. S. Meyers and I visited a number of churches in Texas as follows: Houston, Waco, W a x h a c h l e, both churches at Dallas, Greenville and Fort Worth. Then to Muskogee, Oklahoma. Had splendid trip and were received graciously among the churches.

We received in cash and pledges for the National Convention something like $350. I am yours for large at work.

L. H. CRAWFORD.

The seven essay contestants for the Y. P. Conference at Nicholasville, July 6-12, are the following:

Miss Jane Smith, Lexington;
Miss R. Marie Johnson, Midway;
Miss Viola Lewis, Lexington;
Miss Marie Harmon, Louisville;
Miss Jessie McPherson, Danville;
Miss Eleanor Craig, Louisville; and Miss Pearl Reed, London.

Three of them used "women's teeth" and had too many words despite the plain instruction that three hundred words was the limit. These three essays were good but were out of the running. They were Miss Jane Smith, Miss Viola Lewis, and Miss Marie Harmon.

These three being eliminated the first prize came to Miss R. Marie Johnson of Midway—all expenses paid for the Conference.

The second prize came to Miss Pearl Reed, of London, who gets her registration fee ($3.00) paid at Conference.

Miss Eleanor Craig or Louisville and Miss Jessie McPherson of Danville came in for their meed of praise.

All of these will appear in coming issues of the Plea. The subject twas "Open Doors of Opportunity." Fortunately the judges did not know the identity of the writers of the essays; the president, just sent them by number, thus all partiality was avoided. Else it might have been different—Smiles.

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

VIRGINIA—WEST VIRGINIA—NORTH CAROLINA
TRI-STATE ECHOES

"Thine Ears Shall Hear a Word Behind Thee, Saying, This Is The Way."—Isa. 30: 21.

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

Churches in Tri-State Christian Convention will hold their 15th annual session at Stuart, Va., August 6-9, 1936.

Apportionment
All adult members of the Church are apportioned $3.12 each.

Churches In Action

Philippi Church, Louisa County, Va., a few weeks’ financial drive closed Sunday, May 24th. Total receipts $69.78. Mrs. L. R. Harris, one of the Captains in the contest was the winner of the prize of $2.50 which she gave to the Church. This was fine for a country church having services once a month. We are looking forward to the convention, with the expectation of sending two delegates.

I. H. BUIE, Minister.

First Christian Church, Mt. Airy, N. C., pulling hard under heavy debt, came near being sold. The Tri-State Convention treasury came to their rescue—saved them from being sold out. The Field Secretary visited the Church on the 28th of May, was there in the town two hours, contacted two of the business men (white) and raised $10.00 for the Church. He returned on Sunday, May 31st, with Elders Wm. Men-ners, J. G. Green and J. C. Love and held services, one young man from the Baptist Church accepted The Teachings of the New Testament and united with the Church of Christ. Rev. J. G. Green will have charge of this Church till August Convention.

May 17th was the beginning of a 100 Days’ Rally at Spencer Memorial Church for church building indebtedness. This church is much alive both spiritually and financially. Special mention should be made of some young people of the church. Namely: Enoch Small, James Brown, Curtis Gairy, Lemon Wilkerson, lately put on Deacon Board and rendering excellent service. Millard Galloway, Deacon and Director of Choir. Sister Ma-ble Fultz, assistant Matron of Junior Church. Sister Magno-lla Mitchell, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department; both young ladies having recently been baptized and now faithful workers in the church. Sister Ethel Peeples, high school girl (Senior), is office clerk, secretary of church and president of C. E. Society. Sister Lillie English, president of Women’s Missionary Society and president of Slab-Town Convention—a money-raising play.

Mr. Eugene Patterson, superintendent of Bible School and field deputy of Tri-State Christian Convention, is rendering some excellent programs. He is also in charge of the quartet giving programs in all churches connected with Tri-States to clear the churches of all mortgages.

James Peters, James Rogers and James Banner represented Spencer Memorial Church in the “Older Boys’ Conference” held at the Y. M. C. A. on Chestnut St., Winston-Salem, N. C., and at Kemberly Park School.

DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP
IN CONFERENCES

"Where young people work, study and play in preparation for service" is the apt description of our young people’s summer conferences. Eighty-six have been planned for the United States this summer, and a number in Canada, China, India, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Ar-gentina and the Philippine Islands. Twelve of these eighty-six are new conferences. The attendance last year was 7,249, and a conservative esti-mate places the 1936 number at 8,000.

Four groups of courses are offered in the conference curriculum. They are Personal Enrichment, Orientation in the Social Order, Special Projects and Local Church Improve-ment Courses. The first group aims at enriching the personal-ities of young people by helping them to evaluate their own lives and to formulate a more effective life program. They face their own problems and study their own strengths and weaknesses in order to find the Christian way for themselves.

The second group aims at helping young people find themselves in relation to the world in which they live. In
it are such courses as "Christianity and Social Issues," "The World Program of the Church," "Making My Community Christian," and "History of the Disciples." Such courses lead young people to see the wider implication of the Christian gospel, the nature of the world in which we live, and the magnitude of the program of the church and of our people.

Among the courses offered in the third group are "Helping Face the Liquor Issue," "Working for a Warless World," "A Missionary Education Program for Young People," and "Working for a More Christian Economic Order." Every attempt is made to help young people think through and determine what the Christian attitude with respect to these various matters should be. Though no attempt is made to impose any particular conclusions upon the young people, yet everything possible is done to stimulate them to face these issues squarely and in the light of Christian teachings and ideals.

The purpose of the last group of courses is to train young people for fuller and more effective service. They deal with the methods of work with children and young people and give opportunity for actual experimentation with the methods considered. Through these courses young people are trained for more effective participation in young people's meetings, worship services, recreational activities, etc. Half the class time of each student is given to this kind of study.

It is through this development in actual leadership ability that young people are able to make contributions of genuine worth to their churches.

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**THE CHRISTIAN PLEA**

**THAT ALL MAY SHARE**

By ELD. RAYMOND WALTON
Parsons, Kan.

Years ago through the teachings and preaching of that able scholar and minister, Geo. Calvin Campbell, I became a Christian and from then I've been in the harness. Then came Elder L. H. Crawford, who I claim as my father in the ministry and through him I started on the road in the ministry. Since then I've held state and national convention offices and am now pastor of the Morgan Ave. Church in Parsons, Kansas, and all this I owe to the guidance and kindness of my father in the Gospel, L. H. Crawford.

That the brotherhood might know and help share my happiness I write these lines. I preached the baccalaureate sermon in Parsons and officiated on the commencement program, bringing credit to our local church. This is the ninth month of my ministry and through the graciousness of God I've succeeded thus far. For my baccalaureate text I used the famous words of the Apostle "I press on . . . and I can do all things through Jesus Christ . . ." and I expect to press onward with Christ my constant companion.

The church is progressing fine and we are gradually paying off old debts and keeping up current expenses. Added to our cradle roll is Betty Jane Porter, the three-weeks-old baby of Brother and Sister Jesse Porter.

Our district convention held with us was a wonderful success and all the churches reported. We are ready for both state and national conventions. Rev. C. W. Arnold, National C. E. president, called on us en-

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**DANVILLE, KY.**

J. E. BLAIR

Just returned a few days ago from the State of Virginia. There in the little city, with one of the noblest pastors of the brotherhood, Elder G. M. Dickerson, of Tazewell. During the ten days of the revival, I enjoyed one of the best fellowship meetings of my pastoral life, with Elder Dickerson and his good wife, Brother Dickerson is a man among men. I say that because of the fact that he has made a record, to my mind which can't be excelled by many, he has taught the people of his town the difference between conduct and character, as it relates to the Christian life; he has the personality of the Christ, and the ability of St. Paul, and the calmness of the most renowned heroes, in carrying on in the name of the Lord.

May the Lord bless this great man, and may he live long to teach and preach the word of life to men and women who are lost in sin. The meeting closed out with 45 added to the church. I still believe the word that the Lord added to the church such as should be save.

As Old Virginia is called "The Mother of Presidents," so Tazewell County is the "Mother of Preachers" and good works.

They're loyal to the old Book, do their own thinking and succeed.

Elder Dickerson has served his people some 20 years and seems good for 20 more.

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route to St Louis. We are always glad to do our part to keep the work going.

Bro. Cicero Davidson, pioneer Christian and acting Elder of our church, is confined to the hospital. We ask your prayers.
EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

THE CAP AND GOWN

Memories of golden sunshine
Memories of storm and rain
Memories of sweetest pleasures
Memories of poignant pain
There are memories of rural life
And memories of town
But none of these more thrilling than
Memories of Cap and Gown

'Tis the goal of great ambition
Of the youth who upward climb
It is not without attrition
'Tis the subject of this rhyme
It's the polestar of the brilliant
'Tis the mecca of the sound
As they brave by dint of effort
Storms twixt them and Cap and Gown.

Oh, I know you're never certain
Of the contents by the "Tags"
We all know how often long coats
Hide a multitude of rags
But these graceful folds of ermine
With rectangular tasseled crown
Have been tested to determine
If they merit Cap and Gown

So the picture flashed on canvas
High school students on the field
Profs with their tens and dozens
Capped and gowned from head to heel
Speakers say we must be growing?
Supts passing 'plomas 'round
With school music gently flowing
Audience cheered for Cap and Gown.

Plaudits, honors to the graduates
As their banners they unfurl
For the hand that holds the grammar
Is the hand that rules the world
Schools don't happen — there's a mainspring.
Teachers make the wheels go round
'Tis to them we'd pay the tribute
Of the glorious Cap and Gown.

C. H. D

FROM THE VIRGINIA HILLS

By ELD. G. M. DICKERSON

Our meeting at Midway Church of Christ at Tazewell, Va., closed with 46 additions all told. Eld. J. E. Blair held us a fine meeting. The people of the town are still talking about his great sermons. We heartily recommend him to those who need an evangelist.

He came to us recommended by Editor of Christian Plea. He is all he was recommended to be and more. We certainly enjoyed a splendid fellowship.
Savannah, Tenn.

By Miss Calvary Luton

The College Avenue Christian Church, Savannah, Tenn.

The Growth of the Church

Some few years ago, prospects of a progressive church seemed somewhat futile. I wonder if any church has been under such trying conditions?

The years between 1932 and 1935 were the darkest years of our church. The faithful few who struggled on to keep the church going, did not become discouraged, they still had hope of improvement in the future.

Sunday School attendance was poor, especially attendance of adults. There were no sermons, because there was no preacher. And in my way of thinking, a church without a pastor is like a ship without a captain.

Few attempts were made toward improvement because there was not in our midst a very influential leader. Perhaps there were some who were willing to take up things, but they never advanced. Thus, no one took up the cross.

The beginning of the year of '36 showed quite a contrast from the preceding three years, in Sunday School attendance, and a better working spirit among the members.

Still there, was not a regular pastor. There had been several, who sometimes ministered one or two Sundays a month. This, however, was because we were not able to support a full time minister.

The last of the year of '35, up until the present, shows quite a difference in the life of the church. Though this difference in progress has not been made by leaps and bounds, yet it does our leader great credit.

We now have a pastor who is giving full time service and impresssion of youth with Christian character and the application of Christian principles in many of the needy places of the world. The chemist perfects foods, and household necessities. The preacher fulfills the great commission “Go into all the World and preach the gospel.” The missionary exercises the spirit of Christ “Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend.” The social service is also a friend of fallen humanity and destitute souls.

Rely upon it that the ancient were right; both in morals and intellect, we give the final shape to our characters, and thus become, emphatically, the architects of our own fortune.

Elders Watson of Knoxville, Tenn., and Martin of Ohio report great sessions at the Church Workers Institute at Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas, the first of June, and next is Young Peoples Conference at Nicholasville, Ky., July 6-12.

Preparations are being made for the largest enrollment yet. Splendid faculty and abundant facilities will be there.

Elder Owens and Church at Nicholasville raised one hundred and twenty dollars in their June rally, while Brother W. D. Campbell at Midway, Ky., church raised one hundred and thirty-six dollars.

We hope Children’s Day was generally successful, as much depends upon that day.

Mrs. Mary E. Taylor (formerly of Winchester) one of our leading State Bible School workers, who is now teaching in Hampton, Va., visited a few friends in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky along with Miss E. M. Harden who teaches in Dorchester Academy, Georgia, now at home in Kentucky on vacation.
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June 27, 1936

Y. P. CONFERENCE AND STATE CONVENTION

By MISS EDITH WILSON of Louisville, Ky.

What we expect at convention. 1. Two young people from
every school in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, and
Ohio—an average of one at least from these schools.
2. A congenial faculty, well prepared.
3. A happy, earnest student body participating in all activities
whole-heartedly, remembering "You get out of a subject or activity what you put
into it."
4. Inspiring vespers and chapel messages that challenge all to deeper feeling of responsibility.
5. A week of Christian living that enables all to realize what a well rounded life can be.

What we expect at Convention. 1. Visitors from many states to see Kentucky in a state meeting. You will get an idea of a real convention.
2. Delegates from every school in the state. Last year thirty-two schools reported. We've heard from forty schools—let each of them send delegates, but above all things, send a report to convention.
3. That persons on program appear and do your part.
4. That Sunday School delegates attend the sessions of the Church, Missionary and Christian Endeavor departments. Our theme is "Forward through Unification."
5. That all schools have observed the holidays and paid all or most of their state apportionments.
6. That this convention surpass all others in all respects. We know that some stepping must be done.

Yours for Young People's Conference at Nicholasville, Ky., July 6-12, and State Convention at same place July 22-25.

A NEW BEGINNING

(Richard H. Davis, of Chicago)

On Palm Sunday, 1926, the congregation of Disciples of Christ in Chicago known as the Armour Avenue Christian Church took possession of the historic Baptist church building at 729 Oakwood Boulevard. From that date, the organization became the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church.

This Negro congregation had its beginning a little more than two score and five years ago when the colored population of the "windy" city was very insignificant. For the first twenty years the small group led a very precarious existence. Several times it was threatened with complete dissolution but fortunately during the second decade of its efforts to prevent disintegration the Chicago Christian Missionary Society and the Christian Woman's Board of Missions came to its rescue. From that period the permanency of the congregation was assured.

During the early part of the third decade of its history two significant events occurred which gave strength to its leadership and enlargement to the membership. Rev. George Calvin Campbell was called as minister and the World War brought an unusual influx of members from nearly every Southern State to Chicago.

Many of the new residents took membership with the church and under the energetic, constructive leadership of the new pastor marked progress was made numerically and financially.

During Mr. Campbell's administration, the first, permanent church building, purchased a few years before he took charge, was paid for, the membership increased to approximately four hundred and a building fund of about six thousand dollars raised and banked.

After the resignation of G. C. Campbell, many auspicious and almost fantastic schemes and plans were developed for the building of a modern plant. These schemes and plans however failed to materialize.

In 1925, Rev. Preston Taylor, then president of our National Convention, Rev. Perry J. Rice, executive secretary of the Chicago Christian Missionary Society, Attorney Charles O. McElroy and the officers of the church united in a desperate endeavor to save the organization from collapse and complete disintegration. After several weeks of arduous work, including court procedures, a small equity was saved out of the church's investments.

The church, greatly discouraged because of internal dissension among its officials and the severe loss which was thrust upon them, decided to follow the leadership of Preston Taylor and Perry J. Rice. These two friends of the congregation cooperating with the local officers, succeeded in arranging for the purchase of one of the finest church edifices on Chicago's South Side. On Palm Sunday, April, 1926, the congregation moved into the new home located at 727-729 Oakwood Boulevard. The cost of the property was eighty-five thousand dollars. The numerical strength of the congregation was approximately four hundred. This adventure was the most daring that this struggling, loyal group of Disciples had undertaken.

By 1928, the economic depression began to demonstrate
its effects upon the average Negro wage earner who is always the first to suffer unemployment in such situation. Offerings began to decrease gradually while the financial obligations were on the increase. From the very beginning, the congregation could not meet even the interest on its three mortgages which was $2,500.00 per annum.

From 1926 to 1930 four ministers led the divided, discouraged congregation. By 1930 the depression had settled down in all of its naked realities. The outlook for the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church was very dark.

The years 1930 to 1933 were the most difficult.

In the fall of 1934 the loyal group who had survived all the storms of dissent and division decided to test its faith by attempting to raise one thousand dollars in six weeks.

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy agreed to act as director-in-chief for this financial campaign. In eight weeks from the first week of September, 1934, more than one thousand dollars were raised. One thousand dollars were deposited in the Drexel State Bank as the nucleus of a new building fund.

In the summer of 1935 we saw probability of purchasing a permanent church home through the initiative of Rev. Perry J. Rice.

Negotiations were immediately started with Mr. John O. Booth of the Board of Church Extension for a loan which we received.

After many mutual conferences among all the groups involved the friends accepted the proposition and we bought the church.

On October 1, 1935, with about one hundred and fifty adult members we launched a new campaign and raised $1,000.00. On the last Sunday in January, 1936.

On March 2, the congregation formerly known as the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church made a “New beginning.” It took possession of the historic Quaker Church, located at 4413 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It wears a new name; Indiana Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

It has launched a new program with new objectives locally and in every aspect of our Missionary enterprise under the auspices of the Disciples of Christ.

THE ESSAY CONTEST IN KENTUCKY

(Continued from Page 1)

If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.

Life is more than one brave deed, try, try again.

The prize is offered by State Bible School Board.

The prize essay appears in this issue.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Missionary Register

Missionaries going to the field:


Miss Margaret Lawrence, China, S. S. President Jefferson, Dollar Line, June 6.

Miss Goldie Alumbaugh, Africa, S. S. Königstein, Arnold

New Missionaries Begin Work

September last Miss Vinco Mushrush and Miss Katherine Schutze went to China as new missionaries. Miss Mushrush, who has been studying in the College of Language Studies in Peking, has been assigned to the Nantungchow Christian Hospital as a nurse. Miss Schutze has been assigned to teach in the Chung Hwa Middle School in Nanking.

C. Manly Morton Director

Mr. C. Manly Morton, our representative in Union Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, P. R., has been selected as interdenominational director of religious education for the Island. Mr. Morton will continue his connection with the Seminary, but will give one-half to help establish this new program of work among the churches. Mr. Morton is supported by the churches of Disciples of Christ through the United Christian Missionary Society.

The convention of the churches on the Island of Puerto Rico was held in the Spring. Every report has emphasized the fact that the year has meant much in the strengthening of our churches. A strong mission group has been elected for the new year.

Paraguayan Revolution Effects

In spite of the revolution in Paraguay which completely overthrew the former government, our Colegio Internacional at the capital, Asuncion, along with most of the primary schools of the country, began classes as usual in March. As Paraguay lies south of the equator, the regular school term begins during our Spring.

Enrollment in the two dormitories surpassed all expectations. All space in both has been reserved. Thirty-five girls are registered for Mary Lyons Hall, and sixty boys will live in the new Frances Allen Hall. Prospects for the secondary course are equally as good.

To be Continued in next issue.
Our Radio Heart

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

Here and there and everywhere discovery has been made.
The heart so silent at its work, obedient day by day,
is growing noisy, restless, grumbling on its throne
on strike and walkout threat, it says, "The radio age is come."

An insulation is the need this added power to meet,
E'er those early days are come, our feeble amperage sweet,
When years of life upon the earth, though times of peace our age,
Controlled magnetic power will reach the baby lightning stage.

We feel it in our bosom, though we may not own a set,
We feel the pitter, patter, though the ear does not as yet—
The mind knows the interference, and intelligence is aware,
That this manufactured energy coincides with death and fear.

Thus we think as reading in the daily press and times,
"Death Was Sudden," "Died, Heart Failure," dead at seventy, at forty-nine,
"Over Work," "This, Speedy Age," some have said, explaining too,
But the "fire against the Judgment," we have read in book so true.

Kansas War Horse
(R. L. Love) Reports

I am just back from Parson where I, as president of District No. 1, held our convention for 1936. We had a good meeting, in fact the best District Convention for some time. In our last state convention we ordained five preachers, one was Elder R. R. Walton, who is pastor at Parson, a fine young man and church worker. We think this is why the convention was so great. We found Parson in better shape than ever. District No. 1 voted as a whole to make our state convention this year better. About all I can do is field work and hold conventions. Enroute home we stopped at Kansas City, Mo., with Bro. Myers. Had a great service with 14 for baptism and 17 fellowships. We're praying for some ministers to come to Kansas. Don't wait to be called. I am asking national field workers why they don't come to Wichita. I ask for some of them to come to Kansas. Don't ask for a call, just write W. A. Scott, 219 W. Pine Street, Wichita, Kansas, that you will be there and then come on.

I say this because we need you. Yes, I would be glad to get a letter from any of my schoolmates. I am past three score and ten and still going strong.

Cottages Built for Jarvis

The cottage plan of dormitory service for Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, is progressing nicely. A second group of five cottages is almost complete to help towards taking the place of the building burned last October.

The average cost of the ten cottages, including labor, material, and painting, will be close to $500.00 each. The concrete floor of slab costs $55.00 for each cottage. The built-in closets and bunks are a part of the cost.

The cottages are spaced twenty-five feet apart, north and south. They face a central court which measures one hundred feet across from cottage to cottage, east and west. The unit will also include a bath house and a combination study hall and dean's quarters. Construction on the last two buildings will begin soon.

When the buildings are equipped and painted, and the landscaping cared for, Jarvis Christian College will have a dormitory unit of which to be proud. The cottage type of dormitory has been put to use in other schools for whites and Negroes, and has proved very satisfactory. Jarvis is one of two schools which churches of Disciples of Christ support through the United Christian Missionary Society.

T. T. Swearingen
Elected Secretary

T. T. Swearingen, who has been associated with the department of religious education of the United Christian Missionary Society for the past seven years, has been chosen executive secretary of that department to succeed Roy G. Ross who resigned to become General Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education.

Mr. Swearingen has been director of young people's work and of leadership training and program development. His advancement to his new place is rightful recognition of his ability and leadership.
Central Young People’s Conference at Nicholasville, Ky., July 6 to 12

SERMON BY L. L. DICKERSON

“A Chip of the Old Block”
Minister Christian Church,
Lockland, Ohio.

“Who then can be saved?”
Mark 10:26. I shall attempt to answer that question. First, let us understand that God has a plan of salvation perfected by his Son, Jesus, the Christ, Our Savior. This plan is plain, simple, optional and conditional. So simple a wayfaring man though a fool, need not error. Optional, Jew or Gentile, bond or free, male or female, rich or poor, white or black. “Whosoever will may be saved.”

The plan is conditional. A lot of people are willing to admit salvation is optional but refuse to admit it is conditional. Some believe Jesus paid it all and will save them because He is too good to let them perish. Others will admit salvation is conditional all right, but believe every one has the right to name his own conditions. Like a man at an auction sale they believe they can name the price they are willing to pay, and that competition between God and Satan is so keen that if God gets anyone at all, he’ll have to take them on their own terms. Most of these people are willing to do some of the things required. They are willing to meet some of the conditions. God says forgive and forget. Man says—I’ll forgive but I’ll have no more use for that Negro. God says Believe and Repent. Man says—I’ll believe, but I don’t see any reason why I should give up the old life. God says bring all the tithes into my store house. Man says—I’ll give something, but I can’t give them a tenth. God says—Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together in the manner of some others (upon the first day of the week). Man says—I’ll assemble when I feel like it but not every Sunday.

But fortunately for the plan, and unfortunately for those who would like to perfect their own plan, the conditions of salvation were stated over 1800 years ago, sealed with the blood of Jesus and are immutable, unchangeable. Jesus declared in Luke 16:17: “It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one jot or title of the law to fall.” And furthermore the very fact that a man wanted to inherit salvation on his own terms would disqualify him. It would be proof of a rebellious spirit and unwillingness to submit completely to the will of God. If one would be saved first of all he must be willing to submerge his own (Continued on Page 5)

This conference was a great success. The spirit of the entire student body and faculty was cooperation and merits generous commendation. It is to be hoped that the next Central Conference will receive the same amount of encouragement from this area if not more.

The dean was Mr. W. S. Smith; the director-general was Mr. R. H. Peoples; the director was Miss Edith Wilson; the vespers speaker, Rev. B. C. Duke of Indianapolis; the missionary, Miss Edna Poole (returned missionary from Africa); the dean of women, Mrs. Letton; dean of men, Mr. E. J. Dickson; Miss Nannie Butler, Mrs. Peoples, and Mr. Povemire were faculty members. Thus there were ten members on the faculty.

There were thirty-eight students from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. These young people represented nineteen churches. Indiana Avenue of Chicago sent largest number.

The daily schedule was followed carefully. Much good was derived from the conference.

Our attendance should be doubled next year. Our aim is to have not less than one hundred pupils to enroll.

To the states and workers of this conference area many thanks and good wishes are extended by this conference.

EDITH WILSON.
AMONG THE BRETHREN

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

4413 Indiana Avenue, Kenwood 3551. Richard H. Davis, Minister.

Chicago, Illinois
June 29, 1936.

Dear Pastor and Fellow Workers:

The national Convention will convene in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from August 25 to 30, 1936.

The young, energetic pastor of the church in Tulsa is making extensive preparations for a large delegation. C. W. Arnold and his friends will be very much disappointed if we fail to make this coming convention a significant gathering from the point of attendance. We urge you to begin boosting the convention now! Select, encourage, and assist the leaders of your church to attend. Make a strong effort to send some of your young laymen as delegates. More young men need to acquaint themselves with our National Convention.

You are to be reminded also of our financial obligation. We need more money to enlarge the influence of our brotherhood through the agency of the National Convention.

You are aware of the fact that no institution can live and grow without financial support. As a local pastor I know something of your financial problems. We can all sympathize with one another. The fact remains, however, that the success of the National Convention depends upon our generous financial support.

Let us stand up as men and Disciples of vision and do our best financially this year.

It has been requested by our president that we collect and remit to the treasurer, Doctor J. E. Walker, through the secretary, C. E. Craggett, one dollar for each member of our congregation. It is to be hoped that you do your best to carry out this request.

The program committee has prepared a most interesting and practical program. Some of the best minds and the most outstanding of our Disciples will appear.

Let our slogan be: ON TO TULSA WITH THE LARGEST DELEGATION AND THE BEST FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MOST CONSTRUCTIVE AND ENTHUSIASTIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

SOME STATE PRESIDENTS

Presidents of state conventions are handed in as follows:


Georgia, Lorengo Evans, 705 Lily St., Valdosta.

Illinois, A. L. Martin, 2024 Church St., Chicago.

Kansas, L. H. Crawford, 8th and Everett St., Kansas City.

Kentucky, G. E. Letton, 67 E. High St., Mt. Sterling.

Missouri, F. H. Coleman, 40 N. 5th St., Columbia.

Maryland, J. H. Whitfield, 1716 8th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Ohio, C. E. Craggett, 241 Moore St., Columbus.

Oklahoma, E. A. Daniels. Shepherd St., Chica- sha.

Mississippi, L. C. Franklin, R. 1, Box 23, Port Gibson.

Tennessee, S. Kenney, 207 Elmo St., Johnson City.


"These be the men," or their successors, upon whom our National Convention depends.

MISSOURI CONVENTION NOTES

E. K. BURTON, President

We will soon meet in state convention to plan for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. We made plans last year which we failed to carry through. Let us not make the same mistake when we meet in Columbia July the 29th to Aug. the 2nd.

I wonder how many churches have paid their state apportionment or part of it. If we can't pay it all we should at least pay part. God helps those who help themselves. It is better to start and fail than not to try at all. We are looking forward for a large delegation over at Columbia. They are preparing for us so please don't disappoint them. Missouri must go over the top this year by everybody working together in unity. Let us try to answer the Master's prayer, when He prayed that we all may be one. We have no new ministers in the field since we met last but let us who are here do our duty whatever it is. The Devil's
In the religious world there is a great need for well-trained ministers and religious leaders. If a young man is eager to serve mankind, there is no opportunity greater than the ministry. Young ladies also can play a great part in the religious world. True, earnest missionaries are needed who are willing to sacrifice everything for dying humanity. The religious worker plays a great part in molding character and establishing standards and ideals.

Before considering a life's work one should answer two practical questions. First will circumstances of this choice enable me to develop into the real man or woman nature meant me to be? Second, will the work involve worthwhile service to my fellowmen? One should choose the vocation for which he or she is best suited. After making a choice one should apply himself diligently to the task before him. For, in the final analysis, reward is measured by effort. On the road to success there will be obstacles, but youth must be able to face obstacles and overcome them. If youth can stand public acclaim and public denunciation with the same level head, then the golden goal of wealth and fame is shining for him far ahead, but not beyond reach. So as youths of today let us enter the open door of opportunity and make the world a better place in which to live.

DISTRICT 4 HOLDS GOOD MEETING IN LOUISVILLE

By MRS. ANNA HAIRSTON

The 4th district of the missionary societies held district meeting Sunday, June 21, at the 3rd Christian Church. We were so happy to have Mrs. Owens of Nicholasville with us. We enjoyed every word she said. She spoke of the aims for 1936 with each society also she said we should encourage our young people. She spoke about the subscriptions for the World Call, and the Christian Plea. I don't think the convention would have been a success without her. We also had with Mrs. Sullivan (white) from one of our churches here. She told us a way to work with the young people. The theme was "Seeking and Finding." Those who talked on this theme and subjects were Rev. Pearson, Rev. Floyd, Sister O. Shingleton and myself. Prayer for reconsecration of the workers ended by Sister Kirkpatrick. We will meet you at convention.

HOUSE HUNTING IN INDIA

A neat looking young man came to call on one of our missionaries at Damoh, India. He was very eager to talk to the Sahib.

The young man proved to be very interesting and intelligent. He was a postal clerk who had just been transferred from Sangor to Damoh. He wanted a house in which to live, and had come to the Christian Sahib for help. He wanted to live among Christians as he was a Christian.

Together the American Christian and the Indian Christian went house hunting, and found some rooms to rent in one of the homes of the Christian community about the mission. The postal clerk's story was like that of countless others in India. His people were Brahmins a few years ago, and when they became Christian they had to move some distance from their former home to escape persecution.
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson

"AND THEY WENT EVERY-WHERE PREACHING THE WORD."

Before we give "Seven Officer Oughts" we offer "Seven Minister Musts" to succeed here and hereafter.

1. A minister must "Toot Fair" with the church and community. "Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

2. He must guard his tongue "and because he was wise the preacher sought out acceptable words."

3. He must expect hardships and prepare for them; "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

4. He must be faithful. "Moreover it is required of a steward that a man be found faithful."

5. Must think clearly with his studies. "Rightly dividing the word of truth."

6. Must be compassionate (suffer with) and patient. "Patient in tribulation." Learn what tribulation means. Tribulation—I THRESH.

7. He must be a "Hustler," making the wheels go round. "These things DO and Teach."

Of course he will be a man of Faith.

Some unfortunate "Resigning" Is it a disease? Among churches governed as are ours, the Liberty of Resigning is too often taken by heads of departmental work. The church club, the S. S. Superintendent or teacher, an officer or minister too often one "resigns" untimely and unwisely for all concerned.

Our church positions are "Labor of Love" and sacrifice for the Master's cause. Irritations and frictions are a part of the program (often the biggest part), but our blessed Master never "resigned." He drank the cup to the bitterest dregs.

Paul never resigned, he fought the good fight *** and finished the cause.

Of course there are times when a change is needed, but what should be the attitude of the leader toward the place and people he is leaving? Shall he let it severely alone (to let them see how much they'll miss me), or shall I do my utmost to secure another to take the place I'm leaving? Do I care? A M I mindful of service they have been to me? Does there "come upon me daily the care of all the churches?" Am I thus advancing the cause that we claim to love so well.

We dare not venture into details here, but we do advise that we should give much prayer, serious thought and counsel before we leave the work to which we think the Lord has called us.

Bro. Jno. S. Gray, one of the most faithful church officers I ever knew writes from good old Lawrenceburg, Ky. (where we built our first church): "Enclosed find one dollar for the Plea. I am always glad to give a dollar for the cause."

Eld. E. H. Allen is longtime minister there with some of the best people yet discovered. Never forget the McKees, who like some other good things, grow better with age.

That Pratt of Texas has again shown his genius in the wonderful Exposition at Dallas. There are other Texas wonders on the map.

Our old friend and classmate, Eld. M. F. Mitchell, way out in California, writes us: "Come or send a good man" to help him get some chestnuts out of the fire.

The "boys" think it a long ways to hike and "thumb it" back. His address is 3309 Hooper Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Prof. Emmet J. Dickson, who once served so well at Lincoln Ridge Institute in Kentucky, but now of Jarvis, Texas, is again in Indianapolis, being "butlerized" this summer. With his fine physique and humor, our tinge, his is a splendid outlook on life—a product and specimen of our schools. May his tribe increase.

Tennessee and Mississippi head the list in response to National President Calvert's call for aiding the Christian Plea. Old Kentucky is next.

Our state evangelist, Bro. C. H. Johnson, has been ill at home for some months.

Sunday School, with the church and specially district 6, will recall his many kindly deeds "In those days."

No Kentucky convention would seem complete without his flashing eye.

Young W. D. Campbell is "running true to form" in that
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our Midway, Ky., church is responding graciously to every ounce of his determined energy. They'll build that parsonage or else.

Kentucky Christian Plea readers are rallying this month and expect to head the long list before the National convention in Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 25-30.

One error crept into printing of Ky. Convention program, viz. Where it reads “Christian Endeavor 9 o’clock Sat. morning, it should read “Woman’s Missionary Society” and the Endeavor program comes at ten o’clock beginning with “Selection by Nicholasville Junior choir.”

That “God Buries His Workers but Carries On His Work” is again seen in the coming of Prof. Peoples to head up the young people’s conference. We are just in from peaking in on the Nicholasville, Ky., conference. Among the faculty are Eld. B. C Duke, our minister at Indianapolis, who fits in snugly; Prof. Emmet J. Dixon of Jarvis, Texas; Miss Edith Wilson of Kentucky; Miss Butler of Kentucky; Mrs. G. E. Letton of Kentucky; Mr. Povemire (white) teaching dramatics; Mrs. Pool, a returned missionary from Africa, and our own General Vance G. Smith, the conference referee, now of Atlanta, Ga.

Here on the Beautiful Fee Memorial Grounds of sixteen acres and spacious buildings attended by Prof. and Mrs. Byrd of the Presbyterian persuasion, the conference is in action.

Thirty-eight students from four states have already arrived and the blistering sun seems only to add interest to this stocky bunch of youth who go faring forth in quest of a fuller, richer life.

The passing of our well beloved, William S. Custus at his home in Winchester, Ky., June 21st, was one of the great losses sustained by our church there and was one to the brotherhood at large, especially our ministry. Just twenty-three years, yet he had studied at Lincoln Institute, Ky., and S. C. I., Mississippi, pastored in Little Rock, Ark., and came home in ill health.

That his homegoing was planned and welcomed was seen in that he wrote out very detail for his funeral, put it in his Bible and told his mother “not to open” till he had passed. This was six months before the end came. Amid the great throng who came to do honor to his memory, we tried to carry out his every request.

He was an honor to his family and community, worthy example for young men.

“Give my Bible to the next young man of our church who begins preaching,” was his final bequest.

Eld. J. H. Harrison, a Kentucky extract, now making good at Oxford, Ohio, dropped in on us 4th of July, reported good work and incidentally paid up for Christian Plea.

Mrs. Willie May Brown Hunter, daughter of the late Eld. and Mrs. W. H. Brown of Mt. Sterling, has returned home from Springfield, Mo, where her husband, Dr. Hunter, has successfully practiced for ten years. With their interesting family of two daughters they locate in Mt. Sterling.

Bro. Gaut’s good report of district three meeting at Milersburg will appear in next issue.

A Correction: The “Miss Pearl Reed of London” who won second essay contest prize turned out to be my little friend, Vernon P. Reed, a boy in the family of our good Bro. Eld. William Walker of London. He made the Y. P. Conference O. K.

SERMON BY L. L. DICKERSON

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will in God’s will and accept the mind of God instead of his own.

Now then, if salvation is conditional what are the conditions? Christ summed them up in these words: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all your heart, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.” But the inspired writers for the sake of clarity and emphasis, set forth the conditions in detail. They are viz: Faith in Christ as the Son of God. Repentance from sin, an open confession of Jesus as our Savior, and burial with him in Baptism for the remission of sins, and equally as important, the living of a new life, a life of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance. Against such there is no law.”

“Who then can be saved?” They that know God’s will and do it.

“Blessed are they that do His Commandments that they might have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates into the city.”

And he who thinks he can be saved without obeying Christ in all of His commandments is exceedingly presumptuous.

“Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sin.”

Mrs. Rosa Bracy is doing the best work of her life in Kentucky.

After an excellent campaign with Bro. Pearson in Louisville, she is now re-vamping the Georgetown church with abundant success.
MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS OF INTEREST

(Continued from last issue)

The Revolution has created great changes in the official life of the country with an entirely new group in the positions of prominence. The Minister of Education is a former professor and long time friend of the school. The new president has had children in our school, and immediately after the Revolutionary nihad four sons enrolled. Our colegio proved to be a balance wheel during the Chaco War. It will probably occupy a similar position now.

Young People's Conferences

Twelve new young people's summer conferences are being organized in the United States this summer. This makes a total of eighty-six conferences in this country alone. The new conferences are being held in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Wyoming, Texas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. One of these, the one in Texas is a new Negro conference.

All of these new conferences, with the exception of the one in Wyoming, and the new Negro conference, are the result of the growth of conferences already established. These conferences grew so large that new ones had to be started. The Wyoming conference is an entrance into a new field and the Negro conference in Texas is a reopening of which had to be discontinued several years ago. It meets a real need among our Negro churches in the Southwest.

Franklin Sisters Retire

After eighty-four years of combined missionary service, Misses Stella and Josepha Franklin have returned to this country from India. Miss Josepha, the younger of the sisters, was the first to go to India in 1893. Two years later Miss Stella joined her sister at Damoh where the Boys' Orphanage had just been established.

Almost from the beginning of their service, the rumblings of the approaching great famine of 1897 were heard. In addition to the hundreds of boys whom the famine brought into the orphanage, a large number of girls found refuge in Damoh where the government opened a girl's orphanage. They had to live, during those early days, in hired bungalows, hired native houses in the hazaar, grass huts and tents in the jungle. It was all one to the Franklin sisters who went serenely on their way, even when their tent and all their belongings went up in smoke in an accidental fire.

Through the years the sisters have worked in our schools, in our Indian churches, among the women, at Damoh, Jubulpore, Pendra Road and Harda. They have lived to see their "boys" and "girls" establish Christian homes of their own. They are now at Anderson, Ind., where their many friends are making them feel very much at home in an attractive apartment, furnished and ready for them when they reached home.

Through Others' Eyes

A recent visitor to our Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Wash., was talking to the Indian Commissioner for that area. Although he was speaking in terms not of religion but of sociology, he expressed the highest approval of the results of the work as he sees it on the reservation. This, to the mind, is a service most necessary to the Indian and dependent on our mission as no other agency is engaged in such work.

The government nurse and the doctor spoke in the same vein. The principal of the Yakima schools made a like statement, and all said that wherever they met an Indian who had been under the influence of the mission, they met a better Indian. The nurse and principal added that they could "spot" them in the schools and on the reservation.

Some Mothers of Mexico

Mothers' Day in Mexico is celebrated in May as it is in America, though it usually comes on a week day. At that time the schools have special programs in honor of their mothers, and the children make gifts for them.

At our Centro Social Morelos at Aguascalientes, there is a day nursery. This makes it possible for the children of very poor working mothers to leave their children where they will be loved and cared for. Sick babies are the rule rather than the exception, and the babies in the nursery are always in bad health when they come. Through healthful, though inexpensive food, through fresh air and sunshine, through the abundant use of water, these children day by day grow stronger. Especial care is taken to teach the mothers how to care for them.

Chinese Church Assumes Responsibility

Church business affairs in China are handled in much the same way as they are in our country. At Luchowfu, Mrs. Douglas S. Corpore is sponsor for the church board. The board meets each Monday evening in her living room, and they count the past Sunday's offering.

Mr. Hsi, secretary of the Luchowfui Christian Hospital, is the new president of the board. Just recently the group has been balancing the budget and gathering in the pledges. They have raised about seven hundred dollars this past year.
Almost everyone gave more than last year, especially the teachers and staff members. The Chinese Christians are taking their responsibilities in a very satisfactory way. They are working towards the goal of self support step by step.

Through African Villages

As our Christians in Congo become stronger, laymen in the churches are taking more and more of the responsibilities of making others Christian. Many older Christians are teaching and holding services for groups separated from the regular teachers.

Those of one especially large group of these people work on a coffee plantation in the Mbande district of our Congo Christian Mission. Not long ago one of our missionaries was making an itineration as she visited schools and churches far back in the forest. This group came three hours' journey to be baptized. They came after dark and through an elephant infested section of the forest after they had finished their Saturday's work to be questioned and instructed for the early Sunday morning baptismal service.

As the missionary traveled from one Christian village to another other villages not Christian were crossed. Many of the people were completely painted with red camwood powder an doll. Some of the teenage boys were rubbed with soot from head to foot. One day as the caravan passed an open house, out ran a little girl with a red oily mixture over all her hair, and running down into her eyes and over her cheeks. She was visiting the village hairdresser, but the excitement of seeing a white person had interrupted the making of the coiffure. The missionary knew the village was not Christian, for the African church forbids the use of the camwood powder. Hundreds of such villages await the coming of Christian teachers.

Sacrificial Supper in Mexico

The practice of giving sacrificial luncheons and suppers has long been a way of giving to the causes we love. Especially has this custom been popular with members of missionary organizations.

Our church at San Luis Potosí has a missionary society. The members heard of the sacrificial meals which their sisters in the states were having, and decided that they, too, would have such a service. A week had been set aside for missionary observance. On Sunday the pastor preached a missionary sermon. On Tuesday evening there was a union service with ladies of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Pilgrim churches. On Wednesday the regular mid-week prayer service was devoted to the missionary cause, and on Saturday evening a sacrificial supper was held.

The price of a supper at home for missions was asked. Supper is a frugal meal for the Mexicans at best, but an offering of $12.71 in Mexican money was brought.

The Part of Books

Christian literature is reaching thousands of people in India who cannot be reached by missions or churches. Never were people in India so eager to read as they are today, and one way to insure the Christian message having an enduring influence is to root it deep in good vernacular literature.

Our women evangelists sell many Christian books and gospel tracts to the bazaars. As people buy them, they are sure of Christian literature being taken into hundreds of villages. Often school children buy the smaller books. Parents are more willing for their sons than their daughters to buy them, though more and more girls are being allowed this privilege.

A Live Wire at Bristol, Tenn.

I am the newly elected pastor of the College Avenue Christian Church at Bristol, Tenn., and I found when I came here that there isn't a member of this church a reader of the Christian Plea, I wish you would send as much as five or six copies, I want to try to get them to read the Christian Plea.

Notice to the brotherhood that our state convention will be held with the College Avenue Christian Church here in Bristol, Tennessee. July the 15-19th. We were ready for a big convention and we want to do big things as never before. We are saying, come one and all.

Eld. A. D. Brown, Pastor
Brick, Va-Tenn.

Graduates at Jarvis, Texas

From a class of fifty-three Sophomores, Jarvis Christian College, one of our two schools for Negroes, graduated forty-two members. There were four graduates from the high school department. Grant K. Lewis of the United Christian Missionary Society delivered the commencement address.

Mr. M. B. Keith and Mr. K. V. Lipscomb, chairman and secretary-treasurer of the board of trustees, made it possible for the college to have a tent for the commencement program.
WOMAN

The woman has a noble place
In life, there is no doubt,
All that God made was very good
He did not leave her out.

The Eden stood in beauty grand
With lovely flowers and trees
All kinds of animals, but man
Found not a mate with these.

So Adam lonely to abide
Without the human kind,
God took a rib out of his side
Which changed his lonely mind.

For when he woke a lovely form
Was standing by him there
With innocence, lovely and calm,
No taint of sin, but fair.

As time moved on a serpent coiled
In the forbidden fruit;
Her fair and lovely life was spoiled
Of sin this was the root.

She then was from the garden thrust
With husband then to plan
To make their living too he must
As any other man.

And Eve, the mother first begun
The human race to start
And now until their race is run
The woman takes a part.

Without the woman, earth would be
So very dark and drear;
In fact there surely would not be
So many living here.

ELD. MALCOM AYERS
of Lexington, Ky., 1st President of Kentucky Convention in 1873. A Pioneer of Pioneers.
He died in Kansas.

DEBORAH was a woman great
Of Israel we know;
God led through her, and Barak great
Without her would not go.

Queen Esther was a lovely queen,
Was worthwhile to the King;
Her people too were lost, as seen,
God helped her peace to bring.

DEAR MARY, mother of our Christ;
A virgin fair and sweet
Brought forth a child of matchless price,
All must bow at his feet.

And to the women at her side
That loved and feared their Lord,
Who went to Cross and Tomb and cried,
Yet leaning on his word.

So many others did their part
Now sleeping in their graves,
Went down with earnest loving hearts,
With Prayer—God would us save.

And now we stand with modern race
God help us do our best!
For surely we are in a place
Where there is great unrest.

Where women with the Holy Ghost
With life with Christ adorned,
Can only be to help God most,
To lead the people home.

DEBORAH WATTS
3035 Hickory Street
St. Louis, Mo.

A CREED

To live—be loved and to love mankind—
To smile when things may hurt you most
To speak no word of scorn of men
To prove all good but never boast.
To listen another's story through
To measure faults with liberal rule—
To never say, "I told you so,"
Or judge the other man a fool—
To say the things you'd like to hear
Remembering that praise is sweet to measure,
That deeds, like doves, return to roost—
That a friend is life's most hallowed treasure.

A PASTOR IN JAPAN

The Christian leader plays a worthy part in the civic and social life of a community. This is as true in Japan as in our own country.
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BROTHERHOOD

To Our Brethren Everywhere.

I am writing this open letter to the Churches of Christ everywhere, especially to the Churches in these United States of America, with an urgent appeal asking you to kindly raise and send in the five ($5.00) dollars each Church is asked to report for the overhead expense of the National Convention. This has been a rule of long standing.

We have printed the greater portion of the minutes with the program of the 1936 National Convention which will convene in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Aug. 25-30. We felt that it was vitally necessary to print the Constitution and By-Laws, the report of the Joint-Executive Committee, the report of the Business Committee, and the Resolutions along with the program for your information and inspiration. I think the brotherhood should face the things they adopted in the Convention. That work is done and the printer is demanding his money. If the Churches do not respond with that five dollars per Church how can we pay? The Church should have the best record of any institution in the world of paying debts.

You do not have to wait until the National Convention meets to send in your $5.00. Send it in now. Make your money order or check payable to Dr. J. E. Walker, P. O. Box 241, Memphis, Tenn., but mail (Continued on page three)

MISS EDITH WILSON TELLS OF HELPFUL CONFERENCE

Christian Youth Conference of North America met in Lakeside, Ohio, June 23-28, 1936.

There were over one thousand delegates who represented seventy-one denominations and religious organizations. No discrimination or segregation was evidenced from the group at large.

This conference two years ago put forth the program of "Christian Youth Building a New World." From all indications this program has been readily received. Plans were submitted whereby it may be more widely circulated. No aspect of making a New World has been overlooked in the platform. These steps are necessary—a new person, a new home, a new church, a new community, a new nation and finally a new world.

The problems of making this new world are in the process of being solved. It was realized by the conference body that the solutions can not be reached immediately, therefore definite actions that should be taken were accepted. These problems are economics, warless world, Christian's use of leisure time, breaking down barriers, personal religious living, helping others to become Christian, use of alcoholic beverages, patriotism, preparing for home and marriage.

Each of these problems was discussed frankly in commissions or groups. The findings (Continued on page three)

Eld. B. C. Calvert

Take a look at the president of our National Christian Missionary Convention, Eld. B. C. Calvert, of Mississippi Broad and Corpulent. He can "Stand Straight and Scratch His Knees."

"His voice is like the sound of many waters and he has in his right hand the gavel" and his countenance "goes and comes."

He will preside in Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 25-30, 1936. He's looking to every state for a "Round Report."

REDUCED RATES TO TULSA, OKLA.

To the Delegates to the National Convention of the Christian Church to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 25-30, 1936,Greetings. I have a letter from Mr. W. J. Rodgers, Chairman of the Southwest Passenger Association (Continued on page three)
AMONG THE BRETHREN

YOUTH'S CORNER

(Conducted by V. G. Smith, of Atlanta, Ga.)

"Brighten the corner where you are."

Sidelights on Central Conference by Ye Olde Deane.

Central of 1936 ain't what she used to be.

Most significant was the stupendous growth from 12 in 1935 to 38 in 1936. More young people from out of the state attended in 1936 than attended at all in 1935. The percentage of growth was 316%.

Some pleasant deviations from the regular included:

1. A missionary banquet, vesper and sodal life program by Miss Edna Poole of Oklahoma and Africa.
2. A one-man presentation of "Green Pastures" by Mr. E. K. Povenmire, teacher of dramatics.
3. The whole-hearted cooperation of the Conference in the verse speaking choir on Sunday morning.
4. The animated discussion of peace in the morning assembly period.
5. The very profuse rain that ruined the picnic, the clue treasure hunt and ye olde Deane's bed.
6. The visits of conferenceites who have grown old in persons of—
7. The genial hospitality and unfailing cheerfulness of Rev. an dMrs. Byrd of Fee Memorial which contributed to the comfort of the gathering.
9. The very practical vesper messages from Eld. B. C. Duke of Indianapolis, Ind.
10. Four states out of five represented on the student body and six out of 48 represented on faculty of ten.

Note: This column has been reserved for Youth. That means news about, from and by youth. The conductor merely fills it when other younger youth fail. Make this your forum. Ask questions. Report events. Suggest topics. Relate incidents. State beliefs. Air opinions. Elucidate solutions. Exchange ideas. Make this corner the brightest reflector of brotherhood activity in the Christian Plea. The conductor only fills seats in an empty car. So if you want less of me, let me have more of you.

V. G. SMITH,
943 Beckwith St.
Atlanta, Ga.

GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY REVIVES

Dear Co-workers,

I was called to the Georgetown Church of Christ to begin work June 21, 1936, when it seemed that foreclosure was inevitable. We found the church discouraged, the building dilapidated and an unfriendly attitude toward the church because of numerous, greatly delinquent un-paid bills. We organized the church for fellowship and regular meetings. We spoke to them from God's word of the glory of the church and its mission in the world, the spirit of love has been evidenced. New horizons have been lifted and new souls created, with results we have reached our goal. All delinquent bills have been paid, and all necessary repairs have been made and paint necessary to preserve the building is being applied.

To do this it has meant the expenditure of $300.00 dollars plus much generous devotion and service which cannot be measured in dollars and cents. The members of the church of Georgetown to make these achievements possible have truly given the "widow's mite," they have given out of their poverty. The miracle of the last measure of meal and the last bit of the cruise of oil has been modernized for many who thought they had given their last, went back to find the gift that God provided that they might give again.

Plans for refinancing the building at a greatly reduced figure is now assured us, but, $100.00 is necessary before we can qualify. We therefore plan to observe Sunday, August 9th, as Open House Day. We are asking our sister churches and friends in the state of Kentucky to come and be with us on this day to bring their gifts and help us achieve victory. Those churches which can not come—we ask you to be represented with an offering.

The strong will surely help. The weak cannot afford not to help.

I am very truly,

ROSA BROWN BRACY

Authorized by Officers of the Second Christian Church,
Georgetown, Ky.
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BROTHERHOOD

(Continued from page one)
It to Elder C. E. Craggett, 241 Monro Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, for record and he will forward same to Dr. Walker. But if you fail to do this you must not fail to send or bring that five ($5.00) dollars to Tulsa. Let any officer or member of any of the Churches feel responsible for the raising of that five dollars.

I am taking this opportunity of appointing you, dear reader, as a recruiting officer of your Church for the National Convention. Let's bring the brethren to Tulsa in August. There should be a strong delegation from all over the country, but especially from Texas and Oklahoma. Let us make this the best Convention we have ever had, both spiritually and financially.

We are indeed grateful to "The Christian Plea" for making room for this communication.

B. C. CALVERT, President National Convention, Churches of Christ, Box 46, Port Gibson, Miss.

MISS EDITH WILSON TELLS OF HELPFUL CONFERENCE

(Continued from page one) and actions of these commissions were reported to the entire conference body. This body took final votes on each action of the commissions.

This conference was a profitable experience to the writer of this article. She hereby wishes to extend her thanks and gratitude to the department of Religious Education of the U. C. M. S. for assisting her financially. But for them, attendance at this conference and consequent inspiration could never have been realized.

REDUCED RATES TO TULSA, OKLA.

(Continued from page one) tion, St. Louis, Mo., authorizing one way tickets on the certificate plan and round trip tickets. Selling dates, August 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27.

Get a receipt from your agent, 100 one-way tickets with receipts and round trip tickets must be purchased to insure us the reduced rates. Any ticket from 75c up will count.

Sincerely yours,
T. W. PRATT,
Transportation Agt. for the National Convention of the Christian Churches, 3612 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas.

BETWEEN TWO HILLS

By D. W. BRADLEY
Rogersville, Tenn.

I love the Plea for the way it is gotten up, and for the big things for which it stands, best of all for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brethren, I often think of the men I used to know, namely, Taylor Louderback, Evans, Dickerson, Jackson Herod, Brown and Brown again, Grigsby Howard, Moss and so many others. These men made it possible for the church of today to roll on. They are calling us over the Tide.

I love to read the good letters in the Plea from brothers so equal to the task and the loyal women.

Bro. John Howard, the oldest minister we had died June 5, age 104 years, preached some eighty years. Bro. Kenney preached the funeral, assisted by Bros. Brooks, Corlatt and the writer.

Bro. R. W. Watson, the great man of Knoxville, came up and held a ten days' meeting. You should have heard him. The people say he was the best they had ever heard. Bro. Watson is a great preacher, worthy to be heard in any church.

In Jellico, Tenn., I held a five-day meeting. We missed by dear Bro. Bush, but found Bro. Murphy and Bro. Red at the head of the helm. If we had more men like Bob Murphy what a great church we would have. His wife, Sister Helen Murphy, is like Martha of old.

We hope to meet you all at the National Convention in Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 25-30, with good old faithful Dr. M. F. Robinson of Hagerstown, Md.

CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY. MEETING

By LUCY WHITE

Our meeting at Shady Grove Christian Church closed with three additions and Elder J. E. Blair is a great preacher, all that he was recommended to be and a great deal more. He has stirred the church with his wonderful sermons.

He has put the people to thinking.

He explains everything he says and tells why he is a Christian and how to become one. He preaches the Word in its purity.

We like for a preacher to tell what he is, and why. There may be men that can measure arms with him but I don't think any can pass him in the Word. I do believe he is a God sent man for no man can do the work that he does except God be with him and if he never comes to our place again his great sermons will never be forgotten for he is a real power in the pulpit.
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson

“And His Dominion Shall be from Sea to Sea; from the Rivers to the Ends of the Earth.”

“And now we go bound in the Spirit to Tulsa, not knowing what shall befall us there. But we do know what something like we had in Jackson, Miss., last year awaits us in every national convention.

That Pratt in Dallas, Texas, state president of Bible School, seems to have taken over the exposition for their state convention. Would that more of us knew how to “Tap Resources.”

With the seasoned crops of determined workers, Texas bids fair to shine as a star of first magnitude in the Tulsa constellation—Oh ye “Lone Star.” Long ways to Tulsa, it’s a long ways to go.

There convention workers meet friends they used to know. The Arnolds and oil fields give invitations fair

It’s a long, long way to Oklaho-

But my heart’s right there.

There’ll be a little different “set up” this time in the “Joint Ex” Committee, seven from each “camp” making fourteen instead of ten, and as Mayor Burton of Cleveland told the “keynoter” at the Republican convention, “MAY GOD HELP YOU TO DEFINE THE ISSUE CLEARLY.”

More depends upon this than upon many things. We shall miss the wise counsel of some brothers and sisters beloved, who’ve-lain down to rest. But their “spirits are with us to-day” urging us to fight the good fight of faith. “In Honor preferring one another.”

With the arrival at Tulsa of the Whitfields and Magowans; Baltimore Taylor and Dr. M. F. Robinson and those from the far East; and Profs. Long and Cowan and those from the deep South; and the Rev. M. Frederick Mitchel and those being in the far West; while Dr. George Calvin Campbell and Secretary Craggett and those come in with the chilly North, meet South; surely His dominion will be from sea to sea.

C. H. D.

Attend church? Of course we do, like others in our set, except on days that seem to be too hot, or cold, or wet. We take the kids on Sundays, just to keep them up to par.

And then, of course, in summer, for a joy ride in a car.

And sometimes, too, in spring and fall, I take the Sunday off.

And hie me to the country club to play a game of golf. But all the other Sundays you will find us in our pew.

For we always go to church when there’s nothing else to do.

GLEANINGS FROM THE CENTRAL YOUNG PEOPLE’S CONFERENCE

The conference held at Nicholasville, Kentucky, July 6-12, 1936, led by Mr. R. H. Peoples, general secretary, St. Louis, Mo., assisted by Miss Edith Wilson, general director; Mrs. Edna Poole, missionary from Africa; Mrs. R. H. Peoples; Mrs. G. E. Letton, Dean of Women and Director of Music; Miss Nannie B. Butler, North Middletown; Mr. E. F. Povenmire, director of Youth and Dramatics of Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Duke of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Mr. Dickson.

It was undoubtedly one of the best and pleasant memories will linger on throughout the year.

The thirty-eight young people were representatives from Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

The instructors were alert and gave to the young people lofty ideals of Christian service, Christian personality and trained leadership which stimulated their minds to a keener sense of responsibility spiritually, morally and socially.

Officers elected for 1937 were:

Vernice Chenault, President.
Howard Mitchell, Vice-President.
Julia Flowers, Secretary.
Alexander Craggett, Assistant Secretary.

We wish to thank Rev. and Mrs. Byrd and helpers for the hospitality at Fee’s Memorial and we will long remember our wonderful conference, and shall look forward to the 1937 conference; remembering our motto, “Let us be in 1937 one of the expected seventy-seven.”

E. W.
A CONTEST ESSAY

“Open Doors of Opportunity for Youth.”
By MISS ELELEANOR CRAIG
Louisville, Ky.

Not many years ago there were few opportunities open to youth, but today there are many. The business world is calling for trained youths. There have been adequate schools and colleges provided to take care of the situation and the opportunity is open to him who will go.

Another field is social work, the need of those who will serve humanity. On every hand we see many waiting to be cared for. Is this not an opportunity for our youths to serve? There are many other open doors that we might mention, but let us turn our attention to the most interesting, that of religious work. The need of more religious leaders is present. The same interest that has been manifest to train our youths socially is being done religiously. Some of the many agencies are religious colleges, missionary organizations, Sunday School classes, and Christian Endeavor societies. The vacation Bible schools have also played a great part in training our youths. They not only learn how to live for themselves, but with, and for others.

The most interesting of these fields is our young people’s annual conference. The youths of our nation see the need of the highest type of religious training and find the door opened through out conference. The increase of from six conferences in 1920 to eight conferences in 1935 shows us the interest being manifest by our young people. These conferences develop a type of young people unsurpassed by any other distinct agency. The attempt is made to give him or her a better conception of religion as being the dynamic force in all of life. It is the solution of our future church problems as it guides the youths in the whole matter of understanding and of what it means to be a true Christian.

A TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE LATE DR. CADMAN

A statement issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America concerning the passing of the late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, who was President of the Federal Council from 1924 to 1928 and subsequent to that time its official radio minister, says:

“...The promotion of Christian unity was not an incidental concern with Dr. Cadman. It was a major factor in his work during the latter part of his life. His convictions concerning its importance were voiced with clarity and force in his earlier ministry. His following among the people of the churches was established through his wide lecturing and preaching before he came to prominence in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America as President and later as Radio Preacher. Not by a watered-down message but by great insistence upon the main Christian convictions, he manifested tolerance toward those who differed from him at the same time that he led moves toward cooperation and unity among those who agreed upon essentials. Through his voice and his personality the Federal Council came to be widely known; and through his willingness to seek financial support for the causes in which he believed, he won to the cooperative undertakings of the churches many thousands who thought of these programs as “Dr. Cadman’s work.” That he was everywhere and by all kinds of people regarded as the foremost champion of a united Church is a tribute which cannot be measured. His colleagues loved and admired him not only for his vast energies, his ceaseless advocacy of essential Christian brotherliness, but perhaps most of all because he knew how to be a personal friend and never missed an opportunity to express his affectionate concern for those with whom his work brought him into contact.”

SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF WORLD CALL

September brings the Pension Fund issue of World Call, with an article on the necessity cause by Dr. Stephen J. Corey, for churches supporting this Another timely article will be one telling of historic ministries of Kansas City by Dr. Graham Frank. The new convention poster will be carried in this issue, and Lola Conner will write on the ministry of Daniel Poling, who is to be one of the principal speakers of the meeting.

It is in this issue that the sample ballot for the coming peace poll will be printed. Dr. James A. Crain will write the initiatory article presenting this plan. Other feature articles are “Little Women of India” by Imogene Mullins Reddell, “Preaching With a Sense of Mission” by Clifford H. Jope, and one by Lura E. Aspinwall telling of the strong student program being carried on by our church at Lubbock, Texas.

Dr. H. O. Pritchard will write of Dr. J. B. Hunley and Dr. R. B. Montgomery as they live.
NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

By ELDER S. KENNEY
(State President, 207 Elmo, St.,
Johnson City, Tenn.)

The Fifty Seventh Annual
Convention of the Churches of
Christ in Tennessee at Bristol,
Tenn., July 15-19, 1936.

This meeting was a success
from all points of view, and we
have every reason to feel en-
couraged over the work in
Tennessee. And we trust that
every Church in the state will
enter whole heartedly into the
task of the Church, and do all
within its power to carry out
recommendations unanimously
adopted in this meeting which
will be mailed to all the
churches in the state within a
few weeks. Elder S. Kenney,
pastor of the West Main St.
Christian Church, Johnson
City, Tenn., who has served for
five consecutive years as state
President, was re-elected unan-
imously for another year.
Other officers elected were El-
der D. W. Bradley of Rogers-
ville, Tenn., vice president. El-
der G. S. Lewis of Savannah,
Tenn., second vice president.
Dr. R. S. Fields of Memphis,
Tenn., secretary, and Mrs. Rose
B. Griffith, of Knoxville, Tenn.,
treasurer. The state president
will visit all the churches in the
state before next spring.
But if any church in the state
should need his service for a
special meeting or a revival
meeting he will answer the call
at any time during the year.
The East Tennessee District
meeting will meet with the
Church at Washington Col-
lege, Tennessee, Nov. 20-22.
Elder D. W. Bradley, president,
is asking all of the churches
in East Tennessee to be on time
with a round report. Meeting
will open at 9:30 A. M.

KY. STATE CONVENTION

Old First at Nicholasville
splendidly entertained a great
delegation in convention July
22-26. Elder Owens and his
hustling people had everything
spick and span.

We ate in the famous Dickerson
Hall, built in 1922. Bounteous
plates of well-cooked and
generously served food were
found.

The other churches were in-
deed generous in helping care
for the heavy delegation.
Among the few changes made
was the election of Elder J. E.
Blair for State Evangelist. Be-
ing evangelistic by nature and
acquisition, we expect from him
a great field year and from
the church a most hearty co-
operation.

Prof. Peoples, our national
field secretary, and Sister Rosa
Bracy were on hand and served
exceedingly well in various ca-
pacities. Prof. Emmett J. Dick-
erson took a lively part and
was ordained to Christian min-
istry Sunday morning.

President G. E. Letton and
State Board still work on in
great harmony with Mrs. Kirk-
patrick, Miss Wilson and Mr.
Richard Sanders presiding over
the women's work, S. S. and
Christian Endeavor.

Time would fail us to tell of
those kindly "kitchen artists"
who sweated in silence that
long, hot week. Are not their
names in the book of "Old
First?"

We joyfully welcome
"Youth's Corner" to the Plea.
It will be a feature of each is-
{..."oll the Bearings" for an-
other good year's trip.

The Good looking Divines
are looking across the river and
up-stream from Paducah. Can
they swim?.

Brother A. D. Gault of Mays-
llick, Ky., vice president of
State Sunday School Conven-
tion, writes a glowing account
of the Nicholasville Convention
just over.

He is another one of our
coming young men who be-
longs to the whole convention
and "pulls wherever hooked."

Brother Arnold, our minister
at Tulsa, Okla., says: "Tell the
people all things are ready and
the citizens are cooperating.
The registration will be four
dollars." Prices have advanced
along all lines and we're ex-
pecting to bear our part.

YOUTH AND PRES-
ENT OPPORTUNITIES

By G. L. ANDERSON
Mayslick, Ky.

The youth and present day
opportunities.

Opportunities of the present
day youth are many. Will they
be prepared for them? In this
modern age when airplanes,
radio and all the modern inven-
tions are present, will the
youth prepare?

Will he get into the glim-
mer of the age and neglect to
prepare? It is not enough for
the youth to prepare his head
and not his hand and heart.
Prepare the head to teach the
hand, the hand to act in obe-
dience to the head and heart,
the heart being in accord with
both. The youth with present
opportunities should be able
to surmount all the difficulties
of their elders. Who has
paved the way for them so that
in whatever field he may fall religiously, temporarily or intellectually, he might be well able to fill his place. All will not be able to grasp the opportunities, but in all ages there will be enough to carry on the necessary projects.

The present day youth with his idle mind and unsteady step often makes us wonder whether they will make good. But if present day opportunities are backed up with parental help, who will boost rather than knock, the youth will more readily grasp the opportunities that are presented and will be more eager to prepare. He should have a religious background with a good moral footing for one cannot be truly educated or truly prepared without a religious background and good manners. The youth should be taught to be prepared and to grasp the opportunities as they come. He must pull away from the present day surroundings and work toward his goal his pathway will not always be smooth but he must fight to win. Let us encourage the youth, whether boy or girl, to look up, be well prepared and wait for the opportunities for they will surely come.

"THE SIN OF PETTY CRITICISM"

Sonnette by J E. Blair,
Danville, Ky.

Who are you to criticize the servant of another? It is for his Master to say: whether he stands or falls; and stand he will for the Master has power to make him stand. Romans 14:12. It is the height of the writer's ambition to impart to the reader a few words, which if accepted will revitalize, the soul, and create within the heart a new view of a deeper spiritual life. In terms of brotherly love, which is on of the supreme needs of the church of today; as we have many problems with which we must contend as ministers of the Gospel of Christ, whose duty it is to guide men and women, boys and girls to a higher, deeper, richer life.

It is always well to point out to members the cumulative sin of criticism. A bank is the strongest institution in a community from every material or visible angle, but no bank can stand under malignant and petty criticism. If too many people get to talking about a bank it is almost certain to suffer and maybe destroyed. Now churches find themselves terribly and thoughtlessly criticized. Members who indulge in petty criticism of the church are doing an injustice. Conversely, the church can be built up through praise inculcating the habit of speaking well of it. No member should thoughtlessly criticize his church. Says a wise one.

The light of the best preacher can be put out if the members make it a habit of criticizing their leader's program in the presence of non-members of the church. I hope you will see the light of the Gospel of Christ, not in terms of criticism, but in the light of helpfulness.

"To love truth for truth's sake, is the principle part of human perfection, in this world and the seed plot of all virtue." —Jno. Locke.

A WOMAN DOCTOR OF INDIA

Just a little over a quarter of a century ago, little Pearl (Moti) was born in the home of Christian helpers of our mission at Damoh, India. Nine years later she lost both her parents, and became the ward of our India Christian Mission.

Moti Solomon had the advantages of natural ability and adaptibility, of Christian environment, of the heritage of second generation Christian citizenship. After she had gone to our elementary mission schools, she entered the Burgess Memorial School at Bilaspur. While here she decided to devote her life to Christian service for the people, and was graduated an outstanding student.

At the Union Christian medical school for women at Ludhiam, in North India, Moti Solomon studied to be a doctor. With her graduation there she won the distinction of being the first woman doctor to be graduated from our mission.

Dr. Moti Solomon is so small and unassuming she reminds one of a little girl, yet so efficient and capable one marvels at her ability. She often takes complete charge of the hospital where treatments each month run into the thousands, a marvel in this land where the percentage of literate women is only one and one-half per cent.

MISSIONARIES HOME

FOR FURLough

Late summer will bring a number of our missionaries home from foreign fields. From Africa come Dr. and Mrs. Donald H. Baker and family, Gertrude Shoemaker, and daughters of Missionaries, Janet Johnston and Pearl Alice Russell. From China will come Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Goulter and their children, and Miss Stella Tremaine. From India will come Miss Emma Jane Ennis.
The Poets' Corner

BEGINNING THE DAY
I know not if the blessings sought
Will come in just the way I thought,
But leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own,
Assured that He will grant my quest,
Or send some answer far more blest.

THREE GATES OF GOLD

If you were tempted to reveal
A tale someone to you has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, Three Gates of Gold.

Three narrow gates, First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" in your mind
Give truthful answer, and the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"

And if it reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell, nor fear the least
What the results of speech may be.

SEPT. ISSUE WORLD CALL
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and labor for Lynchburg College. A survey of the cooperative projects in home mission work will come from the pen of Alice Helser Liverett; and as is always a feature of the September issue of the magazine, the honor roll of all those churches having twenty or more subscriptions to World Call will be published.

"God have mercy
Upon us yet
Lest we forget—
Lest we forget."

ALABAMA

Catching The Vision of Neglected Youth

(President’s Annual Address by Eld. A. J. Jeffries, of Birmingham, Ala.)

Mr. President, members and Christian friends. We face another cooperation meeting. We have many changes in all walks of life. There has been trouble in commercial, political, financial and spiritual affairs.

It was the grace of God that brought us safe thus far amid these changes. The question comes, has the church school been seeking to measure up to its task? The training of youth of the church is one of the biggest enterprises the church can share. I have come these thirteen years with a message and I am thinking earnestly; have we caught the vision of the task? Each year I am asking for the youth to have a part in the program of the church. If the church is to hold its place it must have trained leaders; for it is made by its leaders.

A church is a body of people, and the people function largely according to leadership. If the leadership is alive to the task and efficient in plan and method the organization produces results. This is true in every walk of life. Wise leadership means progressive and fruitful church. An indifferent church is but the reflection of an indifferent and visionless leadership. It has al-

KENTUCKY CONVENTION

D. I. REID, Secretary

The 64th annual missionary convention of the Kentucky Christian churches, 54th women’s missionary department, 54th Sunday School and second Christian Endeavor conventions held jointly at Nicholasville the week of July 22-26. The several sessions were presided over by Brother G. E. Letton, Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Miss Edith Wilson and Brother Richard Saunders.

The general theme was “Promotion Through United Effort.” Special addresses were “Stewardship,” Brother C. H.Dickerson; “How Youth Can Best Serve the Church,” R. F. Hays;
A LOVE FOR THE WORK

MISS EDITH WILSON

Why do some Bible Schools of Kentucky thrive and stem all difficulties? Why do others fail and eventually die? Why are a few successful and a few not successful? How is it that the interest is keener in these schools than in those? Numerous questions could be asked along this line but why bother? Is there a solution? Yes. Simply stated it is this—that the amount of success depends on the kind of LOVE that the LEADERS have for the work.

There are many forms of love. One form is merely transient in feeling. It is strong now—then absent altogether; it is like a dying fire—bright this instant, dark the next; it is like the ebb and flow of the tide—now coming, then going. There is no system; animals could do as well. Workers with this type of love do things by spurts or spells; better stated, they work when they feel that something should be done. When they feel all people are with them. Feeling must be there with this sort of love.

The next form of love is the result of mental habits; it is acquired; it is something that can be done and ought to be cultivated by all. Workers with this love are reading books and attending lectures that make for personal enrichment; they seek intellectual associations and knowingly bar those who do not cultivate a taste for books and lectures. These workers are fine among their set but do not help the school at large.

The next form of love is a higher love; it is not the result of cultivation wholly but is partly native. This is a mother’s love and exists in the lower animals as well as in human beings. It is an instinct primarily, although it often develops into something higher. We all know people who are sadly deficient along this line and do not care for their offspring half as tenderly as the lower animals. This is true many times of supposedly genuine earnest Bible School workers. This is not saying that a mother’s love cannot be made wholesome and strong, because it often rises to that state and becomes almost heavenly in character. By this rising, parental love loses its personal pride and selfishness and becomes a spiritual or Christian type of love.

This Christian love may best be seen by love of right, of justice and of truth; it is entirely irrespective of personal or selfish considerations. It is a love of human welfare and human prosperity, of all that contributes to the genuine advancement of the individual in the scale of being. Workers who strive to possess this love do not labor for rewards or think about personal returns. They try to be tender, patient, impartial, strong and enduring, burning and dignified as was our Christ.

MISSIONS

Dr. and Mrs. Baker are stationed at Mondombe, farthest inland of our six mission stations in Africa. There he is in charge of the Shotwell Memorial Hospital, five days’ journey from the nearest government post at which there is a doctor. Miss Shoemaker, also from Mondombe, works with the churches and schools. She will remain in Brussels, Belgium, during the winter for study.

The Goul ters are stationed at Luchowfu, China, where he directs the religious education work and has charge of the country extension activities. She is active in work with the women and children. Miss Tremaine teaches English, music and Bible at Wuhu Academy. She is in charge of our boys’ day school, and teaches music in the girls’ day school.

Miss Ennis is principal of our Burgess Memorial Girls’ School at Bilaspur. Recently she was one of two of our missionaries in India to receive the “King Emperor’s Silver Jubilee Medal” for distinguished service in India. Several years ago she was decorated with the Kaiser-i-Hind medal; and only a few months ago came word that she had been elected chairman of the Central Provinces branch of the All-India Women’s Conference.

Sister Kirkpatrick, president of the Kentucky Woman’s Missionary Societies, kept up the state convention enthusiasm by an immediate visit to several societies which responded generously, including the congregations they represented.

All places received her joyfully and after returning from National convention in Oklahoma she will visit others.

Her report includes the following places and amounts received:

- Louisville Central --- $10.00
- Little Rock ------------- 6.00
- Mt. Sterling ------------ 2.80
- Fairview and Arons Run 1.70

$20.50

Sister Kirkpatrick is setting the pace for the heads of other departments of the state work. May her tribe increase.

Brother and Sister Hairston, of Louisville, are profuse in thanks to Eld. and Sister Owens, Bro. H. E. Fowler and others who rendered such kind assistance in her illness at the Nicholasville convention. She’s o. k. again.

Among the very few changes made at the Oklahoma National Convention were the election of President J. N. Ervin, of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, to succeed Eld. B. C. Calvert as president, who is National Evangelist; and Mrs. H. L. Herrod of Indianapolis succeeds Mrs. Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tenn., as National president of Woman’s Missionary Society.

COLLEGE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BRISTOL, TENN.

Eld. A. D. Brown, pastor, came to us in May and held a ten days’ meeting which was successful, spiritually and financially.

He found the members willing to work. We renewed the church and entertained the State convention in July which was a success. We raised $302.90 during four months. Having a one thousand dime drive, with Bro. Herbert Alexander chairman of the drive. He is an untiring worker.

Bro. Herbert Alexander gave away three prizes; first one was a silk bed spread, to Mrs. Lucille Patton; second, 12 cans of vegetables to Mrs. Louise Boyd; third to Mrs. Rosa Hughes, 6 pounds of lard.

This is the second contest Mr. Alexander has given during the four months of Elder Brown’s pastorate. Both drives have been a success.

Mr. John C. Hughes, a sweet singer, chorister and also the president of the Christian Endeavor Society, is ever willing to do his part in church work.

The pastor left for vacation to attend the Brown family reunion at Port Gibson and Tillman, Miss.. He will also visit Shaw, Memphis and Knoxville.

He is a very successful young pastor. He has done more work in the short time since he has been here than any minister since the founder of the church. He makes success.—Reporter, Mrs. Louise Boyd.

THE COMMUNITY ABOUT JARVIS

When one considers the influence of a college, he usually thinks of it as it affects the students. However, those of another group benefit, those who make up the surrounding community.

Those who live near Jarvis Christian College, one of the two schools for Negroes with the churches of the Disciples of Christ support through the United Christian Missionary Society, base their religious beliefs upon the simplest rules laid down in the Bible. The people believe in God implicitly and have an unshakable faith in His help.

To the worldly, sophisticated individual, one not deeply religious, the absolute faith in the Supreme Power would seem out of place in this modern world. But it is perfectly natural here. These people are as modern as any city-bred group, but the evils of the city are kept out by natural selection.

These people have a set standard by which they live. It is to live and serve God and man in peace and harmony. In a measure this stalwart standard is due directly and indirectly to the presence of Jarvis. The College Church, attended by most of the community folk, welds the together in a closely knitted unit. This influence is reflected in their speech, and their manner of viewing life.

Baltimore, MD.

The Preston Taylor Memorial Convention held its second annual session with the Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, July 27 to Aug. 2, 1936. The convention was a success spiritually, numerically and financially. The convention pledged its whole-hearted support to the National Convention.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President — Baltimore—Taylor.
Vice-President — Elder J. W. Frey.
Treasurer — Elder J. W. Gorans.
Secretary — Mrs. Edmonia Ford.
State Evangelist — Elder S. H. Smith.
EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"AND LET OURS ALSO LEARN TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS"
—Titus 3:14

That "Distance Lends Enchantment" and cuts enrollment is again seen in our Tulsa National. Sometimes it were better to "Bring the mountain to Mohammed." Anyway, essentials make conventions. "Tis lightning, and not thunder that strikes. Conventions must not sidetrack and "Forget whar they're gwine."

The main objective is to evangelize the world. This is the ship. All else is sea. The harness must not impair the horse. Too much "trappings;" committees of committees on committees are "weariness of flesh," and yet, it's the only way we've found.

One brave committee begged to report that it had no report that ought to be reported in the report.

The body unanimously voted to adopt the report of the reportless committee. So mote it be. Some way must be found to make each state feel and share its financial burden of our national convention. Perhaps the state secretary should be charged with this signal responsibility and work at it "the whole year 'round." His success would be the salvation of the national.

Our next number will carry "Innards" of the Oklahoma National convention.

What Brethren and Sisters journeyed up to our Jerusalem. What anakin they met and what giants they felled. Who were missing and what did it matter, etc. That obliging Pastor Arnold and his able and willing helpmeet gave the best possible accommodations was foregone conclusions. Secretary Crogget—or whoever—will give us the official (officious) personnel, time and place with all other prerequisites including the "spellbound" oratorical papers that were spontaneously voted to be printed in the Christian Plea. Just the plans for financing and frequency of the Plea, along with privileged articles and free lance quill drivers announcing who must "Put up or shut up."

Of course we'll carry over all of our old friends, welcome the snickersnee of the songuine necessary critic along with those who patiently bear with our oft infirmities.

Those "In a few days" subscribers will recall that "few" means "any small number more than two," while those kind enough to handle bulk copies will be accorded current courtesy.

Among the welcome out-of-state visitors of the Kentucky convention were Prof. J. J. Green and wife of St. Louis, Mo. He was one of our leading Kentucky ministers and introduced the business system of delegate registration in Kentucky. While teaching now in St. Louis, a more lucrative position, he still rings true to the "Faith of our Fathers, Holy Faith."

Eld. J. E. Blair, our newly elected Kentucky State Evangelist, goes faring forth alarming the woods with his clarion call. Truly he is the voice of "one creeping in the wilderness." Every Kentucky church should place an offering in the state treasury before September 15th to meet the first monthly report.

Eld. E. W. Owens is in the hospital at Taft, Okla., and is not improving.

Ye Editor has just returned from a week's vacation at the old home town in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, attending the Dickerson reunion. Thirty-two of the "tribe" showed up. The account appears in next issue.

Old Kentucky sent the presidents of all four departments of our state work, two men of our state board, two women of the missionary society and two women of the Sunday School board to the Oklahoma convention.

NICHOLASVILLE, KY.

MRS A. M. TAYLOR, Reporter

Now since convention is over we now make brief report. The churches were well represented throughout the state, with visitors from everywhere, and over one hundred delegates.

Eld. Wm. Owens, our efficient pastor, and his grand wife and all committees did fine team work. Old First put the convention over in good order. Delegates and friends say this was one of the best conven-
tions. We were able to pay all debts and the pastor in full. May each one of us look forward to our next state convention at Covington, Ky., with joy.

ALABAMA

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ways been a great privilege to exercise leadership in the Church of Christ. But leadership does not make the church the private possession of the leader.

The position is not given one to allow him to indulge his love of power. He is there as general manager would be to a factory. If the manager cannot cause the concern to produce he is replaced. The church school would be wise to act in accordance. Inefficient management weakens work. We should consider our work in the light of this fact. If we find we are not leading our institutions to work efficiently for the kingdom of God we should change our methods, approach, equipment or any change, to secure best results. We will be held accountable for our stewardship in terms of our leadership.

This is no time to be producing non-essentials. Let us work with youth, let us face the relation of the average church to youth. One thing is clear, if you are going to put moral character into a person you'll have to do so before they are twenty-five. The reason is obvious, and if we succeed this must be considered, then the product can be used longer. If the church school has money to spend, spend it on young folks under twenty-five. There is no argument on this. To work with children is the most fruitful field the church can enter. Over and over again, we can see both pastor and church officials take the attitude that such work is a side issue to be run by a few enthusiastic people, and should not come in the way of the main duties of the church. When children are seeking secular education we do not dream of paying for it with their pennies, or do we house them in second rate equipment.

After the parents have helped themselves, they are made to feel that a secular education is of tremendous importance. The finest buildings, lovable location, beautiful rooms and the best teachers. The parents rise early every morning to see that the child takes advantage of these opportunities; they hurry the child lest he be late, but when the child comes to the place to get his religious education, there is nothing to impress him of its importance. The teacher teaches in such a way that the child is led to believe that this thing doesn't amount to very much. There is no restriction at home, no beautiful rooms. If he is late no one says anything about it. Then we say our children don't think seriously about religion. Let us rethink our method. If there is a better way and we cling to the old method, then that old method becomes a hindrance to efficiency. If we find workers saying that they are doing all they can and then maintain things as they have been in the past, often we piously fall back saying, "It was good enough for our fathers and it's good enough for me."

People wouldn't dream of riding a buggy when an auto is available, women wouldn't be seen in a dress styled fifteen years past, yet we pride ourselves in doing kingdom work in the old fashioned way. We who are in the church need to realize that the forces of evil keep up to date methods. If an invention occurs today, the devil uses it tomorrow, and makes it attractive to all, especially to youth. If we use the same brain and energy in the kingdom of the master, the kingdom of God would grow by leaps and bounds. If I did not believe this, I would give up the ministry.

Which of the two would you ride in, a hack coming down the street, pulled by a sway-backed horse, or a big fine arrow bus? We cannot blame youth for riding in the finest convenience.

So let us not blame youth but we should blame ourselves. It is no question whether they are better or worse, they are all we have. If they are worse at that age than we were at that same age, the circumstances surrounding them are responsible and we in turn are responsible for these circumstances. We, nor they will get far by pointing a finger of scorn at them.

Our place as leaders, is to stand by their side, attempting to understand their view points. The church of any generation is what the people in control make it. It is a serious and solemn responsibility to be a leader or official of a church any time. It's heavier now because of the shifty standard of confusion. We are thinking our way through paths, many of the sign posts are down. Therefore as leaders, we must be more than aware to our opportunities and be certain that the institution that we control is so managed that it will give the best results. So then let us catch the vision our fathers had. They made the best of their day, with the spirit of Christ that they might have the best results. LET US KEEP THE WORK ALIVE.
Rise up, O men of God
Have done with lesser things
Give heart, and soul and mind
And strength
To serve the King of Kings.

Rise up, O men of God
His Kingdom tarryeth long
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And in the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God
The church for you doth wait
Her strength shall make your spirit strong
Her service make you great.

Lift high the cross of Christ
Tread where his feet have trod
As brothers of the Son of man
Rise up, O men of God.

KENTUCKY CONVENTION

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"Ideal Officer," D. I. Reid;
"Christian Unity," Bro. F. T. Floyd;
"Stedfast in Apostles Fellowship,"
Bro. W. M. Owens;

"Youth and Present Opportunity," "Bro. I. H. Moore;
"Trained Leadership," Bro. W. D. Campbell;
"Youth's Responsibility," Bro. G. E. Letton;
Deviations, benedictions, general discussions, conferences and sermons were assigned and given by Bros. H. T. Wilson, J. S. Conway, H. E. Fowler, Stafford Campbell, Dee Botts, Miss Mary E. Butler, Prof. R. H. Peoples, S. C. Divine, Miss O. B. Lewis, J. E. Blair, Mrs. Callie Wintersmith, Mrs. Aurelia Hamilton, Mrs. Stella Strawder, Mrs. Bertha Peak, Mrs. Emma Owens, Mrs. K. H. Dickerson, Miss Ellen Henderson, Miss Sarah M. George, Bro. R. E. Pearson and others.

State Evangelist C. H. Johnson reported 105 days on the field and 76 sermons preached; eight accessions; revivals held.

deacons ordained, preachers placed, funerals held, money raised, and balance due him $41.35. Brother H. T. Wilson reported from his field in west Kentucky. A special letter from Hopkinsville church commended Brother Wilson for Christian honor and the good impression made on the field.

Bro. G. E. Letton, president, recommended to correlate state work under one evangelist who would serve all departments and be supported accordingly, that quarterly contributions be made for this plan of work. And that a joint committee of the departments sit in the making of the convention programs, next year.

Officers elected: G. E. Letton, president; W. M. Owens, vice-president; W. D. Campbell, second vice-president; D. I. Reid, secretary; H. E. Fowler, corresponding secretary; C. H. Dickerson, treasurer; other executive members, R. E. Pearson, Stafford Campbell, T. R. Everett, I. H. Moore, F. T. Floyd, and J. A. Johnson. Next place of meeting selected was Covington, with North Middletown as alternate.

Thirty-two churches and points reported by delegate or letter. Raising $147, including $25 given by the Sunday School convention. President G. E. Letton was selected to represent the National convention at Tulsa, Okla. An appropriation of $15 was made for the national convention over and above traveling expenses. An appropriation of $10 was made the Christian Plea. Rev. J. E. Blair was elected state evangelist.

OPEN DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH

By MISS JESSIE McPHERSON of Danville, Ky.

In recent times the trend of religious education has been to train the youth to take leadership in the church. In past years the youth was handicapped because of the opposition of the older people toward the youth taking leadership.

The principles of the church haven't changed, but it is the ideas of how these principles could be carried out most effectively. By higher education and research the older people and members have come to realize that the future church depends on the youth and it is very, very essential that the youth must take part in leadership and advancing of new ideas.

The requirement for leadership today is greater than ever before; therefore the youth will find a greater opportunity today than ever before. Another advantage the youth has is the advantage to grasp new ideas and books for research at hand at all times.

In all fields we find many young people. There are more young ministers and missionaries today than in the history of the world. We also see youth finding their places through young people. Conferences. In the church there are more young people in service than ever before. We find them in the Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and church clubs.

Ever since Christ was born upon this earth, we find that there has been an open door of opportunity for the youth. Christ said, "That the little children should lead them," and now we have come to realize that the children are leading us. The greatest opportunity the youth has and will have is to serve Christ, for the door is always open and you may serve Him unto everlasting life.
Youth's Corner

V. G. SMITH, Conductor

"Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

AFTER CONFERENCE WHAT?

After conference what? Mr. Hopper's secretary, Miss Buchanan, says send in your dean's notebook and hand book. But to those back home after a week of abundant living—what?

Did you take Youth and Dramatics? Well, now is a good time to mobilize your youth group to "put on" a worthwhile play or pageant for your church school or Endeavor society. Soon, Thanksgiving special program will be out, usually a play or pageant stressing the idea of Religious Education—a fine opportunity to use the conference training to make more real the work of the department that makes conference possible.

Did you get a good mark in teaching children in the local church? Breathes there a school with soul so dead that cannot give a trained elementary department teacher work? Or were you one who took "Better Activities for Young People?" Methods in program building, resources for program building, measurements of leadership, ability and plans for Christian growth are doubtless occupying your minds already in your C. E. and missionary organization activities. If you are not a better C. E. president or mission circle program committee member, if you are not enthusiastically recruiting men and materials for Christian Youth, to Build a New World, this course has failed.

Mayhaps you were fortunate and enrolled in a project course in Missionary Education program for young people. If so, you have definite projects suggested, worked out by you and given to you. They are practical and useful. Are you practicing and using them? The need of the world today is for an ever-expanding horizon. The provincial needs to think of his state; the states righter needs to see his nation, the nationalist needs to abound in world citizenship. Your world service activities will not only lift your brother but will show you "A world stands out on every side, as wide as the heart is wide."

After Conference—What? The joy of more effective service!

ALABAMA

President's Annual Address

By MRS. AMANDA HAYGOOD of Birmingham

Brothers, Sisters and Friends:

The past year, like many of its predecessors, has poured out vials of wrath upon our people. These things are inevitable. If it were not for many thorns that prick us along life's journey, we would forget the duty we owe to our maker, and would wander off after the evil things of life.

In spite of clouds of adversity and mountains of trials, that have wended our way, having obtained help from God, we continue unto this day, and are thankful beyond words of expression to the Heavenly Father, for this opportunity to meet with the many representatives, from all over the state.

For four weeks I have been wearing Golden Gloves, I am wondering if you would like to have a pair to wear through this meeting, let's put them on. Do unto others as you would they do unto you. I want to talk on "Seeking Living Treasures" (Matt. 6-33). "Seek you first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things shall be added unto you." History tells how early discoveries of America were made by people seeking for gold, and silver. One man for a Fountain of Youth. Nehemiah the 8th chapter tells how the Children of Israel sought the Kingdom of God in His day. All the people gathered together as one man, into the street before the watergate and told Ezra to bring the book of the Law of Moses, and when he opened it all the people stood up and listened attentively. They were true seekers of God's word.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," another writer added by telling just how to lift Him up. Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought, let the world in you and the Savior see and men will gladly follow His who once taught, "I'll draw all men unto me."

Ask ourselves these questions: What was my earliest conception of Home Missions? Has it changed with the years? Do I, as an individual enjoy any benefits as the results of Home Mission? How many can I name? In what cooperative enterprise have I engaged this past year? Look at the fields, they are ripe unto harvest. Will we rise up like heroes and possess the land? Or will we brake faith with our Fathers who are now sleeping? Jesus said I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly.

Seeking in highways and byways, Luke 14-23. "And the Lord said unto the Servants go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in,

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THE SERMON OF THE BIRDS
A bird wings its way across the sky,
We know not how, or whence, or why,
But this we know, just this one thing—
It pauses, now and then, to sing.

Through changing seasons, sun and rain,
The little bird does not complain,
But cheerfully flies on its way
As God directs from day to day.

And somehow I can't help but feel
We all would moan with steadier keel,
If, like our feathered friends, we too,
Would live as God would have us do.

WHO "SKEERED" THE CONVENTION?

They ris and flew from Cincin-
at,
And lit in Hanni-bull
Then floated down to Mississip,
And got the buckets full.

From there they trecked to Okla.,
Arriving in shirt sleeves
Took fright and ris and flew again,
Lit in Los Angeles.

They say, if you would ketch a
a bird,
Sprinkle salt on his tail
But this convention—at a word, Just hists its wings and sails.

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that my house might be filled.”
Do we go out of our way to do little deeds of kindness, do we do sacrificial service for others, such as denying ourselves, that others might be comforted? During these years of depression, we have had quite a bit of experience along the line of economy. Half the happiness of living, comes from willing hearted giving, comes from sharing all our pleasure, from dividing all our treasure.

We are seeking living Treas-
ures. A bank has no interest for me unless I have put some-
thing into it. My organization has no interest for me unless I put something into it. Invest your efforts, time, talent and money. How much shall I in-
vest this year in the cause of missions? The place and power of women in the New Testa-
ment Churches is large and in-
fluential. At Jerusalem she composed a goodly percent of the Pentecostal prayer meeting. At Joppa she founded a Dorcas Society, to clothe the dependent widows. At Phillippi she became the first convert of Eu-
rope, at Thessolonia and Be-
rea women of high rank re-
ceived the word. At Athens of two converts named, one was a woman. She knelt at His feet, bathed them in her fast flowing tears, and wiped those blessed feet with her hair. She fed His hungry body on his busy journeys. Her gentle hands brought the spices to the tomb. In the gray dawn of the first Easter morning, your ears were the first to behold the empty sepulcher, your ears were the first to hear the good news of the risen Lord, and your lips were the first to tell of his triumph over death and the grave.

Dear Mission Women of the Disciples of Christ: be strong, be courageous, keep your lamp trimmed and burning. Study your Bibles and learn of your duties to each other.

Congressman Mitchell spoke to the State Teachers Association in Birmingham, in March, the theme of his lecture was: "How to Live Together." He said we are American Citizens, we are here and we are here to stay, so let's learn how to live together. Study your Bible, the Bible is the best book, the book we love so dear, a story book, a picture book, a book of songs to cheer. The Bible tells of Jesus who in His home above, The Bible brings a mes-

A DOCTOR'S VISIT IN AFRICA

Dr. Donald H. Baker, doctor in charge of our Shotwell Memorial Hospital at Mondombe, Africa, and his native medical assistants recently examined 8,000 natives on one itinerary into the back country. They found yaws almost extermin-
ated within a day's march from the mission, and no new cases of sleeping sickness were found. Years of health education are showing results.
The annual session of the Piedmont District Convention, comprising Christian churches in Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina, will go down in history as the biggest held.

Every point in the district save one (Gallilee) was represented in person, accompanied by financial contributions.

"New Bethel," the baby church, was host, and gave the spicy welcome, while the pastor, S. H. Hairston, who is also president of the church group, kept things moving.

Beginning Thursday, August 6th, lasting through Sunday, the 9th, there was not a moment lost.

The W. M. S., the B. S., the Y. P. S. E., and Ministerial Union each held sessions at stated periods, closing all business at a joint session Saturday afternoon, gathering up the fragments that nothing be lost.

From a spiritual view, it was fine. Perfect harmony prevailed. All old axes were left in the outhouse. The new ones needed no grinding, so every one hit in the proper groove.

The responsibility for such pleasing fellowship must be laid upon Sister Rosa Brown Bracy, our National Field Worker, and the U. C. M. S., who had a charming message for each group, delivered in the most convincing manner.

Sister Bracey will find a cordial welcome in all future sessions of "Old Piedmont."

The preaching was of high order, and mostly by the younger ministers, being ably scotch-ed by the vets, whose ranks are growing thinner as the years flit past.

The most solemn occasion was Memorial Service for those who have crossed the river and rest under the shade of the trees waiting our arrival.

The Spencers, Y. W. & R. A. "Pioneers" Lauderback, the "Pulpiteer," Walker, the "Weeping Prophet," Hubbard, the "Iron Man," and others that we recall are gone, but their works do follow them.

Those nearing the river but not over anxious to cross over are Elder J. H. Finney, nearing the 78th mile post, W. H. Cole, one year his senior, J. H. Robinson and J. H. Thomas, retired. Among those on the firing line of the younger set we mention J. H. Fleming, J. L. Lambert, S. H. Hairston, Gather Rowland, O. Zollars, J. W. Goode, P. E. Carter, and N. S. Spencer. Not all, but these are enough to show what the cause still lives in these parts of God's wonderful vineyard.

Advance and recovery was shown in the report by each group's finances.

We, the followers of Christ, are very happy and thankful to report that Rev. C. H. Johnson held a five days' meeting at Campbell St. Church in Hopkinsville the first week in September.

Not only was the church benefitted, but other churches, neighbors, friends, in fact, the county as well as the state has been benefitted by Rev. C. H. Johnson's uplifting, helpful, encouraging, and truthful sermons. Our Christian Endeavor is prosperous.

Our District is havin gits first meeting the fifth Sunday in September. Pray for our success.

Miss Pauline Earthman, Reporter.
AMONG THE BRETHREN

FAIR VIEW HAS FAIR DAY

Our Fairview church had successful two weeks financial drive. The older adults led by Deacons Roberts and Hogans. Young adults led by Mrs. Carrie and Miss Annie May Jones. Thirteen older adults were ahead, both did well. Sixty-one dollars raised.


Eld. D. L. Botts, our minister at Germantown, was assigned to gather all the clubs left, and he did it well. He's a coming young minister.

Elders J. B. Jones, Wm. Caywood and Walker Botts, Deacons Robert Botts and John Hogans are our church officers.

WORKERS OF DISTRICT 6 HOLD CELEBRATION

On Aug. 30, 1936, workers of District No. 6 assembled at Aarons Run, Ky., to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Christian Bible Workers' Institute.

Members and friends united in tribute to Bro. C. H. Johnson, the founder of the movement in Kentucky, Aarons' Run being the birthplace of the organization.

Among those present were visitors from Richmond and Mayslick, and Dayton and Youngstown, Ohio.

The greetings, talks, papers and songs were interesting and Bro. Johnson was at his best. Also Bro. Moore and Bro. Meek brought messages that were inspiring.

Bro. A. D. Gault brought a splendid message that left much food for thought.

The purpose, origin, success, contact and needs were ably presented by Bro. Freeman, Sisters Hall, Jones, Johnson and Green. The C. W. B. I. "Then and Now."

The needs of the Brotherhood were set forth by Bro. A. D. Gault and tribute to Bro. C. H. Johnson was paid by Miss Hattie Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Johnson brought a duet and the closing remarks came from Bros. Cunningham and Johnson, supported by Elders Meek and Moore.

Mrs. Emma Cason Green, Reporter.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR PASTOR

The passing of our dear pastor, Eld. B. C. Calvert, came to us as a storm upon the sea.

Our sincere prayers were that he would get well and come back to us. We believe God heard our prayers, but he loved Elder Calvert best and took him home.

When a young minister, studying at the S. C. L, many visits he made to Christian Chapel and lectured to our Sunday School. We always enjoyed and loved his teachings.

Three years ago, he became our pastor, and served us until death. His presence with us in church and in our homes shall forever be remembered.

To Mrs. Calvert, our prayers you have and all the sympathy we can give. Think always that Elder Calvert lived in deeds, not years; in feelings, not in figures on a dial.

"He most lives who thinks most, feels noblest, acts best."

With broken hearts and eyes in tears, we believe that our dear loving pastor is now waiting by the river. He is watching by the shore; only watching for the boatman, soon he'll come to bear us o'er.

He has passed the vale of shadows,
CROSSED THE DARK AND CHILLY TIDE,
In that bright, eternal city
We shall evermore abide.

Signed:
Sisters Ella Prince, Mary Moore, Hattie Hamilton, Carry Dunn and Thelma Travillian.
Miss Jennie Mitchell, 1208 Vine St., Port Gibson, Miss.

The Nat'l Preaching Mission

By E. Stanley Jones

We launch today the National (Excerpt from a radio address on September 13)

We launch today the National Preaching Mission under the auspices of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. This Mission, after eighteen months of preparation, has been projected for the express purpose of awakening the spiritual life of our country. For the first time the allied Christian forces of America have united in a nation-wide effort to release moral and spiritual power and to open the way for a remaking of the inner and the outer life of this country by a fresh impact of the Spirit of God.
DO MINISTERS STICK TO THEIR JOBS?

A study of the service of 503 ministers, by the Pension Fund, shows that 261 of them have preached forty years or more.

Of this number 57 have preached fifty years or more. And of this number nine have preached sixty years or more.

The longest number of years reported in service is sixty-nine years. The second longest, sixty-eight years, and the third longest, sixty-two years.

The 503 have preached a total of 18,093 years.

Average Years Preached
The nine who have preached 60 years or longer have preached 550 years, an average of 61.2 years each.

The 57 men who have preached 50 years or longer have preached a total of 3,080 years, or an average of 54 years each.

The 204 who have preached 40 years or more have a total number of 8,797 preaching years, or an average of 43 years each.

Their meagre allowances for ministerial relief and prior service average $11.25 per month. The week of the ministry, October 4-11, is the time for all churches to answer this call.

Observe the week — Take a liberal offering. Send to Unified Promotion, or Pension Fund, Box 1635, Indianapolis, Indiana.

North Middletown And Aarons Run

We had fine services at North Middletown and Aarons Run last Sunday. The services are well attended and the interest was fine. We preached from the 8th ch. of Romans: “They that are in the flesh can not please God, but you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit if so be that the Spirit is in you.” We first showed that we were by nature in the flesh, but we must not allow the flesh to become our masters, but rather crucify it and make it subservient to us in obeying His will.

Yours,
T. R. Everett.

REVIVAL AT LITTLE ROCK, KY.

A ten days’ meeting conducted by Pastor I. H. Moore, beginning Sept. 21, is held under tent on the spot where Eld. Samuel Buckner organized the first Christian Church in Kentucky.

The meeting will include a celebration of the Restoration Movement in Kentucky.

Mr. Jones, of N. Middletown Bank, will speak on “The History of the Restoration.”

It is proposed to ascertain by a kind of debate just which is the oldest congregation, Nicholasville, Paris, or Midway.

Representatives of each are asked to give reasons for their claim.

Prof. E. B. Toler, grandson of Eld. Samuel Buckner, will be one of the speakers.

I. H. Moore, Minister, Paris, Ky., Route 3.

THE SANER VIEW

By Miss Elene M. Jackson
Midway, Ky.

Talents developed in any other way than by the 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 self-sacrifice and heroism, yet be a terrible nuisance by reason of unwillingness to cooperate graciously with fellow Christians. Indeed, one may work himself to death in the church, but do it in such a spirit that it is hard for the church to refrain from wishing the process to be concluded.

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On Sunday, September 6, the church attendance showed marked increase. The singing by the Senior Choir was good.

Echoes from National Convention were given by Brother Richard L. Saunders and Elder W. D. Campbell, pastor. The reports were cordially received.

Brother Albert Douglas, formerly of Louisville and Georgetown, now making his home here, is proving useful to the pastor and church in general by his unstinted services.

Our church regrets losing the faithful services and good fellowship of Prof. J. E. Bean, who goes to the Bourbon County Training School. We trust he will be as useful at Little Rock, Ky., as he was here.

The Sunday School is growing in spirit and attendance, led by Miss Rosairene Johnson, the new superintendent.

Miss Mary Catherine Long, Mrs. Long, of Louisville, and Miss Augusta Hamilton, of this city, were visitors at the morning services. We welcome them heartily.

18,000 YEARS OF PREACHING

18,093 is the exact number of years. What a record and what a service! And only 503 ministers have made that remarkable record. Ministers and missionaries of our own faith, our own brotherhood.

Many of these were pioneers in the home land as well as in the fields afar off. But they went. And they stayed. Perseverance in service and faithfulness to Christ were the twin qualities that spelled out their steadfastness.
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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"And beside all this, there cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches."

"Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown."

Responsibilities are heavier than iron. The scales don't weigh them, and they cannot be shirked by those who care. The passing of Bro. Calvert and other like instances are in evidence.

That B. C. Calvert was a great preacher none will deny. His evangelistic turn took him over the road many miles and times. Perhaps his enthusiasm and ambition in a measure account for his "untimely death" as we see things.

However, his was not a life of moroseness and gloom. He plucked some flowers in full bloom. None among us could laugh heartier at his own jokes.

Elected at Jackson, Miss., Aug. 1935, as president of our National Convention, when responsibilities were never greater, he threw into gear all the energy of his powerful physical make-up, and no doubt hoped to carry on another year.

But fate had otherwise decreed.

He has but done what we are doing.

He has but gone where we are going.

The message must be relayed down the ages, for "mortal among themselves by turns do live and life's bright torch to the next runner give."

—C. H. D.

Our last issue carried a picture of the late Eld. B. C. Calvert and a number of our ministers and friends have bulk copies.

A few may be had from this office. Since I was not at Tulsa, our old friend and true yoke fellow, Wm. Martin, minister at Muskogee, Okla., and the faithful evangelist, Z. H. Howard, were there. They live near the institution where he was confined and knew all about his last days. Address Bro. Martin at Muskogee for all information.

Pastor C. H. Arnold, his wife, Mrs. Thomas and Lonnie, of Oklahoma, spent the night with us in Lexington as they toured through to Roanoke, Va. Mr. Frank Coleman, Jr., of Columbia, Mo., traveled with them to join his brother in Hampton College, Va. — another preacher's son. One Bro. Jordan, a graduate of Los Angeles Christian College, and understudy of Eld. M. F. Mitchell of our Hooper Avenue church there: "Fording" through to Detroit, Mich., took refuge one night with us.

He declares we can't get to heaven unless we go to Los Angeles — Smile — "And now we go bound in the spirit to California not knowing what shall befall us there." Do we?

Prof. J. E. Bean, after long and fruitful service at Midway, Ky., has taken charge of the Bourbon County Training School, while his son, W. D., has gone from London to a place in school in Indianapolis, Ind., and the Bro. J. L. has a life sentence at head of the Versailles School.

Indeed those Beans are Kentucky Wonders." All "dyed in the wool", strong in the faith.

That Pratt of Texas was very much in evidence at Tulsa—one of the "old guard."

President J. N. Ervin, who always wears honor lightly, fits snugly into the presidency of our National. Mrs. H. L. Herod, plenty able, takes the head of the women's work, while Elders Myers and Arnold hold on to heads of Bible School and Endeavor in a national way.

Some new blood enters the Joint Executive Committee. In fact, all the "old guard" on the U. C. M. S. side have been replaced since we started.

We shall know more of Mr. Wickizer and all the brand new brothers, as the days go by and we join heartily in the work.

We appreciate larger things in store for the Christian Plea as evidenced by healthy subscriptions and donations pending—So mote it be.

Our Bro. S. C. Devine and his good wife can swim up stream. They did from Paducah up to Cincinnati on the Ohio side, succeeding Eld. Wm. Martin at Kenyon Avenue.

Eld R. F. Hays, of Lexington, Ky., has gone to be an "Arkansa Traveler," landing in Little Rock with the Bosticks and them. Thus Paducah and Lexington are among the "Widow Churches."

State Evangelist J. E. Blair
began a good meeting at Hustonville the 20th for “Ye Editor” to close with a rally the fourth Sunday.

While the colored churches and organizations “might have done better,” the fact remains that the totals in annual report from our National shows that under conditions, “the Colored Troops Fought Nobly” and the sentiment is, that we’ll do better as we get adjusted to the “harness” and a better view of the field.

Eld. J. S. Conway thinks the contract and program of the Ky. State Evangelist needs some revision.

He would have the system heretic proof, barb wired against ites and isms and use the Evangelist as the Japanese are alleged to use the insulated steel wire. His philosophy is good and we hope to attain unto it as the seasons come and go. It takes time.

Besides serving the churches at N. Middletown and Aarons Run, Eld. Everett runs the high school bus from Carlisle to Mt. Sterling.

LOCAL CHURCH ISSUE OF WORLD CALL

The October issue of World Call emphasizes the problems of the local church. It includes studies of two unusual churches, a city one and a rural. William D. Ogden of the New York Times writes on “Our Missionary to Manhattan.” George A. Harris, pastor of our Trafalgar, Ind., church, graphically traces through the state and nation the widening influence of his congregation.

The cover is a reproduction of a great work of art of our convention city, “The Pioneer Mother;” and Fra Edgardus writes of Kansas City from 1890-94. Dr. L. N. D. Wells, convention president, writes a direct an dmoving article entitled “Let the Local Church Play Fair.” Another strong one is by R. C. Snodgrass, Amarillo, Tex. Dr. Alva W. Taylor deals realistically with the problems of our great rural sections. Mrs. Wm. F. Rothenburger tells of racial attitudes as observed on a trans-Atlantic liner. Cleo Blackburn writes of Flanner House, of which he is now director.

“Figures that live” is the title of an article by Virgil A. Sly in which he enables one to see through the statistical reports to the living fields as he reports the work of the United Christian Missionary Society for the year ending June 30.

A most important feature is a continuation of educational material leading up to the Peace Poll. Dr. James A. Crain’s space is extended to complete his discussion of the questions raised by the poll. Churches, Sunday Schools, missionary and other groups are urged to write World Call at once for any number of the free ballots.

Reckless Drivers-Writers

The police court and the waste basket still exist.

A car is a tremendously solemn thing. It never smiles. Never jokes. Is always in dead earnest. It responds to pressure. It never looks back. Never apologizes, and don’t seem to care.

Unless the driver uses good judgment with common sense, he endangers other lives as well as his own. “Step on it” if you will, but you will have to “Tell the judge.”

Not even the severest penalty seems to cause the “Road Hog” to hesitate. He wants his half in the middle of the road, while YOU must take both sides.

I speak concerning writers whose ruthlessness endanger the fabric of our Zion. Printed lines surge down the ages healing or deadening forever.

Our good old Prof. A. J. Thompson used to burn the couplet into our systems:

“Keep a watch on your words, my darlings.
For words are wonderful things;
They’re sweet as the bee’s red clover;
Like the bees they have wonderful stings.”

—C. H. D.

A PREACHER HELPS A PREACHER

Recently a minister, out of his life’s savings, sent $3,000 to the Pension Fund on the Annuity Plan. He will, of course, get an annuity check every six months until he dies. It will also be continued thereafter to his wife until she dies.

But, the minister, in sending the check said that he wanted the residue of his gift to help needy aged ministers after he was gone. Why not? He gave his life to the cause of preaching, why not give his life’s savings to the same great cause?

A Dozen Unfortunate Things

That we, somehow can’t eliminate self.
That “Into all the world” means “My people.”
That God didn’t make about “Three Heavens.”
That education and religion don’t mix better.
That religion has so little business sense.
That so many Preachers don’t reach and Reachers don’t preach.
That able men “debate” the theying matter.
(The man who says “Don’t” wins before he starts. Sambo told the mule “G’wan, you so ’fraid I’ll say whoa, and you won’t hear it.”)

That we lower our eyes upon our gardens, instead of “Lifting up our eyes to look upon the fields all ripe unto the harvest.”

That so much home life leads out of, and not into the church.

That we wait till convention time to get ready.

That too many of our Bible schools have neither Bibles nor schools.

That we forget “in honor preferring one another.”

That we must be dead or mighty sick before our friends allow our need of praise.—Postmortem.

—C. H. D.

THE MASTER’S METHODS

By MISS E. WILSON

In dealing with the Disciples, Christ was kind and tender in nursing their weak faith. He corrected their mistakes, being careful not to break a bruised seed or quench the smoking flax of genuine piety. He never refused to instruct over and over again. He did whatever needed to be done and then dropped the matter. He dealt with the Disciples according to their temperament and ability thereby recognizing individual differences. He was impartial; saw no class nor wealth. His love was strong; it never failed or faltered—even in the darkest hours. He lived a self sacrificing life, thus displaying the quality of endurance. His love consumes us as a burning flame.

Workers should have this same kind of love. Their love cannot equal Christ’s love, but it can resemble that of Our Master. “A pearl of dew will not hold the sun, but it can hold a spark of its light. A child by the sea trying to catch the crystal spray cannot hold the ocean in its tiny shell, but he can hold a drop of the ocean water. So with the love one must have for his work. That love must be a genuine drop from Christ’s infinite sea.

Let each person make a silent survey of his school and decide where it falls because of the form of love he has for it. Is your love of the lowest form—the animal type? If so, then you work by jerks or fits. There is nothing steady about your efforts. Has your love been acquired through cultivation? If so, do you realize the fact that every one has not and does not desire to listen to lectures or read books? Are you tolerant with them and try to interest them or do you cater to those who have similar interests for books and intellectual achievement. Do you have a mother’s love? If so, is it merely an instinct which makes you act because you know you should do thus and so? Or has the mother’s love in you arisen to that loftier state of Christian love which makes you work around Sister Ne’er-do-well, Brother Backbite, Sister Snake, Brother Surface and the host of other folks that are to be found in our schools. If you have this Christian love, nothing daunts you; you are an earnest, patient, consistent worker. Oh, for a love that will not shrink, etc.

A HOME MISSION

CHURCH SURVEY

The churches of our brotherhood, through the United Christian Missionary Society, have this past year helped eighteen home mission pastors who have in turn served twenty-five churches and preaching points. Of these twenty-five, eight are in the open country, three in villages, six in cities of 5,000 to 25,000 population, six in cities of 25,000 to 100,000, and two in cities with a population of over 100,000. In all these centers the people are hampered by unemployment, agricultural and industrial ills.

Eight of these groups meet in schoolhouses, public halls and residences. Seventeen meet in church buildings, only seven of which are in good condition. It is not hard to understand the drag on these pastors and congregations caused by poor church establishments and indebtedness. That partially explains why twelve of the twenty-five groups see self-support as a far distant goal. One group, however, has already gone on self-support, and one expects to do so this year. Eleven have definite programs of self support before them to be accomplished during the next five years.

PRIZE WINNERS

The final results of Fifth International Competition of the New History Society, 132 East 65th Street, New York, N. Y., U. S. A., offered to the youth (up to the age of 30 years) of Africa, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, for the three best papers on the subject: “How Can Youth Develop Cooperative and Harmonious Relations Among the Races of the Earth?”

The decisions of the Award Committee were as follows:

First prize, $300.00—Mr. Wycliffe Mlungisi Tsotsi, age 21 years, Blythswood Institution. Butterworth, South Africa.

Second prize, $200.00—Miss Laura Elizabeth Chapman, age 26 years, 308 Avenue J. North, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada.
Youth’s Corner

Musings on Piedmont - Chesapeake Young People’s Conference by Ye Olde Deane

Under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Starling, veteran director, the Piedmont-Chesapeake Conference did a number of notable things in 1936.

1. The largest attendance, twenty-five in 5 years of Conference, turned out for 1936 conference.
2. More congregations than ever before were represented.
3. For the second time the Chesapeake District sent a representative, Mrs. T y r e e, of Washington, D. C.
4. For the first time, the Tri-State District Convention sent a representative, Miss Ethel Peeples, of Spencer Memorial Christian Church, Eld. R. L. Peters, pastor.
5. Visits from officers of Piedmont District under Mr. Ragsdale, president and friend of young people.
6. The Peace Study at assembly was enriched by the presence of Miss Rosalind Comer, Southeastern Secretary of the Emergency Peace Campaign.
7. The astonishing amount of ice cream consumed by Winston-Salem delegates Thomas Glenn and Herman Young.
8. The compact but adequate facilities of the building is a relief from the long-distance hiking between buildings at other conferences.
9. The excellent spirit of cooperation that characterizes Piedmont Conference is a joy forever. Everyone is ready and willing to do anything to make the week a pleasant experience for everyone else. This applies to faculty and student.
10. The excellent picnic was a unifying and cohesive experience that only seems to be possible in Piedmont Conference.

As ye ancient deane, I wish to thank through these pages everyone who shared the week and to single out for particular attention Mrs. Emma B. Penn, the dining room matron, who served the meals, Mrs. Herbert Smith, the missionary from Africa, who was in every activity, and the director, Mrs. E. G. Starling.

About January, this Corner for Youth is planning to present in each issue methods of financing Conference expenses. In the light of National and Conference recommendation to all conference this year to try to get back on their own money rather than be sent by the church, in order to release those funds to send new pupils, these advanced students will be given hints and plans for raising money. Any plan you used successfully is solicited at this time.

LAYMEN OF MEXICO

Disciples of Christ entered Mexico in 1896, and through the years our seeking has brought rich treasure in educated, uplifted, and redeemed lives. The graduates of our former Colegio Morelos and students from sister mission schools, more than thirty-five in all, are now teaching in the rural and city schools of the state of Aguascalientes. The laymen of our Mexican churches are becoming vitally interested in the villages about them. In the annual convention of our Mexican churches, a missionary society was formed which has as its sole purpose the sharing in the evangelization of the work, its immediate task to be the evangelization of the one million souls in our own district in central Mexico.

As a first step in this task, a call was made for volunteer lay workers and some twenty young people offered themselves. Plans are now under way for a training institute for these laymen. The new society called for tithers, and thirty or thirty-five solemnly consecrated a tenth of their income, in money or produce.

A CROWD OF WITNESSES

This year marks the golden anniversary of the China Christian Mission, and an impressive part of the celebration during the annual convention of our Chinese churches was the candle-lighting service in the Drum Tower Church.

A cross stood on the highest level of the platform, and a large candle representing Christ was lighted before it. In front of that and on a slightly lower level, after the reading of appropriate scriptures, candles were lighted for the twelve apostles. Then began the rollcall of all the missionaries who have served in the China field. Their names were called by the years they arrived in China, and on a lower level a candle was lighted as each name was called, red candles for the living, and white ones for the dead.

The same procedure was followed with the Chinese leaders formerly associated with our work. Those who stood there that day felt themselves truly encompassed by a crowd of witnesses, and challenged to render better service so as to build worthily on the foundation laid by their predecessors.
WILL A MAN ROB GOD
Will a man rob God? is the question
That cometh to you and me;
The spirit of the soul who speaketh
Reflects what the answer should be.

Thou robbeth, oh man, thou robbeth,
When by refusal thou try'st to render a cause for withholding,
Thou robbeth in offerings and tithes.

What answer canst thou give for keeping the things that belong not to thee?
For he who holds back from the Giver, robs others, robs self, robs me.

O man, thou'rest born for a purpose,
Thy service, thy talent, thy all,
Is to be used for the plan of redemption,
Hear the voice of Jehovah's great call.

Shall I slight the voice of my Saviour?
Poor, pitiful, self-seeking elf;
Wrapped up in a spiritual delusion,
And only deceiving myself.

Let us hear His sweet voice and obey Him,
Let us list to His gentle call;
Let us give of our earthly treasures,
Give service, give talent, give all.

Sing the song of the light that is breaking,
Sunday at Southern Christian Institute

By PROF. J. M. COWAN

We are back from dinner. Contented physically, almost too lazy to expand enough energy to write. The three o'clock bell has sounded and students, young men and women are hurrying across the campus, for this is the hour for the monthly meetings of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. This morning we were aroused from the restful embrace of the Sunday morning "nap" by the rising bell at 6:30. Shaving, turning the bird dog out for his morning exercise, and just putting around kept us busy until the call to breakfast came at seven o'clock. A Ministerial student, William James, led the morning devotions and put us in a reflective mood of the day.

Bible school assembly at nine-fifty. Few Bible school superintendents could boast of a group of young people as fine, healthy, and apt-looking as our officer looked upon this morning. A ten minute period into which the report of the previous Sunday, the announcements, the birthday offering, appropriate hymns and prayer were compressed preceded our dispersion for the eight classes attended by the one-hundred-four persons in our Bible school. A forty-five minute class period and a ten-minute intermission precedes the Chapel or worship hour. Promptly at eleven o'clock the pianist began the prelude. This ends, the chords of Holy, Holy, Holy struck, and a splendid choir of twenty voices thrilled us with this grand processional. The quiet spiritual dignity of the Communion period lost none of its effectiveness as it was followed by our material gifts. A scripture, prayer, and again those twenty voices singing "O, Love that will not let Me Go." A twenty minute sermon by Prof. Lawrence E. Cousins made us aware of what Jesus meant when He said "Except ye become as little children, ye cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven."

This evening the two Christian Endeavor Societies will unite to hear a message from young Daniel Heath, graduate of Jackson College; ordained last spring and later on succeeding Bro. T. B. Frost as District Evangelist. Dan is a fellow of fine qualities. He will probably be the first Negro Disciple to enter the graduate school of the College of Religion at Butler University.

Yes, this is Sunday. A good day to ramble reminiscently, but there are other things you should know about Southern Christian Institute. So, here goes.

Classes were resumed September ninth. Total enrollment to date September 27, one hundred thirty-three. This number will increase considerably as soon as the "king of crops" is harvested, ginned and sold. This state has a good crop that ripened all at once.

WPA jobs have stopped, hundreds of Mexicans imported, and yet some 6,000 more workers are needed to harvest the 1936 crop worth twelve to fourteen cents per pound. This is a very important item for our fortunes rise or fall with the cotton market.

Back to campus news. President Long's address for the next twelve weeks is Kissam Hall, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, where he is a graduate student in Social Ethics and Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Rattan are the latest additions to the Negro side of our bi-racial faculty. Mr. Rattan, of Jarvis and Eureka Colleges is instructor in science, and coach; while Mrs. Rattan, graduate of Texas College, teaches the intermediate grades in our practice school and also physical education for the young women. Miss Mary E. Bassett, of Lynchburg College, Va., and George Peabody College for teachers in Nashville, Tennessee, is librarian. We welcome these three fine Christian people to our faculty.

A male quartette, accompanied by Mr. Jacobs, will represent us at the International Convention in Kansas City next month. En route they will appear in several brotherhood churches. Hear them if they come to your town.

Mrs. Pearl Powell Perkins, class of 1924, teacher and musician, has recently been chosen Jeanes Teacher for Hinds (Continued on Page 8)
NATIONALLY KNOWN, FEARLESS GOSPEL PREACHER SUCCUMBS

By D. W. HEATH

Elder R. C. Calvert, resident of Jackson, Mississippi, 917 Florence Street, president of the National Convention of the Christian churches and state evangelist of the State of Mississippi, was stricken while attempting to deliver his annual sermon at the National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Sunday, August 30, 1936. He remained in this condition, which was caused by high blood pressure and being over taxed mentally, until Sunday, September 13, about 2:30 p.m., when he passed at the state hospital in Taft, Okla. After a few communications and several days of preparation his body was transferred from Oklahoma to Jackson, Miss., for burial. The funeral services were held Sunday, September 20, at the College Hill Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss.

Elder Calvert has been a citizen of Jackson for many years. Therefore, there were approximately one thousand relatives and friends who turned out to view his remains. It was truly a sad occasion to lose one who held such a prominent position among the Christian Churches of America.

The services were conducted by Elder T. B. Frost of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. The music for this sad occasion was furnished by the College Hill Baptist Chorus and the Southern Christian Institute Quartet which was very soothing and appreciable. Scripture lesson was read by Elder D. W. Heath of Jackson College, Jackson, Miss. Letters and telegrams were read by Elder E. T. Brown, a teacher of Lanier High School, Jackson, Mississippi. These letters of sympathy and telegrams of condolence came from all over the country and amounted to about ten in number.

Elder N. R. Trivillian, Secretary of the State of Mississippi among the Christian Churches, read the obituary. Elder I. C. Franklin, president of the Christian Churches of Mississippi, gave the sermon.

Before the sermon by Elder Franklin, a space was left on the program for remarks of other connections who were more than glad to have been given the chance to say something about this noble character. There were seven men of this type who had something to say and all seven of their speeches ended by stating that Elder B.C. Calvert was a fearless gospel preacher. The speakers were as follows: Elder F. W. Jones, pastor of College Hill Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; Elder Greer, pastor of Parish St. Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; Elder Lomack of Port Gibson, Miss.; Professor W. W. Blackburn of Jackson, Miss.; Prof. Cowan of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.; Prof. S. A. Scott, president of Campbell College, Jackson, Miss., and Elder F. B. Frost of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.

Elder Calvert leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, one sister and brother and a host of relatives and friends.

Gone but not forgotten.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

SERMON BY ELDER A. D. BROWN of Bristol, Tenn.

Subject, Jesus Christ, The Divine Pattern for Our Lives

1 Peter 2:21. For Even hencunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

To be a Christian is to be a follower of Christ, to be a follower of Christ means to enthronе Him in our hearts—make Him our example, our pattern. This to all True Hearted Christians is self-evident fact, Phil. 2:5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. He is the pattern of our mind, of our talk, our walk and of our works, he will try our lives soon or late to see if we are on the right foundation, Christ, for another foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The lowly Christ being our pattern makes the Christian religion far more beautiful than any other to be Christian means some Christian living, Christian talking, Christian working, Christian action. To pattern after Christ means more than to come up and give the preacher your hand and say that you believe that Jesus is the son of God. Yes, this is the confession to be made to the world. On this confession Jesus founded the church, but Christ told Peter, that you have confessed something that come from God, the thing we need most in our churches today is more confession with the Son of God enthroned in their hearts, let us
Christian living is the true example that Jesus brings to us as the Divine Pattern for our lives. The Christian religion is all and all. No other religion has a living example. No other religion has a living foundation to rest upon that can give help. What other religion compares with this? The Saviour took upon himself the form of humanity, thus giving us a practical example of a life acceptable to the Father. The infinite love he bore for us caused him to leave His heavenly throne before which myriads of holy angels knelt in adoring worship; it caused Him accept willingly the insults—yes, even the tortures—that were to come from unbelievers, unappreciative human beings, and the agonies that awaited him on Calvary's Hill. All this he undertook in order to redeem mankind and to leave a victorious example for His people.

The need of today, is more consecrated Christians. What America needs both east and west, north and south, white and colored, is converted men and women—in the pulpit and in the pews of our Christian Churches in America. Men and women who are true Disciples, Jesus said the world will know that we are disciples when we have loved one another. Now, just when that will be when we will love with one accord, here will be the fruit of it. When we have loving quarterly conventions, lovely state conventions, and lovely national conventions, then will we have the Christ enthroned in our hearts.

Christians love one another and fulfill the law of Christ. The Divine Pattern for our lives is our Savior. May God bless us all, may we be better Christians.—Amen.

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

By the State President,
ELDER S. KENNEY
207 Elmo St.,
Johnson City, Tennessee

We have a pastor in every church in the state except Jellico. I spent four nights there. I found the Elder of the church in charge, Elder Robert Murphy and his good wife, Sister Hollen, are working hard to keep the church alive. Our good pastor of the Knoxville church promises to help Elder Murphy until we can get a pastor at Jellico. I met sister Annie Marshall at Jellico. She is 87 years old and has been in the church 66 years. We had a number of members to attend our meeting each night from Packard, Ky. Packard is about 10 miles from Jellico. Bro. Willie Jones and his wife, Sister Lucy Jones, and Bro. James Nual and a number of young people came 10 miles each night from Packard to Jellico, and we had a great meeting there. I preached three nights. Sister Helen Murphy put on a fine program of the best talent of all the churches in that city the last night. I preached at the Vine Street Church, Knoxville, August 30th, morning and evening. I found the church moving along nicely under the leadership of Elder R. Wesley Watson. We feel that God has heard our prayers. We are praying for real leaders and the Lord sent us two. Elder R. Wesley Watson, pastor of the Knoxville Church, and Elder A. D. Brown, pastor of College Avenue Christian Church, Bristol. Elder Brown has done a great work at Bristol. Se is a great preacher and leader. I am closing out my eighth year here with success, and I feel very much encouraged over the work in this section. Mrs. M. M. Hankal, a member of West Main Street Christian Church, Johnson City, celebrated her 88th birthday Thursday, Aug. 27, 1936, at her residence, 222 West Market Street. Sister Hankal has been a member of the church for 70 years and has the distinction of being the oldest citizen of Johnson City, having moved there with her husband, Dr. H. B. Hankal, 68 years ago. Among those first to greet this charming old lady were her daughter, Mrs. Hughes of Bristol, Tenn. Mrs. Edwards of Kimball, W. Va., Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Moorman of Louisville, Ky., and grandson, Prof. J. H. Law, and wife, Dr. Patton Law and daughter, Anne Pauline Law, of Houston, Texas.

I am planning to make a tour over middle and west Tennessee early in the spring. The East Tennessee District Convention will meet with the church at Washington College, November 20, 21 and 22, 1936. Elder D. W. Bradley, our district president, asks that we be on time with a full report. Convention will open at 9:30 a.m.

MAKE IT UNANIMOUS

I love to read the Christian Plea, I like it better every day. I hope the time will soon come when we can hear from all of our Churches, that all our ministers will have their notes in our own paper. You can send my paper to the above address. I am yours for the cause,

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"THEY THAT DO SUCH THINGS DECLARE PLAINLY"

Christianity Versus Other Religions.

"You don't keep any," came the sharp, but only too true thrust, at me from a sober "Sabbath" keeper, when I had bested him in a heated argument over "which day we should keep."

His English was none too plain, but his religious ardor for his "Sabbath" knew no bounds. That "one fact, tells a thousand philosophies" was never truer.

When the biggest stores in town "close up tight" on Saturday, the money getting day, and plackard the door "closed for religious holiday," it looks like they mean it. They also close Sunday in deference to our religious day. Here’s some food for thought and "action" as the Xtian Standard would say.

Evidently we have missed the way in our return to the principles of the early church. The Lord's Day was the scene of most of the Master's appearances after his resurrection, and many seers scripturally claim that His second coming will be on His day—The Lord's Day.

When Jesus comes to reward His servants, Whether it be noon or night, Say, will He find you and me still watching, With our lamps all trimmed and bright? Ignoble Sons of Noble Sires is a thrust at some "youngsters" who fail to measure up to what their ancestry had reason to expect of them, and too often is true.

Admitting that the times are "different" and unwarranted, yet one cannot fail to note some letting down in standards held sacred and inviolate by those who handed to us the torch.

Our fathers, plodding along, built churches and congregations and had little or no salary and none of the luxuries of life. They FOUND a way to go, and stay till the church was on foot and thriving, debts paid and rejoiced in suffering for the cause of the Master to whom they dedicated their lives. Pioneers, blazing the way.

Will we keep the church houses in repair, the congregations intact, adding to the number as time takes its toll, or shall we truly be dubbed "Ignoble Sons of Noble Sires?" The question stands.

Mrs. John Long, representing the S. C. I. Church at Mt. Beulah College, Miss., sends largest check of any church yet for Christian Plea. What state and church will awake to such meritorious action? The time is ripe.

Our Winchester church turned out in full on "Influence Day." Our next effort is to paint the roof. Some fine workers there.

Hustonville went way over the top in our annual fall meeting. The Christian women came up side by side with the men. State Evangelist J. E. Blair did the best preaching of his life, and the "neighbors and neighbors' children" gave us a packed house.

We'd like to know the whereabouts of Elder J. B. Parsons and Brother R. Hancock, I. K. Hicks, one Bro. Martin, once of Rockford, Ill., R. E. McDuffey, one Dickerson of Ohio—not of my tribe.

Among those going on mission and speaking campaigns are Mrs. Dickerson to Mt. Sterling, Mr. Gault to Arons Run and Mrs. Peaks to District meeting of No. 4 in Louisville. The work is "Looking Up."

Eld. C. H. Johnson reports good meetings at Hopkinsville, Roaring Springs and Dudley's Chapel with eleven for baptism. He hopes to raise the two hundred dollars, balance due on church at Hopkinsville before next convention.

The church at S. C. I., Edward, Miss., though not among the pledges of the National Convention, is again heading the list of contributions to the Christian Plea.

October 14, 1936
It is anxiously awaited what state or church of the National Convention Pledges will first respond. Responses are in order, and we shall carry in the Plea the names and amounts as they come. Brethren, let none of us wait till “next summer.” “The King’s Business requires haste.”

Who will send to the Christian Plea the correct address of Miss Helen E. Henry of Texas? Send to 340 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky., and “Receive”

“Why is This and This in the Plea and my article left out? Nothing about me? Answer—Either you didn’t write, or it came too late. C. H. D.

“BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH YOUNG FOLK”

By MISS HELEN E. HENRY of Texas

I would like to come to you today with a message filled with realities, but that is impossible. We are living in a disturbed world today. In the present chaos is almost personified, we can only hope and pray for a better future. This is a time when many young people are doubting whether one can really be a Christian in a time like this.

We know we cannot do much kingdom building and do some of the things we have to do to earn bread for ourselves.

I shudder when I think of the future of most of our Negro Christian churches. I shed tears some times when I think of my own church and how she has dwindled numerically since I became one of her own seventeen years ago this past June, there has been no increase but there has been a great falling away. Oh well, we may justly say that all institutions are suffering, even the penal institutions because they cannot accommodate the vast droves of men and women who break the law of the country. Somehow I feel that the church should not be suffering as it is today. I feel somehow that we are not keeping the laws of God, somewhere we are failing and youth is losing confidence in the Christian Church. Most of our churches have no drawing power, no attractions, delapidated buildings, grass and weeds growing all around, poor leadership, poor everything, and it should not be.

I am not interested in finery, I love my church despite these facts, but I do feel deep down in my soul that we are too satisfied with present conditions, we have too little church pride and too little church spirit. The old way is good enough for maturity, but it cannot interest young folk. And if you would hope to build the kingdom through them you must step up and do some real Christian construction.

There are a few young people in our churches who are conscientious, who will stick, who will put forth every effort to expand and glorify the kingdom, some of us are suffering a great deal to do it, we are going through fiery trials. If we would hold on to our faith and seek places in the economic world we are told that there are no places, this business of getting and holding a job is a “wrack” of immorality and dishonesty and if we would have places we must get into it, we cannot successfully play both games, so some of us are leaving the church. Somehow maturity must work to tear this down.

We may well look for a retreatment in our church as far as youth is concerned, as long as the few young people our schools turn out have to look to a denominational world for aid, they have too many boys and girls of their own to aid and will not give us a chance unless we in some way deny the faith. So if we as a church would hope to extend the kingdom through youth we must first save them.

Our Sunday home services must needs be of such nature that our little boys and girls had rather go there than any place else, our Sunday Schools, Endeavors and all youthful activities should all be well planned. And when they are ready for college send them to our own school. It is time for us to suffer and make our school a first class senior college so that they may stay there and receive a thorough Christian training. And then when they return to you, give them a vital place on the church program and do not hinder them in their progress. The most of our church folk are so accustomed to having things go like they want them to go that when they give young folk a place they do not want them to have any individuality, let the have individuality, criticize but do so tactfully. And if you have any influence at all do your best to help them to find places in the economic world, help them to build up a firm confidence in Christ and His church. This is a time when youth needs security, the kingdom is depending upon them, the future of the church is in youth’s hands. Young folk we must hold on. We are having many grave temptations and it is trying yet, we can’t give up. I count myself strong in the cause, I have tried to have explicit faith and confidence and yet there are times when I am almost tempted to give up. But when I think of that beautiful portion of scripture (and I some times think that the writer was speaking to me) which says “He who takes hold to the gos-
pel plow and looks back is not fit for the kingdom of heaven.” And I won’t give up.

When I was in school I learned a good many things. I know that the square on the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides. I know that two triangles are congruent when two sides and the included angle of one equals to two sides and the included angle of the other. I know that 

\[ (a+b)(a+b) = a^2 + 2ab + b^2. \]

I know that the scientific name for the bed bug is cimex lectularius, I know that the scientific name for the common house fly is musca domestica, I know that the nervous system of the cray fish consists of thirteen ganglia, I know that ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny. But I learned something else. I learned to hold on. I learned to eat one meal and miss two to accomplish my purpose and receive a degree with honor I learned to endure and to suffer. I said that to say this young folk we must hold on, the church is failing and to suffer for the kingdom, even though they cost us friendships which we cherish, even though they cost us our jobs and keep us from getting jobs, even though they cost us the love of some one we had hoped to marry.

There are a few international persons in the world today whom I admire, not the principles for which they stand but for their determination and courage. These are Mussolini of Italy, Hitler of Germany, Don Tomas of Mexico, Stalin of Russia, and Ghandi of India. These men have no fear for other men, they love their countries and will give their lives for them. Texas needs young men and women who are not afraid to suffer for the kingdom. Young men do not want to go into the ministry because young women do not want to go through that starvation period with them. Fellow comrades, the world outside is starving for salvation, we cannot let existing conditions continue. The kingdom is suffering for youthful builders, the fields of Texas are suffering from the lack of cultivation, we want to undertake the task because there seems very little money for compensation. I am saying that even though the hazards are great, even though the field may be rough and grassy with the least possible compensation, I am not afraid to suffer, here am I, send me.

“God give us men a time like this demands

Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinion and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatterers without winking
Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty, and private thinking;
For while they rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish pride, lo, freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps.”

We must hold on, work hard and pray for the dawn of a new day, for as we scan the Christian horizon,

“The world stands out on either side
No wider than the heart is wide;
Above the world is stretched the sky—
No higher than the soul is high.
The heart can push the sea and land
Farther away on either hand;
The soul can split the sky in two,
And let the face of God shine through.
But east and west will pinch the heart
That cannot keep them pushed apart;
And he whose soul is flat—the sky
Will cave in on him by and by.”

A SHORT HORSE

Louisville District No. 4, knows just how to hold a “One Day” District meeting, better still, one session that is a compact organization. They packed it all into one great big Sunday afternoon session and made good. Three cheers to Presd. Cooper and helper with our old friend, E. H. Allen, at the wheel.

Miss Butler led District Six in similar meeting last Sunday and Miss Viola Smith of Danville will carry on with District two at Midway, Saturday, the 17th.

These young presidents of Bible School Districts, along with Woman’s Missionary Society Heeds are proving what young people can do when given a chance.

“Use Me or Lose Me” may not be good principle, but it’s good policy.
WHY DID JESUS COME?

Jesus came for three purposes: First, to show a new way of life; second, to reveal God; third, to establish a kingdom.

Jesus came to show a new way of life. Jesus said to men, “Come follow me.” Then he showed them a way of live, justice, humility, self-denial, and brotherhood. He taught his followers to love their enemies, to do good to those who did harm to them. He said that he that would be great would be the servant of all. He gave to the world the golden rule of life, “Whosoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them.”

Jesus came to reveal God—People in Jesus’ day had a very imperfect concept of God. The Jews thought of him as a tribal God who belonged exclusively to them. They conceived of him as a god of war who marched with the army and fought for Israel. He was a cruel god of vengeance and justice.

Jesus revealed God as a God of Love, a kind Father, who knew His children by name, and who loved to give them good gifts. He said that he and the Father were one and whoever knew him knew his Father also. God was not merely the God of the Jews, but the Father of all mankind. He told many tender stories to show the yearning heart of God for even one of his children who might wander away.

Jesus denounced the Pharisees for their outward show of religion when their hearts were corrupt. He looked on the formal ceremonious religion of his day and said “God is a spirit: And they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Jesus came to establish a kingdom—The central idea in the teachings of Jesus is the building of God’s kingdom on earth, a kingdom in which God was the Father of all men of all races and classes were brothers. Early in his ministry he proclaimed his life purpose in relation to this kingdom. Luke 4:18 says, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.”

Jesus is needed very much in our modern world. The world needs him today as desperately as it did two thousand years ago. We need his way of love. We need to know God as the loving Father of all mankind. His program for the Kingdom must be adopted if the masses of humanity are to enjoy abundant life.

Nationalism is rampant in the world today. Hatred, selfishness, greed, and prejudice threaten the peace and welfare of mankind. Let us proclaim again Jesus’ message of universal brotherhood. Let us practice it in our homes, communities, churches, factories, and halls of government.

May the Prince of Peace be born again in the hearts of men.

Beyond the sea is Galilee, And ways which Jesus trod, And hidden there are those high hills Where He communed with God;

Yet on the plains of common life Through all the world of men, The voice that once said, “Follow me,” Speaks to our hearts again.

(Writer will please claim this nameless, but very splendid, article.—Editor.)
**The Poets' Corner**

**ACROSS THE YEARS**
—THAT JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Joint Exec—Across the years
Has changed its personnel and wears
Another form and other faces,
Of other folks who take our places.

Across the years—as we count time,
"Across the years" phrase sad, sublime,
Across the years almost a score,
The dozen met who meet no more.

We drop from places one by one
Like leaves in autumn sear and brown,
Across the years, but one survives
To carry on with those alive.

Across the years old Father Time
Must call his roll to make his rhyme,
Across the years nor look aback
Lest chilly veins your system rack.

Across the years "Time marches on"
Finishing things that we began,
What ever our lot mid sighs and fears
Friends still shake hands—across the years.

Across the years we who remain
Shall faithful be till we "attain."
To worthier hands commit our cares
While we plod on across the years.

C. H. D.

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**MERCIES AND MISERIES**

If you will meditate upon
Your mercies day by day,
And not your miseries so much
Which take your joys away,
I'm sure you'll have a better time
And life will sweeter be;
You'll save yourself of many frets,
And worries less you'll see.

Think oft of strength and health you have
Of friends and loved ones true;
And think how glad you ought to be
That you can love them too;
Or lend a helping hand to those
Who may have fortunes less,
And know that you'll have blessings more
When other lives you bless.

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**SUNDAY AT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE**

(Continued from Page 1)

County, Mississippi. This is a very desirable position with a good salary. We congratulate her for this merited honor.

The Edwards Christian Church has a new pastor, Eugene Mason, one of our boys from old Kentucky, is the possessor of the pulpit in this church, an island surrounded by Baptists. This will be a great adventure for him and the church. Perhaps other churches in the state will follow this lead.

Five members of last year's graduating class are continuing their education in other colleges. One at Eureka, two at Tougaloo, and one each at Wiley College, and Gammon Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Rosa Paige Welch, class of 1922, will return about the middle of October to direct our music department while our present teacher is on a leave of absence.

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We were saddened by the tragic passing of Rev. B. C. Calvert. Our brotherhood will miss his eloquent contention for adherence to the New Testament. The Pension Fund again proved its worth as a friend in need. Resolved to keep my dues paid, for not even I know the day nor the hour.

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R. WESLEY WATSON
IN KNOXVILLE, TENN.

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By MRS. SARAH GRIGSBY

This is my first effort to so express our gratitude for Elder Watson here at Vine Street Church. I must mention he is so humble, so grateful for every kindness, it really gives pleasure to serve. Since he came last February he has done so much good here. I don't know which to mention first. He has striven so hard to put this wonderful Plea into every home. The attendance has grown from about one dozen to six dozen. Collections have increased. He has the Christian Missionary Society moving along very nicely, and plans laid for future, and if we will only rally to them they will help put our church on top. Again he brought back the most interesting report from our national convention. I felt like I was present at the convention when he mentioned the memorial services for the founders and leaders of this great movement, who have passed. And of the young men and women who are now preparing to carry on in the work when the present ones have passed. It simply made my heart rejoice. I really feel when the poet wrote these words:

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles by it.

I believe Elder Watson adopted it because he practices it daily.
Love Of The World And Results

By Delphia Jackson, of White Hall, Ala.

If you would examine Christian character as it was in the days of the Apostles you will find among the hindrances of its maturity, the love of the world.

Paul furnishes us with a case which served as an illustration of the dangers of the love of the world.

Doubtless all New Testament readers have read of Demas, mentioned as being his fellow laborer. He was associated with Luke, but when Paul was about to be put to death, Demas shamefully forsook him and fled to Thessalonica. Why did he do this? Paul tells why.

“Demos hath forsaken me, having loved the present world.” Tim. 4:10.

He left the apostle in his trials and suffering because he loved the world and the pleasure of the world. But what is implied in loving the world? It is the choice of this world and the things therein in preference to heaven and the things above. All are guilty of this love who willfully neglect the things pertaining to eternal life and devote their time and talents to worldly objects. When ever religion is neglected or violated in order to gain wealth or popularity, or accomplish some other worldly end, (Continued on Page 8)

Elder R. L. Peters, noted Evangelist of the “Old North State,” now conducting the Eight Day Triple Anniversary at our Church at North Tazewell, Va., where the church is 44 years old. Minister G. M. Dickerson (our brother in the flesh) has served 24 years, and the “Sixty Something” Anniversary of said Bro. Minister who is still going strong.

Old Father Time has “cleared even the snow, from both of their busy pates, while these 2 lifelong yokefellows have made each other in their abundantly fruitful ministry.

After six years of splendid service Eld. G. E. Letton has resigned the Mt. Sterling, Ky., Christian Church and departed to other quarters.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

“Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be.”—Gen. 49:10.

Whatever joy Christmas brings, its glory harks back to that humble nativity in that far off little town of Bethlehem, in the land of Judea.

That scene in the manger with attendant poverty yet riches, holds the charm of countless millions, while angels chant their rhapsodies of the new-born King, and above all “Behold the Star! The Star!” The mighty message of “Good News and Glad Tidings” still falls upon our waiting ears.

“Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.” The Christian Plea family extends an unusually hearty Christmas greeting to each reader and friend.

N. MIDDLETOWN, KENTUCKY

“STORMS” MINISTER

By T. R. Everett

Dear Editor of the Plea:

Our work goes forward with renewed interest of North Middleton. Some repair work done on the church and the good women have in treasury money to beautify inside. The minister recently had a birthday and, oh my!, the way those good people surprised him. At
AMONG THE BRETHREN

DOWN IN GEORGIA

The South Georgia district convention met with the Mercy Seat Christian Church near Thomasville, Ga., Nov. 28th and 29th. Our theme was "Building Christ's Church." We had representatives from all our South Georgia churches except one.

This was the best convention yet. Sunday the house was full and all listened to a wonderful message brought by Eld. W. T. Strickland of Lake Park. Subject, "Our Wastebasket." Our next district convention meets with Evergreen Church of Valdosta on the 5th Saturday and Sunday in January, and we are looking for another great convention.

Hoping to have some of our white Christian friends with us praying that our work may continue to move upward, I am very truly,

Lorenzo J. Evans, State Evangelist of Georgia.

Enclosed find eleven subscriptions.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE NOTES

By Dean J. M. Cowan

A group from our department of music presented the introductory program of a series of broadcasts by the Negro Colleges and public schools of the state. Many favorable reports came from friends commending the quality of our presentation. The Jackson broadcasting station WJDX, donates thirty minutes of radio time each week in order that the Negro schools might present their work. This is one phase of the increasing interest in education shared alike by intelligent people of both races.

A new addition to our faculty family arrived Sunday, November 6. Professor and Mrs. L. E. Cousins, the proud parents, named her Elizabeth Ann.

The one and only L. R. Garrison, like Caesar, came, saw, and conquered. He was our guest during the recent sessions of the Jackson District Convention. Full of the wisdom of experience, the wit of an Irishman, and the penetrating insight of a scientist, his messages were a tonic to everyone from the youngest to the eldest.

Milton Bracy, member of a long line of Southern Christian Institute followers, left his home for work November 19th, apparently in the best of health. Some time later he was found seated by the roadside suffering from a stroke. He died within a few hours. One of our most highly respected citizens, his passing is a distinct loss to the community.

Clifford B. Spears, president of the Student Ministerial Association, has organized a Gospel Team whose object is two-fold. The members of the team offer their services to the neighborhood churches as Bible School teachers, song leaders, and preachers. In return they receive valuable experience in promotional leadership. Their first contact with a local Baptist church was very encouraging. They are to "run the church" the fifth Sunday in November. Your correspondent will take careful note of the reactions for their effort is a piece of missionary pioneering.

Thanksgiving Day is among the "has beens." Prof. Cousins gave the Thanksgiving sermon. Among the visitors for the day were the Bebouts and Lehmans. Mr. Lehman asked for his German Bible, a priceless volume, yellow with age, bound in wood, and kept in the school vault. This is a pretty good index to his improved condition, for which his host of friends are indeed thankful.

President Long was among those who assisted in dissembling the Thanksgiving turkey. He returned for the holiday and week-end from Nashville, Tennessee, where he is enrolled at Vanderbilt University, meeting requirements for a graduate degree in Sociology.

Two interesting judicial decisions are attracting a great deal of attention and comment in our social science classes. The Mississippi Supreme Court affirmed the death sentence of a white man for the brutal murder of a defenseless Negro. The
first conviction with death penalty for the murder of a Negro in the history of Mississippi. An Arkansas Federal Jury recently convicted a town marshal for false arrest of seven Negroes and violation of the slave code of 1866. He was sentenced to two years in prison and a fine of $3,500. The prison sentence will be suspended if the fine is paid. Appeals will follow, but whatever the final outcome these two courts have shown a brand of courage that we like to see oftener; a type that will do much to restore our faith in, and respect for the state and federal judiciary.

The registrar of Eureka College writes that Misses Johnnie Howard and Ruth Robinson did better than average work in their courses for the first quarter of the college year. Misses Howard and Robinson are members of our 1932 and 1936 classes. In addition to their full schedule of classes these young women are earning part of their expenses by working in homes near the college. They are to be commended for this splendid record.

We have just completed the first quarter of our college year with a very few scholastic casualties. Those who do superior work in their classes are placed on the Dean’s List in recognition of ability, industry and achievement. The freshmen receiving this honor are Ivan Jones, Paducah, Ky.; Tamar McClain, Fulton, Ky., and Bessie Jacobs, Utica, Mississippi. The sophomores are William James, Meadville, Mississippi; Douglass Bowman, Baltimore, Maryland, and Jewel Elbert, Rayville, Louisiana. All names appear in the order of scholastic rank.

J. M. Cowan.

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ANOTHER PRECINCT
HEARD FROM

By Mrs. Lucy Jones
Packard, Ky.

Tell the Brotherhood that we are yet alive. We have just closed a week’s meeting. Elder Wm. Owens, of Nicholasville, Ky., was the preacher. He brought us some wonderful sermons. We had large attendance each night. We gave Brother Owens $18.80. Sorry that we could not give him more. His coming meant so much to the church and the community at large, as he gave to the people a better understanding of the Christian Church. I am happy to say that we had eight additions.

Elder Owens reorganized the church. He also organized a missionary society and Young People’s Christian Endeavor.

He ordained the following officers: Brother Will Jones, my husband, as Elder of the church; Bro. Samuel Jones, my son, deacon; Bro. James Newell, deacon. We are looking forward to do greater works. Bro. Owens made many friends while here. We pray he lives long, that through him many others will hear the gospel. We are in great need of a pastor. It will take a strong spiritual minister to hold this place. Preachers who want to serve please let us hear from you.

Our Sunday School is doing nicely, also the young people’s conference club. Sister Lillian Newell organized a young people’s choir. I will try to get subscribers for the Christian Plea.

Following are officers of Auxiliaries:

Missionary Society — president, Sister Lillian Newell; secretary, Sister Ella Newell; treasurer, Sister Sue L. Johnson.

Estate officers — president, Sister Bessie Jacobs; secretary, Sister Meda Johnson; treasurer, Sister Sue L. Johnson.

Program committee, Sister Irene Wilson.

Lookout committee, Brother Samuel Jones.

NICHOLASVILLE, KY.

I am just back home from the mining field of South Eastern Kentucky, where I held an eight days meeting for the Christian Church at Packard, Ky. I found the church there without a shepherd, but steadily carrying on to the best of their ability. We had eight additions, all adults, several from other connections. I organized the Missionary Society, also the Christian Endeavor, and the church ordained three officers.

Standing in the creek with water waist deep, I performed the ordinance of Baptism. After the service the people saw me no more, and they went on their way rejoicing. I was last seen in Jellico, Tenn., where I visited my cousin, whom I had not seen for 32 years, spending the night with Elder Robert Murphy and wife of the Christian Church, who received me into their home and extended to me the very best of Christian courtesy.

I found this church without a minister. They are planning on having me come and hold a revival in the near future. I find throughout in my travels that the harvest is truly ripe, but laborers are few. Let us pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into His vineyard.

Elder W. M. Owens, Vice-Pres. of State Convention.
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Ohio's State President C. E. Craggett is a great meeting holder, as well as Pastor of the Columbus church. His son and daughter are making good at Jarvis Christian College.

Dr. G. C. Campbell, of Cleveland, O., has made famous the expression "and they left God out" in giving the why of failures.

Bro. Fowler goes ahead in Covington making preparations for entertaining Kentucky State Convention next July.

A good and all-year-lasting Christmas gift would be one subscription to the Christian Plea at this half price rate. Try it.

No word yet comes from our National Convention, which, like Noah's dove, has "Found no rest for the sole of her feet."

We understand that the invitations to both Los Angeles and Dayton, Ohio, still stand waiting.

The Brethren are anxious to know whether we shall camp with "Buckeyes" or march to the "Golden Gate?"

The Smith family, of Danville, Ky., motored to Atlanta, Ga., to Thanksgiving with son and family, Mr. Vance G., sponsor of "Youth's Corner" in the Christian Plea.

Elder Ira S. Ashe is getting a good hold upon the Georgetown, Ky., work and fitting into the town like your Brother's shirt. He's a "Man of some parts," his Essex.

This is Tobacco Time in these states and the tobacconist is feverishly busy and hopeful of Christmas bounties.

Another wide-eyed Professor chimes in on locating our National Convention: "We agree in full on the non-wisdom of dragging our National convention away from its constituency even to as lovely a place as California. I know that I shall not be able to attend and predict that my number will be legion. Perhaps the 'powers that be' will relent and make it possible for poor preachers and professors and laymen to share in the fellowship of our National Convention."

The Winchester meeting held by Evangelist J. E. Blair was fully up to the standard. General and troops "fought nobly."

CAMPBELL GOES SOUTH

The young and progressive minister, W. D. Campbell, who was serving at Midway, Ky., so well, went down to Port Gibson, Miss., to hold a meeting which resulted, among other things, in his call to that ministry and down there he goes, forthwith.

He comes of a preaching family; his father, uncle and grandfather were able ministers of the Christian Church.

Young Campbell has served several Kentucky churches, and in Chicago, Ill. He has to his credit a good reputation and "Believe he can."

He's a ready speaker and organizer and should succeed down where grows "De cotton and de cane." He was a valued member of Kentucky State Board.

THE YEAR BOOK'S REPORT

Unfortunately and unintentionally the "year book" so splendidly compiled by an agency of the U. C. M. S. always misrepresents the colored Brethren.

It is not their fault, however, for they labor incessantly to get the facts from our people, no one of whom takes upon himself to answer officially.

Our people have never been seriously charged with making
accurate reports or keeping sufficient ready data for such reports.

Perhaps a way may yet be found, but until then, don't fool yourself with accounts of colored Brethren and churches shown in any Year Book.

"Facts is Facts."—C. H. D.

MEMPHIS, TENN., LEADING AGAIN

And here comes Memphis Bible School with 25 paid up subscriptions to the Christian Plea.

The check, signed A. Maceo Walker, the son of Dr. J. E. Walker, tells of more to come. Eld. Blair T. Hunt (a long time professor in the Memphis schools) is minister of this Miss. Blvd. Church, and my friend Dr. Fields and that insurance wizard, M. W. Bonner, are among the many prominent movers there. Who will follow, or take place ahead of Memphis?

OLD FAITHFUL

Our State meeting, a good one, is history now. We were proud to have our Woman's National President, Mrs. Herod of Indianapolis, to visit with us.

She was cordially received by every member of every department, and she played her part where duty calls.

She has great knowledge of leadership for her sisters in the work. We were all greatly impressed with methods and work while in the southland.

We would say to her "Hurry Back" to Arkansas.

Yours faithfully in the work,
Mrs. S. L. Bostick,
Little Rock, Ark.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

ELDER B. C. CALVERT

By Baltimore Taylor

We recall the career of one of our most brilliant and useful ministers, Elder B. C. Calvert, popular and widely known, gifted and now sorely lamented. His death is our loss.

There has been but one B. C. Calvert, pastor, state and national editor, vice-president and president of National Convention.

The mold was broken when he was cast. But he still lives in our memories and in the mansions Christ promised His people.

Being a son of great faith, he walked and talked with the God of his fathers. But a man has fallen in our midst who was so consecrated to His task, so devoted to his mission, and so faithful to the brotherhood, that no man comes forward who is even willing to claim greater devotion.

I am glad that, though we cannot touch his hand, we still feel his life. His body rests beneath the fading flowers, but he still lives within our hearts. His spirit is in our midst, even as we wait to speak anew his virtues; and I am quite sure and glad that the good influence of his life will never, never die.

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A SERMON

By F. L. Barnett

Cleveland, Ohio

Subject, A Living Sacrifice.

Rom. 12:1: "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." Which is your reasonable service. Here is a metaphor taken from bringing sacrifices to the altar of God. They are exhorted to give themselves up in the spirit of sacrifice; to be as wholly the Lord's property as the whole burnt offering was.

In opposition to those dead sacrifices which they were in the habit of offering while in their Jewish state, their living and active powers were to be continually offered and devoted to God in active service (holy) without spot or blemish, referring still to the sacrificial requirements of the law.

Acceptable Unto God

The sacrifice being perfect in its kind and the intention of the offerer being such that both can be acceptable and well pleasing to God who searches the heart, all these phases are sacrificial and show that there must be a complete surrender of the person; the body, the mind and flesh, the whole man, to be completely given over to God, and to be considered himself no more his own but the entire property of his Maker.

Therefore we are to no longer lend our faculties to the works of sin, but surrender them to God as living men who have risen from the dead. Rom. 6:13. Again we read 1 Peter 2:11: "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." This has to do with the commitment of one's self to Christ.

There is only one basis upon which Christ asks for the commitment of one's self to Him.

That basis is the fact of own-
ership: "Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a price," and that price was the precious blood of Jesus, which was shed for the world on Calvary. For ye were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Let everyone of us look yonder to the Cross and see the price of our redemption. The sentence of death was passed upon all the world, for all had sinned, but Christ took our place and died for us. Our sin became His sin, and His righteousness became our righteousness. How gladly, therefore, each of us should commit our lives to Him. He died for us. Let us live for Him.

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace.
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all.

N. MIDDLETOWN, KY.
“STORMS” MINISTER

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the close of the night service a basket laden with such things as are needed in every home. Of course, the pastor was taken off his feet, but finally got his bearing and came back and thanked the good people for their kindly remembrance of him.

The following persons were included in the list of the donors: Arzella Davis, Anna Reed, Ivy Gateskill, Sue Durgins, Emma Green, Maggie Fields, Kattie Carter, Sallie Fry, Chas. Mason and family, Roberta and Martha Davis, Reece Butler and family, Wm. Strauder, Earl Gay and Daniel Gateskill.

More of the members would have joined had they known of Within whose portals
True hearts are pure.
—Rachel Anderson.

THE "AMEN CORNER"
The amen corner in the amen church
Is it out of commission or in the lurch;
Once chucked full, coveted place,
Powerful powerhouse — means of Grace.
The amen Brethren cleared their throats
With prayers as musical organ notes
They vied with each other, praying more and more;
The leader knew best how to “higher and lower.”
Each one sought the chance to “hist the chune,”
And “line the song from January to June;”
And all “fined in” with amazing grace
With a warm hand shake and a smiling face.

But the amen corner “ain’t workin’” now;
The amen members are scarce somehow;
They helped the preacher his text to take,
But now can’t keep one another awake.

Yes, times are changed and I admit
Enthusiasm and indifference won’t fit;
But we need something that holds the charm;
An iceburg never kept anyone warm.
The “missing link” in service now
Is “enthusiasm,” some way, some how;
We yell our lungs out over the “game,”
But Christian fervor is very tame.

C. H. D.
WAYS OF RAISING MONEY FOR CONFERENCE EXPENSES

By Miss Edith Wilson

1. Have a home-made circus with pink lemonade and plenty of clowns.
2. Sell sandwiches, coffee, and salads at noon.
3. Solicit orders for sandwiches to be delivered the next day to working people.
4. Conduct candy sales. (Very profitable.)
5. Apron and sock parties, charging a penny for each inch around the waist or for the length of the feet.
6. Put on plays, pageants, musical programs, etc.
7. Have a treasure hunt.
8. Have a tea and ask for an offering.
9. Deny yourself regularly through the year and try to save at least $1.00 a month.
10. Establish a conference fund — have a receptacle for a free will offering.
11. Include in your budget an item covering cost of your fare to conference.
12. Sell theatre tickets, put on a program and urge people to attend on the basis of giving up one movie in order to help someone go to conference.
13. Do some work for your church, as janitor, etc., and put that money on the conference fund.

These things can be done by the young people.

Ways of raising money include a variety of activities, such as home-made circuses, sandwich sales, and apron and sock parties. The key is to find activities that are both fun and profitable.

WHY A YOUTH CORNER?

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When this space was so kindly granted by the Christian Plea for use of youth, it was hoped to make this column one very close to the youth of the church. Not that the conductor wanted praise for his efforts, but the idea was to get a clientele of young people who were doing things in the local church and convention to report their distinctively youth activities through this column.

If a youth leader was having difficulty in making a plan operate in his local group, the particular difficulty could well be presented here to get amateur and expert advice. If any question of religion or personal ethics needed exposure to the opinions and advice of others, these pages would afford a medium for expression.

What You Can Do

When the National Religious Education Secretary comes to see you, you each have a piece of work of which you are proud you are engaged in. As you meet your district conventions, your state officers, you are enthusiastic about some event or plan that worked well. As you make report to your local official board, you find some novel attraction in your youth group that requires a bit of notice. As you engage in your activities as Christian youth, some inspiration is being injected by attendance at some meet, regional conference, district or state convention, of one or more of your young people.

What you can do to make Youth Corner a real contribution is to write that item and send it in to the Christian Plea or to me. If sent to the Christian Plea office, label it for "The Youth Corner."

What the Youth Corner Can Do For You

When the plan you have is inaugurated has not worked perfectly, do not scrap it. Write in your particular trouble, someone else has a suggestion that will work.

When the pastor's sermon raises a doubt about the relation you bear to some great religious question, ask for guidance through the columns of Youth Corner. Names will be withheld on request.

When you have had an argument with someone regarding matters of religion, don't become dogmatic. State the question in Youth Corner and get the advantage of open discussion.

When some method you have heard of, but did not memorize the details, is obscure, don't avoid it. Request more light through the Youth Corner.

What Others Can Do

1. Ask the official board to underwrite sending young people to conference.
2. Have an official man (influential) in the church write a letter to about ten men. He should send it to a man whom he thinks could give two or three dollars (or less) and suggest he pin his donation to the letter and send it to the next man. Each man would pin on his donation and send the letter to the next man. No man would allow another to do more with the letter than he does.

The Youth Corner can be a repository of wisdom and knowledge for you.

The Youth Corner may be a solution for your personal or organizational problems.

The Youth Corner may be a cross section of youth activities throughout the brotherhood.

The Youth Corner may be a
source of material for youth ventures.
The Youth Corner may be an answer to the needs of youth in our brotherhood for a medium of expression and exchange.

SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions for program to be used in December when P. H. Moss Fund money is to be collected by each Bible School of Kentucky. At least two dollars is asked from each school. Have the money order made out for R. S. Fields, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn., but send the order to Mrs. Peaks in Lexington.

The program follows:
- Prelude - "Ready for Service."
- Hymn - first three verses of "Ready for Service."
- Prayer - (for more enlightened leaders).
- Prayer Song - "Into My Heart."
- Talks - Place of Religious Education in the Church; Highlights of Bro. Moss's Life; The Need for Trained Leaders.
- Hymn - "I Would Be True."
- Offertory.
- Prayer for the offering.
- Remarks by superintendent or pastor.

Note: Substitutions may be made in the choice of songs.

LOVE OF THE WORLD AND RESULTS

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the person so doing, like Demas, loves this present world.

There has been in many places a shameful neglect of many Christian duties. A great falling from the spirit and practice of true Christianity. The people have joined in with the world to have a good time. Christians need to get nearer to Christ.

With due respect paid to the church and the teaching of Christ and the Apostles, when one becomes worldly minded, he is unwilling to hear sound doctrine. No Christian should turn away from his obligation to God to compromise with the world. John cautions us against this love: "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." When one is worldly minded he stays away from service. Dancing, gambling and drinking are things of the world. They also indulge in singing songs which do not pertain to worship of God.

To serve God in spirit and in truth is a pleasant task for the real Christian, singing, praying, reading the Bible and living the Christian life are pleasing to the children of God.

The love of the world expels the love of God from the heart. When one begins to love the world, he begins to grow cold in religion. "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service and be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Church membership needs to be aroused to a sense of their obligation and duty. A line should be drawn clearly between the church and the world.

The love of the world leads us away from God and to destruction, while the love of Jesus and His precious Word leads us home to live with Him.

TWO GOOD MEETINGS

By Eld. C. E. Croggett
Cleveland, Ohio

I have recently conducted meetings with the church in Dayton, Ohio, and the Indiana Avenue Church in Chicago. These two congregations are among the best of our Brotherhood, and are similar in some ways. They are both well housed and the active leadership in the membership is composed of folk who are fairly young — both men and women. At each place, during the meetings music was furnished by the choirs — one, the regular, the other, a gospel choir. The first sang mostly hymns, while the latter specialized in spirituals.

Attendance and interest at both places were good, but it was exceptionally good in Chicago. Our church in Dayton has had a fairly smooth sea upon which to sail for several years, and having taken advantage of that, has built itself into a compact and splendid organization and is going forward in a fine way under the spiritual leadership of Elder E. W. Wilbert. This is not true of the church in Chicago. Contrary winds and cross-currents have lashed out furiously, threatening its deepest life, but thus far it was withstood winds and waves, and finds itself in calmer waters. Fortitude and courage hath prevailed, and its future is most promising and pleasing. Elder R. H. Davis, who is its efficient and tireless minister, is working hard to make it "the most outstanding congregation of our Brotherhood." And may he have the help of God and our help in doing so.