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Among Our Schools

Schools have a personality and character all their own as much as individuals, especially if they are schools like our own Jarvis Christian College, at Hawkins, Texas. If the young Negro boys and girls who work, study and play there didn’t have “jobs” whereby they could help to earn a part of their way, the school would lose a large part of its distinction.

Where else but at Jarvis could one have so much fun making syrup? The cane is grown on the Jarvis farm. The students make their way from the field, carrying the cane. Occasionally some is eaten for candy, but the most is carefully stacked so that the juice may be extracted and syrup made.

The trip to the syrup mill is a jolly jaunt. After climbing a hill from the main part of the campus and then going down hill behind the barn, one comes to a road which leads through a wooded section. Then over the bridge, and here is the clearing with its tin-topped shed. The laughter of those working is so joyous that the visitor naturally joins in the busy merriment. Soon there is a savory aroma of the cooking syrup, and sampling it before one leaves.

Taking care of the cows is another part of Jarvis life. Milk and butter are furnished by the school’s own herd, and the care of the cows is the responsibility of a number of students. They learn, too, the value of good pasturage and systematic care.

At Jarvis one knows the day is almost ended when he sees the cows coming home.

Mr. J. N. Ervin is president of Jarvis Christian College. The history of this school begins in 1910 with the gift of 456 acres of land by Major and Mrs. J. J. Jarvis to be used specifically for Negro education. They had become interested in such a project after hearing the expression of a desire of a number of the missionaries affiliated with the Negro churches in Texas for a school wherein the youth in this and surrounding vicinities might receive the benefit of a spiritual as well as intellectual education. In the

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Among the Brethren

Editor of Christian Plea:
The Church of Christ has had a "Week of Appreciative Services" honoring our 24 years in the ministry. The ministers of the various churches spoke each night and brought some of their members with them. In spite of the rainy weather we had good services.

Sunday afternoon the services were under the citizens. The music was furnished by the a capella choir of Austin High School, under the direction of Prof. R. J. Tate, in a most creditable manner. Miss Juanita Gibbs of radio fame rendered a special number.

Mr. A. R. Wheeler represented the business man, Miss Fannie Clay the women, Judge H. B. Webster the bar, and our friend and wellwisher, Attorney W. L. Porter the citizens. These able speakers spoke in the highest terms of the ministry and gave the writer many flowers which we enjoyed.

At night, our friend and collaborator, Elder D. W. Bradley, Rogersville, Tenn., delivered the anniversary sermon which was a spiritual treat. Our friends and co-workers from out of the city did not forget us. The first message of appreciation was from that great layman and business man our own Dr. J. E. Walker, then the first Elder whom I labored with in Kentucky, John T. Smith. It was a fine tribute and the editor of the East Tennessee News published it. Elder Mark Bonner, whose uncle heard my second sermon and was so impressed that he gave me the second meeting to hold, sent us words of congratulations with an offering. Our Field Secretary, R. H. Peoples, and Superintendent Cleo Blackburn also sent letters, my old class-mate, M. F. Mitchell, of Los Angeles, sent his words of appreciation by air mail. It was Bro. Mitchell who did so much to help me when in school and I can say he did much to "cheer me on," Elder T. R. Everett, who took me into the church did not fail to send greetings. Mrs. Preston Taylor wired her congratulations, and our own president, J. N. Ervin, remembered us with his warm words and an appreciative offering.

These words and appreciations meant much to us as we begin our twenty-fifth year in the ministry. And I do wish to assure all that with a "Firmer Faith" in God and love for man I press on.

With best wishes for the men who "Preach Jesus Christ" and all workers, I am yours in the work,

R. Wesley Watson,
614 Lithgo Street,
Knoxville, Tenn.

What Position in the Church Do You Occupy?

An attendant or an absentee?
A pillar or a sleeper?
A wing or a weight?
A power or a problem?
A promoter or a provoker?
A giver or a getter?
A worker or a worrier?
A booster or a boaster?
A peacemaker or a strife creator?
A supporter or a sponger?

—Peoria Christian.

How I Feel about the Church

By R. L. Sercy,
2700 Flora St., Dallas, Texas

I feel that the church is a place where people should go to get their spiritual strength renewed, and build a character and a personality that will challenge the imagination of sinners and even convince the gainsayer that God still lives. And on the other hand, I know that the church is a leaven, which if not exposed to weakness and pollution, will leaven the lump. I go to church not because I have to, or that it is my duty to go (yet it is), but rather because I want to go, and need to go, in order that my life may be developed, so that I may properly deal with the troubles and cares of this world in a time like this.

I go not to be entertained, or amused, but to worship God in spirit and in truth. The church is not the only place we meet him, yet we never fail to find him there if we go in the spirit of truth and worship, rather than to criticize the service, or see what our neighbors are wearing. I feel that if some people did not go to church any more regular than some professed Christians, there would be no Sunday service. I feel that every Christian should speak and say, "Lord I have loved the habitation of thy house." No man is a Christian who does not practice Christian virtues within the walls of his home, or only profess Christianity before strangers.

How do you feel about the
VALUE OF MISSIONARY TEACHING IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

By F. T. BARNETT, President of Ohio Church School Convention

Someone asked Mr. Charles G. Trumbull, editor of the Sunday-School Times, what place mission study should have in the modern Sunday School. He answered: "The same place that military study has at West Point Military Academy." It may seem at first blush that this answer was extravagant, but we believe a careful study of the purpose of the Sunday School will prove that Mr. Trumbull gave the correct answer.

We believe the great aim of the Sunday School is training for service in the extension of the Kingdom of Christ. Bible study and soul-winning are both a means to that end, but not the end itself. We believe the following great unselfish ideal should be held before the Sunday School constantly: "Many pupils must be enlisted in the school, taught the Bible, led to Christ and trained for service, that the world may be saved for Christ." If the Sunday School fails here it fails at its most vital point. Dr. John F. Goucher, president of Women's College, Baltimore, has put it well: "The function of the church is to transmit the revelation of God in Jesus Christ, to embody the word of God in personal experience and to promulgate it to the ends of the earth. The church is a divine institution ordained for this purpose. The Church School is an integral part of the church, an organ or agency begun and maintained by the church, to so educate the children as to further its primary purpose, the evangelization of the world."

Missionary teaching has strategic value in the Church School, because here is a monopoly on young life. The Church School is the only institution that takes the child and stays with him and moulds and fashions him clear through to maturity. The supreme opportunity of the Church School teacher is to take this child and incarnate the missionary passion in him. It is hard to get new ideas into old heads, but here are warm, young, impressionable hearts. Write the missionary ideal upon these hearts and they will be living epistles of world redemption for all time.

KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERS

Upon a pastor's suggestion that "those who could, should" give five dollars in a rally, keep their own counsel (about their intentions and make no promises), ten members gave five dollars each and nearly one hundred dollars are laid on the table. Perhaps this young minister is teaching us "The Power of Suggestion" and that "Nothing Succeeds Like Success."

Ask L. L. Dickerson, of our Covington Church, about it?

Dr. J. E. Walker puts Tennessee also into the front ranks with her ten dollars for the Plea, while General Squire Daniel, of Washington, D. C. (National C. E. President), is leading with a six-dollar check for "cut-rate" subscriptions to the Plea.

Remember this cut-rate runs only through January. What state or party will be next? Subscribe today!
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson

“But thou are the same, and thy years shall not fail.” Heb. 1:12.

The passing of the years is not without significance.

Some outstanding things remain for a challenge to “Peace on earth and good will to all men,” announced by the angels at the coming of Him whose birth we recently celebrate.

Faith has been called a long word. Perhaps we’d call it a long-distance word as we view things today, and proverbially ask “Are we going to it, or from it?

They tell us on the Panama Canal the sun rises “in the Pacific Ocean” and sets “in the Atlantic Ocean.”

Queer, this seems to us, and so it may be, as we sail on eastward we find ourselves sailing westward, and whether or not we view the approach of men beating their “swords into pruning hooks,” we can know that the source of all permanent peace is given by “let the peace of God rule in your hearts and be ye thankful”—“out of the heart comes the issues of life.”

“It would be a fine thing if the church as we know it and all its auxiliaries would observe our national days as they come and not let them “pile up on us.” You know, once we get behind it’s so very hard to catch up. Observe the day. Take the offering. Send it in then. Waiting to increase it may decrease it instead. Indeed, sometimes it shrinks until it evaporates—all gone.

What an army we’ll be when we all get in line and step with our great movement. Of course it may go on without us; but what about us?

Kentucky State Missionary Board will meet Friday, January 21, at 10 o’clock A. M., with Prall Street Christian Church, Lexington.

All members should bring “kale and not cotton” with their reports.

The board is .the “business end” of our church life and reasons for our existence is being challenged. Six months of our church year is gone. Brother Moore, our State Evangelist — “Little Giant,” is “spreading himself” all over the state making good.

Let’s keep him at it.

DAYTON REMEMBERED

Not yet has anybody surpassed the entertainment Dayton, Ohio, gave the National Convention. Those Daytonians kept that smile till the last amen was heard. Brother William had his people in tune. Dayton towered.

A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By MISS JULIA JEFFERSON, Millersburg, Ky.

Education in the missionary sense must always mean a Christian education, the missionary at home and abroad always has a big place for the Bible and its teachings in his work, occasionally one seems to forget this supreme thing, but he never succeeds unless he puts Christianity in every thing he teaches. Otherwise he would be unworthy of his calling. Jesus was the greatest educational missionary, time and again we are told his mission was to teach, had he not done this the Gospel would not have rested upon the sure foundation that it did. He was the greatest teacher. His example will never be equaled, but it will always serve as an ideal and incentive for every true missionary. We must put Jesus at the center of education, because he belongs at the center of life, and education is merely a preparation for life. Then we must keep Him at the center for ourselves, as well as for others, if we would maintain the steady balance of life. A teacher who is ashamed to refer to Jesus as his pattern and ideal before his students lacks the very necessary element that makes a real teacher. Christianity was the pioneer in education in the United States. Most of the colleges and universities, especially in the East, were given birth by the church. A number of them have departed from their mother’s ways, but that does not change the fact of their origin. The church must always foster the right kind of education, the kind that goes together with Christian influence and principles. For upon this depends the future of our country, as well as our religion. Education flavored thor-
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WHY CONSIDER RACE RELATIONS?

The very nature of the Gospel that we profess, in the first place, involves the relations between men of different colors and races as the children of one Creator and Father. Our conception of Christian brotherhood must draw a circle wide enough to include all or it ceases to be brotherly. In so far as the white churches exclude Negroes, Indians and Mexicans or segregate them or treat them on a different basis from that on which white persons are treated they fail to that extent to have the mind of Christ. Those who profess to be followers of the Christ but refuse to give full fellowship to others because they are different in racial heritage fail to be Christian in an important aspect of their lives.

Too often churchmen have approached the relations between white and Negro peoples on the basis that the poor, ignorant, backward, weak Negro people needed their aid. There is no denying the fact that a people who for three hundred years have borne the burden of slavery and serfdom have need of brotherly help. Their need is certainly one basis for Christian service. But there is a larger and more excellent reason for practicing justice and goodwill in race relations. Justice is an obligation because every human being made in the image of God, has a claim to justice from his fellowmen. And justice is a prerequisite to true mercy, which brings refreshment, "like the gentle rain from Heaven," upon the so-called superior and inferior—whether white or black, red or brown. It blesses those on both sides of the color line. It does not remove the difficult problems of

oughly with Christianity has done wonders for our race. Booker T. Washington started influences that will never cease. Our work for our boys and girls is teaching them how to become Christian citizens and members of the Kingdom. All honor to the consecrated men and women who are giving their lives to help our race to see the Light and all honor to them who are doing their best with God's help to live in the Light.

"GREATER THINGS THAN THESE"

Why C. E. Prayer Meeting Every Sunday!

"A habit is an act committed so many times that it leaves an imprint in the neural mechanism."

Then it is for the purpose of making church going a habit; it is for the purpose of implanting in the mind of each one of us the thought that, "I must be there"; it is for the purpose of building a neural path with a conditioning toward God and things that are Godly, that we make our way, through sunshine and rain, to the temple of God each Lord's day. What then? This worth while habit inspired by regular C. E. prayer meetings not only makes church going obligatory, but it renders the blending of our voices with those of others in praise and thanksgiving to God and to His Son Jesus, imperative. For, meeting Sunday after Sunday, as we will, following some definite outline of study, of praise, and of self-expression; as laid down, for instance, in the Christian Endeavor Guide, motivates us in the knowledge of practical Christian living. Hence we find ourselves being urged on by unseen forces to contribute our bit towards the enrichment of the church life of our local congregation, and towards the making of our group, a power for good in our community.

Our Christian Endeavor is often referred to as the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor—and rightly so, for it was started in a prayer meeting and was the result of a revival. Its purpose was to train young converts for service. These converts were at least young in Christ. Now, since we are more susceptible to teaching at the age of plasticity, or youth, than we are when our neural mechanism is more hardened in maturity, it is well that we concentrate in motivating ourselves in the knowledge of God and in Christian living in the days of our youth. Then, when we are old the neural paths will be well established and we will find Christian living a habit which will stand in spite of every temptation.

C. E. prayer meetings, then, should be held every Sunday. Every young person in the church and every young person associated with the church should be urged to attend. All new members should be made welcome in this group, and all consecrated and seasoned church workers should encourage the society with their moral support and with their full membership, where possible.

Let your society meet every Sunday.

Yours in Christ,

SQUIRE R. DANIELS,
President N. C. E. C.,
Disciples of Christ.

Among the things that "never returned" is the dove sent forth to note the assuaging waters and locate the Mt. Ararat for landing of our National Convention in August, that mournful dove.
race relations but it prepares our spirits so that we can tackle them together.

Not a little of the spiritual, moral, and structural weal, mess of the Church today can be traced to its uncertainty in the past on questions of fundamental human rights involved in race relations. Some of the divisions in the major denominations grew out of differences over this issue. In these critical days when problems of our rapidly changing world are making history, churchmen cannot compromise on these basic human issues and retain their full power either to speak for Christ or to help a distressed world—From Federal Council Bulletin, Nov., 1937.

Letter to the Kentucky Churches from the President of the Convention, William Owens,

Dear Brethren:

We are still on the firing line facing the untried tomorrow, with a sanguine outlook. We are happy to say that after three months in Winchester our work moves on in a fine way; fellowship is up to par. Our work in Millersburg also is in fine shape.

We are taking this opportunity to request the churches to send to the State Board, or send through the secretary or treasur er a report on your appropriation to support our state's evangelistic program. State Evangelist I. H. Moore is doing an outstanding work. The State Board will meet Friday, January 21, at the Prall Street church, Lexington.

It was recommended and carried in the 1937 convention that the churches this year use the envelope system to raise the state missionary money. We have observed that some of the churches have not yet received their envelopes. We hope to reach this situation at our next board meeting.

Elder Moore is doing his best to place ministers in the vacant pulpits. We are trusting the officers of our churches will cooperate with him in this plan that the losses in our state may be recovered.

We've just closed a good meeting here in Winchester with Home Forces and the prospect for advance along all lines is pleasing.

With Brothers Hutsell, Clay, Frazier, Mills, Greene, Custus and other leading men, along with the ever faithful band of women too numerous to mention, and our "younger set" we'll bring a banner report to our State Convention.

QUIT YOUR CROWDING

The Plea rises to ask some of our splendid writers to observe a few points.

First—Quit your crowding of words and lines. Far better to write on "every other line." Typewriters use double spacing. Don't "smother" it.

Second—Please write on just one side of the paper—not both sides.

Third—Please use large, not "pocket-size" paper. Take your time and save ours.

Fourth—Write as plainly as you can and we'll do the rest.

Fifth—Give us less news about one thing and more news about many things.

Sixth—Remember our columns are open to all the people in all the churches and if your article is "doctored" it was because it was "sick."

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"MY MOTHER"

This seems to me a different world,

From what it used to be,

Since I no longer hear the voice

Of Mother calling me.

The breezes rustle through the trees,

As if to say to me,

Your mother's gone and won't return,

Oh God, how can it be?

The pale moon sheds her mealy light

Upon my counterpane,

While in my dreams I think I hear

My mother call my name.

Sweet memories of days gone by,

Within my heart I'll keep,

Until I reach death's chilly tide,

The surging, mighty deep.

God willed it so, that she should go,

But I can't help but sigh,

My burden would be lighter though,

Could I have said goodbye.

MRS. JULIA JAMES PAIGE

Port Gibson, Miss.

THE CHURCH NEEDS TODAY

More tithes and fewer drives.

More action and less faction.

More workers and fewer shirkers.

More backers and fewer slackers.

More praying and less straining.

More of God's plans and less of man's.

More divine power and less human "pow-wow."

More burden-bearers and fewer talebearers.

—Selected.
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CLEVELAND AVE. CHURCH SCORES AGAIN

Eight weeks ago this congregation closed a successful revival, and Mrs. Lillian Ragsdale Gambriel put on a cedar chest contest and by the cooperation of our members and friends we were able to raise $323.14 and over. This congregation believes and knows when there is unity there is strength, and they are putting forth every effort that they possibly can to try to pay off the debt of this church, and by the spring of next year they are hoping to complete the other unit of the church.

Our young minister, Elder W. O. Gill, who has just arrived from Butler University, is preaching for us during the Christmas holiday, and on Sunday next (26) he is preaching a special sermon to the men of the church, and on the 31st, we are having a fellowship dinner.

Let's (all the churches) wake up from our dream and prepare for the future church. This is a new day, let's light a candle that will shine when we are in a better world. We thank the elder people for leading us this far, and we know that they and you have prayed a prayer that Elijah prayed, that opened the young man's eyes that we might see the light and we have seen it. Let us young people get about our Father's business, and let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us.

Names of contestants in the Cedar Contest Drive:

Mrs. Irene Green, first prize; Mrs. Maggie Carter, second prize; Mrs. Carrie Smith, third prize; Mrs. Velma Jeffreys and Mrs. E. C. Williams, fourth prize; Mrs. Gertrude McMillen, Mrs. Thelma Creddit Cobb, Mrs. Katie Hairston, Mrs. Louise Smith, Miss Coneda Hairston, Mrs. Rosie Hairston.

The amount raised was $323.14.

Cleveland Ave. Church of Christ,
Winston-Salem, N. C.

THE NEW SPECIAL DAY CALENDAR

The observance of special days affords an opportunity to present definite information about specific fields of service in which our churches cooperate. They provide financial support for great phases of the world-wide causes of our Brotherhood and act as a stimulus to greater effort in Kingdom extension.

These days grew out of the broadening interests of the Brotherhood until their number became a problem. With the organization of Unified Promotion, this congestion became increasingly obvious. The causes which formerly held the numerous special days, at the request of the Commission on Budgets and Promotional Relationships and the International Convention, pooled their resources and a new calendar has been evolved.

The new calendar is the result of many months of careful study and planning on the part of the Commission. It provides for four major money days and two special occasions for program emphasis. Its scope includes the total church. Though the days are observed through the Sunday school, the whole church is to be placed behind the promotion of them.

The success of the new calendar will be determined by the wholehearted cooperation of the agencies and of the churches. The causes have made the arrangement requested by the churches. The churches in turn should maintain their former level of giving and increase it to meet the added burdens of these agencies. The total giving of some thirteen special days has now been condensed into four. The maximum giving of the total thirteen must be maintained to meet the challenge of advance and service called for today.

Our State and National Conventions walk on four feet—the church, the woman's missionary society, the Sunday School (Bible School, Church School or whatever you call it) and fourth and most difficult to maintain, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Any local church with less than these four feet is lame and the limping will impede its progress.

The unwelcome fact is that too often two of these four feet have to be half-soled, reorganized at every ebb and flow of the tides.

Who can keep an Endeavor endeavoring? Who can keep a Woman's Missionary Society Missionary—either Home or Foreign? This is the task of the church, the whole church, the whole year around from convention to convention.

"NOT GOOD IF DETACHED"

This is often seen on tickets, but it well applies to Christians. If they detach themselves from the assembly then they become "no good." Some detach themselves from prayer, singing, giving, the Lord's Supper, and teaching, and become "no good." Some are so worldly that they detach themselves from the Lord, and, becoming "no good," attach themselves to the devil. Are you sure that you are not detached?

—H. M. Phillips.
AMONG OUR SCHOOLS

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same year that the gift of land was made, Jarvis Christian Institute was founded under the auspices of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

The land had to be cleared and a building erected. This was done under the direction of the newly elected superintendent, Prof. T. B. Frost, with most of the work being done by prospective students. A single little cabin found on the property by Mr. Frost has given way to a splendid group of buildings which houses the college today. The acreage has been increased to 874 with a great part under cultivation from which the food supply of the school is obtained. It has become one of the most popular Negro schools in the State of Texas. Its faculty is made up entirely of Negroes.

To meet the spiritual needs of a community one must satisfy all human urges of the community. Jarvis Christian College has studied to find the very needs of its neighbors and has so far as possible met those needs through its various services. For three years Jarvis has made a social survey of this county. Dean L. B. Smith wrote a thesis for the Master's degree on the subject, "A Survey of the Negro Schools of Wood County, Texas." This work was accepted at the University of California. It gave Jarvis a better conception of its place and the needs in this community. Mrs. N. Z. Berry made a similar study and also conducted a health survey under the supervision of several doctors. Much good has come from her efforts and kindly suggestions.

The Jarvis church is made up of students, teachers and folks who live off the campus. Many of the friends who live near and yet do not hold membership with Jarvis church attend our worship on Sundays and Wednesdays. Jarvis offers worship each week of the year which is much better than the one Sunday per month found in most communities.

Dr. M. L. Edwards, our resident physician, holds a free clinic each year. This year he had as his helpers some of the most outstanding specialists of Texas. Seventy-five patients were treated this year. The most prevalent diseases are influenza and malarial fever. Dr. Edwards brings to our students and community a very necessary service. His Volunteer Health League was awarded a bronze medal as second award for 1937 Health Service for Negroes with the following commendation: "We congratulate you upon your comprehensive health service covering a wide rural area."

The school farm with 200 acres under cultivation last year produced crops for consumption on the campus with a total value of $4,626.95. Other produce was sold bringing some income to the school which was a tremendous help financially.

THE OLD YEAR

Good-by, old year, you now must leave us;
Time with you is gone for aye;
Though your going truly grieves us,
Yet your flight we would not stay.
Your months and days are gone forever;
Quickly you have passed from sight;
But the joy you brought was welcome,
Welcome as some jewel bright.

You were faithful, filled your mission,
Softly touching heart and brow;
And we trust your gentle chast'nings
Make our lives the sweeter now.

Good-by, old year, we truly loved you;
Loved you all those twelve months long,
And those days you kindly lent us
Now are spent for right or wrong.
As you go your tears take with you
Disappointments, sorrows, pain;
Take them and you will relieve us,
For the loss of them is gain.
But, we pray, your hope leave with us,
Hope that whispers sweet and clear,
Hope that makes this world the brighter,
Fill with joy another year.

—MINNIE BAGBY.

MY CHURCH

"The church will be just what you make it. Each individual should say, 'This is my church and I am responsible for my part in it.' This applies to attendance, contributing the giving of time, sociability, meeting the people, and doing everything that you would wish others might do unto you.

"How silly for anyone to complain that the church is cold and indifferent, etc. Why, you are a part of the church. If you see these conditions, jump in and correct them.

"You say some one slighted you; don't let him do it. Go at least halfway and you will find that every one that you meet will easily come the other half."
Things We Are Thinking

By ELD. L. H. CRAWFORD,
750 Everett Ave.,
Kansas City, Kans.

1937 is past. She had her bitteres with her sweets, and sunshine with the rain. We’re looking forward for greater things to happen in this New Year.

Our National work is calling us. Are you ready to come to Arms in defense of righteousness? Are you willing?

In December we held a successful Revival in Hannibal, Mo. Elder R. E. Hancock, pastor. He is doing a great work. His church is well organized and looking forward to the coming of our State Convention in August. We had about twenty-five additions.

International Convention

We attended our International Convention at Columbus, Ohio. I must say that out of the six years that I served on the committee of recommendations, there was more accomplished for our group than in all previous years.

Two were elected to the Board of Managers, (2) on the Committee of Recommendations (1) on the Social Action Committee, and (2) on the Unified Program. These are more than we have ever had to serve in any official capacity at such a large Convention.

Opportunity knocks now, and I wonder if we’ll grasp it. Our group who appeared upon the program brought credit to themselves as well as to the Brotherhood they represented.

State

Our work here in Kansas seemingly has taken on “New Life.” Some of our churches which have been pastorless for a number of years have called pastors; where there was part-time preaching, there is now full-time. What state will follow the example?

The day is bright for Kansas. Watch her come up one hundred per cent with National Claims.

Local

Our work here in Kansas City has grown as never before. The first Sunday in December we had our twelfth anniversary. It was the best ever held during these twelve years.

We were honored with the presence of Mr. Buckner, Editor of the “World Call.” He was our guest speaker of the afternoon, and every one enjoyed the message. The Central Christian Church with its choir, and pastor, Elder W. D. Cross, rendered a number of selections at this service. At 7:30 p.m. Elder S. S. Meyers of the Woodland Avenue Christian Church brought the closing message of the day.

A number of nice presents were given the Pastor and Mrs. Crawford at the close of these services.

NOW MY BRETHREN, We are thinking every local church should begin at once to send in quarterly reports to R. H. Davis, National Financial Secretary, Chicago, Ill., with a check payable to Dr. J. E. Walker, our National Treasurer.

We are in need of the money to balance the budget. Remember our goals, the “Preston Taylor Memorial Fund, Taylor Home for Girls, Patrick Moss and Henry Herod Scholastic Fund, Christian Plea, and the $8,000.”

HEAR ME—It takes money to carry on the Lord’s Business as well as any other business. It’s high time that he people as a whole should be the “Doers of the Word.”

The Executive Committee in a few days will be in a position to let you know where we’ll hold the Convention of 1938. Remember one thing, “I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.”

REMEMBER NOW

In keeping with our adopted motto “More Favors and Less Flowers,” the Christian Plea suggests a “Card Shower,” on Feb. 22nd to these two who have seen better days:

Prof. J. B. Lehman, 2323 Clinton St., Jackson, Miss.
Dr. M. F. Robinson, 310 Jonathan St., Hagerstown, Md.

Hundreds should respond.
AMONG THE BRETHREN

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1937

Every department of the church met its apportionment. Members added 1937 total 38.

Income
Brought forward from 1936 $ .97
January Offering 105.39
February Offering 92.39
March Offering 98.99
April Offering 127.88
May Offering 109.31
June Offering 104.18
July Offering 90.11
August Offering 126.94
September Offering 147.66
October Offering 126.89
November Offering 100.43
December Offering 96.83
Total ------------------$1,328.07

Disbursements
Pastor’s Salary $ 600.00
Asst. Pastor 46.35
Music 144.00
Janitor & Supplies 78.55
Lights & Water 31.50
Church Mortgage 20.79
Repairs 54.24
U. C. M. S. (Apportionment) 25.00
Evangelistic 99.54
Coal 94.20
State Convention Fee 5.00
National Convention Fee 5.00
Baptismal Robe 5.41
Community League 4.11
Care of Church Lawn 6.50
Miscellaneous 71.61
Total ------------------$1,292.10

Total Income $1,328.07
Total Disbursements $1,292.10

December 31st Balance $ 35.97
Deposited in bank for new Church 805.86
Net Balance $ 841.83

PORT GIBSON, MISS.

The Missionary Society on "Woman's Day" went over the top and paid out one half of its apportionment for the year. Too much cannot be said about the loyal workers of that society. Elder Campbell is a missionary minister—one of the recommendations made by him to the Church Board was that the church pay any deficit the Society should sustain in reaching its goal.

The Bible School has been re-organized. We had a contest and the interest has remained and the activities increased.

The church proper is divided into two groups, namely, The Loyal Workers and Christian League—each group headed by a general with five captains each—each captain with about ten members, whom they report on weekly.

A workers' conference is held weekly by the pastor and group leaders. Every third Sunday afternoon the generals, and captains take dinner at the parsonage—each member bringing a dish to make up the dinner.

During the holidays a play called "Good Tidings" was given—which preceded the anniversary of the pastor, which proved very helpful to him and his family, who received ten dollars, a ham, cakes and a suit of clothes for the pastor.

Elder Campbell was re-elected pastor for the year 1938, with the same official board.

Port Gibson, Miss.
worship service was a spiritual treat for everyone. The senior choir under the direction of E. C. Welch and Lucile Ramsey rendered a cantata, assisted by the junior choir.

At evening time we went to the South Side Christian Church and found Rev. La Touche putting over a program meriting the attention of all. The candlelight service was beautiful and the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Mattie Glenn Lanier gave an interesting program of music and song. The guest artists were the daughter of Jesse Merchant and Mme. Leta Mayweathers, one of the Brotherhood's outstanding soprano singers.

Tuesday Sister Cynthia Martin and I went to Rockford and had a fine trip. The folk were so hospitable until I hated to leave. We had a Sunday School Council and then a regular service. Rockford faces a problem that only the church itself can solve, but when it is solved Rockford will have one of the best schools in the Brotherhood for from that school comes the best of our all. Elder Martin is doing a fine work and has a very talented group of young people who will be an asset to the Bible School, Endeavor and Youth Movement. The school at Rockford gave $2.50 on promotional work which will be accredited it in the convention yearly report.

I am hoping that each school will send one or more delegates to our National Convention. Wherever we go let us enlarge numbers. I would like to hear from the state presidents as to their work and the best times to visit their states.

Until another issue,

Your President and Co-worker,

RAYMOND R. WALTON,
215 W. 8th St.,
Emporia, Kansas.

P. S. I certainly must say from my heart good words of cheer for the Xmas edition of the "Plea." I am still trying to carry the message of convention everywhere I go. I plan to hit Kentucky in the spring and see if I can't help you carry on.

OKLAHOMA SPEAKS

I am proud to report that the state work is progressing nicely. Our newly organized eastern and western districts are moving forward under the efficient leadership of Elder C. W. Mayberry, president of the eastern district and Elder G. E. Letton, president of the western district. These districts hold their meetings quarterly. The Oklahoma harvest is truly ripe and the laborers are few. We need more laborers who have learned to labor and to wait. I am your for Christ and the church.

E. A. DANIELS,
Oklahoma State President and Pastor, Shepherd St. Christian Church.

THE FATHER OF DISTRICT SIX STILL GOING

On January 21st we celebrated this, my seventy-first birthday.

Joined church at Aaron's Run 57 years ago, baptized by Elder Miles Stoner, always supported the "Doctrine First Delivered to the Saints" through the Apostles and Jesus Christ Our Lord.

One Lord, one Faith and one Baptism. Eph. 4:5.

C. H. JOHNSON,
Route 3,
Mt. Sterling, Ky.

A N. C. CHURCH MOVES UP ANOTHER NOTCH

Motto—"Watch Us Grow"

On the 31st of December at the Fellowship Drive this congregation voted to give the trustees power to go in the market and buy enough material to complete our second unit. And we are hoping that by the spring of the year we will be able to let the contract.

The committee has been appointed to help draw plans for the second unit and will be presented to the Church for their approval in the near future. And we thank one and all who has helped us this far. We want to raise Five Hundred ($5.00) Dollars more, then we will be ready to begin.

We are planning great things for the New Year. We are doing all we can for the five-year program, and we are asking all our members and friends to join in with us, for together we stand and divided we fall. We are trying to co-operate with the brotherhood as best we know how, and if there is any error made it is an error in the head and not in the heart.

We have a loyal congregation which is doing fine considering the condition of everything on a whole.

Yours truly,

THE CLEVELAND AVE. CHURCH OF CHRIST

E. C. WILLIAMS,
Reporter.

That record-breaking District 6 Winchester meeting will appear in our next number, along with Time, Place, Manner and Matter of the coming National.

Kentucky State Convention will be in Lexington, you know.
EDITORIAL

By C. H. DICKERSON

OUR HONOR ROLL

Sister Redmon, of Dayton, Ohio; Sister Abernathy, of Chicago; Brother Daniels, of Washington, D. C., Brother A. D. Gault and Sister Stockton of Kentucky are starring in the field of handling and paying for bulk copies of the Plea. This is an art many have not learned, but have rather taken extra copies as souvenirs.

These bulk copies of 5 and 6 each are indeed one of the items that make the wheels go around, about a hundred each issue.

Nickels, both smaller and larger than dimes, mixed in together make wonderful rhymes.
A “Plea” for a jitney, two for a pair.
Scatter the church news, everywhere.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Place a few copies of Plea in your church,
Steady the old ship, lest she should lurch,
Reading, they tell us, a ready man makes,
Step on the gas, get off the brakes.

And Still the Go
They tell us of the Home going of our friend and classmate, Eld. Raymond McDuffy, of Carthage, Ind. Some brother will give us a write-up of his passing. He was gentle as a summer breeze.

“And Knowledge Shall Be Increased”

And now that Young People’s Conferences and Convention Periods are peeking ’round the corner, we must begin to find answers to that oft repeated, never disproven and soundly hated argument that “Too many young people sent away to this and that are of no service to the churches and schools that send them—when they return.

Let our church people be careful to give them an abundance of opportunity to serve in the Home Church, seasoned with a lot of patience and appreciation. Urge them to try, try again.

Next issue will carry the “Who’s Who” in the states, as seen from the “Crow’s Nest.”
An appreciation—Do it now.
A preacher humorist, I’d say
Was born, not made, that autumn day.

Astrologers say stars lend a cue
And him they christened Montague.

And as of old they count his age
Unwritten down on book or page.
They count back to when first he cried,
The year that his “Old Master died.”

And just what year I dare not say,
But month October, 12th the day,
Born humorist, we all insist,
“Dyed in the wool”—an optimist.

Here’s to you, Dr., I doff my hat,
I envy much your this and that,
You’ll relish Favors with Good will,
Than flowers when you’re lying still.

To each one, Father Time will come,
To throw the belt and kill the hum,
No matter how the works rock on
When we have shut the door and gone.

(Dedicated to our old friend,
Dr. Montague F. Robinson “F. F. U,” Hagerstown, Md., who preached his first sermon in Louisville, Ky., the same year in which I was born.—C. H. D.)

NEWS ITEMS OF MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL INTEREST TO OUR BROTHERHOOD

A Christian Prayer in Wartime

Over station XMHA, Shanghai, China, the National Christian Council on its eradio program broadcast this prayer: “O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by the unhappy divisions between our nations. Take away from us all hatred and all prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one body, one Spirit, and one hope of our
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calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Every Christian an Evangelist

Many church members have the idea that evangelism is only for the professional Christian worker. Consequently a great many feel that they are merely “listening in” on this most important task; while, in fact, their very way of living involves them in the work of evangelism. Evangelism we must see as basic to the propagation of the Christian faith, and the work of an evangelist, the privilege of telling the good news of the Christian Gospel, as the high privilege of every Christian.

It was personal evangelism that Jesus used in organizing the Twelve. John the Baptist told Andrew of Jesus, and then Andrew went and told his brother, Simon. Jesus talked to Philip and won him, and then Philip went and told Nathaniel to “come and see.” Men had found the supreme personality, the Christ, and they could not help telling others about him.

SUMMARY OF YEAR BOOK STATISTICS

By H. B. HOLLOWAY,
Chairman Year Book Publication Committee

The 1937 Year Book of Disciples of Christ is expected from press about January 15.

Some of the outstanding facts revealed by the new Year Book are as follows:

1. The total world membership of the Disciples of Christ is 1,761,778; a gain over the world membership of last year of 5,375. The total membership in the United States and Canada is 1,607,716, which compared with last year is a loss of 4,456. It will be noted that the membership in United States and Canada has decreased. A careful examination of the records discloses that this decrease in membership is shown in several of the larger states. In one state the decrease was 7,822 for the state.

2. Our total Bible school enrollment for the world is 1,168,488, a loss of 18,876; and for the United States and Canada 1,101,240, a loss over last year of 16,460.

3. The additions by baptism in the United States and Canada during the year total 56,319, a loss over last year of 4,456. The total additions by baptism reported for the world are 56,319 against a total of 5,075 last year. The total additions by baptism reported for the world are 56,319 against a total of 5,075 last year. The total additions by baptism reported for the world are 56,319 against a total of 5,075 last year.

4. The number of our churches reported throughout the world is 8,957, a loss over last year of 66; for the United States and Canada 8,149, a loss over last year of 49 (55 organizations such as Bible school and Missionary organizations where there is no church organization are reported in the statistical table. Last year 64 such organizations were reported). A careful examination of the report of churches as submitted by various state and provincial secretaries reveals that in one of the larger states particularly, the state secretary eliminated 37 churches from that state alone. In another large state the net reduction was 11, and in still another, the net reduction was 6. This apparently accounts for the decrease in the total number of churches reported.

5. In the United States and Canada the total number of ministers shown is 7,533 against a total of 7,304 last year, a gain of 29.

6. During the twelve-month period July 1, 1936, to June 30, 1937, the total monies given by the United States and Canada to the National Boards reporting to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, including the amount given to the various state and provincial missionary societies and also including the amount shown in the column headed “Miscellaneous Missionary, Benevolent and Emergency Relief Offerings,” is $2,928,476.82 against $2,519,979.54 last year, a gain of $408,497.28 or 13.95%. The figures just quoted include money given for maintenance, permanent funds, large individual gifts, etc., including the contributions to the Pension Fund on the $8,000,000 goal for pensions as well as contributions to the Pension Fund covering the 8% paid on ministers’ salaries under the Pension Plan, but such figures do not include money listed by the local church for local expenses. Careful scrutiny of the table headed “Total Receipts by States and Countries” revealed that there was a general increase in receipts, particularly in miscellaneous receipts. The number of churches and organizations therein making some offering to one or more of the causes for which this Year Book makes report is 5,315 against 5,323 last year, a loss of 8, or 15 hundredths of one per cent.
OUR YOUTH

By O. ZOLLAR,
P. O. Box 487
Reidsville, N. C.

Psalm 64:12—"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished." These two figures express, in different ways, the idea of fixity and substance. Both plant and column are fixed and steady. The plant is fixed by its roots into the earth, the column fixed into the building. Life must be rooted in fixed belief in God and the way of reconciliation and fellowship with Him. This belief alone gives meaning, and purpose, and substance to life. It is great truths believed that nourish the soul.

Growth and permanence are both set forth in the text. Growth belongs, just as necessarily, to the conception of a plant as permanence does to that of a column. Growth of soul and spirit is the result of holding firmly to great central truths and drawing the very pith of them into the being.

While man represents progress and woman permanence, the true ideal life includes both equally.

In the plant and the column we have represented individualism, in dependence, and, on the other hand, unity and mutual help and support. The text speaks of two kinds of beauty: that of the plant, the beauty of nature; that of the sculptured column, the beauty of culture.

We must be reminded that all beauty of Soul must be the result both of nature and cultivation. For the soul to be beautiful, it must be a living, fruit-bearing soul, living by contact with the Infinite, in fellowship with God. This is truly the beauty of nature, the deepest and highest nature.

Human souls are shaped into beauty often through great suffering and trial. One great writer has well said, "If a man is to grow, he must grow like a tree; there must be nothing between him and heaven."

A NATION WIDE CALL TO PRAYER

By JESSE M. HADER,
New York, N. Y.
Executive Secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

The annual Week of Prayer will be observed by the churches throughout the country next January 3-9, inclusive. A special program has been prepared by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The Department has received many requests recently from interested friends for the observance of a special day, or special period, of prayer at this time of crises in our nation's life, and these have urged that the Federal Council of Churches issue a call to united prayer. Realizing that the time for the Week of Prayer, which occurs each year in early January, was rapidly approaching, the Federal Council of Churches has felt that this special week was the best time for a call to the churches for united prayer over the entire nation.

The program for the Week of Prayer is made up of six orders of service for the week of January 3-9, (excepting Saturday). Culminating with the prayer for the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Many communities will find it highly desirable to plan united prayer meetings for the entire week. Where union services are not possible, individual churches will want to observe the week. There is power in united prayer. Of the early Christians we are told in Acts, "And when they had prayed ... the place was shaken where they were assembled together; they were all filled with the Holy Spirit; and they spake the word of God with boldness; and the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own ... and with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all." These things happened "when they had prayed."

"Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make!
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take,
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!"

NATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT

By PROF. R. H. PEOPLES

Last year at our National Convention a meeting of young people, together with the leaders of young people, was called for the purpose of discussing the needs of young people. It was expressed by the group that there was urgent need to start some kind of movement so that the young people of our church might be better prepared to participate in an organized way with the youth groups of other denominations. They said further that such a movement should seek to work out a unified program for the total youth of the church.
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I am not sure that you have heard of this meeting but as we begin to make definite plans for such a movement we are going to ask you to help us by giving us your suggestions on the following points: (In order that we may have the best guidance possible, we are asking for both individual and group suggestions. Any young people’s group, such as Christian Endeavor, Conference Clubs, Sunday school classes, etc., are eligible. Please return your findings to me by March 1st.)

1. What shall be the purpose of such movement?
2. What shall be the philosophy of motivation, that is, why should young people join? Why continue with the movement?
3. What main features should be included in its program? For example, study, discussion groups, dramatics, etc.
4. What shall be the plan of organization? (The plan suggested should take into consideration that this is to be a movement and cannot take the place of any of the present church auxiliaries, but must work with and through them.)
5. Shall we have a pledge or slogan? What?
6. Shall we have an emblem? What?
7. How should such a movement be financed?

HELPS EVERY MINISTER AND WORKER SHOULD HAVE

The series of pamphlets designed as an aid to better discipleship, whose publication has been sponsored by the Department of Church Development and Evangelism of the United Christian Missionary Society and the National Association of State Secretaries, is being well received. Seven of the pamphlets are now available. The complete list of pamphlets follows (those not yet from press are starred):

The Disciples of Christ, by Dean F. D. Kershner.
That for Which We Stand, by R. C. Snodgrass.
For Those Considering Uniting with the Church, by Ephraim D. Lowe.
On Church Attendance, by O. L. Shelton.
The Privileges of Church Membership, by Gaines M. Cook.
Every Christian an Evangelist, by Eugene C. Beach.
The Rite of Christian Baptism, by W. A. Shullenberger.
The Rite of the Lord’s Supper, by Raphael Harwood Miller.

These pamphlets may be ordered from The United Christian Missionary Society, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, or from your state secretary. Because the original supply of the first pamphlets printed has been exhausted and because printing prices have advanced, it is necessary to charge a slightly higher price than first indicated. Price: per hundred, $1.50; per fifty, 75c; per twenty-five, 40c; per each, 3c; introductory packet consisting of one each of the above pamphlets, 15c. These prices are to go into effect at once.

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS

(issued by the Commission on Budgets and Promotional Relationships)

March—Pre-Easter Evangelism.
June 19—Achievement Day.

“I AM THE NEW YEAR”

I am the New Year, and I come to you pure and unstained,
Fresh from the hand of God.
Each day, a precious pearl to you is given
That you must string upon the silver thread of life.
Once strung, can never be unthreaded, but stays
An undying record of your faith and skill,
Each golden minute link, you then must weld into the chain of hours,
That is no stronger than its weakest link,
Into your hands is given all wealth and power,
To make your life just what you will.
I give to you, free and unstinted, twelve glorious months
Of soothing rain and sunshine golden;
The days for work and rest, the nights for peaceful slumber.
All that I have I give with love unspoken;
All that I ask—you keep the faith unbroken.
COMMENTS, ETC.

"Sending $1.00 anyhow, it's worth it."—A Texan?
"Here's $1.50 for 2 years at cut rate."—Baltimore.
"The Plea gets better."—Tennessee.
"Stop Mine Please, I'm broke."—John Doe.
"You surely can cut to the bone."—Ky.
"You certainly put a 'hobble' on mine."—Ohio.
"Print all I say if it takes 3 years."—Ark.
"Can you make it larger?"—Missouri.
"You're putting it over."—Georgia.
"We're growing with it."—North Carolina.
"We're waiting for each issue."—Alabama.
"It should go into every home."—Texas.
"You write like you 'don't keer.'"—John Doe.
"Give us more news from our state."—Why Don't You?
"Is your 'Staff' supporting you?"—Anon.

Little Rock (Ky.) church started the new year right. She claims to be "The mother of us all." Bros. Hall and Cunngan dined the minister—our State Evangelist—and wife following a healthy collection.

Like good news from a far country comes the message on youth from our old friend and schoolmate, O. Zollar, then of Oklahoma, now of North Carolina.

Not yet has any Kentucky evangelist—the writer included—combined so many rare qualities of evangelism as our present field man, Bro. I. H. Moore. He's like the proverbial cat, "You can't drop him on his back." At our Paris district meeting, he, like Abou Ben Adam, led all the rest. Johnson, Gault and the women had the program "in high," while Bro. Hutsell and local people rehearsed "Feed me till I want no more."

The veteran pastor, Eld. Stafford Campbell—there 40 years—gave 15 minutes treatment of Faith as the car, with Love as the spark plug.

He was "making a hundred" when the "cop" called "Time's Up."

Don't miss that Memphis, Tenn., annual report with 38 added. It shows business in religion. The preacher there has strong official support and well organized. No wonder that he electrified our Dayton National. Well done, Bro. Hunt.

We have yet to find a man with better powers of organization than our good Bro. Ira S. Ashe, at our Georgetown church. He has a definite harness for every ounce of her members' strength, and leaves nothing to chance. He knows the fine art of pastoring. His accomplished wife is not one whit behind him in devotion and spiritual service.

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AMERICA'S SPENDING

The National Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery has prepared a chart to show that the American public gave 30 per cent less to churches, 29 per cent less to general benevolences, 24 per cent less to community chests, and 18 per cent less to colleges in 1936 than was given from the smaller incomes of 1932. On the other hand, expenditures for jewelry, theatres, cigarettes, automobiles, army and navy, whiskey, radio and beer increased from 25 per cent to 31 per cent.—The Living Church.

THE PREACHER AT THE CHURCH

From Goldsmith's "Deserted Village"
At church, with meek and unaffected grace,
His looks adorned the venerable place;
Truth from his lips prevailed with double sway,
And fools who came to scoff remained to pray.
The service past, around the pious man,
With steady zeal each honest rustic man,
And children followed, with endearing wile,
To pluck his gown and share the good man's smile.

Eld. A. J. Walker, minister at our Fairview Church has appointed many important committees, including "The Religious Condition of the Church, Publicity, Purchasing School Building and Lighting the church.

Bro. Walker is an excellent singer and renders enjoyable programs along with his service.

We should keep him busy by using his talent whenever possible.

His address is Eld. A. J. Walker, 111 Tenny Ave., Mt. Sterling, Ky.
Some years ago the Clay Street Christian Church (Colored), Paducah, Kentucky, built a large basement, the Board of Church Extension making the congregation a loan of $5,000.00. Not only has the church not been able to pay off this loan, but it has never been able to construct a superstructure on the basement. The property was seriously damaged last year by the Ohio River flood and water stands in the basement most of the time now. If the church is to continue to exist something must be done at once.

The local congregation, the Board of Church Extension, the division of home missions of The United Christian Missionary Society, and the Emergency Committee for the Relief of Flood Stricken Christian Churches have worked out the following plan to save the Paducah church:

Half of the basement will be wrecked, the cement blocks being used to build a superstructure on the other half of the present basement walls. The building which will be constructed will provide an auditorium and a 3-room pastor's quarters on the first floor, and a social room, kitchen and three class rooms in the basement. A contractor has agreed to do the building for $2,300.00, which is a very low figure.

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

DETROIT, MICH., APPEARS UPON OUR HORIZON

"R. H. PHELPS VISITS DETROIT"

Thursday, January 6, our National Secretary of Negro Churches and his wife visited the Motor City. Detroit was most pleased to have them. The weather was cold, the ground covered with snow, yet a most appreciative audience greeted them at the church. All Friday and Saturday during the day were spent holding conferences. One of which took us to Ann Arbor, the seat of the University of Michigan.

Bible school opened at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. Before the close the audience filled the church. Morning services opened with people still arriving even until the close.

Our hearts were stirred with a great message from a great personality. Bro. Peoples used as his subject "Beyond First Principles." Said he: "We ought to grow on toward perfection. Let us strive to grow Christwise. Too many times we stop with what we ought to do, to be saved. We must grow. We ought to strive for perfection. Let us be up and doing."

Sunday evening Bro. Peoples visited the C. E. Society and left to speak for the Central Woodward Christian Church, of which Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones is minister.

The church in Detroit will celebrate its first anniversary the fourth week in February. It has at present 43 members, one having passed on to his reward.

This church is proud to note during its incipiency, three national officers have visited and spoken. The first being Mrs. H. L. Herod, National President of Women's Organizations. She stirred our hearts with a message of hope.

Plans have been arranged by which this church will march from its present abode of worship into its own building in the near future. Hats off to Bro. Peoples.

We send greetings to our sister churches everywhere. When you are in Detroit visit our church, 5385 Lovett Street. R. L. Jordan is minister.

FROM THE "OLD DOMINION"

"We still carry on in Piedmont."

Greetings To the Brotherhood:

It has been some time since we have greeted the Brotherhood through the columns of The Christian Plea. Our reason is not lack of interest, but we have just neglected to take the time to send in a message.

The past August our District Convention was held in the beautiful new church in Reidsville, N. C. (Bro. M. L. Lambert, pastor). This meeting was the best in many respects compared with the Conventions of previous years. Every department of the church work was well represented and the reports from each were gratifying.

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Piedmont is trying faithfully to carry out our church program, as our reports to the United Society and the National Convention show.

Please try to think of us always in Piedmont as: "Studying to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

MRS. J. H. THOMAS,
Martinsville, Va.

BELATED NEWS

Notable in Kentucky churches is the passing of so many "old guards"—church officers including the venerable Brother Columbus McKee, aged and faithful, of Lawrenceburg. He reared a large family, all of whom are inside the fold. His
son, Jimmie, is one of our best deacons and for 18 years superintendent of our Lexington Bible School.

Brother Samuel Yowel, of our Hustonville church, had also passed his three score and ten. He was many sided and straight in all. Plaster, carpenter, stone and brick mason, Bible class teacher, chairman official board of elders, sang in the choir and so on. Of course I used as his funeral text: Thou shalt be missed as they seat will be vacant—the missing person.

Then went Bro. George Fish, rather suddenly from the Danville church, a railroad man. Bros. Blair and State Evangelist I. H. Moore paid splendid tributes to his memory.

Eld. L. L. Dickerson and company are getting results at Covington, Ky. They report nearly one hundred in recent effort. So might it be.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, COMRADESHIP

By A. D. GAULT

Primarily all the issues of Christian Life depend upon our Fellowship with God and men. Fellowship means participation, sharing. Lacking Fellowship, nothing is accomplished. It is never selfish. In its practice we are benefited. Only can salvation come through this Fellowship.

It also involves Comradeship and is justified when we can work together more effectively than separately and it must not be selfish or clannish.

When Fellowship or Comradeship is more in evidence with others than with God and the Son, it is a dangerous matter.

Genuine Friendship, of course, must undergird both the above "ships," lest Fellow and Comrade "sink in the deep."

Our district meeting at Paris is telling District Six to "get further."

Miss Edith Wilson, President of Ky. S. S. Convention and National Sec., is leading the work joyfully on and calls State Board to meet in Lexington Feb. 26 to make program for State Convention here in July.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

By the District Secretary,
MISS SUSIE L. JONES,
504 E. High Street,
Mt. Sterling, Ky.

The meeting of the Christian Bible Workers Institute of District 6 convened at Winchester, Ky., Jan. 29-30. The meeting was a success from all points of view, with sermons and addresses from Bros. Owens, Blair, Everett, Walker, Moore, Dickerson, Wilson and Bowen.

'Twas like a state convention. The Training Period was by State Evangelist I. H. Moore. Stewardship was the subject with 23 present from Mt. Sterling. A steward is one who manages the affairs of others. Tithing was thoroughly discussed.

The New Testament teaches us to give unto the Lord as he has prospered us.

The subject "Local Problems of the B. S., and Suggestions," was beautifully discussed by delegates. The most important problems: Lack of competent teachers, of adult support, of punctuality of superintendent and teachers. Suggested remedies: A house-to-house campaign by superintendent and teachers, a new deal in program building, use the most efficient material as teachers and officers.

Youth were present in large numbers. They made their presence felt. One-third of the youth were young men.


There were 12 ministers in attendance.

From Districts 2 and 3 came Miss Bertha Peaks, Sec'y of State Bible Schools; Miss Lewis and Sister Dickerson from Lexington.

A special donation was given Rev. C. H. Johnson, "the Father of District 6," to whom we owe our being.

We thank the Winchester church, minister and wife for hospitality.

The Bible Workers Christian Institute of District 6 will convene at Fairview, Ky., March 26-27, 1938.

Next to our Dayton, Ohio, people, comes our Mt. Sterling, Ky., church, leading on with Bro. J. E. Blair at the wheel, with more Plea subscriptions than any other two churches in the state; running neck and neck with Memphis, Tenn. Watch them!
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. DICKERSON

“bettE R, FAVORS NOW, THAN FLOWERS THEN”

The year is yet young. Hardly have we torn the tag from our New Year’s resolutions. The old year was freighted with tremendous problems, economic, social and spiritual. Not least have been the problems of regular church attendance and proper relation of those coming into the Fold.

Never had people so many alibis. Perhaps our inclination to “Decisions” instead of “Conversions” plays a part. Somehow our system “slips a cog” in placing and using New Material in our churches.

But the regular, on time attendance problem bulks largest in the hearts of minister and officers (the latter, many of which “come in on the rods” and hardly know just what a Bible school looks like).

“Miserable leaders, ye.” ‘Tis now we must carry on, if we’re to have a fruitful year.

Not only must we crowd into our morning service, but we must lift the Ghost of Sunday night service from the hearts of the “Faithful Few.” None can be a “perfect day” whose evening is ill spent.

Beware, lest we come to the close, portrayed by the poet, of a visitor coming at the close of the day:

“But there was something in his ways
Suggestive of departed days:
Something I could not quite define,
But that somehow seemed strangely mine.

‘Who are you, pray?’ I asked him when
He rose to go—this prince of men.
He answered, ‘More than kith or kin.
I am the man you might have been’.”

WHY JOIN THE CHURCH?

(From Christian Banner)

Because in so doing we repudiate all godless crooked company and move into an environment where it is much easier to save the soul.

Because the Church is wholly and unselfishly dedicated to altruism and is by competent authority credited with 95 per cent of all the good works of the world.

Because the Church is the only organization working directly, or by forces that it has created, for prohibition, liberty, salvation of the heathen world,
the brotherhood of nations and the complete, permanent abolition of war.

Because the Church teaches that right makes might, instead of the false world-doctrine that might makes right.

Because the Church stands immovable for all man’s rights and fights to keep his property, person, family, and altar inviolate against the invasion of injustice, and attacks of impurity, and the assaults of atheism.

Because the Church is an indestructible institution in the world, though not of the world, constantly creating spiritual and moral sentiment and stabilizing State, home and school with ideals of purity, honor, truth and Christianity, thus assuring to mankind, progress, prosperity, happiness and religion.

Because the Church is the body of Christ—the divine institution through which Christ expresses His life, does His work in the world.

Because the Church will take hold of the lowest, the most hurt, the poorest, the most forsaken of human beings, and try to remake them in the beauty and dignity of the divine image.

Because joining the Church is obeying the commandments and practicing the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Because the Church teaches man that he is to live forever and shows him how to get ready for death and the great Beyond, and holds his hand as he goes down the valley and shadow of death.

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**Eld. T. R. Everett**

Paragaphs

Carlisle, Ky.

Teaching Evangelism is our greatest contribution to the world.

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**The Christian Plea**

This movement has a wonderful history. The church was born in an evangelistic meeting—even on the Day of Pentecost.

If we would succeed we must follow those he sent to lead the way.

Every member must help in the cultivation of the field in which he is placed.

The plan and program of the church must be followed. The sovereignty of God must be remembered, along with the diversity of gifts to each one. This is imperative. Building the church through Evangelism requires a passion for lost souls.

Have we lost our way? Too many programs and what-nots may overwhelm us. We must preach Him like those of the Current Reformation.

We recall the Great Evangelist Chas. Reign Scoville, who recently passed on; how he had a passion for lost souls.

Things material must give place to things spiritual and when we meet in Lexington convention all things will move forward.

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**The Knocker**

After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad and the vampire, He had some awful substance left, with which He made a knocker. A knocker is a two-legged animal with cork-screw soul, a water sogged brain and a combination backbone made of jelly and glue. Where other people have their hearts He carries a tumor of rotten principles. When the knocker comes down the street, honest men turn their backs, the angels in heaven take precipitate refuge behind their harps and the devil barlocks the gates of hell.—Missouri Brunswicker.

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**The Paducah Situation—An Emergency Call**

Continued from Page 1)

The Emergency Committee for the Relief of Flood Stricken Christian Churches has made a generous grant of $1,100.00, on condition that the building project can be carried through.

The Board of Church Extension has agreed to reduce its present loan from $7,500.00 to $3,000.00, and to loan the church an additional $500.00 towards the new building program.

The local congregation, by heroic giving, has already raised $200.00 towards the new building and expects to raise an additional $300.00.

From this it will be seen that there is a total available to apply on the building of only $2,800.00, with the absolute minimum needed being $2,300.00.

We believe that the Negro brotherhood will be enough interested in saving the church at Paducah to make the necessary additional contribution. This can be done by everybody helping, even though it be in a small way. This contribution will be in the nature of a special offering and should in no way interfere with regular missionary and benevolent offerings.

If this extra money is not forthcoming the building at Paducah will not be built, the $1,100.00 of Flood Relief money now assigned to Paducah will be assigned elsewhere, the Board of Church Extension will be forced to foreclose its mortgage, the congregation will be out in the street, and, in all probability, this will be the end of our work in Paducah.

**Will you not help through a special offering?**
"IF WE KNEW MY CHRIST"

By MISS HELEN E. HENRY, of Texas

The last few years have been trying ones. But the last few months have been crucial, because we don't know my Christ. We sort of believe that He is, but we don't know that He is. We have become so materialistic that we have not had much time to make ourselves acquainted with Him. Even in these most trying hours when we are on the verge of falling as a civilization, some of us actually long for war to hurry on and bring back the good old days. When we can live in luxury and have all of the material things we want. If we knew my Christ we would long for peace.

A very intelligent man who is a minister stood in the pulpit of the college chapel of one of our leading Negro schools in this state a few years ago when Japan began to feel that she must have Manchuria, a portion of China's richest possession, and said "Ninety-five per cent of civilization is made up of the races of color, who own little or no world's goods, many are crying for peace, peace, I don't want no peace. The white man has accepted our challenge. 'Take All This World, But Give Me Jesus.' And today we are downtrodden and crushed." When we know Him and accept Him, He will provide our needs.

The last few years have been a downfall of the Christian religion in this our Christian country. As long as we engage in a civil war as a Christian army we can't expect any thing else. I wish I knew where to find one peaceful Christian church, where Christians are actually engaged in the program of my Christ. These are most trying moments here in my own church, and if these aren't change there is little hope of salvation. We are so busy fighting each other we have not the time to keep our lamps trimmed and shining bright so that the world can see my Christ in us, hence we are failing. Churches which were growing and prospering in the days of Brown and other sages who have heard the "well done" and the "welcome home," have dwindled and some have died, because we have filled our pulpits with men who don't know my Christ.

We've been listening to a series of pagan sermons from our pulpit. The minister chooses this hour to give the laymen whom he has it in for good threshings without retaliation, as a result, one by one, we are dropping out. One sister said to me the other day, "there is no spiritual flavor." We for the most part go to church to worship and be fed spiritually. None of us could live very long if every time we went to our tables to eat we were given rocks and stones. No church can live very long if every time they make application to the Christian church say to them, "the church fell. If the rebels win in Spain the church is doomed. These seed are falling everywhere. If the kingdom has come in you and me, we know my Christ and He light of Him will shine so bright through us men will become faint and blind as the Apostle Paul (then Saul of Tarsus), in the days of the early church, who persecuted the Christians. We are afraid because the kingdom has not fully come in us. We have not fully accepted my Christ. More and more we kid ourselves by letting this thought run through our minds, in times like these we can't be wholly Christian. Some times we've got to tell a little falsehood to get a job. Some times we've got to be a little immoral and dishonest to hold it. In other words, the world is in such a condition one can't be like my Christ. In still other words, we can't have all the clothes and shoes we want, fine homes in which to live, nice cars in which to ride, be able to take the trips we desire and educate our sons and daughters and be like my Christ. Again I say, Oh, that we loved Him more than these.

Some have had men in the Christian church say to them, "did you know that you are too good? You've got to crook a little to get a job." These youngsters lay no claims on being good. But they want to be more and more like Him. Every time they make application they try to shoot straight and tell the truth and they are still waiting; for Christians to say we will help you get a chance. That may never happen. But I do know what is going to happen if they can always have the courage to try o be like Him. One day they are going to hear the words "well done"
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and a “welcome home” from my Christ. Which after all is the thing which counts.

The kingdom of my Christ will be fully come, when men everywhere know Him and His love shall find a place in every heart. When men everywhere have their needs supplied and not what they want. When you and I accept our needs and not have what we want, because when we have our wants the other fellow’s needs are not filled.

Though nineteen hundred years have passed, the plan of salvation remains unchanged. You and I have got to be more and more like my Christ “if we want to make it.”

“Oh that men had faith to try Him
Let Him settle things for them,
Trust Him for His word and promise—
They would use their swords for plough shares
And their spears for pruning hooks,
War and toil would cease among us
We would trust each other then,
If we knew my Christ.”

A MEMBER’S DUTY IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

By JOHNIE A. CARROLL
Port Gibson, Miss.

First, what is the Church School? It is an organized body of Christian believers.

Duty means that which one ought to do. Member, means one of the persons composing an organization. The law of duty is, find out what your duty is, what you ought to do, and do it. Whether it is easy or hard. What I ought to do I can do. It is my duty as a member of the Church School to have self control. Control my tongue and not allow it to speak mean or profane words, control my temper and not get angry when people or things displease me. Control my thoughts and not allow a foolish wish to spoil a wise purpose. A member of the Church School should be reliable, honest in word and act. And do promptly what you promise. If you find you have made an unwise promise, confess your mistake. It is our duty to be loyal to our family and do our best to keep each member in the work. If our Church School is to become ever greater and better her members must be loyal, devotedly faithful in every relation of life. It is our duty to help preach the Gospel to every creature and to teach all nations. Faith without works is dead.

Let your light so shine that others may see their good works, to be faithful to the supreme missions of the Church School. God for the light he has trusted to them after time and into which the whole Church School is coming.

Cultivate the grace of giving and stimulate a sacrificial spirit. May we all say:
Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.

WHOA! GEE! HAW! "GIDDAP!"

Several have tried to name the mules
We had on recent number.
They’re Prof. Emmit Dixon’s Tools,
And cool as a Cucumber.

One of them looks like Pericles,
The other Aximander;
Prof. Dixon says “No, Please, That lead mule’s Alexander.”

This “off” mule here that looks so game,
You bet, he’s no bad actor;
He won his fame and got his name
For bucking ‘gainst the tractor.

There’s something funny ’bout a mule,
Which way his ears are stickin’;
He and some people—as a rule,
Get “kick” out of the kickin’.

But Fesser Dixon, always kind,
Says “taint bad as you speck,
No mule can equal in my mind,
An automobile wreck.”

Sometime we wonder ’bout his traits,
He’s never been to school;
In his tribe he’s first rate,
Remember he’s a mule.

So don’t you worry ’bout this team,
See cottages and lawn,
Come down to Jarvis, it’s a Dream,
Like Summer morning Dawn.
—Dedicated to our old friend,
Prof. Emmit Dixon, at Jarvis.

GRIFFIN GREETINGS

P. O. Box 10,
Gowdey, Miss.

The Educational Conference of the Mound Bayou District will meet in connection with the district meeting of Feb. 24-27 at Mound Bayou, Miss. All ministers, church officers, and church leaders, especially, are requested to attend all sessions of the conference. The State Educational Program is rapidly gaining attention and growing in interest. The topic discussed in this conference is “Growing the Church.”

H. D. GRIFFIN,
State Evangelist and Educational Instructor
EDWARDS, MISS.
Feb. 3, 1938.
We, the pastor and officers of the Central Church, Vicksburg, Miss., are asking all the churches of the brotherhood for an after nickel offering to help us to save our church.
We bought this property for $3,500 when everything was high. The slump came, and put most of our membership out of work. We still owe $2,000. Please give us a helping hand. You will not miss a nickel for a good cause. All money is deposited in bank of Edwards. For reference write Eld. Albert Stanley, pastor of the Bryant Memorial Christian Church, Vicksburg, Miss.; Eld. I. C. Franklin, Pres. of Miss. State Convention, Port Gibson, Miss.
Send all money to Elder T. B. Frost, Edwards, Miss.
Bro. Frost is indeed trustworthy and should get generous response.—Ed.

MRS. J. E. WALKER IS SPEAKER IN WINSTON-SALEM

The Winston-Salem (N. C.) Journal, a white morning daily, carried a creditable account on Mrs. J. E. Walker’s appearance in that city as guest speaker before the Missionary Societies of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Walker is wife of Dr. J. E. Walker, well known insurance executive and business leader of Memphis and Chairman of the staff of publication of Christian Plea.
Excerpts from this publication read as follows:
“Mrs. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tenn., was the principal speaker Sunday afternoon at Spencer Memorial Church during the closing session of the Woman’s Missionary Convention of the Tri-State Christian Churches. With her experience in the home of missionary field of the Christian churches, Mrs. Walker was also able to deliver a stirring address relative to a trip to England in 1935 at which time she accompanied her husband, Dr. J. E. Walker, of the Universal Life Insurance Company, to the second world conference of Christian churches.”
Mrs. Walker, while in Winston-Salem, was the house guest of Mrs. Rober Shoaf.

The recent passing of Bro. Harper Ramey, long-time minister at Stepstone and Levee, near Mt. Sterling, is noted with regret.
In a recent meeting held by one of our ministers, fifteen questions were put into the box.
We quote three of them each issue. Anyone may send in brief answers. He’ll be watching.
1. Can one go to heaven who does not believe in God?
2. If a sick man confess Christ and die before baptism, can he be saved?
3. Did God call woman to preach?
“Speak up Ike. ’Spress yo’sef.”
Wanted—A cut Hancock and Crawford in the meeting. Both tailor made.
Prof. R. H. Peoples met Kentucky State Board in January and arranged for Seminar Periods each morning during Kentucky State Convention here in Lexington in July.
’Twas C. E. Craggett, of Columbus, Ohio, that National Convention preacher, that held the big meeting in Baltimore with so many additions.
Don’t hold subscription money too long. Better send in what you have than wait for more. The subscriber thinks you have.

DR. MONTAGUE FREDERICK ROBINSON, “F. F. V.”
Of Hagerstown, Md.
Amazing how “Doc” holds his smile
Along his path of countless miles;
Perhaps because his motto has been
“More favors NOW than flowers THEN.”
Have you sent him your card?

BEAUMONT, TEXAS
Forrest St. Christian Church
We are very happy to tell the Brotherhood that the Forrest St. Christian Church is out of debt. And we hope to do bigger things in the way of Missionary and Benevolences.
We owed $2,744.50 less than two years ago and under Bro. J. O. Bowles’ leadership, who is our minister, with the concession that the Extension board made us, we paid from January to January $1,000, which paid us out.
Brother Bowles is a young man but he knows how to put the pressure on in financing the church.
May we say that he is firm in the faith, believes that the word of God rightfully used makes Christians nothing more, He bases the growth of the Kingdom of God upon Christian living and Christian giving.
"A Model Christian Endeavor Society"

By ROBERT D. BROOKS
(Chairman Trustee Board, 12th Street Christian Church, Washington, D. C.)

We consider this important subject under two general heads:
1. The organization.
2. The purpose, body, or spirit as we may term it.

Christ himself put the stamp of approval upon organization. To establish peace, goodwill, love and righteousness in the world He organized through His apostles a church; an organization with rules and regulations that He might effectually establish these great principles in the world. All the great body of principles destined to change the world's way of thinking, ethically and spiritually, were systematized through one of the most vital organizations the world has ever seen.

To obtain the precious results, to benefit under his beneficent gifts to the world we must subscribe to certain rules and regulations definitely laid down in the organization of his church.

It is not only so with the church, but we can see every day around us how necessary and vital a strong organization is to the accomplishment of any great purpose. It matters not how great and far reaching in importance such a purpose, it will fail if the vehicle upon which it is to ride is weak and collapsible. This is supposed to be, and it is the greatest government in the world, disseminating the spirit of liberty, justice and great world ideas to the rest of the world. Its ideals are the great bulwarks of free men in the western world—but these ideals could not be effectually advanced without a strong government enforcing its rules and regulations upon the people—and, the intelligence and literacy of a people or of an individual are measured by their ability to adhere to certain prescribed regulations—their ability to conform to systematic processes of action and thought.

And so the organization, the vehicle upon which the great purpose of the Christian Endeavor must ride must receive consideration. And so all well organized Christian Endeavor Societies should have first a president, vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, corresponding secretary and pianist. The expert Christian Endeavor manual names fifteen committees that an ideal society should have.

But as few societies can have all these committees, there are some too vital to be left out. Every society should have a lookout committee, prayer meeting committee, missionary committee, social committee and a finance committee, also an executive committee made up of the officers and chairmen of various committees. These are indispensable, however small it may be.

The duties of these committees and officers are too obvious to be outlined here. But when properly performed gives its members a wealth of training, information and stamina not found elsewhere.

And now, the purpose for which it exists. No organization can effect more vital change in the structure and character of the personnel of the church than the Christian Endeavor, when properly functioning. Here we get the future leaders of thought and action in church. Here we are to get officers for every capacity of church work. It is to the church what the teacher training school is to our public school system.

How shall this be done? May we turn the society into a literary club of declamations, duets, solos, readings, etc., every Sunday, taking two-thirds of the hour? We cannot. I do not mean to discourage the literary feature. There is a place for occasional digressions, but we should not lose sight of the great purpose to train young people to pray, sing, and talk on religious topics and to serve whenever and wherever needed.

Quoting from the Expert Endeavor manual: "What are the (Continued on Page 6)"
NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

By ELDER S. KENNEY
(State President, 207 Elmo St.
Johnson City, Tenn.)

Just closed nine years pastorate at the West Main Street
Christian Church with great
success. Closed out the year
of 1937 with no debt on the
church. All of its auxiliaries
are working together nicely,
the first of the year we took
into the church a young man
and Miss Ruth Martin, a very
fine young lady, the grand-
daughter of the late Rev. W. P.
Martin, one of Tennessee's
greatest preachers.

The East Tennessee District
Convention will meet with the
Vine Street Christian Church at
Knoxville, March 18 to 20, 1938.
Elder D. W. Bradley, the dis-
trict president, asks that all of
the delegates meet on time with
a round report. The meeting
will open Friday, March 18, at
9:30 A.M.

I received a fine report from
Elder R. C. Maloy, pastor of
Gay St. Christian Church at
Nashville. He reported that his
church and auxiliaries move
along nicely.

Elder W. E. Steward, our
pastor at Clarksville, closed for
a number of years, has been re-
opened by Bro. Steward. We
are asking the brotherhood to
get behind that church. I have
been authorized by the
churches in the state to pay
off the debt on our church at
Savannah. The balance of the
principal debt is now $104.42.
The Interest up to May 1 will
be about $16.00. The Board of
Church Extension has agreed
to cancel the interest provided
we pay the principal debt by
that time.

We have set the first Sunday
in April, 1938, to raise that
amount, with the understand-
ing that I will go to Savannah
the fourth Sunday in April and
pay the debt off while there. I
am asking the churches to mail
the amount they raise on first
Sunday to me not later than the
second Sunday in April and I
will mail them a receipt for the
same by the return mail, and I
will announce the same
through The Plea, and if we
raise more than $104.42 on that
day we will send it to the state
treasurer for state work.

I am enclosing $1.00 to re-
new my subscription for The
Christian Plea which renders
such fine service.

THE LION ROARS

Cleveland, Ohio

OUR MISSION CHURCHES
AND THE PASTORATE

A short time ago I had an
opportunity to discuss in a
very brief way, a subject which
I believe to be of vital impor-
tance to the growth and contin-
uity of our present missionary
churches and establishment of
such churches in the future.

At the time that I made these
brief remarks, I stated that I
was preparing an article for
The Christian Plea, so that the
whole brotherhood and all of
those agencies engaged in sup-
porting and building up mis-
sion churches among us, might
give some consideration to the
same problem and, if possible,
find some solution.

This article, therefore, is not
written in criticism of our mis-
sionary program or policy, nor
in support of any minister who
may be the pastor of any of our
mission churches, but rather to
point out a growing danger,
which seems to me to be seri-
ously threatening the life and
continuity of our present mis-
sion churches and the estab-
lishment of such churches in
the future.

Now the serious situation to
which I wish to call attention
is this: That any pastor of any
mission church is exposed to
any and all kinds of malicious
accusations which any member
or officer of such churches may
see fit to bring against him, and
that he is defenseless and with-
out any protection against such
charges. The disgruntled mem-
ber of any of our mission
churches or officers may at any
time he of she sees fit, regard-
less of the merit of their case,
make any insidious accusation
against the pastor and get a
hearing from some agency sup-
porting the church.

Not only that, but they may
make any accusation they may
wish to any representative of
our mission agencies, who may
in turn use the same against
the pastor regardless of the
sacrifice and suffering through
which he has passed and is
passing, to make the church a
self supporting and contribut-
ing agency to our mission work.

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ing agency to our mission work.

Not only the ministers of our
mission churches are exposed
to any and all malicious at-
tacks, but also the officials of
such churches, whenever they
do not take sides with such
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members, regardless of the merit of their case, they are reported to the various agencies as being inefficient and hindering the growth of the church.

Now the seriousness of this situation, as it seems to me, is this: That the pastorate and the continuity of our mission churches are threatened, and that our experienced and efficient ministers will not readily accept the pastor at our mission churches under such circumstances. Neither will our young men be inclined to enter the ministry and take charge of our churches unless this situation is taken care of as soon as possible. It is exceedingly difficult for us to get young men to enter the ministry now and, how much more so, it will be to get them to take charge of our mission churches in the future, unless some solution is found for this problem. Now it seems to me that the growth and development of our present mission churches and the establishment of such churches in the future, depend upon the solution of this problem.

Now in self-supporting churches the situation is different, here the local official board has jurisdiction of all matters, they know the merits of all complaints, they know members, they also know the merits of their complaint. They know as well what the minister is doing, or not doing, to build up the church, therefore when complaints are made against the minister they are settled on their merits and the matter is ended.

It is true that every minister in any kind of a church has his opponents and disgruntled members whom he cannot please regardless of what he may do to build up the church but, the local officers and members know the true situation and give the minister support, protection and encouragement to go on with his work. The governmental control is local and final. The ministers have some protection from insidious and unjust attacks. I hope that this article may help, rather than hinder, our mission work. However, it is my conviction that, something must be done to clear up this situation. I do not believe that our ministers, either old or young, will continue to expose themselves to such treatment.

Yours most sincerely,
DR. G. CALVIN CAMPBELL, Minister, Cedar Avenue Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

MT. STERLING, KY.

By J. E. BLAIR, Pastor
Dear Readers of Christian Plea, Greeting.

The High St. Christian Church is now doing a great work, with the co-operation of membership, their love for the cause is untiring, they have in reality given themselves to the Lord.

Bible School
We have about nine public school teachers, who are taking an active part in the Bible school work, not only in the Bible school but they are loyal to the program of the church. I say in no uncertain terms that this church approaches the model church with no one to oppose the official program.

Christian Endeavor
Moving along in high, with a large number in attendance each Lord's day. These young people planned an evening with the Poets for February 21st. We feel that it was a good program.

Last Sunday we had a rally known as the Seventy Disciples, the request was that each of these two would bring in one dollar and fifty cents, but "my Lord" it was like seed which the Master spoke of in the parable, some came with five, six, seven, eight and nine and above all thirteen dollars and the full amount was one hundred and twenty-two dollars.

Bro. T. R. Everett and his good people came over from North Middletown in large numbers, and he preached as never before.

Bro. Artis Walker was here with his good people from Fairview, and did he preach and sing? We had a great day.

Sick List
Elder Wm. Dyson, Albert Keith, Alice Glover, Tom Berry, Sister Black, Mary L. Jones, Gena M. Caywood and Malinda Prewitt.

THE LAMB OF GOD

By HUGH JACKSON

R. 1, Box 274, Birmingham, Ala.

Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.—John 1:29.

By Rev. W. D. Johnson, Oxmoor, Ala.

From this subject our pastor gave instructions that will help carry us on to the glory of God. The Lamb that taketh away the sins of the world was made plainly. Jesus loved us so much until he laid down his life for us. He willingly and voluntarily gave his life for humanity. When Jesus died his life meant just as much to one race as it did to another. After all what do we owe Jesus?

Jesus paid it all
All to him we owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow.
Toward the July state conven-
tion. Our latest big event was
"King Solomon’s Wedding,"
given by the choir of which Sis-
ter Amelia Jones is president.

All seats, including chairs in
the aisles and the balcony, were
taken and many left standing.
Over seventy-five dollars was
realized. Elder Blair of Mt.
Sterling declares that no
church in the brotherhood shall
have more Plea readers than
his church.—They’re sending
them in.

Our friend, N. W. Magowan,
of Washington, D. C., has been
on the sick list.

Sister Bostick’s account of
the passing of Elder T. R. Rix
of Little Rock, Ark., and as El-
der L. H. Crawford of Kansas
thinks on these things came too
late for this number.

Bro. Richard L. Saunders of
Midway, Ky., recently con-
ducted services for the Nich-
olasville and Hustonville
churches.

Elder Jas. H. Harrison, once
minister of our Midway, Ky.,
church, has taken refuge again
in the Methodist Church. He
is an able speaker and measur-
ably informed.

Along with one dollar for the
Plea, Sister “Mandy” Davis
says Elder A. W. Davis (the old
war horse.—Ed.) will do some
state work in Kansas this year.

Elder J. O. Bowles of Bea-
umont, Texas, way down on
the Gulf, desires correspondence
with some of the “widow
churches” as he thinks of step-
ing out on the “kharpet.”

Christian Chapel at Port Gib-
son, Miss., and Bro. W. D.
Campbell are sending out a
splendid weekly church bul-
elin.

The Paducah church is wor-
thy of all assistance as Bro.
H. C. Poston resurrects the
work there since last winter’s
flood. Don’t forget him.

Our State S. S. Board sent
Bro. Poston five dollars.

Our old friend and classmate,
R. E. Pearson, is turning on the
light in our 17th Street Church
in the Fall City (Louisville).
They have cleared the debt, will
burn the mortgage this spring
and install a new addition of
officers on Easter night. I
would like to be with him then.
Our Lexington church has re-
cently found nine new officers,
giving us now fifteen good ones.
Watch us grow.

Bro. S. C. Devine and wife
are putting Kenyon Avenue
Church, Cincinnati to the front
in a fine way. Those good peo-
ple are moving Harmoniously
forward.

From far off California
comes three dollars and a
“What would we do without the
Plea, its poetry (jingle), etc.”?

We need some more “stretch-
olene” to locate the seat of our
coming national convention. It
may yet nestle down close be-
side us. She must soon light
somewhere.

Elder Stafford Campbell with
Home Forces, recently con-
ducted a successful meeting at
his church in Paris, Ky., where
he has served more than thirty
years.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH’S OP-
PORTUNITY - - THE NA-
TIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT

It is a known fact that the
youth of today are the leaders
of tomorrow, but it is not
known whether they shall be
capable to lead. To this end
the National Negro Youth
Movement is being set up. The
need of an organized youth or-
ganization has been apparent
for some time. This need man-
ifested more vividly at the Na-
tional Convention which was
held in Dayton last August.
There were many young people in attendance at that convention, but of this number, not more than fifteen were actively engaged in the main convention program. Prof. Peoples, along with other adult leaders, realized that the time was ripe to organize this host of young people into a working unit. Hence, the National Negro Youth Movement was begun.

This movement should present a two-fold program in religious endeavor. First, it should be an aid in planning, promoting and executing youth programs for the present day needs of the church. One agency which should and must be supported by the National Youth Movement is Summer Conferences, for through the Conferences information, training and spiritual atmosphere is supplied the young people. The value of the Summer Conference has long been injected in their work in the local churches. The Youth Movement should support this and all other organizations that are seeking to train the young people. Secondly, the movement should train the Youth for the future. This phase rests more or less on the first, for if the Youth is properly trained he will naturally step into his position of leadership when it is afforded him. These are some of the aims which the Movement should have.

The Movement at present is in its infancy. Hence, it is hardly more than a dream or an idea at present. Its progress should be slow and sure. It must be built upon the ideas and suggestions of the Youth. Therefore, we should send in our ideas and suggestions bearing in mind that the success or failure of the organization depends upon the type of program we adopt. So let us in all our efforts support the National Youth Movement spiritually, morally, and financially. Then it can be nothing short of a success. Read Prof. R. H. Peoples' article on the Movement in your January 31 issue of THE CHRISTIAN PLEA and rush your answers to his questions to him at 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

—Foster Craggett.

MISSISSIPPI NOTES

The Mound Bayou District is doing its bit.

Soul winning this year is our aim as district evangelist to preach the living truth. One outstanding feature always to put the elders in remembrance of the proper care of the church since I've found some negligent among the congregation. That ought not be. We are also instilling into the young people of our group some spiritual activities as they are expected to be the church of tomorrow, for preachers and teachers are in demand for the future.

Now a word about our last quarterly meeting held with the old pioneer church in Carroll county. Good attendance, bad weather; reports fairly good. We had as guest, Elder G. C. F. and wife, Mrs. Shafer of Port Gibson; Elder S. D. Yarbrough of Raymond, Miss. Our next meeting was with the First Christian Church in Mound Bayou in February.

Yours for success,

G. W. WALL, District Chairman.

R. 1, Box 38, Sunflower, Miss.

It is sincerely hoped that President Ervin, of Hawkins, Texas, who suffered a slight affliction, will have a speedy recovery.
principles of Christian Endeavor?

1. "Definite standards of service, and definite commitment to those standards."
2. "Open confession of Christ and speaking for him according to ability and opportunity."
3. "Cultivation of the devotional life by regular prayer and public study."
4. "Training in Christian service by a variety of committee work."
5. "Loyalty to the church, and regular attendance upon the church service."
6. "Generous giving to Christian work."
7. "Christian citizenship."
8. "Interdenominational fellowship and the promotion of peace and goodwill among the nations of the world."
9. "All these endeavors to be made in accordance with the will of Christ and trusting in him for strength. These are the purposes and steady aim of Christian Endeavor."

The manual asks two more questions:
1. "Why does Christian Endeavor insist so strongly upon the value of the prayer meeting?" Because it is the chief and almost the only agency of the church for accomplishing certain definite and very important results.
2. "What are the results that we may gain from the prayer meeting?" (a) "Original thought on religious subjects." (b) "Open committal to the cause of Christ." (c) "The helpful expression of Christian thought and experience." (d) "The cultivation of the spirit of worship through singing." (e) "The guidance of others along all these lines of service and life."

So the Christian Endeavor Society working with these high purposes in mind, its members serving actively upon committees, officers diligently inspiring the rank and file of the members to take part in its deliberations, will make for a real Christian Endeavor society that will be of vital interest to the parent body—the church.

An address delivered at one of the meetings of the District Conventions of Maryland, District of Columbia and New York.

BROtherHOOD

DINNER, MARCH 24

The Disciples of Christ constitute one of the major Protestant communions. The development of a brotherhood consciousness is important to further the growth. By an increasing sense of cohesiveness we can become a greater force in the advancement of the Kingdom of God. By a more vital awareness of being a part of a great brotherhood, every local church can be strengthened.

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This Brotherhood Dinner can be a happy, helpful and joyous event. Every participant will sense anew the mission of the Disciples of Christ, their accomplishments and possibilities of the future; and out of this fellowship will come an appreciation of our people, a determination to move forward, and a deeper devotion to the church. As each church shares its life in this fellowship with every other church, increased strength and vitality for every participating church will result. Every church is urged to join in this occasion, thus helping others and self in Christian service. Power will come from this enlarged vision.

The Program

The suggestion is offered that all churches have practically identical programs. Plans have been sent to the leaders of all churches. Such questions will be discussed as, "Who Are Disciples of Christ?" "What Have Disciples of Christ Accomplished?" "What is the Answer of Disciples of Christ to the Challenge of Today?"

An important feature of the program will be the exchange of greetings from churches in this land and around the world. Every church will want to be assembled in one of these dinners to receive the inspiration from these greetings from various churches in the brotherhood and from all sections of brotherhood life. It is hoped that every church will be a sender and a receiver of greetings. What a fellowship!

On such an occasion of joy and enthusiasm it is believed that every one will be anxious to do something for the advancement of the world causes of the brotherhood. With such a conviction and the recognition of need for advance in the work of these causes, it is suggested that each person make a gift in appreciation for the advancement of Christ's work through the brotherhood. A birthday gift is suggested—that is, a certain amount for each year of a person's age. In other words, ask each person to select one of the following
amounts for each year of his age: One cent per year, five cents per year, ten cents per year, twenty-five cents per year. There are great possibilities for Disciples of Christ in this program of greetings, appreciation, looking forward and giving.

Suggested Procedure
Decide to have a Brotherhood Dinner and make it a major event in the life of your church.

Appoint working committees that are representative of the men, women and young people of your church.

Organize every group in the church's life for securing attendance at the Brotherhood dinner.

The Brotherhood Dinner can be made a great event in the life of the Disciples of Christ. Every church participating will not only be benefited but will add to the greatness of the undertaking. Each church is asked to plan immediately for full participation in the Brotherhood Dinner on March 24.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

By MISS AMELIA GAULT, Mayslick, Ky.

A mistaken conception of the mission of the church has been a root of every sort of mistake. These mistakes have greatly hindered the progress of the church. The church is to furnish the breath of life, the inspiration of the state. It must create an atmosphere in which no unrighteous relationship can breathe, and so develop Christ in the individual that He shall become the salt of the earth.

The church in which the pulpit is not the watchtower of a prophet is not a Church of Christ. Salvation is first individual, and then social Christianity is the salvation of the world.

Jesus said: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the father and the son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever commanded you."

The mission of the church is to furnish a dwelling place for God." In who ye are built together for habitation of God through the Spirit, that thou mayest know how to behave thyself in the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. It is the mission of the church to show forth the Lord's death by observing the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day. And upon the first day of the week; when we were come together to break bread for the purpose of showing faith the Lord's death, for as often as ye do this you show his death till he come.

The mission of the church is to educate. "And it came to pass that for a whole year they came together and taught much people." The love of God should direct this education.

Just how much one knows nor how well he knows is neither good nor bad in itself; but it is how he uses his knowledge that counts. Apart from conversion, education is only temporal value.

The education needful is Biblical training that inspires one to follow its teaching. Science is good, but salvation is better.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

By E. K. BURTON, Local Director

Missouri young people, we are turning our eyes to Columbia this year for conference. The time is June 19th to 26th. We want every young person in Missouri who is thinking conference to begin to prepare to attend. Churches wake up and begin to help your working young people to go. We tried to get as near center as we could so it would not be hard on any one church. What are we going to do, Missouri, let it down or hold it up? It will take every church working together to help put this conference over. We need your young people; we need your support; we need everything good you can do for it. I will be writing to the churches soon asking that they choose their young people carefully and send as many as they can. Where there is a will there'll be a way. Here are some of the things the young student learns while attending conference one week other material will be coming later.

1. First, the youth must know himself, discover his weaknesses and strength.
2. Learn to live with others and how to get along.
3. He learns to make Christ his daily companion.
4. Opportunities for expression of good will are afforded.
5. The dedication of the whole life, mind, body and spirit to will of God.
6. Visions of the ideal world are glimpsed and desires to prepare for effective concrete service.

Conference, the Jesus way: 1. Not only vision and dreams are offered but experience in the type of world about which Jesus dreamed.
2. Through actual practice youth discovers that Jesus' way is practical and will work.
3. He is inspired to want to carry over this kind of world into his own home, church and community.
FINANCIAL PLAN USED BY YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE CLUB OF MT. OLIVET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

(Written by Elizabeth Brown, 2402 Brunt Street, Baltimore, Md.)

The Young People’s Conference Club of the Mt. Olivet Christian Church has developed an unique plan for raising conference fees, and they have found it very effective for the members. It stimulates interest, enthusiasm, and initiative in each member. The plan is as follows:

In connection with the club, we have a banking fund. The purpose of this fund is to save money for conference delegates and their expenses. Mrs. Esther Scott is the chairman of the committee.

Each member has a small notebook which serves as his bank book. In this book all the money that the individual raises by selling tickets, tags, and so forth, for entertainments sponsored by the club is recorded to his credit. It is also recorded on the chairman’s book. An individual may increase his deposit by making personal contributions to his savings without selling tickets, etc. At the close of the year when time comes to go to conference, each member draws out his savings and uses it to help pay his expenses in conference.

During the week of November 29-December 4, our club sponsored “Frivolity Week.” We sold tags for this occasion at five cents each, and the proceeds were given to the church for missions.

Members of the club are as follows:

NEWS FROM THE “OLD NORTH STATE”

1219 E. 17th Street
Winston-Salem, N. C

Dear Sir:

After the presiding committee was appointed to lay plans for the second unit of our church, Mrs. J. H. Hayes, who is an excellent worker, organized a Ladies’ Co-Worker Club to raise money to help beautify the second unit of our church.

The official board of this congregation, G. F. Ragsdale and Nathaniel Pein, our elders, are doing everything in their power to help organize every department along the spiritual line. Prof. A. I. Terrell of the Winston-Salem Teachers College, who is a member of the Trustee Board, is laying plans on the financial line together with other members of the Trustee Board.

We are hoping to be able to begin our second unit sometime this spring. The Lord has blessed us in financial and the spiritual line, and on Sunday night we are baptizing several souls into Christ and at 3 P. M. the pastor of the First Institutional Baptist Church, Rev. Kenneth Williams, will preach for the ladies of our church Co-Worker Club. They are beginning to raise money to beautify it, when we get started.

Yours sincerely,

E. C. WILLIAMS,
Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ

Co-Workers Club
Mrs. J. H. Hayes, President.
Mrs. Myrtle Hairston, Secretary.
Mrs. Maggie Carter, Treasurer.

Program Committee
Evelyn Lee, Irene Green, Vivian Campbell, Rosa Harris.

The purpose of the club is to aid the church in any way needed.

IF YOU PLEASE—

Put on sufficient postage to carry it. Five times this week the postman called on us for extra postage.

Sign name and address as plain as you can.

Use large size paper—not many small sheets.

Write to “Bro. Dickerson” and to the Plea on separate sheets. We are two people.

Send your failures to the junk yard. Send us your successes. We have no “Complaint Desk.”

Be patient if your article is late. Late trains wreck.

Appoint some live wire to give news of your church and people and send it in while it is “news.”

Tell your neighbor of the Plea.

Get your S. S. teachers to take it, and it will take them.

When you move, give us your new address. Sorry the Plea is no foxhound.
National Convention Goes To Knoxville Tenn. In August

And the restive circling dove has finally rested the sole of her feet in Knoxville, Tenn., in latter August. Knoxville, 165 miles east of Nashville, about the same distance north of Atlanta, Ga., twice that distance southwest of Roanoke, Va., and some 250 miles south of Cincinnati on the Holston river, has a most picturesque scenery and is a railroad junction.

Our old friend and schoolmate, Elder Ralph W. Watson, is the hustling minister there, and that alone would mean splendid entertainment.

While President Ervin is recovering and official spring is announcing, Vice President Crawford is megaphoning "on to Knoxville" and to Knoxville we go. "Come and go to that land."

AN UNUSUAL OFFER

By MISS E. M. WILSON
(President of State S. S. Convention and Director of Central Conference.)

The young people from some of our churches have received interest, enthusiasm, and inspiration at Central Conference. Would that all young people might have the same opportunity! The hackneyed statement about "the church of tomorrow's condition depending on the youth of today" needs emphasis. Unless the youth is given a vision and a workable plan to go after the vision little hope may be held. Conference does not try to compete with worldliness, but it does try strenuously to make the life and work in the church inviting and appealing.

The following plan was proposed by the executive staff of the State Bible School Board with the aid of two district presidents. The opinion of the other two districts was given by representatives from them. This plan is intended for those churches that have never had any young person attending conference. If additional information is required please write to this address: Miss E. M. Wilson, 2216 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.

Conference fees will be paid for those students about whom a letter is sent stating these facts:
1. That the student is going to defray his railroad expenses to said conference.
2. That the attendance of the student is vouched for by the affixed signatures of the pastor, an elder, a deacon, and the superintendent. Their addresses are to be included also.

In the event that there is no pastor state that fact in the letter.

Remember that the first eight letters received will be those for whom the conference feels will be paid. Prompt action is therefore essential! The last date for this offer is May 15th, 1938. The student's name and those of his or her parents' should be in the letter too.

The place of this conference is Nicholasville, Ky.

The date is July 10-17, 1938.

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT OF STATE CONVENTION

As we again approach the setting of our state convention which meets at the East Second Street Christian Church, Lexington, in July, we are trusting that each church in the state is planning to make a "round report"—all departments of the church ready! Every church in our state is expected to represent in our national, with five dollars thru our state representative. Now that our Paducah Church remodeling program is well on the way under the able leadership of our good Bro. Poston and wife and that the appeal has gone out we are trusting that every church in the brotherhood will heed the Macedonian call. We, here at the Winchester Church, are looking forward to our spring rally the fourth Sunday in April. This is to be Kentucky day. We are asking every minister o four brotherhood and their congregations to share with us on this day here in Kentucky.

Yours for advancement in our state work and more and more Plea readers everywhere.

MRS. OWENS,
State President of Ky.
AMONG THE BRETHREN

PADUCAH CHURCH FUND GROWS SLOWLY

Following amounts sent to treasurer as of March 10, 1938:
Send all amounts to Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer, 1109 Miss. Blvd., Memphis, Tenn.
South Side Church, Chicago, Elder Wm. P. Perry $10.00
Walnut Hill Church, Cincinnati, Elder M. F. Frazier $10.00
Jarvis College, Texas, Elder J. N. Ervin $5.15
Centennial Church, St. Louis, Bro. C. B. Hutchinson $5.04
Second Church, Georgetown, Elder Ira S. Ashe $5.00
Little Salem Church, N. C., Elder Garther Roland $5.00
Middle Fork Church, Va., Elder Garther Roland $5.00
Miss. Blvd. Church, Memphis, Elder Blair T. Hunt $5.00
Mt. Sterling Church, Kentucky, Elder J. E. Blair $2.50
Fairview Missionary, Kentucky, Elder A. J.Walker $1.25
E. Second St. Church, Lexington, Ky., C. H. Dickerson $5.00
Boll Street Church, Texas, Bro. J. L. Patton $13.60
Norwood Church, Ohio, Elder E. W. Wilbert $3.45
Carlisle Church, Ky., Elder H. T. Wilson $3.00
Paris, Ky., Church, Ky., Elder Cooper Frye $2.00
London, Ky., Church, Ky., Elder Wm. Walker $1.10

Yours very truly,
J. E. WALKER, M. D.,
Treasurer.

Just 7 Kentucky churches and fewer from other states have responded to Paducah (Ky.) in its emergency call. Even many of us might do better when we make the second appeal. These flood victims need every encouragement to "come back."

This Paducah Church call should find ready response in the heart of every church in the brotherhood.

Not flowers, but favors. Come on, brethren, "heave again!" C. H. D.

WINCHESTER, KY.

Feb. 28, 1938

"Calling all Kentucky Missionary Societies."

Such would be the radio call were we broadcasting as did "ye editor" a few Sundays back—and such a broadcast did he and his choir send over the wire! We're still bragging about it here). And truly we are broadcasting that March is here and the time for our third quarterly report of state and national funds. We are soon to be on convention scales and none wants to be found "wanting." The time for working and praying is at hand and has been for 2,000 years. And how very fitting it is that the two calls came together. March 4th was "world prayer" day and now comes "Easter week of prayer," and if all our women would pause on these two special occasions and meditate and really pray, for once, how very effective would be the response. But not only for one day, but for every day, if we could visit with Jesus and put our plea for inspiration and consecration before Him whose attention was called to the troubled sea and the healing of the blind and afflicted and even to the raising of the dead; and who heeded these calls. How gladly He would come to our call with needed help. Our cause is lacking for supporters and our supporters are lacking in faith. "Ask, and it shall be given," is meant for the missionary workers as well as for the blind beggars. Ask for inspiration, for faith and courage to trust in His promise and for knowledge to do what is needed to be done and a bit more of energetic supplication and the answer will be forthcoming. Peter is not the only one who was in danger of sinking into the troubled sea. All of us are in danger if we do not trust Him fully. We start, and because our work seems not to be accomplishing the desired ends instead of looking to the Master for help, we turn back—give up. But as Peter did we must call to the waiting Master who still stands on board, longing and waiting for the call. Just keep our eyes on Him and step out on His ocean where men are needing us and be sure that same Christ, who never did turn a deaf ear to His helpers' call, is still standing saying: "And lo! I will be with you always." Don't stop praying—"I know not what the method rare But this I know—God answers prayer;" I know that He has given His word.
March 29, 1938

Which tells me prayer is always heard
And will be answered soon or late.”

My dear old mother, Sister Nannie Dupree, living now in her home in Jeffersonville, Ind., the oldest member of the Louisville Christian Church, a flood refugee, the mother of eight Christian children (now grown), a widow, but still trusting in her God, taught me years ago that God tests His children in many ways and only those who stand the test by “fire,” can hope to enjoy the cooling breath from His lips when He speaks His last great “Amen” to our life’s work.

Let’s get busy at our tasks, women, — and wade through the fire and waters to victory in June and July.

Yours for Christ,
E. WINIFRED OWENS
Ky. State General Missionary Secretary.

THI-STATE NEWS

Virginia - West Virginia
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. Phone 7863.
The Churches of Christ in Tri-State Christian Convention numbers ten in all; namely:
Ninth Street, Winston-Salem, N. C., without minister.
First Christian Church, (Bailey Town), Walnut Cove, C. M. Robinson, minister.
First Christian Church, Mt. Airy, N. C., Eugene Patterson, minister.
Antioch, Greensboro, N. C., without minister.
First Christian Church, Concord, N. C., P. K. Alexander, minister.
Philippi, Louisa Co., Va., Ivory L. Bule, minister.
First Christian Church, Stuart, Va., D. E. Rogers, minister.
Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Va., G. M. Dickerson, minister.

These churches are progressing slowly. In order to put new life in the work the Executive Board decided to try to get a regular worker on the field to develop all phases of the work spiritually, educationally and financially, and too, inspire and bring them into a larger fellowship. Mrs. A. L. Martin of Chicago and Rockford, Ill., was recommended, accepted, and called to the field as District Missionary. Sister Martin came to us February 28th, and was “Guest Speaker” in a mass meeting at Spencer Memorial Church the same night. The house was full. Folks fifty and sixty miles out-of-town were present. Her address was very inspiring, and all present seemed to have caught a vision. Her subject was “Some Principles of Service.” She sat down as she arose, in the midst of applause.

March 1st she began work; is making her maiden trip over the district and receiving very cordial welcomes in all the churches she visits. She is planning to make reports through Christian Plea the first of each month.

One of our plans is to bring the whole district into the National Convention one hundred per cent. We feel sure we have the right person in the right place — A REAL NATIONAL CONVENTION BOOSTER.

So mote it be.—Editor.
The School of Evangelism will graduate a class in Training for Service Easter.

NATIONAL SCHOOL FOR EVANGELISTS
Disciples of Christ
REV. R. L. PETERS
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EDWARDS, MISS.
By BRO. T. B. FROST

Dear Readers:
We are still alive at the Central Christian Church, Vicksburg, Miss. Sunday, Jan. 16, most of the members were out and pledged themselves to give $1.00 per month for pastor and expense of the church.
The fifth Sunday in January the Gospel team of S. C. I. College gave the church one day’s service. Bro. W. B. Easterly gave us a fine sermon on “What Are We Living For?”
After the sermon Bro. J. Collins and Frank Marcus served at the communion table. Sunday night the Gospel team gave us a number of melodies. We were also entertained with a fine sermon given by Frank Marcus. Subject: “Hold Fast That Which Thou Hast That No Man Take Thy Crown.”

In spite of the rain we raised over five dollars. It was an age rally. The rain prevented a good many from coming. The Jackson District meeting was held at the Central Christian Church, Vicksburg. With Elder Eugene Mason as Evangelist. The local program was conducted by Bro. A. Wells.
EDITORIAL

By C. H. DICKERSON

"BETTER FAVORS NOW, THAN FLOWERS THEN"

CALLING OF THE PREACHER

The preacher has many calls, indeed more than he can answer. He is called to the hospital, sick bed, death chamber, marriage altar and often to funeralize when the obituary will hardly justify the truth.

But it is primarily of his call to the ministry and to the local church that we are thinking. That some have answered the call meant for some other, is evident. Lack of consecration, adaptation and unwillingness to adapt oneself to the situation, along with a general unpreparedness are among the things that make us doubt.

The willingness to suffer for the cause was an outstanding feature of Paul's ministry. He never doubted his calling, nor was he ever able to show sufficient gratitude to Jesus Christ for "Putting me into the ministry."

No wonder he charged Timothy to "make full proof of thy ministry." (Discharge all your duties as a minister.)

But what shall he do respecting the call to the local church? Here is a difficult problem. The church needs a minister, whether it knows it or not.

The pulpit and big Bible, along with some labors above mentioned declare the need of a minister for every congregation.

Surely, if the preacher is unemployed he should accept the first opportunity to serve in his chosen field. The salary is an item, but not the only item.

Is there an opportunity to render service? Can he serve the community to the uplift? Can he lead the congregation to greater usefulness and add to its number those who should be saved? Let him weigh well these things and be willing to start at the bottom, if need be.

Our greatest preachers and heads of other great concerns could startle you with stories of their small beginnings. If we would read more biography we would not "despise the day of small things."

We fear there are too many cuckoos who never build a nest, but always nest where another bird builds. We blame no bird for wanting a good nest, but if he can't find one, he should remember that "the woods are large, and the trees are plenty."

Untold resources may be tapped by an effort in the right direction.

And I wonder that:

If the ministry is not among the very few labors where the employed are supposed to show the employers the way things should go.

If this is not peculiarly so where the government is congregational?

If the preacher is not shooting too much over the heads of the people, and if the Negro religion is NECESSARILY intellectual?

If many of the intellectuals don't know more about Julius Caesar than about Jesus Christ —Amos and Andy, than Peter and Andrew.

If of the hundred people who sing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," not over one fourth of that hundred ever put even a little finger to the cross to help bear it. Surely Alone! Alone!

If the church with no minister is not standing in its own light and that along with the mile minister a terrible accounting must be made some day?

If the men of the church are given a chance to use the talent they have.

If the settled pastor is not too selfsatisfied and takes his own flock to be "all the world."

If "Christian Education" is not forgetting the adjective, and that nothing is adjoining?

If the pittance the church offers the young preacher is not his greatest discouragement.—Treat him better.

If a deeper consecration on the part of minister, officers and church would not work wonders?

If pride and various other forms of selfishness is keeping many Christians away from regular service, and many others out of church?
If many ministers and families are not “spend thrifts” even with what little we have?

If the many weekly meetings were counted, the number present wouldn’t equal the “used to be,” large prayer-meeting?

If the “other brethren,” like we, are not sinning when we speak of the “SIMPLE” confession of Faith, when the record uses no such term.

If the preaching brethren would stop “simply” this, and “ONLY” that, “butting” the other and using every minimizing adjective in the dictionary; our cause would not stronger impress those who hear it.

I could wonder on since just yesterday I heard one of our great preachers declare to a great audience in a great church, that “We baptise people upon the ‘SIMPLE’ confession of their Faith in Jesus.” While I knew just what he was running FROM, I also know that he, pendulum like, had run too far.

Diluting medicine weakens it and I wonder if the apothecary would allow it?

Sister Rosa Page Welch, of Chicago, whose name appeared upon a 1937 Roll of Honor, is forging ahead in the school of religion in Chicago University. Here her musical and other natural and acquired talents find ample expression; and above all, her service is fast becoming a benison to our brotherhood.

Eld. R. L. Peters, National School for Evangelists at Winston-Salem, N. C., is meeting a long felt need. It should be crowded—will be when well advertised.

Good reports come in from Race Relation Day, wherever it was observed as the exigencies seem more and more to have arisen.

As too often, the hounds again miss the track in response to questions asked in Plea. Don’t ask ME. Please write your own answer just as you’d have it appear in the Plea.

The Ohio man wants the answer. The following questions are listed:

Should an unmarried man be an Elder in the Christian Church?

How often does Jesus forgive?

Are there any correct pictures of Jesus?

What is sanctification?

If a very worldly man and a very religious woman marry, are they “equally yoked together?”

In the death of a babe of wicked parents, would the child be saved?

Give answers. Don’t ask questions.

Many outside the state have declared Old Kentucky loyal to any Kentucky project. Shall we hold this confidence respecting Paducah’s call? Brethren, give your people a chance to help Paducah.

PASSING OF ELD. T. R. RIX

Our readers will share with the Little Rock, Ark., church, Cross Street, in the loss of an elder, T. R. Rix, who was killed by train. He is described as a dependable, faithful leader of the congregation.

Elder Dyer, Campbell, Bostick, Chew and Martin conducted the funeral service including an abundance of solos, resolutions and worthy tributes. He had many relatives, worthy members of said church. Sister S. L. Bostick was mistress of ceremonies and reporter.

Sister Idda E. White of Columbia, Ky., and long-time teacher there, is helping keep the home fires burning. She reports the church house newly seated and lighted, the latter of which was donated by her. What church or person will help them secure a dozen more chairs and pulpit furniture.

These are a worthy people and would greatly appreciate Address Miss Ida E. White, Columbia, Ky.

A good word from Mrs. A. E. Willis of Lincoln, Neb., will appear in next issue.

That President Ervin of Jarvis, Texas, is recovering will be glad news to our entire brotherhood. Let us lend a hand to carry the load resting upon his willing shoulders.

The Johnson Gault and Co. are vieing with all districts in programming No. 3 District meetings. Their next meeting is at dear old Millersburg, Ky., April 2nd and 3rd. All three departments share.

At Eld. R. H. Davis’ church of Chicago, the S. C. I. Club gives its annual program March 28th, featured by address by Dean Jason M. Cowan. F. D. Perkins, president.

Our young friend and preacher, Bro. R. L. Saunders of Midway, Ky., recently preached to a fine audience at Nicholasville and will visit Hustonville soon. These are both good churches. There are no finer people in the state.

Brother Bradley Gentry, another fine young minister, has been recently preaching at Midway, Hustonville and Nicholasville.
Brethren we will be true to the principles of Preston Taylor, Henry Herod, W. H. Dickerson, P. H. Moss, Monroe Jackson and the early-pioneers who wrought so well in their days. We should not overlook the gift of Preston Taylor and his good wife, the beautiful Greenwood Park, the well established funeral home, the beautiful Lee Avenue Church ought to inspire us today to go forward and to go into our pockets this year and bring or send enough money to put our convention on the map. Brethren, God is calling the brotherhood to arms. Are you willing to shoulder the guns. If so, "Forward March."

These are some of the characteristics that led the early church on to perfection, they molded themselves into these early principles and as a result of it, the church saved souls, they had plenty of money to carry on, they exercised faith in Jesus Christ and went on their way rejoicing. Brethren when I look upon our fields of labor I am wondering do we lack these early principles that made our fathers great in kingdom building and in saving the church. In their day they conducted great revivals, they went on trips of evangelizing the communities that surrounded them. They were not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit. They built church houses, they organized congregations.

Think not men's souls can ere depend upon the doctrines they defend. On Jesus Christ and on His grace we must rely to save the race.

Yours for larger work,
ELD. L. H. CRAWFORD, Vice-President National Convention, Kansas City, Kan.

THE EARLY CHURCH: Its spirit was fellowship, gladness, singleness of heart, praising God; all things common with one accord and a mind to give.

ITS CUSTOMS: Apostles breaking of bread, prayers, sold their possessions in the temple, they spake with boldness, men believed and were baptised, they evangelized the whole country where they were preaching.

STATE WORK: Most of our states are suffering from lack of state evangelists, and field workers. And we are worn out with the excuse that we haven't got any money. The church never will be a rich institute, but from the days that her doors flung open on the day of pentecost, God has always been able to finance His kingdom. My brethren, the people have the money and will give it when they see something to give it for. If our state was to combine should we put evangelists and missionaries in the field to stimulate the work it wouldn't be long before this great brotherhood would see another day in kingdom building through the local, in the district, and throughout the state.

OUR NATIONAL WORK: The twenty-two years we have been as a national convention, ought to inspire us to go forward with higher ideals. We should not forget our inheritance that has come to us through the ages through sacrifices and blood, that made possible our National Convention, and God forbid that the aims and objectives and purposes of the founders of this convention ever be destroyed.

But under God and our

THROUGH FAITH AND LOYALTY

The 11th Chapter of Hebrews could be written now and have just as much ringing challenge in it as penned by the author centuries ago. The story of our missionary work is a story of faith and loyalty. By faith and loyalty were our early missionary enterprises launched and continued. By faith our missionaries left their homes to enter unknown countries and to live among unknown peoples. By faith they depended upon their brotherhood to see them through. By faith thousands of people have been saved through Christ. Churches have been planted, hospitals built, schools erected and impossible obstacles overcome.

By faith in Jesus Christ, A. McLean opened to us the scriptures and the world through his missionary messages. By faith he commissioned missionaries to go, preach, teach and baptise. By faith he fired our brotherhood to a passion for a world in sin and need.

By faith F. M. Rains challenged us to a new vision of our abilities. By faith he opened the doors of our hearts and of the world.

By faith G. L. Wharton and his wife were sent to India to enter into an unknown land. By faith they preached in bazaars, in chapels, along the streets and by public wells. By faith they bore joyfully the rigors of ill health. They suffered from fevers, from cholera, from other diseases. By faith they bore happily the debased and degraded. By faith he laid a foundation for a work which was to exceed his wildest dreams.

By faith Mary Kingsbury set
out for India not knowing to what she was sent but willing to be directed by her faith in Jesus Christ. By faith she gathered little children to her heart and started the orphanage that was to lay the foundation for the later Christian community.

By faith Charles E. Garst gave up a promising career in America to give his life to Japan. By faith he pushed into the interior and started his program of evangelism. By faith he identified himself with the Japanese people until an eminent Japanese statesman said of him, "The West never made a greater gift to the East than Charles E. Garst."

By faith Bertha Clawson gathered twelve Japanese girls about her in Japan. Loyally she determined that the womanhood of Japan should have a chance. By faith she nurtured and cared for her ideal and because of her genuine love for her adopted people she was able to overcome the opposition and establish a great school for girls.

By faith Dr. W. E. Macklin took his Christ to China. By faith he gathered to his heart the dying, the neglected, the alone. He gathered them from the streets and the gutters and healed their hearts and their souls. By faith he sought people where they were, never despairing over the rebuffs, the curses and scorns that came his way. By faith he started his hospital with a few beds and meager equipment never dreaming of the glory of the monument he was helping to build for medicine in China. By faith he emulated Christ until he became known as the "Jesus man" and people sought his shadow and to touch his garments.

By faith Frank E. Meigs dreamed of a great educational institution for China. By faith he established Christian College which later became a part of one of the most outstanding Christian institutions of the East, Nanking University. By faith he spent his life, health and love for his Chinese brothers without reserve or discrimination.

By faith Emma A. Lyon started a school for girls in China. By faith and perseverance she overcame the superstition and fear of the Chinese people. By loyally standing for Christ and his love for women, she lived to see the truth she advanced became the accepted norm for the education of womanhood in China.

By faith Jacob Kenoly digested the "go ye" command and braved the African jungles and filled a watery grave in quest of food for his boys in missionary school.

By faith Preston Taylor almost bankrupted himself to offer five thousand dollars to send the Glory of the Cross to all the world.

By faith Brayboy Ayers, Brown and Brown saw thru a "Glass darkly."

And what shall we say of Dye, Hensey, Carpenter, Eldred, Shelton Herod, Alphin, Jackson and others like Lauderdale and Thompson who handed us the lighted torch. "Faith of our Fathers Holy Faith We will be true to thee till death."

That Long-Horned Texas Pratt can stretch himself out full length enroute from Dallas to Knoxville, Tenn. His is a voice that charms you.

IF JESUS HAD NOT BEEN BORN

By EUGENE MASON of Mississippi.

(Continued from last week)

II

Jesus came into a world that believed in rituals and rites. They seemed to put more emphasis on these things rather than serving their fellow men. They worshiped God, but just to be seen and heard, to be glorified by men, but Jesus said that they had their reward.

We as professing Christians brag about our religion saying, O, weren't those scribes and pharisees wicked people? Yes, we have a few scribes and pharisees in our church today.

Unless we think more of service to our fellow men and less about certain dogmas and customs the church will miss its mark.

Suppose Jesus had not been born. If he had not been born there would still be the predominating idea of a spiritual kingdom here on earth, in the hearts of men as it is in heaven, would exist today if Jesus had not been born.

Eld. H. T. Wilson recently baptized three and had one return at the Carlisle Church where he now serves. He along with Sister Hamilton brought a bus load to our Lexington church on the 27th.
VESTA McCUNE
DIES IN AFRICA

A Cable from Coquilhatville, Belgian Congo, Africa, brought the sad news of the death of Miss Vesta McCune, February 3. She died after a three weeks' illness of complications from Bright's Disease.

Miss McCune was one of our younger missionaries, just beginning her seventh year of service. She went to Africa in 1931, and has been stationed at Latumbe where she was engaged in evangelistic and educational work. At Latumbe she strengthened the schools, introduced new methods and led the native teachers to a fuller sense of their responsibility and delight in their mission of teaching. Often she took long and difficult journeys far back into the forest to supervise the schools.

Miss McCune was one of our most wholesome, capable and consecrated missionaries. Granddaughter of John L. McCune, pioneer farmer-preacher in Kansas, she was early fired with the ambition to become a missionary. She entered Phillips University, and by taking advantage of special classes for teachers, summer school and extra work, finished the regular four-year college course in four years and at the same time taught three full years in the Enid city schools. Later she earned a B. S. in the Department of Education, and an M. A. in the College of the Bible, all of Phillips University. A year at the College of Missions, Hartford, Conn., was completed before she went to the mission field. During her first and only furlough, she returned to Phillips and finished the work necessary to become a Bachelor of Divinity.

Vesta McCune is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis O. McCune of Benton, Kansas. When asked how she could allow her child to go as far away, the mother answered, "I'd rather have one of my children a foreign missionary than President of the United States!"

MEDICAL MISSIONS

It is estimated that three-fourths of the people of the world are suffering physical ailments of one sort or another. No true follower of Christ, the Great Physician, could know of this misery and not desire to do something about it. Many of our mission stations have been opened at the point of a lancet. Thousands of earnest Christians have first known the story of Christ through the tender ministry of a missionary doctor.

Disciples of Christ, through The United Christian Missionary Society, have ten mission hospitals and sixteen dispensaries on foreign fields. 468,933 medical treatments were given during the year. Seventy-nine nurses received medical training in schools for nurses.

Kingdom Growth in Congo

In 1925 when Mr. C. M. Yokum, an executive secretary in the division of foreign missions of The United Christian Missionary Society, visited our mission in Belgian Congo, Africa, he found 13,000 Christians. Today, in spite of the fact that the intervening years have been ones of world wide economic depression and discouragements, he finds that the next report will include more than 50,000 names.

Disciples of Christ now have in the province of Coquilhatville the largest Protestant church in Congo. Other societies have been in Congo longer, and others have more missionaries, but the Disciples of Christ Congo Mission has been the most actively evangelistic. The Bolenge church was organized in 1902 with less than twenty members.

What a burden these blessed missionaries and native leaders have to build this raw material into the body of Christ. But through the Congo Christian Institute, the station schools and Bible schools and churches, by laying "line upon line and precept upon precept," the Kingdom grows in Congo.

Our Pendra Road, India, Church

Some churches in the United States could well take lessons from those of our churches in India. Our church at Pendra Road proved to be the greatest stewardship church in all India. Not content with the best, the members have set a yet higher goal this year. They attribute their success to a consistent and constant study of tithing and stewardship.

Instead of Ky. State Board meeting in Winchester, April 21st, it will meet in Lexington Friday, April 2nd, one day only, so that Prof. Peoples can meet all the heads of all departments, along with the State Board, and perfect arrangements for institutional work along with our state convention in Lexington in July.

No. 3 District meeting (Ky.) is held in Millersburg, April 2nd and 3rd, while District 2 goes to Hustonville, April 9th. Both have good programs. Miss Smith and Miss Lewis are challenging any district.
To The Brotherhood Scattered Abroad

By T. W. PRATT
3612 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Tex.

In order to get an early interest aroused in a larger attendance at our National Convention in August, I am herewith appointing a committee of key men throughout the brotherhood whose duty it will be to work for a larger attendance in their states. I hope that every man will give valid account of himself.

Since our convention finances are not sufficient to do the work that we all desire to do for our brotherhood, I am authorizing these key men further to aid in organizing a club of 100 men, who will send to our Treasurer, J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn., or bring to our convention $5 apiece. I am herewith paying my $5 now. Do we have 100 men who will send now to J. E. Walker $5 or a certified cashier's check? Any brother in the brotherhood can join this club.

Yours for the Brotherhood,
T. W. PRATT,
Transportation Agent of Christian Churches of National Convention, U. S. A.

The National Program Committee meeting scheduled to be April 22 and 23 has been postponed till May 5 and 6 in St. Louis. A full attendance is urged.

Yours truly,
L. H. CRAWFORD,
Kansas City, Kansas.

H. Taylor; California, Rev. B. C. Duke, Jr.; Texas, Rev. C. L. Parks; Texas, Rev. J. E. Quarles; Illinois, Rev. R. E. Latuache; Oklahoma, Rev. G. E. Letton; Arkansas, Mrs. Orie Cole; Georgia, Rev. L. J. Evans; Mississippi, Rev. I. C. Franklin; District of Columbia, Mr. Wm. C. Bowie; North Carolina, Rev. R. L. Peters; Alabama, Rev. L. M. Watson; Florida, Rev. W. B. Webb; Virginia, Prof. Jas. H. Thomas; Virginia, Miss Justine Spencer; West Virginia, Prof. Chas. G. Thompson; Maryland, Rev. C. L. Whitfield; Indiana, Mrs. H. L. Herod; Indiana, Prof. R. H. Peoples; Texas, Prof. T. W. Pratt; Mississippi, Rev. W. D. Campbell; Michigan, Rev. R. L. Jordan; Texas, Rev. Jno. O. Bowles; Indiana, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy; Texas, Miss S. P. Walker; Texas, Prof. W. M. Haddott; Texas, Mr. J. L. Patton.

The committee will give us a great program and many plans will be made for a "Greater Work." Will you not begin now to canvass among your people and let us know the number of delegations that will be here? The registration fee will be $5 which will give you a place to sleep and your meals.

The Home Finding Committee with Mrs. Sarah Grigsby is at work now. Other committees will be appointed at an early date.

Come one, come all, to the National Convention which will meet with the church at Knoxville.

Hoping to hear from you and have a great convention, I am yours in the work,

R. WESLEY WATSON,
614 Lithgo St., Knoxville, Tenn.
AMONG THE BRETHREN

PROF. T. W. PRATT
Principal of Julia C. Frazier School in Dallas, gets a new chair this summer as director of Summer School of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, and is leading this five dollar drive for our National Convention at Knoxville, Tenn., in August, 1938.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES FOR THIS YEAR

Below are the dates of our six conferences:
Southwest, May 30-June 5, Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas, Mr. E. J. Dickson, Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas, director; Midwest, June 19-26, Columbia, Mo., 401 North 5th St., Mr. E. K. Burton, Madison, Mo., director; Central, July 10-17, Nicholasville, Ky., Mr. E. M. Wilson, 2216 West Chestnut, Louisville, Ky., director; Piedmont, August 14-21, Martinsville, Va., Mrs. E. G. Starling, Martinsville, Va., director.

231 W. Broadway,
Winchester, Ky.
To the Ky. Brotherhood:

Just home from my charge at Millersburg, where we entertained the Third District Institute. This meeting was so fully attended and so interesting that we almost call it a convention. The women's department, under the leadership of Miss A. Gault, is awakening the missionary spirit in this district. The district session Sunday afternoon raised $5 to send the Paducah church work and I am sending it to Bro. J. E. Walker, our national treasurer. I hope all the churches and districts of Kentucky will send to this work at Paducah.

Since our convention is just "over the hill," at East Second Street, Lexington, Ky., July 20-24, we are making this urgent appeal to all the churches in Kentucky to try to make this a banner year by coming in with all apportionments met, both state and national, and with a report of many souls brought into the fold.

Since we have a new feature added to our convention program, an all church institute, we are urging each church to send delegates from every department, officials and leaders and would-be leaders.

Every church should bring their $5 national representation fee to the state convention so Kentucky may stand out as a banner state this year—and now "on to Lexington."

WM. OWENS, State Pres.

SUNFLOWER, MISS., DISTRICT CHAIRMAN SPEAKS

Think of the dark past in my old home state before we had this fiftieth anniversary. The light is brighter now, though we're not going as fast as we should. Perhaps, as Israel of old, we've "sat down to eat and rose up to pray."

There are so many meetings needed and so many idle Christians, and we often think of the days of Keys, Scott, Brown and Calvert and pray that the present generation will follow in their footsteps.

Of course, each one needs to see his own personal responsibility and appreciate the 30 years' evangelistic service of the above named men.

The report of 32 years service by Bro. L. C. Williams was indeed inspiring and should make us arise to do a better work than those who led us thus far.

G. W. WALL.
Cleveland Ave. Choir, Winston-Salem, N. C., led the church in a great musical Easter service and Elder J. H. Robinson, a pioneer minister, delivered the Easter message. J. H. Hays is superintendent of Bible School which rendered Easter program.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Monroe Ave. Church of Christ observed the annual Fellowship and Brotherhood dinner on March 24. Our pastor, Elder C. E. Craggett, gave us a brief history of the church. It was quite inspiring. All members
present or most of them gave as many pennies as the number of years they had been connected with the church. We realized quite a neat sum.

We were blessed with the presence of Mrs. Rosa Bracy of St. Louis as speaker of the occasion. Mrs. Bracy brought us a good message, dealing with our pioneer leadership and present leadership. She told of our great achievements in Africa, Japan, India and Mexico. Also of the Indians. And of work in Texas, Mississippi and other points. We were made to think as of old. "Did not our hearts burn within us as she talked with us by the way." Mrs. Bracy is always welcome in our midst. Oh, for more women of her type in the Church of Christ.

LOYD C. HIRSTON, Reporter.

ONE BY ONE

Louisville, Ky.

Central Christian Church has lost another spoken from its wheel.

Sister Nannie Dupree died March 23 after an illness of several months; age 82. She was a faithful Christian. Her religious life was an inspiration to the younger women who worked with her.

She taught us how to do things in a big way. She did everything wholeheartedly and knew no failure. As old age forced her to stay at home her greatest worry was her church.

She will be sadly missed.

MRS. IDA E. GRAY.

She was indeed a concrete example of faith and works. Her ripe age added to the glory of her long, long service. She was the mother of Sister E. Winifred Owens of Winchester, Ky.

A PEN PICTURE OF THE CHRIST

Apropos this question of pictures of Jesus, comes this "Pen Picture of the Christ" loaned to us by our good Bro. I. S. Ashe of Georgetown, Ky.

We think it worth careful thought, even pondering, along with the inspired word picture by the prophet Isaiah in that famous fifty-third chapter, "Who hath believed our report?" "A tender plant—no form nor comeliness—no beauty that we should desire Him. A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows," as portrayed in the Passion week through which we've just passed.

"The following is believed to be the only true pen picture of Jesus, the Nazarene, as seen in actual life. It is an exquisite piece of word painting, taken from manuscript and now in the library of Lord Kelly. It was copied from an original letter of Publius Lentulus, procurator of Judea, to the Senate of the Roman government at Rome as a matter of information.

"There appeared in these, our days, a man of great virtue named Jesus Christ, who is yet living amongst us, and of the Gentiles is accepted as the prophet of Truth. He raises the dead and cures all manner of diseases. A man of stature somewhat tall and comely, such as the beholder may both love and fear. His hair of the color of a chestnut, full ripe; plain to his ears, whence downward it is more orient and curling, and waving about his shoulders. In the midst of his head is a seam, a partition in his skin, after the manner of the Nazarites. His forehead plain and very wrincate; his face without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with a lovely red. His nose and mouth so formed that nothing can be reprehended. His beard is in color like his hair, not very long but forked; his look innocent and mature. His eyes gray, clear and quick and luminous. In reproving he is terrible, his eyes piercing—as with a two-edged sword—the greedy, the selfish and the oppressor, but look with tenderest pity on the weak and erring and sinful. Courteous and fair spoken; pleasant in conversation, mixed with gravity. It can not be remembered that any have seen him laugh, but many have seen him weep. In proportion of body—most excellent—a man for his singular beauty surpassing the children of men."

PASTOR WALKER TURNS ON THE LIGHT

Well, we are going to turn on the lights in Fairview Christian Church, on R. R. 2. We are doing away with lamplight. Look—a great light, rally, first Sunday in May, all day, dinner at the church, all ministers are invited, with their people and members. Program at 1:30 p. m., so every minister can have some time from 1:30 to 4 p. m., then Rev. Blair will bring the rally sermon. We will crown the Queen Esther. We are asking help from every church—if they can't come, please send us something; we will send the names of those who send in, to the Christian Plea. Jesus said, "Let there be light." We are going to do just what He said.

Yours in Christ,

REV. A. J. WALKER,
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EDITORIAL

By C. H. DICKERSON

SOME ADVENTURES

Better, Favors Now, Than Flowers Then

Our Kentucky Convention has gone “a-pioneering” in that it turns each morning session into Institute work, which work may include all comers and even visitors and the veritable Prof. Peoples is the author and finisher of these sessions, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 21-23. Note this date, and be there with pencils sharp.

We welcome this departure as a step forward from the many well-meant but untried essays of advice as to how best to do this or that when neither this nor the that had worked or even been tried out at home. An additional fee of only 25 cents will be required of those taking this Institute work whose faculty will be a rich admixture of experience, talent and devotion.

This institutional feature will hold forth Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, as Wednesday, the first day of the convention, will witness arrivals and placing of all who did not attend the welcome exercise Tuesday night.

“Exhibit 2” will be the adventure of the regional worker underwritten by three or more states, which worker will combine various aspects of New Evangelism, believed to be the remedy for many of our existing ills.

With open arms we welcome this feature of programs, since we know something of the linear cleavage of the promoters, and we recall the old Revolutionary slogan, “Put nobody but Americans on duty tonight.” Both these, like all other adventures, to succeed must have an earnest constituency back of them (not too far back) as it is supremely unfair to fail to support the work we endorse.

It is ours to make both these adventures a great success and I somehow feel that we will. Both have gone too far now for questionnaires; the time of hearty support and buoyant cooperation has come. Let us go one hundred per cent.

The Mt. Sterling, Ky., church will greatly miss the familiar prayer, beginning with “Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, it is before Thee and in Thy presence,” in the passing of the faithful Elder W. H. Dyson, an old Virginian, but long since a citizen of Kentucky—a worthy one.

The Plea is not responsible for positions taken by those answering the questionnaire. We pass them along for your “noble consideration.” Who’s next?

Note well that whatever Miss Carnella L. Jamison says, she says right. See this issue.

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Our Lexington church notes the passing of our oldest member, Sister Fannie Saunders, at the ripe age of 87. She, too, was “Faithful unto.”

The trio just ahead of us now is the Central Conference July 10 at Nicholasville, Ky., same place as last year but better arrangements; State and National Conventions. Summer sports, games and playhouses must not be allowed to divert and usurp the time, money or service that belongs to our Christian duty.

Too long has the church suffered from the engagement by church members in frivolous follies. Now is the time to harness our Easter additions—decisions—lest they make some other decisions.

That Pratt of Texas is calling aloud for key men from every state, worthy call; let’s heed it and hear reports at Knoxville in August. Off hats to that Pratt. His call is timely and engaging. Men are glad to follow where Pratt leads with commanding voice. Put old Kentucky down for one hundred per cent.

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THE MANY-SIDED CHRIST

Our Christ challenges the world by His many-sidedness. He meets the needs of all classes and conditions of men. As deep answers unto the deep, so does He respond to the moving of each soul o mankind. If we were to call the roll of the world’s workers today and ask them, “What think ye of Christ?” their answers would be something like these:

To the Artist He is the One Altogether Lovely.
To the Architect He is the Chief Corner Stone.
To the Baker He is the Living Bread.
To the Banker He is the Hidden Treasury.
To the Builder He is the Sure Foundation.
To the Doctor He is the Great Physician.
To the Educator He is the Great Teacher.
To the Farmer He is the Sower and the Lord of Harvest.
To the Florist He is the Lily of the Valley and the Rose of Sharon.
To the Geologist He is the Rock of Ages.
To the Judge He is the Righteous Judge.
To the Lawyer He is the Counselor, the Lawgiver and Advocate.
To the Newspaper man He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.
To the Philanthropist He is the Unspeakable Gift.
To the Philosopher He is the Wisdom of God.
To the Preacher He is the Word of God.
To the Lonely He is the Friend that Sticketh Closer Than a Brother.
To the Servant He is the Good Master.

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To the Toiler He is the Giver of Rest.
To the Sorrowing He is the Comforter.
To the Bereaved He is the Resurrection and the Life.
To the Sinner He is the Lamb of God that Taketh Away the Sin of the World.
To the Christian He is the Son of the Living God, Savior, Redeemer and Lord.

—Author Unknown.

WICHITA NOTES

To the Editor and readers of the Plea:

In the March issue it was requested that each church plan and have a dinner in accordance with the Brotherhood program. This we did under the leadership of Elder W. E. Graves. We do not have a pastor. Elder Graves serves the church without contribution or pay.

We had good attendance at the dinner and program. Miss Pearl S. Mayberry was mistress of ceremonies. A birthday offering by the following ones: Elder W. E. Graves, Elder J. A. Adkins, Elder B. E. Sanders, Bro. Wm. Lampkins, Bro. A. M. Green, Bro. W. A. Scott, Sister Ada Mayberry, Sister M. A. Robinson, Sister C. V. Lorance.

One of the interesting features of the evening was our oldest Brother, A. M. Green, 83 years, gave $1 as a birthday offering.

The Bible School is doing some good work. Miss Ruth Lampkins is superintendent. So is the Christian Endeavor, Mr. Dowling King, president. Elder I. K. Hicks is principal of the night school (Cal.) in Wichita with 16 or 18 teachers who are doing well.

Elder R. L. Love, one of the oldest pioneers we have in the Brotherhood, is doing very well but has been ill. Greetings from friends will be very much encouraging to him. We should be careful and not forget them, for they brought us where we are today. Elder H. C. Poston and his congregation have our prayers. He is a fine leader. We plan to remember them financially soon.

WALTER SCOTT,
Church Clerk.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rockford, Illinois

“Better late than never.” We apologize to Rev. Raymond Walton, our National Bible School president, for failure to report his visit sooner.

He visited us in December, and what a visit. He is no stranger here as he has visited Rockford at state conventions some years ago.

He arrived from Chicago accompanied by Mrs. Cynthia Martin. After providing musical entertainment we all journeyed to the church.

Rev. Walton preached a most excellent sermon, subject, “And He Went a Little Further.”

Due to the very short notice our audience was not what it should have been but we treasure the memory of that evening. There was spiritual food for all.

Following the services Rev. Walton very generously played and sang the favorite hymns of those present. Indeed, a very profitable evening.

Would that the brotherhood had more Rev. Waltons. Our prayers are for his success in heading up our National Bible School work.

By MRS. BERNICE JAMES.
TRAINING NATIVE EVANGELISTS

The native men and women evangelists of India are carefully trained for their work before they go into the villages to teach. A school recently held at Mungeli lasted four weeks, and for the first time the men and women were taught together.

Thirty-five were in attendance. They came on Monday morning, and went back to their out stations and villages on Friday afternoon so that they might be there for the Sunday services. Classes were held from seven-thirty to eleven each morning, from two to four forty-five in the afternoon and from eight to nine-thirty at night.

In one class the evangelists were taught to tell the stories they would use in their village work. In another they memorized the songs, verses and passages which they in turn will teach the village people.

Our Congolese of Africa have an expression which, translated, is literally this: "Once he was there, and really wishes not to be, to forget," or "Behold one who was there wishes to drink. He drinks and is that day no more." The implication is apparent. He who was a normal man, mentally alert, drinks, and from that day is not his former self.

WEST POINT DISTRICT MISS.—EASTER

Speaking of Easter we mean spring and spring means new life, or youth. Youth has good use of mind and body with many days ahead. That's when God wants us to enter His vineyard and work.

"Remember thy Creator in thy youth." Jesus was found about his Father's business in his early life. So Easter means young life.

Not long ago it looked like all foliage was dead, but spring has brought life all around and the birds are warbling notes of spring.

Spring reminds us of the Resurrection of our Savior and how He brings life to all, just as the flowers bloom and the leaves and trees come back to life.

Let us rejoice this Easter-tide. Yes, in service.

L. C. QUINN, JR.,
West Point, Miss.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONNAIRE

By R. L. JORDAN
9557 Delmar St., Detroit, Mich.
1. How often does Jesus forgive?
   1. The prayer Jesus taught His Disciples may help us to understand how often He forgives (Matt. 6:12). "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." There isn't any definite number of times stated. We may feel sure to say Jesus forgives as often as it is necessary. Whenever our transgression warrants it, whenever our asking is based on a contrite heart and a definite decision not to do the old happening again, Jesus forgives. As many times as this above stated is the condition, yes, He forgives. It is necessary to know our Lord was master of the Jewish customs. He knew men. The figures 70x7 is not used to certify and end but to make it possible for His followers to understand that there isn't a set number of times but a multiplicity of them. Read Eph. 4:32, Luke 6:37, 2 Cor. 2-10, 1 John 1-10, Matt. 18 chapter. Jesus always started at the level of the person speaking or spoken to. Surely no one would believe God to limit His kindness. Follow Jesus to the Cross. Hear Him ask a forgiving Father to forgive those who murder Him. God does, and as often as need be, God will.

2. Are there any correct pictures of Jesus?
   2. Many times we become too material in our eagerness to find a true portrait of Jesus. It should not be a picture in a book nor one on a postal card but rather a spirit and a life. If it is possible to find a person humble, true, kind, loving and patient, willing to give self for the preservation of man. He is a true picture of Jesus. Let's forget the outer but concentrate on the inner, that is what the portrait of Jesus displays. Read the sermon on the Mount, the Crucifixion, Ascension and the synoptic gospels. There is the true portrait of Christ. It is an everlasting spirit, visible yet invisible, audible yet inaudible, one which inspires you and me. Pour that out to the boy and girl, woman and man. Tell each yes, there is a true portrait of Him. Don't worry about the card photo, but the life. Where can I get a true revelation of that? In the Bible, read it. Yes, that is a true portrait of Him.

Our Ministers' Alliance in Lexington moves on with Rev. T. M. Greene, presiding.

Lexington Bible School is leading on under the splendid direction of Supts. Bro. Jas. McKee and Sister Bertha Peaks.
AN APPEAL

The Shady Grove (Ky.) situation:

We are pitiable at Shady Grove, without a preacher. How can we hear without a preacher and how can he preach except he be sent? And I hope it won't be long until one be sent to our rescue, for we are hungry and thirsting for the Word. It seems that most of the preachers are looking for the fat places and leaving the poor churches to suffer. We are doing what we can, having a good Sunday School and having communion occasionally, but we can't understand our state evangelist. He has been passing by us ever since last fall and doesn't ever stop to give us a word of encouragement. It's a mystery to us why he passes us up and never stops to see about us.

LUCY WHITE.

ORIGIN OF DISTRICT G

By G. S. FRAZIER,
Winchester, Ky.

1918 was the time
And Aaron's Run the place,
Assembled the committee
And No. 6 found space.
It first took form in Johnson's mind,
His associates caught on;
When our reports were handed in,
Then No. 6 was born.
The Institute had for its aim
The training of the youth;
It's founded on the Solid Rock,
And nothing but the Truth.
We never falter or despair,
But forge ahead each day;
Success has met us everywhere
In this good old-fashioned way.

WILL ROBINSON, Deacon.

Knoxville is waiting to know just what caliber we're using and how the forces shall be displayed—Watson is a Legionnaire, you know, and will sound the Reveille.—Editor.

The choirs rendered excellent program and we had three additions here at East Second St. Church Easter Sunday, and the very splendid assurance that all units will go over the top in our May drive—first Sunday in May. How many will wear the Gold Star?

Dear Editor:

Our pastor has created a wonderful working spirit in our church in the officers and every member. He is a brave soldier. I truly believe that he will make our church second to none in Kentucky. We are all with him.

Yours for the Christian Plea.
X. Y. Z.

The above preacher will need no solos, resolutions and cut flowers when he passes, and that writer won't need many.

Sister Sarah Wilson announces the passing of Rev. George Grover of Cincinnati.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

By MR. C. B. SPEARS

Brother Charles Henry Hawkins has passed on. Our hearts are sad over the passing of our young brother whose life was so useful. At an early age he became a Christian and very active in Christian work. He finished his high school work at County Training School, at Dermott, Ark. He was very active in Hi-Y work, and traveled singing in a quartet called the Silver Tone Quartet, of which he proved to be an efficient tenor. Coming to Memphis, he joined Miss. Ave. Christian Church, of which Rev. B. T. Hunt is pastor, who also conducted his funeral.

Our Lexington Church takes another forward step—watch us grow.

“In honor preferring one another” is the keynote to all church harmony. Nobody has to be a ruling this or that. See 1st Cor., Chapter 13.
If I possessed a shop or store,
I'd drive the grouchers off the
floor,
I'd never let the gloomy guy
Offend the folks who come to
buy.
I'd take my time, and treat the
man that spends
A nickel or dime with courtesy,
And make him feel
That I was glad to close the
deal.
For on tomorrow, who can tell,
He may want to buy the stuff
I have to sell.
And in that case, how glad he'll be
To spend a dollar or more with
me.
The reason people pass our
doors
To patronize a busier store,
Is not because the busier place
Has better gloves or silk or
lace,
But lies in pleasant words and
face.
The greatest offense, I believe,
Is in the treatment folks re-
ceive.
E. A. GUEST?

Bro. E. C. Williams, of Win-
ston-Salem, N. C., reports a
great sermon and service with
their young man from Butler
University, and the vote to pro-
ceed church building. They plan
a revival around Easter. Mrs.
Spencer and Ragsdale are lead-
ing on in the mission field.

Mrs. J. H. Harp is president
of the Ladies' Co-Workers Club
as Cleveland Ave. Church goes
marching on.

Those whose subscriptions
have expired have only a few
days for renewal—until.

Our girl Jennie and our boy
Paul graduate from the Huns-
tonville School this time.

SAYING AND DOING

In the Cathedral of Lubeck
in Germany there is an old slab
with the following inscription:
Thus speaketh Christ our
Lord to us:
Ye call me Master, and obey
me not;
Ye call me Light, and see me
not;
Ye call me Way, and walk me
not;
Ye call me Life, and desire
me not;
Ye call me Wise, and follow
me not;
Ye call me Fair, and love me
not;
Ye call me Rich, and ask me
not;
Ye call me Eternal, and seek
me not;
Ye call me Gracious, and trust me
not;
Ye call me Noble, and serve
me not;
Ye call me Mighty, and honor
me not;
Ye call me Just, and fear me
not;
If I condemn you, blame me
not.

LINES FOR A BIBLE

DIG DEEP in this precious
golden mine;
TOIL, and its richest ore is
thine;
SEARCH, and the Saviour will
lend His aid
TO DRAW its wealth from its
mystic shade.
STRIVE and His Spirit will
give thee light
TO WORK in this heavenly
mine aright;
PRAY without ceasing, in Him
confide;
INTO ALL TRUTH His light
will guide.
(These lines, found after her
death, in the Bible of an aged
saint of God whose very life
was a benediction, reveal the
secret of that fragrant life.—
The Old Paths, Ceylon.)

DEACON JONES SAYS—

I akchully believes that if
them as has their names on the
church books of our town would
stay away from the Sunday
movies, the proprietor would
have to close 'em down.
BIBLE SCHOOLS AND SERVICE

(By Miss Carnella L. Jamison, National Corresponding Secretary of Bible Schools.)

Since the first quarter of our Bible School Studies have been concerned with the lessons stressing service in particular, it seems fitting that we ask ourselves if our Bible Schools are rendering the type of service about which we have been studying?

Is it important that we must go on as Tennyson's Brook "forever" memorizing and reciting principals of living which we so much need to put into practice?

There has not been one section set aside from this interesting account by Mark which has not made provision for practical application. The instances cited were taken from the life of Jesus. Those were patterns for our lives. We cannot accept them totally in their natural setting. That I believe is not the purpose. We are however to accept the fundamental principals as exemplified in the life of Jesus. The titles of the lessons were particularly striking and challenging, "Preparing for a Life of Service," "Beginning a Life of Service." What youthful Christian reading these titles over would not be struck by the desire for personal inventory? "Challenging the Social Order," "Choosing Companions in Service," "Measuring a Man's Worth," "Keeping the Body Strong," and "Correcting (Continued on Page 8)
DOCTOR WALKER

"BLAZES THE WAY"

Mississippi was honored and we Disciples were made proud by the presence and performance of Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis at the meeting of our State Teachers Association this week. Dr. Walker was one of the principal speakers at the meeting. Out of his rich experience as a student, a teacher, a doctor of medicine, and a business executive he delivered a stirring address replete with good humor, practical information, inspiring illustrations, and sound advice—helpful to young and old alike. For the past two years, Dr. Walker as the efficient president of the highly successful Universal Life Insurance Company has offered prizes in a state essay contest on the subject of the importance of a Negro insurance company to Negroes. Most schools in Mississippi have entered the contests. The best essays from each school are sent in to be judged by an impartial committee of educators and prizes awarded by them. For the second year a student of Southern Christian Institute has won first prize in competition with all the public and private schools of our district. Miss Hertercene Turner was first prize winner this year. The whole state is grateful to Dr. Walker for his fine contribution to the schools of this, his native state.

Commencement Day at Southern Christian is Tuesday, May 24. We urge all our friends to be present.

JOHN LONG.

Miss Savalia Walker of Dallas, Texas

Miss Savalia P. Walker of Dallas, Texas, is the valiant and adorable president of The Texas Christian Woman’s Missionary Convention.

This year she led her state to accept a new high goal for missions and is valiantly leading that Texas may not fall short of its goal.

She is also Superintendent of her local Bible school which is one of the best in the country, made so, largely because of her vision and technique and love for just folks.

She is a real disciple. She loves her church and is a faithful supporter of all its activities.

To know her is to love her and to possess her friendship is to possess a real fortune.

—Rosa Brown Bracy

KY. DISTRICT 3 SCORES

The Gaults, Johnsons, Crawford, Botts and State Evangelist report another great meeting at Millersburg with Wm. Owen, minister.

Eld. Everett and Miss Wilson told of Islam and Mohammedan religions.

Bro Jesse Bowen and other No. 6 workers attended, while the “Butlers and Bakers” were in evidence. Miss White and Miss Mason rendered solos.

Millersburg Church still marches on and No. 3 district will measure lances with other reports at the Lexington Convention.

Eld. J. S. Conway, living at Nicholasville, has drafted a fine Code of Resolutions to Resolutions to submit to the Resolution Committee. It is hoped that he get a favorable hearing.
Sorry we've only had time to make three visits to the little church at Shady Grove this year.

Recently closed a three-weeks' meeting with the church at Burkesville, Ky., with seven additions. Spent one week in preparing seats and secured lights. The good white people there made it possible for us to carry on there. It is indeed a fruitful field. They'll be represented at convention.

Following is the roster of available ministers of various calibers. Needy churches may contact them at given addresses. Here they are:

C. M. Roach, 2217 W. Madison St., Louisville, Ky.
J. S. Conway, 315 Maple St., Nicholasville, Ky.
Roy Ellis, Burkesville, Ky.
Richard Saunders, Midway, Ky.
C. H. Johnson, R. 3, Box 110, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
M. Dabney, 523 W. 5th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
E. W. Meeks, Stanford, Ky.
Claud White, 713 Williams St., Paris, Ky.
Artis Walker, 110 Tenny Ave., Mt. Sterling, Ky.
Jessie Bowen, High St., Mt. Sterling, Ky.

If these needy churches cannot find suitable ministers in this "waiting list, you may send the Plea plans and specifications and we'll order you one from the factory 'made to order'."

Bro. Bradley Gentry has just been called to our Hustonville church. He's a fine young man. Industrious, honest and studious.

There are no better people than those at Hustonville. They ought to succeed. See report of recommendations committee in this number. The Constitution and By-Laws will appear in next number.

"THERE IS REST FOR THE WEARY"

Having served the church here at Tazewell, Va., nearly 26 years, I am planning to give the work into younger hands. I have preached here more than three thousand sermons, baptized 209 persons and reclaimed many, taught in the public school six years, visited the sick, buried the dead, mourned with the bereaved, rejoiced with the happy, married the young people and had part in community life generally.

I have spent 50 years in His service, forty-one years in the ministry. I have held forty evangelistic meetings. In these meetings and in my pastoral work I have seen more than 1,100 persons come to Christ. I have only pastored five churches all in Tazewell County, Va., except one at Pembroke, Va., and one at Bluefield, W. Va. My revivals have been held in seven different states, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, West Virginia and Maryland. And while my eyes are somewhat dim and my natural force somewhat abated, as much as in me is I am ready to preach any time anywhere. Tazewell is a ripe field for some reaper.

Yours in His service still,
G. M. DICKERSON.

Prof. Peoples and wife passed through Lexington last week en route to Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Peoples will engage in the Laboratory Training School for Children at Mt. Beulah College, Edwards, Miss., May 5th to June 3rd.

Just returned from a 1,600-mile trip that took me over the state of Oklahoma. With open doors I was given a very cordial reception from our churches. Found Brother and Sister Arnold at Tulsa carrying on a very effective work and using the church every day in the week. At Muskogee Brother W. M. Martin ably assisted by Bro. Wallick who recently celebrated his 25th year as Bible School Superintendent, and Bro. Barrett who heads up the Endeavor Society. I was entertained after service at the church and at the beautiful home of Brother and Sister Wallick. On to Okemulgee and with no pastor in charge, the folk are still carrying on. Found the Tunleys and Parkers standing by the young folks and putting over an ideal program both for Bible School and Endeavor. Next to Clearview and had a capacity house with Brother and Sister Mayberry still on the firing line. Have no pastor but the folks are keeping the work going and remodeling, temporarily worshiping in the school house. From there to Boley I found Sister Hazel and Brother Stearns a young minister with ambition, zeal and a real Christian conviction. Sunday found me at Oklahoma City with Brother and Sister Letton and Sister Leah Jones, the Bible School superintendent. A model school with an up to date program. Live in every respect and moving forward.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. DICKERSON

"BETTER, FAVORS NOW
THAN FLOWERS THEN"

An explanation. Because the following sentences, "Summer
sports, games and playhouses
must not be allowed to divert
and usurp the time, money or
service that belongs to our
Christian duty. Too long has
the church suffered from the
engagement by church mem-
bers in frivolous follies," ap-
ppeared in last issue immedi-
ately following some reference
to our Summer Conferences,
some have thought the above
quotation had reference to our
conferences. Nay, my Lord, we
had no such idea in mind. We
are in thorough accord and
sympathy with these con-
ferences and see the mas filling
a needy field and doing our very
best to have the largest possi-
ble attendance at each one of
them. It remains true, how-
ever, that Sunday sports, games
and frivolities are taking a
dreadful toll from the church
services and should be cor-
rected.

In our May Day Rally here at
Lexington church, it was our
own good Sister, Lizzie F.
Bowen, of Mayslick, Ky., that
sent us the first ten dollars that
sent us "over the top" with
more than four hundred dol-
ars the first Sunday in this
month. Many took on gold and
silver stars and we're building
now.

The Brotherhood will rejoice
with us in the news of recovery
of Prof. J. N. Irvin, of Hawk-
ins, Texas. His good wife and
faculty are attentive to his
every need.

The Brotherhood Dinner and
Easter Reports are indeed
thrilling. Some of them are
among the many good articles
that must wait till next num-
ber.

We could use so much other
material if it were properly
written. Hastily written, poor-
ly spelled and punctuated mat-
ter often foil us.

Too many owls on one limb
made the end one say: "Quit
your crownin'!" Will our writ-
ners—God Bless them—Quit
crowding words and lines so
closely together. "Too many
owls on one limb." Give it some
air. Back into the harness is
Bro. H. E. Fowler, this time at
Lockland, Ohio, where he
starts off in a fine way.

He and Bro. L. L. Dickerson
"swapped horses (not in the
middle of but) across the
stream, Covington, Ky., and
Lockland, Ohio. Both pleased.
Let some other misfits, "Go
thou and do likewise."

Sister Manerva White of
Columbus, Ky., rises to tell us
that Mat. 18:21, 22 tells us
"How often Jesus forgives."

Eld. Owens reports good
meeting with L. L. Dickerson
at Covington, Ky., with 7 add-
ed and good financial returns.

Good old Dr. M. F. Robinson
of Hagerstown, Md., writes
cheerfully and wants a good
preacher for a good meeting
soon. Address 310 Johnathan
St.

The Rev. C. Bradley Gentry
has been called as pastor of the
Hustonville Christian Church.
He preached there Sunday.

REPORT OF THE
BROTHERHOOD DINNER

(Johns St. Christia Church, by
Louise Anderson)

The Brotherhood Dinner,
which was celebrated Thurs-
day, March 24th, marked one
of the greatest events on the
calendar for Jones St. Christian
Church.

The entire church body was
filled with joy and enthusiasm.
Although this affair was gen-
eral we feel as though it were
only in Bluefield, from the ben-
efit we received.

The affair came in the midst
of our monthly rally, but it had
so great an effect that the rally
was a success also. It closed
on the following Sunday with a
total raised $106.45. This be-
ing used to help remodel our
church.

The following persons gave
10-minute talks: Prof. N. J.
Dickerson, Mrs. Alice Bailey,
Miss Louise Anderson and Rev.
P. E. Carter. All were inter-
esting as well as helpful. The
junior choir furnished the mu-
sic. At the end of the program
the feast was enjoyed by all.
Let us continue to work togeth-
er for the Lord.

In every Christian duty, there's
a blessing for your heart;
In every care and burden, he
will bear the larger part;
In every Christian service, you
will find that this is true—
You can't do more for Jesus,
than he will do for you.
Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. Isa. 30:21.

By R. L. Peters, Field Secretary, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone 7863.

Sister A. L. Martin, District Missionary for Churches of Christ in Tri-States is meeting with splendid success. She has covered three-fourths of the district since entering on the field March 1st. See report below.

Report From March 1st to April 15th

After seven weeks' work with the Brethren in the Tri-State District I am delighted to report a field fertile and ready to be cultivated. Regardless of what has been the attitude in the past, today they are thinking and working in terms of going forward in a larger and finer fellowship. They are beginning to sense the fact that the task left for us to do by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ will never be done with "YOU IN YOUR SMALL CORNER AND I IN MINE." So we are getting together down here on some of the "BIG ISSUES," and indeed a happy people we are.

I have eleven churches assigned to my care. To date I have visited seven, and only one has not fallen in line one-hundred percent. This one is almost ready, but put it off a bit, and has promised to have me come back to them soon. I am ready to go. My visits to the churches have been from three to eight days, and I have worked on some program every day I have been in the District.

The spirit and fellowship are fine; and the financial side is greatly improved. They are good givers when they know what they are giving for; and they have it to give. Some of the points are making big efforts to get on a better footing—they are enthusiastic.—Mrs. A. L. Martin.

As to Building and Repairing

Concord, N. C., is doing a fine piece of work in improving their property. The First Sunday in April they raised one hundred and thirty-nine dollars ($139.00) and made "down payment" on a five (5) room house to be used as parsonage. I was there and saw them working led by three of the good members. It was a contest—Sister Vincent Byers led with $35.00; Sister Cora Douglas followed with $28.34, and Elder B. A. Douglas raised $28.05. This is one time a man gave a woman a close chase, raising money for the church. They were so happy over the results until they set another rally with a higher aim.

Walnut Cove and Greensboro are also rallying to build on lots already bought. The District seems to have a mind to work, but need some more good Preachers and Workers. Brother Peters in putting his whole self in training others for service, and is succeeding fine. He has a young Minister, Elder Eugene Patterson, at Mt. Airy, N. C., that we are very proud of because of the interest he is putting in his work, and the great sacrifice he is compelled to make just now. He is one of the graduates of the class that graduated "Good Friday" night from first course in the "School of Evangelism."

Some Figures From First Visits

Spencer Memorial, Winston-Salem, N. C. $38.76
Stuart, Va. 6.00
Concord, N. C. 1.60
Walnut Cove, Rural
Church 5.00

Total $53.36

Greensboro, N. C. 2.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend the following budget for the fiscal year '37 and '38:

1. Printing of the minutes and Programs. (1,000 programs and 500 minutes) $150.00
2. Expenses of Officers (a) President's Honorarium 50.00
(b) Vice-Pres., Recording and Financial Sec'y 100.00
3. Transportation of 1st Vice-Pres., Registrar and Treasurer and Registrar 100.00
4. Preston Taylor Memorial 100.00
5. Christian Plea 100.00
6. Promotional Expenses 100.00
7. Publishing The Convention 100.00
(a) Placards, Mailing Stationery, Mimeo-graphing, General Expenses 400.00
Total amount of expenses 1,000.00

Divisions of Expenses:

The how of mailing, or raising expenses for minutes and programs:

1. Church 40%
2. Missionary Society 30%
3. Bible Schools 20%
4. Christian Endeavor 10%

That we ask each member of the Churches to pay 25c for convention expenses during the year. All members who pay
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50c or more will have their names to appear on the "Honor Roll" of our minutes. All Ministers or Elders who pay one dollar ($1.00) or more will be given special recognition in the minutes.

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That all monies raised by Churches for the National Convention be sent through the State Organizations.

That this money be raised quarterly and sent to the Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn. The balance to be reported at the National Convention, 1938.

We recommend that the state Presidents, Representatives and Boards (State) co-operate with the office of the Corresponding Sec'y.

In view of our failure to apply the principles of business in all our financial system of the National Convention, and whereas we need to inspire absolute confidence in our financial program: we recommend:

1. That this convention have an official auditor whose business shall be to audit accurately all accounts of the National Convention Departments, and whatever other financial interests the convention has.

2. That a committee be appointed to advise the convention as to getting service of a certified accountant to make this audit.

3. We recommend that this convention appoint a committee which will see that the Program is printed 30 days before the convention and put into the hands of the various States Representatives immediately.

4. We further recommend that the minutes be printed in 60 days after the close of this convention and the same be sent to all States (Churches).

5. We recommend that where ever our convention is held the entertaining Church provide Christian Atmosphere for all meetings.

6. We recommend that all departments meet Tuesday morning before the opening of convention for conferences.

7. We recommend that the youth of this convention be called together for the purpose of planning a Youth Conference Movement.

8. We recommend that we endorse the "Rev. E. Smith."

9. We recommend that the program comm. send out letters to all leaders of the Brotherhood to get their thinking on suggestions for the program.

10. We recommend that we make what ever contribution we are able to, to the Scholarship Fund.

In view of the necessity of an increasing emphasis on the Social implications of the teachings of Jesus incident to the rapid evolution of our industrial society giving rise to many new social and economic philosophies as methods of solutions of the problems resulting from this change, and whereas the Church is called upon to assert itself in developing techniques to meet this situation and whereas the Disciples of Christ do have a specified plea whose purpose is to meet all our problems.

We recommend that this convention re-affirm our faith in the divinity of and Christ-hood of Jesus and in the program of Kingdom building as the only hope of the individual and world alike.

11. We recommend that we endorse the work of R. H. Peoples, Editor C. H. Dickerson and Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy.

12. That our budget be as follows, $2,500 for the church, $2,000 for Bible Schools. $3,000 for the Missionary Depts.

13. In gracious consideration of the gifts made to us by our esteemed late President, Elder Preston Taylor and his beloved wife, Mrs. Preston Taylor, we wish to affirm our appreciation to her for this sacrifice they have made to the National Convention, we wish to assure her that this Natl. Convention stands whole hearted in this proposition submitted by her to the National Convention at Tulsa, Okla., in the founding of a girls' home on the property in Nashville, and that we will cooperate with her in any way either spiritually or financially as soon as the setup can be arranged, and presented to us.

Officers for the Year 1937-1938

President, J. N. Ervin, Texas.

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Third Vice Pres., N. M. Johnson, Texas.

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Joint Executive Comm., T. W. Pratt and P. A. Gray, Kans., for three years.

Member of Board of Managers of U. C. M. S., Dr. J. E. Walker, Tenn.

To sit on Social Action Comm. of International Convention, J. N. Ervin, Texas.

Delegates to International Convention in Columbus, O., in 1937, C. E. Craggett, L. Crawford.

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Editor of Christian Plea, C. H. Dickerson, Ky.

SECOND DISTRICT HAS GOOD MEETING

District II held its second meeting at Houstonville, Ky., Saturday in April. Since success is not always measured by numbers or finance the meeting was not largely attended. Only two Bible schools, Junction and Danville represented with delegates and finance. Later, E. Second St., Lexington, turned in the $5.00 for which we had asked and two dollars for missions. Eld. I. H. Moore, our state evangelist, conducted an interesting study in “Stewardship.” This is a new and interesting phase of our Institutes. Houstonville people came out in large numbers and in spite of the scarcity of delegates, bad weather and distance, several discussions of interest were held about the work. The District declared in favor of sending the $15.00 which we had been sending for Conference to the Convention to be used in helping to promote state work by means of a Regional Director, should such a plan be adopted by the State. If not, the money is to be used on Evangelist’s salary. This meeting was the last one for our convention year of 1937-38, accordingly new officers were elected. I was re-elected president, which election thoroughly appreciated, but circumstances forced me to decline. The following officers were elected for next year: Mr. Richard Saunders, Midway, president; Mr. C. B. Gentry, Lexington, vice-president; Miss Fredna Laughlin, Junction City, secretary; Mrs. Mary Hale, Stanford, Assistant Secretary; Miss Katherine McGill, Houstonville, treasurer. With such splendid corps of officers, District II should do greater work.

As former president of District two, I express my appreciation for the co-operation received two years, and would ask for this new group greater co-operation on the part of pastors and B. S. superintendents. I also ask that the laymen attend these meetings whenever possible.

With the hearty co-operation of all leaders and this earnest, intelligent group of officers we are expecting District II to go forward by leaps and bounds.

MISS V. E. SMITH.

MRS. SALLIE COTTER RICHARDSON

(Continued From Page 1) churches in Warren, Youngstown, Canton, Columbus, Xenia and Dayton. At each point efforts were made to give guidance to leaders of children’s young people’s and adult groups in the church as well as to inspire the whole church to a new and higher appreciation of Christian Stewardship.

Mr. People’s participated in the Youth’s Meet program, and was with this team in Warren and Canton.

All missionary societies are urged to get their Easter offerings off immediately to Missions Building, Indianapolis, Ind., accompanied by a brief report.

ROSA BROWN BRACY, Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

Prof. T. B. Frost of Edwards, Miss., announces the death of “Brother Jordan Shelton,” a charter member of the Central Christian Church at Vicksburg, Miss.

MISSISSIPPI LEADS IN RECONSTRUCTION

Educational conferences are given their meed of praise for our progress.

They major in instructing the church officiary. Officers are learning that officers mean more than just the name. The eldership must be wise in selecting a pastor to labor in word and doctrine and keep the mission spirit alive.

Deacons must be financiers, not only on Sunday. They must see that the pastor is paid on time and other debts, including missions are kept up quarterly and not wait till the end of the year.

The membership must accept leadership, anything all head is deformed. The church people must feel that the church house reflects the character of the worshipers.

Church buildings in our state are to be rebuilt or repaired and the program is on as follows:

Hermonville led by the writer have rebuilt Indianola, assembling material to build Pilgrim Rest and West Point have consolidated and will build Port Gibson, led by Eld. Campbell has made extensive repairs. Pine Grove, led by Eld. I. C. Franklin, just completed building Forest, led by Eld. Worrell is painting and repairing. Center and St. Elmore plan to build.

Clarksdale, led by Eld. Spencer, has on a great building program. Shaw Church, led by Eld. Griffin is repairing. Vicksburg, led by Eld. Frost and Fayette, led by Ed Travillian, are paying off notes.

N. Jackson Church, led by Eld. Jacobs, will build and so Mississippi leads the way. “Come on boys!”

H. D. GRIFFIN, State Evangelist and Educational Instructor.
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BIBLE SCHOOLS
AND SERVICE

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Wrong Ideas of Religion," were groups of words so arranged as to make me practically devour the scriptural references.

On looking ahead into the second quarter there is not a single subject which does not challenge me as a Christian and as a Bible School teacher. "Finding Ourselves in Service," "Receiving Vision for Service," "Testing Discipleship by Service," "Serving by Personal Devotion to Christ," "Facing the Supreme Test of Service" and "Sharing Service with the Living Christ." These are only one-half of the charming studies in which we are to be engaged for these three months (second quarter).

May I urge Bible School Teachers to look ahead, get the theme of the lessons which you have for the year and the quarter. Prepare the lessons weeks ahead (at least one week). Prepare practical applications to be made in your own community. Encourage the enrollment. Strange to say, when your preparation improves, often times your enrollment takes a noticeable boost also.

Bible School lessons are not old and dry. They are very much alive if some one who is alive presents them. How discouraged I am to find still many slow moving Bible Schools of my childhood days. Our public schools advance and our Bible Schools lag behind.

To the teachers of the very young (Beginners, Primary and Junior) I cannot encourage you too much to make your stories as plain and as practical as possible. Sometimes it is appalling at the vagueness in which a member of this group is left after a story. Stories well told to these age groups are seed well sown. They are stamped in the memories and there remain.

Young People's Summer Conference offer very good training facilities for youthful Bible School teachers. Study from any source or angle serves its purpose. Our Bible Schools must improve during this convention year.

So far I have laid stress on the teacher and pupil. They are of course the most important persons with the lesson as the most important study. No mention has been made of the superintendent—cart before the horse? Eh! Not so in my way of thinking. The superintendent's value increases as he is able to make the machinery of teacher, pupil, and lesson work smoothly.

No longer is the superintendent's duty only that of tapping the bell, "calling for" a hymn, leading responsive reading, and offering prayer. These are of course essentials but are not to be balanced against a real love for humanity and right living;

Graduation class in First Council in "Training for Service" from the School of Evangelism of the Spencer Memorial Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., Friday night, April 15th, 1938, Rev. R. L. Peters, Dean.

Reading from left to right, top row: Mrs. Arneeda Staples, Rev. R. L. Peters, Dean; Mrs. Anna Lee Patterson, Eld. Eugene Patterson; bottom row: James Rogers and Margaret Barnes.

PREACHERS AND BILLS

Every church board should ask itself seriously: "Can our preacher live comfortably and pay his bills on the salary he receives?" Better see to that before serious trouble, if not disgrace comes to the preacher and to the Church.

It has been stated repeatedly that business men will condone anything—on the part of a preacher rather than a failure to pay his bills.
NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

By ELDER S. KENNEY
State President
207 Elmo St.
Johnson City, Tenn.

We have been pastor of the West Main Street Christian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., nine years, served as president of the interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Johnson City, Tenn., six years, and as president of Tennessee state of the Christian Churches six years. We have worked hard these six years trying to supply every church in the state with a pastor and to pay off all indebtedness on all the church property, and if we can get three more pastors and raise $35.52 our prayers will have been answered.

We aim to raise $104.42 and pay off the long-standing debt on the Savannah Christian Church. I am making my report of the amount I received, and the amount I paid on the debt. Savannah Church reported $50.00; Knoxville Church, $1.40; Washington College Church, $2.00; East Tennessee District Convention, $4.00; Rogersville Church, $1.00; Johnson City Church, $10.50; $5.00 of that amount was donated by Rev. W. P. Martin's daughter, Mrs. O. W. Sherrill; making a total of $68.90 received. May 6, 1938, I paid the Board of Church Extension $68.90; balance due, $35.52.

Just as soon as the churches report $35.52 to me we will pay the debt. I don't believe we owe a cent of indebtedness on any church property in the state except the Savannah Church.

Just a word about the second district meeting of District No. 1 with the East Vine Avenue Christian Church, Knoxville, Tenn. This meeting was indeed a success from all points of view and we have every reason to feel encouraged over the work in this section, and we trust that every church will enter wholeheartedly into the task of the church and do all within its power to carry out the recommendation unanimously adopted in this meeting.

Yes, Tennessee is planning to make the National Convention this year the greatest in history of the church.

SISTER ALPHIN REMINDS US

I have moved back to Kansas City, Mo., and have made my home with Bro. and Sister Myers. They make a strong gospel team, with three sweet children. To know them is to love them.

Twenty-five years ago when we had just two schools, S. C. I. and Louisville Bible School, and what a host of strong preachers we had scattered in the states; men who knew the Book and preached the gospel. These were the men who were laying the foundation of our church of today, men who went everywhere preaching the gospel.

Most of these men had no degree but knew the Book. But nowadays we have some young men who have degrees and put a new interpretation on the Bible and don't believe all of it. Who tells us what part of the Bible to believe and not believe?

Well, these are some of the things creeping in our churches through the young men with A. B. and M. A. degrees. Yes, we like for young people to have degrees, but please have God in these degrees.

Bro. S. S. Meyers is a wonderful gospel preacher. Believes in the Book and puts it out so sinners may understand. There are many others who are doing something.

Some of these degree men forget the men who built the church for them to put their new gospel in; made extreme sacrifices to do so.

Some twenty years ago we organized the National Convention so as to do a greater work. And we did for several years, but there seem to be some things that should not be. Our ministers should "speak up, Ike, and 'spress yourself."

I may have all the degrees in the world but for the problems of the church we need these men who have had experience.

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

MRS. LAVINIA REDMON, DISTRICT PRESIDENT, DAYTON, OHIO, REPORTS

There’s a call comes ringing o’er the restless wave. Send the light. Send the light. There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save. Send the light. Send the light.

To the churches of District No. 1 of Ohio: We are nearing last district meeting before the State Convention in August at Kenyon Ave. Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. All past meetings have been spiritual and inspiring.

As we have done so fine on apportionment, I am thanking all officers and workers in the district for their willing support. Want you to know that the work could not have gone on without you, as no officer can work alone. I have tried to do the work to the best of my knowledge, ever keeping Christ in front.

During the three years of service we have succeeded in helping to keep the Sarah Wilson fund up to the mark of $200.00. And was happy to see two of our boys, the Craggett brothers, draw on this fund to promote their Christian education and to help raise $212.85 for state work, $168.84 for fund the different apportionment.

We have just successfully closed a Sarah Wilson fund and missionary apportionment contest, clearing $45.64; $20.00 given to local society, $25.64 to the fund. Mrs. Dorothy Wilbert, our pastor’s wife, won first prize, having brought in $26.41, and was crowned Miss Dayton of Norwood and the most popular lady. Mrs. B. H. Johnson ran a close second, bringing in $21.50; prize, $3.00. Bobbie McGill, Asa McGowan, Charles A. Lewis brought up the rear with prizes of $1.00 each. With more books out we hope to make the amount $50.00.

The 19th of April we had the annual Sarah Wilson birthday party. All the churches are sending cards to Sister Wilson wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Please remember and get busy on our next bazaar for our next meeting. We added a bazaar to our last district meeting, each society bringing something to be sold, the money divided and each society using the money for some needy person in the local church as district work.

Again let me thank all.

Yours in the master’s service.

MARGARET LEE,
President of District No. 1 of 5 of the Christian Churches of Ohio.

The above is a fine report from one who handles more copies of the Plea than anyone in the Brotherhood. Every copy promptly accounted for. All honor to Sister Redmon.—Editor.

WINCHESTER, KY., RALLIES

The Winchester, Ky., Church is just out of another spring rally, reporting $114.00 all told. Here’s the problem: If about 50 members can raise $114.00, how much could 200 members raise, if we had them?

The pastor has just returned from a 10 days evangelistic campaign in Covington, Ky., where Floyd Dickerson is pastoring. He reports seven additions, three by primary obedience, four otherwise, and $86.00 and a general revival of the church membership. The Covington church, under the leadership of Elder Lloyd Dickerson and wife, is going forward. We wish for them a continued success.

We hope all churches are planning to send enough delegates to the State Convention, with proper registration fee for the institute work which is to be held each morning.

Each church is supposed to send an advance $1.00 registration fee for the institute to Bro. Ash in Georgetown as soon as possible. This $1.00 pays for four students, 25 cents each. Send now.

All delegates are urged to be prepared to enter the classes at the convention each morning. The convention programs are in press.

WM. OWENS,
President Ky. Convention.

MT. STERLING, KY.

Responding to Pastor Walker in London, Ky., we had fine meeting and enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Walker and wife, who met me at train.

We had seven additions. This church is moving up the King’s highway “in high.”

Bro. Walker is making a great sacrifice to carry on there but the Lord is with them. His good wife is loyal to the church and a great worker. May the Lord continue to bless them.

J. E. BLAIR.
MAYFIELD, KY., WANTS A PASTOR—WHO WILL GO!

Just a few lines to let you hear from our work here. We are still standing on the promises of God and hope that some good preacher will come to us and stay. We're poor, but with a good man we could do fine. Elder Moore, the State Evangelist, came last December, and he preached some great sermons and we were so glad to have him with us. The weather was so bad he did not get to see them all.

We lost Bro. Henderson Finney. We was one of our officers and had been for a long time.

Hope you can help this work. We have a fine Sunday School with 27 attending. We will send our money to the Convention and hope to send a delegate.

Enclosed please find $1.00 for my subscription to the "Plea."

MINNIE WILSON,
410 E. Water St.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

1219 E. 17th St.

On the fifth Sunday in this month this church will ordain two other members for the deacons, young men, of course. We are striving for the future church. Elder G. F. Ragsdale is going back to the boyhood days for the young folks of our church. This is the picture shown them, getting right for the second unit of our church. Cleveland Ave. Church of Christ.

E. C. WILLIAMS.

SHADY GROVE AGAIN

We surely enjoyed the three visits our State Evangelist made to our church here. We think he "grows better with age." His sermons are always soul-stirring.

He tried to place a minister here, but it seems that we cannot decide just whom to call. Perhaps like many other small churches, and counting folks, we want those we cannot get.

But Bro. Moore did his part. We still have very good attendance at Bible School. And we are so anxious to hear a Bible message from a sure enough Christian preacher again, that I am planning to run up to East Second St. Christian Church, Lexington, soon and hear the editor, me and my family.

Yours in the faith,

MATTIE PENICK,
Campbellsville, Ky.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, NEWS

AN APPRECIATION

L. C. HAIRSTON, Reporter

The Monroe Avenue Church gave Elder C. E. Craggett and sons a very fine reception on Thursday evening, May 19, in honor of the sixth anniversary of their work here. He has done very outstanding work here. He is president of the State Work of Ohio. We are very proud of him as our leader. The family received a number of very useful tokens.

The room was very brilliantly decorated for the occasion. Deaconess Fanny Baldwin is due most credit for this. This was under the auspices of the Missionary Society. Mrs. Clara Fowler is president.

Mr. L. C. Hairston represented various railroads of the U. S. He was dressed in regular railroad uniform. All enjoyed this special feature. He also demonstrated some of the famous Zanol products for which he is regular agent.

Elder R. L. Peters conducted a series of revival meetings here. He is always welcome to our church.

MT. STERLING, KY.

(By J. E. Blair, Pastor of the High St. Christian Church.)

Easter Sunday was a great day here in Beulah Land, where the sun shines so bright, where the flowers are sending forth their sweet fragrance, telling us that God is near.

We attempted to keep the spirit of the Lord's death alive in our pre-Easter service, the pastor preached each night beginning on last Monday night with large attendance each night, and fairly good financially speaking.

The Sunrise service guided by the Missionary sisters was a great meeting with one hundred and seven present, and twelve dollars and forty cents taken up for missions. Next came the cross rally for the Bible School, which was also a great success both numerically and financially, they had one hundred and twenty-three present, and their offering was twenty-three dollars and thirty cents.

From there we marched into our morning service, and after ordaining Brother Wm. Bradshaw to the Deaconship, the pastor brought his easter sermon, subject, "The Power of the Resurrection." The morning service had one hundred and fifty-two present and in the evening service the Bible School featured a glorious Pageant at which time they had about one hundred and sixty-two present.

I feel that God is smiling on these who are trying to carry on in the name of his Son who died to save all mankind.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. DICKERSON

"Better, favors now, than flowers then."

"For I have no man like-minded who will naturally care for your state." Philippians 3:20.

Such was Paul's lament trying to find a man who would FIT the Philippian Church. All seemed misfits.

Five years of my latter school life was spent in a large city, where enterprising merchants took advantage of opportunity to ply their trades.

We students knew where cheap bread, one day (or more) old, belated styles and misfit clothing was sold. There was no fault to register against "misfit" suits of clothes, except it did not fit the one for whom somebody intended it. And, it was indeed joyous favor to the one who happened to be just that size and make-up.

I have "passed up" Nettleton shoes and Stetson hats seen at greatly reduced price, because they didn't FIT me; have also bought such articles because they didn't fit the other fellow, so no primary fault attaches to a misfit, but it IS oft very unfortunate.

My feet call for a No. 10 shoe. A No. 9 made of flexible gold would be a misfit for me. I must find a No. 10. The same applies to preachers and churches. Some connections we know specialize in fitting preachers into churches, that is, sending them to the place they will fit.

Our churches and preachers have the job of fitting themselves together and often get some round pegs into square holes and "get along like a bull pup and Maltese kitten." That a preacher does not fit a church may be no fault of either the preacher OR the church. Proof—very often that same preacher fits well another church and that same church fits well another preacher.

Our church at Hustonville sings the song that fitted me so well I learned to love it, and it is so true. Beginning:

"There's a place for every worker
In the vineyard of the Lord."

With the chorus:

"Help me find my place and fill it."

How that choir (led by Bro. Sam Yowel, while Sister Annie K. Rife played the music) could sing that song: "Help me find my place."

They both went home this year—both singer and player—from the places they fitted so well in the Hustonville Church. May they, with us, find their place in that Better Land.

All Kentucky churches are asked to please send to me, 340 Ohio St., the number (and names if possible) of delegates coming to our State Convention here July 20-24. Your good home depends upon this.

C. H. DICKERSON.

RATES FOR CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Those who are planning to come to conference will be glad to know that a reduced rate or proposal is being made to them. We are sorry that this offer is to apply to Central Conference alone; would that all conferences could do likewise. Some adult member may be kindly enough disposed to see that one student gets to conference if a sufficient number is coming under this rate.

The plan is this:

Churches that send more than three students may send them at a reduced rate.

Three students or more, $6 per student.

Six students or more, $5 per student.

Thus under this rate three students come for three dollars less than three under the flat rate of seven dollars each. Six students may come for thirty dollars, which is five dollars less than five would come for under the flat rate of seven dollars a student. In the event that the enrollment warrants it this offer may hold for another year. Time will tell how we take advantage of propositions.

If there are people who did not get letters about the contest and who desire one please write me sending name and address and I'll send a letter by return mail.

"COME ALL YE CONFERENCE JULY 10-17."

MISS EDITH M. WILSON,
2216 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.
SISTER ALPHIN REMINDS US

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We need the little fellow down at the forks of the road, who has learned by experience how to handle people. Some of the finest men in the churches and government are men without degrees.

Read Mr. Shelton's editorial in Christian Evangelist of Feb. 10. Some of the things he said are so true.

I remember how the men on the Joint Executive Committee stood out for this in the Cincinnati Convention. I was the woman on that committee.

It seemed to be a tonic for the late Grant K. Lewis and he would say, "Do you remember the men in that Cincinnati Convention?"

I am yours for service.
MRS. WM. ALPHIN,
2511 Highland Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., MAKES GOOD REPORT

Report of the work accomplished since March 1 at Cross Street Church, of Little Rock, Ark.

The work here has taken a progressive trend, led by a newly elected and very efficient pastor. The true spirit of loyalty is being manifested more and more by liberal and systematic giving, and we feel that by providence we have a leader who is proving himself equal to the task. Elder C. B. Fisher is his name.

He comes to us from Jarvis and is giving his youth, energy and means to the ministry. He truly has the work at heart, as is shown by his earnest efforts to build up that spirit of love and understanding one toward another. With his cheerful and impartial devotion Bro. Fisher has won the hearts of all.

Our attendance is good, and there is a general attitude of contentment. Bro. Fisher was elected pastor in March and we have been made to rejoice over seven additions to the church, and raised $210.37 in a thirty-day financial drive.

We are looking forward to wonderful achievements and we pray for success.
Yours for the work.
MRS. MINNIE GUYDON.

JACKSON, MISS., NOTES

ONWARD STILL WE GO
By MRS. J. I. RUNDLES

The Disciples of Christ at the North Jackson Christian Church have doubled their determination for labor. We have just closed a great pre-Easter revival. Our pastor was at his best; all could feel that he was deeply inspired by the Holy Spirit, holding the attention of even the little children from the beginning to the end.

His words were as seeds sown on good soil, for we reaped the reward of nine for baptism.

On Holy Thursday night we had the Lord's Supper, with candlelight service.

When the sun rose Easter Sunday morning we were gathered in prayers of praise and thanks to the risen Christ.

At the close of the day the children played their part well in a beautiful Easter program.

The Friday night after Easter the church gave a fellowship supper, welcoming the new members and binding the blessed old ties a little tighter.

We ask the "Plea Family" to pray for us that our desire to build a church here may be realized.

Pray with us that the good results of Easter may be lasting and that all the influences set going may be for the honor and glory of Christ our Lord.

NEWS FROM STEPSTONE, KY.

Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.—I Corinthians 1:2.

Since God called our beloved pastor, Rev. Harper Ramey, home, we are still following in his footsteps. Corinth Christian Church still moves on.

A grand revival and homecoming begins Monday, July 4, 1938, with the following ministers preaching: Rev. J. E. Blair, Rev. I. Ellison, Rev. A. B. Mason of Carlisle, Ky. It closes Sunday, July 10, Rev. H. Oldham and visiting ministers preaching. Dinner will be served.

REV. J. E. BOWEN, Pastor.

THE CHURCH NEEDS TODAY

More tithes and fewer drives.
More action and less faction.
More workers and fewer shirkers.
More backers and fewer slackers.
More praying and less straying.
More of God's plans and less of man's.
More divine power and less human "pow-wow."
More burden-bearers and fewer tale-bearers.

—Selected.
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.
PILGRIM'S REST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We had ten nights meeting with Bro. H. D. Griffins standing with the sword in his hand, preaching the gospel to a perishing world. The first night he preached the news went out: Come and hear this man of God, preaching the word of truth. Each night we had a real good attendance. The meeting closed with five converts. Since his visit the church has taken on new life. The pastor and officers have created a wonderful working spirit in the church and members. Since these five were baptized two more have made the good confessions. We pray for Bro. Griffins that he may come to us again. —May he live long that the gospel message go far and near. Come again, Bro. Griffins, you are always welcome. Finance raised $38.00.

ELD. J. M. BAKER, Pastor.

NATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL
PRESIDENT'S TOUR
(Continued)

Sunday night I finished my visitations with Chickasha with Bro. and Sister Daniels and Sister Livllee Woods Drawn, who went to the utmost to make the meeting a success. Bro. T. M. Jones accompanied me and we had a mighty fine service.

I found the folks glad to welcome me and lamenting the fact that we have no “Pat” Moss to make those regular visits today. I went out on my own hook to carry the interest of the National Convention to the folks and I was overpaid. God provided excellent weather and there was not the first bit of car trouble. The free will offering taken at each point is accredited to the respective schools for promotional work. I tried to talk Young People’s Conference, Bible School and National Convention. We must have twice as many delegates this year to accept the hospitality of Bro. Watson and his good people.

Within the next two months I hope to visit Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky. Am making plans to look in on Texas. I am sure that God will bless our program and that our work will take on more new life and creative interest. I preached in five churches as follows: Muskogee, Okmulgee, Clearview, Oklahoma City, Chickasha. The whole Brotherhood expressed their sincere sympathy in the recent illness of our president, Bro. J. N. Irvine, at Jarvis.

RAYMOND R. WALTON, 215 W. 8th, Emporia, Kansas.

STANDING THE TEST
By L. C. QUINN
West Point, Miss.

I may call the names of a few who have stood the test. Abraham stood the test, he obeyed God, left his kindred and went into a land that God showed him and became the father of the faithful. And it was promised to him that through thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Joseph stood the test, although he was put in a pit and taken out and sold for a small amount of silver, but still he was able to stand the test. Moses stood the test at the Red Sea, when, through the power of God, he smote the waters and the children of Israel walked across.

David stood the test watching Jethros’ flock and he killed the giant. Noah stood the test when he prepared the Ark for the saving of his people.

John stood the test when he was placed out on the rocky isle of Patmon. Paul stood the test when he was put in prison at Philippi.

Stand the test, then I believe the King will say, “Well done, thy good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord.”

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.,
DISTRICT MEET

The young people’s meet in May at Cross Street Church, directed by Mrs. Bracy, the second of its kind in Arkansas. She was assisted by Mrs. Bertha Fuller, State Secretary of Missions among the white churches.

—Mrs. Carrie D. Fudgen, president of C. E. Teachers, and Mrs. Stewart Bowens of Hawkins, Texas College, brought cheer to all. We know Jarvis is much pleased with her president, John Long, from Edwards, Miss., College. He knows how to do things.

Mr. Moody, our missionary from India, served as faculty. Eld. J. B. Hunter, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church; Eld. N. E. Moore, pastor of the Wright Avenue Church, and Rev. G. Slas, pastor of Tenth Street Church, each brought inspiring messages.

Eld. C. B. Fisher, pastor of the Cross St. Church, brought the message for Sunday morning. Enrollment was 38 young people. Oak Grove, Scotts had the greatest number. Mrs. Bracy brought a very fine and timely program to us. Much success to youth meets everywhere.

Yours in Christ,
MRS. S. BOSTICK, Reporter.
We note with sadness the recent passing of so many immediate workers and friends, among whom are Sister Bettie Everett, wife of Eld. T. R. Everett of Carlisle, Ky., and Sister Annie K. Riffe of Hustonville (buried same day); Sister Mable Overstreet of Washington, D. C.; Sister Gault, mother of Bro. A. D. Gault of Mayslick (buried same day); Eld. R. A. Gooden of Washington, D. C., first president of our National S. S. Convention, buried May 30.

All our churches are feeling the loss of those stalwart workers, perhaps Mt. Sterling losing most, for she had most.

And so we recall Lincoln's favorite poem, "Mortality":

"Oh, why should the spirit of mortals be proud? Like a swift fleeting meteor, fast flying cloud, A flash of lightning, a break of the wave. Man passes from Earth to his home in the grave."

Constitution and By-Laws of the NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION of the CHURCHES OF CHRIST

NAME
This organization shall be known as the National Christian Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ.

II. MEMBERSHIP
This organization shall be composed of: (1) Churches known as Christian or Disciples of Christ with their auxiliary agencies, (2) Regional, State and District Conventions represented by duly elected dele-

gates, (3) and such others as the Convention in session may provide.

III. OBJECT
The object of this organization shall be to co-operate in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ both at home and unto the uttermost parts of the earth; and to assist in promoting Christian education and benevolence. This object shall be carried out by such methods as the Convention in session may adopt; and co-operation with other organizations of Disciples of Christ, or otherwise, in carrying out this object shall not be denied. The wisdom and extent of such co-operation when not expressed by the Convention in session shall be left to the wisdom of the Executive Committee subject to the approval of the Convention. Neither this organization nor any of its officers shall at any time assume any authority whatsoever over any local congregation of Disciples unless called upon in an advisory capacity by the local congregation.

IV. OFFICERS
The officers of this convention shall be: President, Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, General Field Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Transportation Agent, Treasurer, Trustees and five members of the Joint Executive Committee, whose duties shall be those usually performed by such officers, etc. No president can serve for a period longer than two years in succession and cannot succeed himself until after the office has been filled by some other person duly elected and qualified for a term of at least one (1) year. The traveling expense of the president shall be paid by the Convention. The recording and corresponding secretary, general field secretary and treasurer may be compensated for service rendered by the Convention. The treasurer shall give bond, the expense to be paid by the Convention.

V. CHARTER
This organization shall be a chartered institution and shall have its legal headquarters in the city of Nashville, county of Davidson, state of Tennessee; but shall have power to meet and transact business at any place designated by the Convention or the Executive Committee.

VI. DEPARTMENTS
The organized departments of the convention shall be (1) the Church, (2) Bible School, (3) Missionary Society, (4) Christian Endeavor Society, and (5) Laymen's organizations.

1. Each department may elect its own officers and make its own by-laws provided such do not conflict with the object and constitution of this organization, as interpreted by the Executive Committee.

2. Each department shall have definite allotted space and time on the Convention program, such space and time to be allotted by the program committee, and the program submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

3. Each department shall share in the financial maintenance and promotion of the Convention. The financial quota of each department for maintenance and promotion of the Convention shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

VII. COMMITTEES
This organization shall have (1) an Executive Committee, (2) a committee to constitute
(with an equal number from the United Christian Missionary Society) a Joint Executive Committee, (3) Recommendation Committee, (4) a Program Committee, and such other committees as the Convention may think wise.

a. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the president and vice president of the Convention, the recording and corresponding secretary, general secretary, treasurer, chairman of the recommendations committee and one member from each of the other departments of the Convention. This committee shall have charge of the promotion, supervision of all business pertaining strictly and solely to the administration of the National Convention (but not its alliances) during the recess of the Convention. It shall meet once at least during the recess of the Convention, and five shall constitute a quorum. It shall fill all vacancies in its own body and also members of the Joint Executive Committee.

b. RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE

This committee shall consist of one member from each state who shall be elected by the state conventions or state boards. Women may be members of this committee. When members are qualified by credentials, the president of the convention shall name the chairman and secretary of the committee.

2. The committee shall serve also as a nominating committee, and shall nominate all officers for the Church department of the Convention and the members of the Joint Executive Committee.

3. It shall hold meetings during the sitting of the Convention at the call of the chairman and recommend to the Convention at the business period all business matters, recommendations and resolutions.

4. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

c. JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of this committee, selected by this Convention, shall be nominated by the recommendation committee and elected to serve one, two and three years, and no one who is receiving a salary, or in any way financial support from the General Fund (except pensions) of this Convention will serve on this committee.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the Convention by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present and voting, providing the proposed amendment has been published in the Christian Plea for four consecutive issues, and submitted in writing to the recording secretary and read before the Convention at least one day before action is taken by the Convention.

BY-LAWS

1. Each delegate or representative shall upon the payment of two dollars (2.00) be given a badge and program and extended all the courtesies and hospitality of the convention, including the right to vote.

2. Each church entertaining the National Convention shall see to it that the best lodging and board be secured at a very nominal sum not to exceed $3.50 per capita.

3. The cost of the local entertainment shall be left to the local church entertaining the convention, and the Executive Committee of the convention. The Executive Committee will have power to move the convention if it finds according to its best judgment that the place selected by the convention is not suitable to entertain the convention.

4. Each Regional, State or District convention shall pay into the National Convention five ($5.00) dollars for each church reporting in these respective Regional, State or District conventions.

5. The National Convention shall organize four regional conventions that shall be equally distributed by states and shall hold one convention during the year that will not conflict with the National Convention.

6. All Regional, State and District Conventions shall be held before the sitting of the National Convention.

7. All money reported and received from all sources in the Church department during the convention shall be accurately recorded by the recording secretary and treasurer and disbursed by the Executive Committee of the convention.

8. A vote on any question shall be taken by states when any such vote is called for by three delegates representing three states. In such case the roll shall be called in alphabetical order. In all other cases the vote shall be taken as the president instructs.

9. No proxy vote shall be cast.

10. The Executive Committee shall make its annual report at the beginning of the Church department session of the convention.
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WASHINGTON, D. C., 12TH STREET CHURCH NEWS

Bro. Whitfield is holding his own.

Mrs. Magowman is improving, having been shut in for six months. Prayers of her friends and many kindnesses have contributed much to her recovery.

Our spring rally was one of the finest in our church. Mrs. Whitfield was directress and manager. We raised $450.00.

Elder Robert A. Gooden, former pastor of 12th Street Christian Church, was buried from 12th Street Church May 31, 1938. He is survived by his wife, Fay Taylor Gooden; an adopted son, Robert Gooden, Jr., and a mother-in-law, Mrs. Rosa L. Wicks. His death was a great loss to our church and the City of Washington. His conduct as a preacher and pastor was beyond reproach. His sermons were lofty in expression, logical in arrangement.

He was pastor of our church for five years. When he resigned; he could truthfully say “I left unstained what there I found.” He negotiated the purchase of our church site, built the church and was one of the organizers of our District Convention, which included the Christian Churches of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

Bro Gooden was a graduate of the S. C. I. He spent two years as a missionary in Liberia, taught in our school at Piedmont, Va.

Our pulpit was draped for 30 days and a fitting memorial service held.

JOHN F. WHITFIELD, pastor
NOAH W. MAGOWAN,
Chairman Official Bd.
S. R. DANIELS,
Sec'y of the church

LEXINGTON, KY., JULY 11, 1938

The Christian Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ of America has proved its worth as an unifying agency among the Negro Churches of Christ. The men, living and dead, who fathered the idea of a national organization in which Negro Disciples could express themselves freely and plan their work on the basis of perspectives peculiar to their own needs, were lovers of democratic institutions. They knew enough of the past to appreciate freedom in all things, and they were farsighted enough to lay a foundation of precedent and Christian principles for that freedom for succeeding generations.

The Constitution of the Convention, like the Constitution of the United States, is not a perfect document. Both constitutional committees foresaw the possibility of changes necessitated by subsequent events, therefore, both provided for additions to the original documents by amendments, in order that a more perfect instrument might be secured to serve the people.

Toward this end, the following observation is made and an amendment proposed which is the outgrowth of the observation.

While the present executive and administrative officers of the Convention are men whose dominating motive is the extension of the Kingdom of God through the church, the time may come when they will be succeeded by men whose primary purpose is the perpetuation of their offices regardless of the detrimental effect upon the Convention and the brotherhood. It is quite possible that the present constitutional privilege which permits convention officers to serve as chairmen or as members of the Convention’s most important committees may eventually lead us into one of the most dictatorial ecclesiastical machines in the history of the Disciples movement.

Believing that my brethren in the ministry and the laymen whom we serve will be benefited by its enactment, I offer the following constitutional amendment.

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EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BALTIMORE, MD.

"The Little Church With a Big Welcome." W. H. Taylor, pastor, Mrs. E. E. Foard, reporter.

On Rally Day we were successful in reducing our mortgage to one hundred sixty-six dollars. We hope to raise this amount this year then have a mortgage burning. Our membership is increasing. We only have an active membership, we do not have inactive members. To maintain membership in our congregation you must come to church at least one Lord's Day in every month to worship and the Lord's Supper. Every member must contribute at least forty cents each month. If these rules are not obeyed you are not considered a member of our congregation. Most of our members come to church every Lord's Day and contribute more than the small sum of forty cents each month. This enables us to know who loves the church. We are planning a National Convention rally to send our pastor to the National Convention. We cannot afford to let him miss a National Convention. We have sent him every year for fourteen years. He has traveled more than twenty thousand miles to and from the National Conventions. You can imagine the railroad fares and other expenses it has cost us to send him. But he loves the National Conventions and we'd send him if the National Convention met in Jerusalem.

Our National Convention Meets at Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 23-28

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

The young people's meet held at Port Gibson, Miss., June 10-13 is now history.

The meeting, under the direction of Mrs. R. B. Bracy, was in high spirits. Mrs. Bracy kept pace with the slogan for the meet.

We can hardly express our gratefulness to the U. C. M. S. and to Mrs. Bracy for having shared the wonderful instructions as well as the much needed information to the young people through the state of Mississippi.

This is a light to the pathway of youth which will lighten their vision to the great task of the church. Mrs. Bracy is indeed an instructor who knows how.

In this section we pledge to you, Mrs. Bracy, for next year a group of young people which you will be proud of.

We can't forget Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Bro. Perry and Bro. Crudens who were real assets to this meeting. Mrs. Welch also appeared in a recital at Christian Chapel Church on Monday which was a success.

After returning from the young folks' meeting Sunday the three delegates said "you may help three others for next year."

E. J. JENNINGS.

HERMANVILLE, MISS.

We would have you know how much we appreciated Mrs. Bracy and the splendid work. We don't feel that the work could be better done. She has the work at heart. We are proud to have someone thinking for us.

This is the first meet I have attended, but I shall miss no more. My sister will be going next year. The Sunday School sent me this year but next year I will give that place to someone else and pay my own way.

L. J. WHITE,
Union Hill St. School Hermanville, Miss.

MISSISSIPPI YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEET

The young people's Christian meet was held in Port Gibson, Miss., June 10, through Sunday, June 12th.

We were fortunate to have as faculty members for this meet, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, national field secretary; Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, state secretary, missionary organization-education; Mrs. G. A. Franklin, Port Gibson, Miss.; Mrs. Sadie Shafer, state president of missions, Jackson, Miss.; Mr. G. M. Perry, state director religious education, Jackson, Miss.; Mr. Ira D. Creudson, missionary to Japan; Rev. W. D. Campbell, host pastor of Port Gibson, Miss.

We are thankful to Elder I. C. Franklin who gave much inspiration to the young people.

We were very grateful to Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, Illinois, for her great contribution which inspired every one, and Mr. Crewdson for that wonderful trip to and through Japan.

Among the subjects studied were: The House of Many Lamps; Living Courageously; Christian Stewardship; Under-
standing People; Practicing the Presence of God; World Friendship.

Officers of the Young People's Meet for next year are as follow: Mr. Selmer Stamples, president; Mr. Jesse White, co-president; Miss Hortence Turner, secretary; Miss Cynthia King, co-secretary; Miss Ethel O. Gains, reporter.

IMPROVEMENTS AT JARVIS

This is the year of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. The anniversary celebration will be held at commencement time.

Many additions and improvements are being made at Jarvis. An additional teacher has been hired to teach agriculture, beginning with the second semester. Thirty men are already enrolled for these courses. The total enrollment of Jarvis is 269. Of that number 153 are in the college department.

The third floor of the girls' dormitory has been completed in very good shape, and every room has its full number of occupants. The boys' cottages are being improved with some new built-in equipment. The work is being done by the manual training department of the public high school under the direction of the high school teacher in charge, who is a fine man and is a strong influence on the campus.

PLANT GROWTH AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH

(By Frances Richardson, Wichita, Kan.)

The plant grows by receiving that which God has provided to sustain its life, it sends down its roots into the earth and drinks in the sunshine, the dew and the rain; it receives the life-giving properties from the air. So the Christian is to grow by co-operating with the Divine agencies.

As the plant takes root in the soil, so we are to take deep root in Christ; as the plant receives the sunshine, the dew and the rain, we are to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and its teachings. The work is to be done. Not by might, not by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of host. If we keep our minds stayed upon Christ, He will come unto us, we shall grow as the lily. We shall revive as the corn and grow as the vine. The plant does not grow or bring forth fruit for itself, but to give seed to the sower and bread to the eater.

So no man is to live unto himself.

SPECIAL

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

Dear Editor of The Plea:

We announce that we have canceled our State Convention this year. The Executive Board of the State Convention will hold a one-day session at Knoxville, Monday, one day before the National Convention opens, and we are asking every church and auxiliaries to make a round report to the State Treasurer, Mrs. Rosa Griffith, 1403 Jasper Ave., Knoxville, Tenn., on or before that time.

This change was made to save time and money since the National is coming to Knoxville, and the State Convention was booked to come to Johnson City, and all the people in Tennessee want to go to the National convention at Knoxville, we plan to save one board and one railroad fare. Let us make our reports at Knoxville one day before the National Convention opens. I will have the report blanks in every church in the state by July first. Any church in the state that does not send anyone to the National Convention, please send your report to the state treasurer, Mrs. Rosa Griffith, 1403 Jasper Ave., Knoxville, Tenn., by August 15th. Please co-operate with our plans. We must make this the greatest National Convention in the history of our church.

STUART, VA., NOTES

The church at Stuart, Va., recently called me to serve as minister until the meeting of Tri-State Convention, August 10-14. Since here they have proven "it can be done." In addition to the other things they have done, is the beginning of the hundred dollar ($100.00) rally to complete all convention claims and take care of some other obligations. This rally closes the first Sunday in August. Sunday, July 3, we had a full house; many visitors, some from Pennsylvania. Rev. I. L. Buie of Richmond, Va., rendered a fine service. He preached on "More Love for Jesus." Misses Lois Rucker, Reva Staples and Bro. Cutler Clark are doing fine work promoting young people's activities. Their fine Junior Choir is the result of their efforts. The senior choir is furnishing the music for the convention on Sunday night. This promises to be a fine church in the near future.

EUGENE PATTERSON, Minister.

LOVE FINDS A WAY

The Christian Hen.

A Christian woman gave one hen to the Lord; that hen used her talent and in one year gave to her master and her Lord five dollars.

"Go thou and do likewise."

H. D. GRIFFIN.
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EDITORIAL

By C. H. DICKERSON

THEN, AND NOW

We hope to be ready here when the hosts come upon us in convention array July 20-25. Early comers will hear and receive welcomes Tuesday night. N. B. The first meal will be served on said Tuesday night, last one Monday morning.

Lexington here and now extends to you a hearty greeting. Programs are out. It will be what we make it. So come ahead, we're hungry for your fellowship. Meet me here.

Our new annex extends a warm welcome sixty feet long and plenty wide, and Lexington has "good water."

Those who fail to send number and names of delegates may find choice homes taken by those who did. It's not too late.

Get a Copy of the Editor's "ORIGINAL POEMS" 25 Cents Each

Editor Plea:
I am calling your attention to the inclosed article in which the reporter, Mrs. S. Bostick, referred to Mr. John Long as President of Jarvis. Please make the necessary correction. I am sure that you will be happy to learn that President Ervin is improving and is now able to spend some time each day on the campus in his wheelchair.

Very sincerely,
(Miss) J. M. Carpenter, Bookkeeper.

Brother Richard L. Saunders of Midway, Ky., State President of Y. P. S. C. E., takes three major steps in that he was recently ordained to the Christian ministry, married and is called to Nicholasville church and will locate there in the parsonage. His wife, a fine musician.

Bro. C. B. Gentry makes good at Hustonville.

THE PASSING OF A MOTHER

On May 21st, our mother, Mrs. Jessie Gault, passed from this life.

We thank the state workers and friends for kind remembrances, telegrams, flowers, etc. Funeral conducted by Eld. Blair, assisted by Elders Owens and Botts.

Many friends visited her at the hospital. We shall see her again in That land of endless day;
In that city four square.
It shall never pass away
And there is no night there.

-A Son, A. D. Gault

Mr. D. B. Buck, of Hermansville, Miss., rises to say "I am a booster for the Young People's meet as held by Mrs. Bracy and Bradley.

"On to the Lexington Convention," is Kentucky's slogan.

Prof. Peoples and his able staff of church workers will conduct convention school from 8 A. M. till noon Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It is open to all with the small fee of 25 cents per person. It should be crowded.

FOR 1938

We wish to give names of the state officers of Arkansas:
President, Elder M. M. Bostick, N. Little Rock.
Secretary, Mrs. Mahala Moore, N. Little Rock.

Woman's Dept., Mrs. Mary B. Franklin, president, Russellville, Ark.

Mrs. Lucy Berry, Masco, Ark., secretary.

Bible School, Taylor E. Cale, Little Rock, Ark., president; Miss Verar Webb, N. Little Rock, secretary.

Christian Endeavor Department, Mrs. Carrie Moore Fudgen, Scott, Ark., president; Parney Hayes, secretary-treasurer.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.,
THE "LIVE WIRE"

The graduation exercises of the Cleveland Avenue Church were held at the church before a packed house, nine little girls and boys receiving diplomas from Kindergarten. The valedictorian of the class was little six-year-old Arnize Williams, who also received the prize for the best work among the girls during the term, and James Lester Potts received the prize for the best work among the boys. A main feature of the program was little two-year-old Dolores Crumpton, who recited the "Lord's Prayer" and Twenty-third Psalm. Mrs. J. H. Kyles, wife of Bishop L. W. Kyles of the A. M. E. Zion Church delivered the main ad-
dress and awarded diplomas and prizes. The Kindergarten closed a very successful year under the supervision of Mrs. J. H. Hayes who reports a total of thirty-five children attending the Kindergarten during the year.

The names of the graduates are as follows: Doris Warren, John Thompson, Evelyn Davis, Rudolph Montgomery, James L. Botts, James Galmon, Royal Abbott, Arnize Williams and Clarence Compton.

Mrs. Hayes opened a Vacation Bible School at the church with a large attendance in view. Last year they reported more than 100 children the first day.

1009 E. Leuda St., Fort Worth, Texas June 23rd, 1938

To the Pastors and Congregations of the Christian Church in Texas:

Just a few days and we meet at the State Convention August 10-14 with the Grove St. Christian Church, Houston.

Pastor A. D. Little and his members are preparing to give us the greatest entertainment of all attendance records of the past may be broken. If we love the work, let us show it by the way we give our support. Let us make a showing in this leading city, and in this leading church. We cannot afford to fail. What a reflection it would be!

Apportionments and Church Reports

In regards to the finances so badly needed to carry on the work, we have only two methods to accomplish our aim. First is your state apportionment which is one dollar per member. This is a state development fund and is supposed to be collected by the state evangelist, if at all possible. This can be done by free-will offering and reports sent in to your district boards. The second is your reports brought or sent in to the state convention which are as follows: From the church as such, report five dollars ($5.00) for every twenty-five members or fractional part thereof. Bible schools and Y. P. S. C. E. societies five dollars each plus two dollars for National Convention claims. May we depend on you?

N. H. JOHNSON
REV. C. L. PARKS,
J. E. QUARLES,
(Miss) S. V. WALKER.

The President of Bible Schools speaks:

I am very happy to join Rev. Quarles, state evangelist, in this appeal. Let us not fall short of our claims this year. Superintendents, you are asked to make yours an honor roll school by sending in your report now. Prepare your young people for the program on Saturday night of the convention. Boll St. Christian Church, Dallas, and Clark St. Christian Church, Greenville, have sent in their five dollars. Let others do the same. I will be at Jarvis College until July 31st. I tell you this so as to make possible safe deliverance of your letters intended for me until that time.

With best wishes for the work, I am

T. W. PRATT,
3612 Thomas Ave., Dallas.

NATIONAL SECRETARY GIVES DATES AND DATA

Please give the following information in the Christian Plea:

State Conventions

Maryland, N. Y., and District of Columbia, July 7-10, 12th St. Church, Washington, D. C.
Kentucky, July 20-24, E. 2nd St. Church, Lexington.
Ohio, July 23-31, Kenyon Ave., Cincinnati.
Arkansas, August ?
Missouri, August 2-7, Hannibal.
Texas, August 9-12, Grove St. Church, Houston.
Oklahoma, August 11-14, Muskogee.
Piedmont District Convention, August 11-14, Bluefield, W. Va.
Tri-State Convention, August 11-14 ?
Mississippi, August 18-21, Indianaola.
Alabama, October ?
South Carolina, October 5-9, First Church, Ehrhardt.
Georgia, October 20-23, Bethesda Church, Oconee.
I had a good visit with Brother Watson in Knoxville. He is laying plans to give the convention the best entertainment in history, and the place has ample space and convenience for the type of entertainment we need. He expects delegates from every section of our brotherhood under Heaven.

The churches in South Carolina are making rapid progress toward raising $3,000 to build an institute of religious education at Ehrhardt, the center of the state, for the purpose of training its ministers and church leaders and young people. Both districts are working enthusiastically and receiving wholehearted support from the white Christian Church members of the state.

The laboratory training school held at Southern Christian Institute was a splendid success, with an enrollment of fourteen student teachers and fifty-four children. The student teacher enrollment represented two states, Georgia and Alabama. The students went away with enthusiasm and definite plans for conducting a va-
cation church school in their own communities.

We had a very successful young people's conference and church workers institute at Jarvis College with the exception of attendance. We had fourteen adults and fourteen young people and a splendid faculty. The members of the adult conference, or the church workers institute, were highly pleased with the faculty and gave many comments for the ability of their teachers, and I am happy to pass these on to the teachers. We are sorry to report though, that unless the Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas churches do something about it, this conference and the church workers institute will be discontinued another year. However, we are glad that those present pledged themselves to do everything they could to keep them going, because of benefit received and the benefit they know others will be receiving if continued. Upon their promise we have guaranteed them that the conference would continue if by April 15, 1939, they have enough pre-registrations for both the institute and the young people's conference to assure good attendance.

R. H. PEOPLES,
National Secretary,
Negro Churches.

1421 12th Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.
June 20, 1938

I am interested in young church folk,
Regardless of their fault.
With careful training they'll make good—
For instance, A. D. Gault.
He hasn't majored in the cults,
For school too soon he quit;
But he knows how to get results,
And, after all, that's it.
Among his chickens, pigs and cows
He strides, a lordly gent;
And his tobacco proudly plows
On rural acres bent.

The Bible School and District Meets
Afford him ample chance,
The programs and those noble "eats"
His talent to enhance.

C. H. D.

MISS Fannie Owens, is a consecrated and enthusiastic worker. She not only keeps the endeavors working, but she maneuvers to keep them happy while they are doing their work. The society raised $120.00 for all purposes during the last twelve months. They are determined to be classed among the one hundred model Christian Endeavor Societies of the brotherhood.

Full co-operation is enjoyed betwixt all the departments of Mt. Olivet Church, and Rev. C. L. Whitfield and his family are apparently the center of the whole program.

Let us all pray for a greater and more effective brotherhood in the dissemination of the gospel.

Yours in the work,
SQUIRE R. DANIELS,
National C. E. President.

SLOGAN REWARDS

To whom it may concern:
The following slogans won in the recent conference contest. Congratulations to the winners and best wishes are extended to them. Out of the fifteen slogans that were received eight were judged as the proper recipients for the awards. The slogan and writer are given below.

First and second prizes go to Misses Birdie Butler and Rose Marie Johnson. Their slogans were "For pleasure and religion combined attend the Conference of '39," and "In thirty-nine send ninety-nine and watch the Central Conference shine," respectively.

Third, fourth and fifth prizes were won by Miss Ethel Harmon, Winston Craig, and Miss Nora Tipton. Their slogans in order were "Learn! Laugh! and Live;" "Conference—an ever-guiding light;" and "Ninety-nine in thirty-nine will make the conference fine."

The sixth, seventh and eighth prizes are for Earl Reed, Miss Anne Harmon and Miss Jeannette Webster. These slogans were: "Come from the north, south, east, and west, and make 1939 Conference best;" "Seven days to learn thyself;" and "Conference attendance in '39 will determine the local church in '49."

MISS E. M. WILSON,
2216 W. Chestnut,
Louisville, Ky.

P. S.—Every Bible School be well represented in Church Workers School each morning of State Convention.

The Fairview, Ky., church will hold all-day basket meeting July 17th, celebrating new lights in the church.

A. J. Walker, pastor.
On the third Sunday in May a religious motorcade of six cars went to Nicholasville to a Fellowship Service conducted by Brother Richard L. Saunders. Brother Dickerson, his Sunday School and many co-workers of the Lexington church; Bro. Alcorn of the A. M. E. Church, Nicholasville, and our representatives truly enjoyed a religious feast.

The Midway choir, robed in white, sang well.

On the fourth Sunday at 3 P. M. Bro. Dickerson, assisted by Bro. Aske, ordained Bro. Richard Saunders to the Christian ministry. The ceremony was very impressive. Our prayers go out for Bro. Saunders that he may make good.

Bro. D. L. Botts of Mt. Sterling and Bro. Monroe Kendricks of Lexington have preached for us recently.

The Missionary Society had a musical program given the first Sunday in July by the Gentry sisters of Lexington.

A Bible reading contest, conducted by Miss Nettie B. Printers of the Sunday School, was very beneficial and interesting.

TO CONVENTION GOERS

Since conference makers tell what to "bring along," some hints to convention goers might be allowed.

You will need a little patience in getting adjusted to new environments. Bring a heart full of interest in all departments of our church life—not just "our sessions." A disposition to give and take. Bring a missionary mind, open for instruction. Let all delegates and visitors report at church, 142 E. 2nd Street, between Limestone and Walnut Streets.

Eld. Wm. Owen
President Ky. Convention
Pastor at Winchester

VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA,
NORTH CAROLINA
TRI-STATE ECHOES

Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying this is the way, walk ye in it. Isa. 30-21.

By R. L. Peters, Field Secretary of Churches of Christ in Tri-State Christian Convention, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone 7863.

The National School of Evangelism completes five years and plans for the one ahead.

Purpose: To train faithful preachers, church and Bible School workers.

Faculty: Well trained, loyal to the word of God and of unquestioned character and consecration.

The year just passed fruitful. A class of eight young men and women graduated in Training for Service.

A young man having felt the call to preach is now filling the pulpits of two churches that have no regular ministers.

The year ahead: Help us recruit for new year the best student body we have ever had. School opens Sept. 26, 1938.

Our motto is: "Every man trained, and every man in his place."

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

To the Christian or Disciples of Christ every where. Greetings:

From May 8th to June 30th of this year I was on the field and visited the following places with the following results: 9th Ave. Christian Church, Roanoke, Va., May 8-22nd. Number of sermons, 18; number of accessions to the church, 9; amount given for service, $35.00.

Monroe Ave. Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio, May 25-June 8, 1938; number of ser-
50; total number of accessions, 50; total amount given for service, $109.00.

Our next meeting will be at Charity Christian Church, Martinsville, Va., July 6-14. After which we will come home until after State and National Conventions. Time and place of Tri-State Convention, Aug. 10-14, 1938, Winston-Salem, N. C. We are anxious to have Prof. and Mrs. Peoples and some of our National officers whom he may select with us.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus.

R. L. PETERS.

Following is report of Sister A. L. Martin, District Missionary of Tri-State Christian Convention:

Report of District Missionary of Tri-State Convention:
Two and one-half (2 1-2) months since our last report, checking up on achievements I find progress made, yet I sense the need of more and better workers. The mantle is bearing heavily upon shoulders of faithful few, some of whom are declining in health and strength.

A few workers are being trained, some of these already in the ministry and doing good work. Ten (10) churches have been visited since we reported last; seven (7) of them are making fair progress along the lines of buying, building and the ingathering of souls. They have had revivals and now all are looking forward to our District Convention, August 10-14.

Because this is last report until the National Convention I tell of some definite work done, and too, mention some needs.

We are rejoicing that we voice the sentiment of the entire District, coming to Knoxville to enroll as a part of the great National Convention.

After working with these fine people the short time, I am sure this is a fine field, and if cultivated, will be a great asset to our National work. We have material here ready for making what we need, but we lack equipment to mold it. One of our greatest needs is a "Training Station" in the district. We want to see it here and know that it is ours. For this thing we are working and praying—believing.

We are proud of work being done at Concord, N. C., Walnut Cove, N. C., and Mt. Airy, N. C. These churches have made great efforts to improve their properties through either buying or repairing. Concord with P. K. Alexander, minister, has done her work and laid by in bank a surplus of over one hundred ($100.00) dollars. Walnut Cove has bought her lot and will soon build. C. M. Robinson is the good minister there. Mt. Airy property entanglement has been settled, a piano installed, spirit renewed, and our youngest minister in the District, Eugene Patterson, is their efficient leader. Parks Grove is repairing old building. They have raised their full quota for this year. J. W. Mack is minister. North Tazewell, Va., has been handicapped because of the illness of their minister, G. M. Dickerson, who had to leave the work for a rest and medical aid. Greensboro, best place in district for a church, has in mind a building program.

Stuart, Va., and North Main Street Churches, Winston-Salem, are moving on nicely. H. G. Flemings is our minister at North Main Street and Eugene Patterson is supplying at Stuart. Ninth Street in Winston-Salem is still trying to take care of their property. This ought to be done quickly for the salvation of the faithful workers.

We have no minister at this point. The officers are carrying on.

Spencer Memorial, our mother church, is doing very fine work. They have a new piano and are working on a general improvement program. They will entertain the convention this year which promises to be best since the work was organized. Rev. R. L. Peters is minister.

It has been their procedure to bring all their apportionments to convention. However, they gave me forty-eight ($48) dollars on this trip. In this, Spencer Memorial leads.

These are fine people and I am enjoying my work with them. We are learning that if we divide our burdens we will multiply our joys. This makes us happy.

Yours for a larger task.
MRS. A. L. MARTIN, Dist. Missionary.

PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE
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amendment for presentation before the 1938 Convention convening in Knoxville, Tennessee: Be it enacted that

With the exception of the president, who is an ex-officio member of any Convention committee, the executive and administrative officers of the Convention shall not be permitted to serve as chairmen or members of Convention committees.

This amendment shall become effective immediately after its adoption by the Convention.

J. W. COWAN.

(It has been "moved and seconded" that all committees on "Nomination of Officers" be named from the "floor," and not appointed by the chair.—Editor.)
To The Brotherhood

By T. W. PRATT, Director

Jarvis Christian College,
Hawkins, Texas

Our National Convention is just a few days off. Our cause, in some respects, moves slowly. In April, I sent a challenge to every man and woman in this great church to lay $500 on the table before our convention meeting. I have not heard from Dr. J. E. Walker, our treasurer. It may be that every person who read the letter has sent up the money. Now, how can any official come to Knoxville expecting to see the many accounts cared for when each one should know that if the funds have not been placed in the treasury there will be no funds to pay the bills. $500 is a modest sum. There should be 100 people in this great brotherhood who love the Lord $5.00 worth. I named 35 people in my first letter. I now name some others:

Texas—Dr. R. H. Henderson, Rev. E. B. Washington, Prof. J. C. McCoy, Rev. R. L. Sercy, Dean L. B. Smith, Dr. H. E. Lee, Lawyer W. M. C. Dickson, Rev. J. D. Johnson, Prof. I. Q. Hurdle, Prof. S. J. Sampson, Prof. J. M. Hurdle, Prof. J. L. Jewett, Rev. Mrs. Maud Davis, Rev. J. M. Cox, Mrs. Arab Garrett, Prof. J. M. Henry, Mr. R. H. Fuller, Mr. W. A. Fuller, Mrs. Elbie Titus, Rev. N. H. Johnson, Rev. A. D. Little, Rev. David L. Truscott, Dr. D. T. Cleaver, Mr. Relia Carter, Rev. G. W. Taylor, Mr. W. F. Hatcher, Rev. H. G. Smith, Rev. R. H. Page.

Tennessee—Mrs. Preston Taylor, Rev. Blair T. Hunt, Dr. Fields, Dr. Epps, Rev. R. Wesley Watson.

California—Rev. M. F. Mitchell, Rev. A. W. Jacobs, Mr. T. Leon Pratt.

Illinois—Mr. John Lewis, Mr. H. Y. Lewis, Mrs. Felicia Lawson Wells, Mrs. Goldia Guy, Dr. J. Leonard Pratt, Dr. C. W. Smith, Lawyer Taylor, Mr. Durdan.
AMONG THE BRETHREN

MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY

J. E. BLAIR, Pastor

We the members of the High Street Christian Church wish to express our thanks to God through Christ for our successful rally on the first Sunday in July. The members and friends worked together in harmony and love. We can't find words great enough to express our thanks to Captains and members for their loyalty to the program.

Here is how we did it. We appointed eight groups and asked each to raise $50.00 and below is the response:

- Malinda Prewitt, No. 1, $34.85.
- Aurillia Doughitt, No. 2, $123.82.
- Fannie George, No. 3, $78.03.
- Florine Hunt, No. 4, $46.25.
- Sue Ella Gay, No. 5, $92.33.
- Willie M. Hunter, No. 6, $89.65.
- Estella M. Magowan, No. 7, $89.65.
- Nora Lee Tipton, NoN. 8, $89.65.

The general public all told ran us well over $600.00. Mt. Sterling still stands out in front.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

I am herewith enclosing you list of names of persons who contributed to the Bible Chair at Jarvis Christian Institute, from the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church:

- Mrs. Annie Atkinson, 992 Kerr Ave., $1.00.
- Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, 1076 S. Orleans St., $1.00.
- Mrs. Bernadine Holmes, 802 Saxon Ave., $1.00.

- Mrs. Etta Mae Bonner, 719 Walker Ave., $1.00.
- Mrs. Ambra Brown, 670 Alston Ave., $1.00.
- Mrs. Helen Chandler, 1047 McDowell St., $1.00.
- Mrs. Lela Walker, 1109 Mississippi Ave., $1.00.
- Elder Blair T. Hunt, 693 Linden Ave., $1.00.
- Elder A. C. Crawford, 237 Engle Ave., $1.00.
- Dr. W. H. Luster, 389 Cynthia St., $1.00.
- Mr. M. W. Bonner, 719 Walker Ave., $1.00.
- Mr. Utilus Phillips, 1173 Race St., $1.00.
- Mr. W. G. Yarbrough, 1076 S. Orleans, $1.00.
- Mr. J. T. Chandler, 1047 McDowell St., $1.00.

Total, $14.00.

Yours very truly,

R. R. CRAWFORD,
Miss R. R. Crawford, Reporter.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Cross St. Church

Regular services each Lord's Day is having effect upon the outside world as well as the membership.

Bro. Reynolds (son-in-law of Bro. G. D. Jones) was baptized Wednesday night, July 13th, also Bro. Ben Livingston.

We are glad to have reached our goal and paid our appropriations of $82.05 for home and foreign missions and God is making it possible for us to meet other obligations.

Our pastor, Elder C. B. Fischer, and congregation visited Pearidge Church, of Scotts. We had a joyful meeting. The pastor, Elder Roosevelt Moore and members entertained. Elders M. M. Bostick and C. B. Fischer spoke for the meeting.

We are planning for our State Convention, which will be held at Pearidge, beginning Sept. 7. We expect a large delegation to put our good resolutions into practice.

Yours for the cooperation of all.

MINNIE GUYDON.

OKLAHOMA CONVENTION

Everyone is invited to attend the 30th Annual Session of the Oklahoma Christian Missionary Convention which will convene August 11-14, 1938, at the Second Christian Church of Muskogee, Okla.

Preparations are being made to accommodate a large convention so come to Muskogee and enjoy yourself.

E. M. BARRETT, State Sec.
Route 3, Box 273C, Muskogee, Okla.

ELDER WM. MARTIN, Pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY AT MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MEMPHIS, TENN.

Young people took charge of services and rendered a splendid program, with Elder S. S. Myers of Kansas City, Mo., as guest speaker. Elder Myers' address at 3 o'clock and his sermon at 8 o'clock were both masterpieces. Pastor B. T. Hunt preached a great sermon at 11 o'clock.

This drive conducted for the building fund raised $275.00.

MISS R. R. CRAWFORD, Reporter.
The opportunity is here afforded to report the convening of the 17th Annual District Convention of Christian Churches of Maryland, District of Columbia and Brooklyn, New York, July 8-10, at 12th Street Church.

The convention was more largely attended than any other in several years, because there was a general increase of interest in the convention work in this area. This was due largely to the fact that almost everyone was interested in the major outstanding project of the district, the young people's summer conference.

About three years ago the convention decided to sponsor a young people's summer conference in this area but as there was one functioning already in Martinsville, Va., it was decided that all efforts in that way should be directed toward support and enlargement of that project. And the work done at this conference was so eminently satisfactory that the district caught the spirit of unification of effort. There is no question but this project has done more to enhance the success of the convention than any other single factor.

The convention built its program around the general theme "Feeding the Church of God." Church growth and development were emphasized: through the ministry of teaching, through the ministry of worship and service, through community fellowship, through the ministry of giving, through the ministry of preaching and through young people's activities. Following the addresses in each departmental session a conference period was opened in which discussion of problems was had. In these conferences Prof. R. H. Peoples made an excellent interrogator and instructor.

Among the outstanding addresses were those delivered by the Rev. M. J. Key, Bible School period; Mr. S. R. Daniels and Mr. James A. Brown, Christian Endeavor period; Rev. E. A. Love, president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Washington; Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent of schools of the District of Columbia, and Dr. Arthur P. Wilson, minister of Columbia Heights Christian Church, D. C., Community Fellowship Period; Mrs. R. E. Hancock, Women's Missionary Period. Outstanding departmental worship service was that of the women's period. The program was prepared and conducted by Mrs. M. S. Whitfield. Mrs. Martha Bogan Morton gave the devotional message.

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The convention made definite progress in its program of evangelism and church extension. Two new churches were received. The Williamsburg Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Antioch Church, New Brunswick, N. J. These churches have approximately three hundred members. They both are doing splendid work.

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Some of the ministers, laymen and women contributing materially to the success of the convention were: Elder M. F. Robinson, president; Elder C. L. Whitfield, minister of Mt. Olivet Church; Elder G. B. Haynes, R. D. Brooks, corresponding secretary; N. W. Magowan, president of the District Quarterly Convention; W. C. Bowle, president of the Bible School department; Mrs. Lola Brooks, president of the Women's Missionary department; Mrs. Pearl Clark, Mrs. Callie Dennis, Ephraim Robinson, John Loadholt, John B. Daniels and James Milie.

With the fine constituency which the convention may justly be proud of and the spirit of harmony and cooperation prevailing, we look forward to a bigger and better convention than ever in 1939. We are now turning toward Knoxville.
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EDITORIAL

By C. H. DICKERSON

That momentous changes are ever we find, whther we would or not.

The "Old Guard" are slow to welcome or even recognize these changes.

That none too well-wisher of the Christian Religion uttered a challenge when he said: "Everything changes but the Colored Church"—men may come and men may go, but, like Tennyson's book, the Colored Church runs on the same forever.

However we may class it, any well-informed student of the times will note that "all things are different." The very same people, who lead the advances in other avenues, belong to our churches. They cannot be flesh all the week and fish on Sunday. The Church must move on or move out, and this goes for the preacher as well.

We know the Old Book, its tenets and doctrine stand firm as any Gibraltar. But its means of locomotion and propagation need revamping, since we're to stay in the field of service.

While we can never subscribe to an "All Committee Convention," state or national, we do recognize the passing of the old time preacher contest gathering, when lungs were more in evidence than hearts and heat than light, and, this fitted well THEN.

Among the things that we have yet to learn from "the other brethren" is to put their very best material on exhibition and try to use every calibre for "big game."

"Put nobody but Americans on duty tonight" is just as sound admonition now as it was in Revolutionary days. Not only must the message be clear and clean, but even so must be the messenger. These are days of broadcasting. The "mike" is ever before us; only prepared messages will carry. This is NOW.

Wicked men must wash their hands and hearts, if they would do effective service for God.

The X-Ray is at its best. The very structure of our zion is under fire. The enemy is entrenched, fortified and defiant.

Saul's chasing David ended in defeat and death of himself, his sons and the cremating of their bodies.

Not only Then but Now, "The Philistines be upon us." No time for jealousies and "who shot John?" As Alexander the Great was dying, they asked who should now be leader? He faintly whispered in reply "The Fittest." That was true THEN and NOW. Let the fittest lead, let the rest of us follow and the church "grow, grow and go." And we must help to make it so.

YOUTH'S PLACE IN THE CHURCH

By MAE W. MOTON, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

One of the most acute problems is that of adjustment between youth and members of an older generation. It is especially hard for them because of very drastic changes that have taken place within the last few decades. Radios bring the world to our living rooms, and automobiles and planes carry us all over the world. Changes in thought have been radical. Parents shake their heads and say, "Things aren't like they used to be," while Young America answers, "Mother and Dad just don't understand!"

Even in the church the problem of adjustment between youth and older members is outstanding. In some churches young people are given no responsibility but merely fed, entertained and exhorted. This means work all right, but not by the young people. When this situation exists, it is usually due to combination of lack of loyalty on the part of the young people involved and lack of faith in them on the part of their elders. The usual result is that many young people with originality desert the church for some other field of activity.

Youth's place in the church should be one of sharing in all activities, interests, and responsibilities of their church. They have, indeed, certain meetings of their own. But, viewing the program of the church should be one of sharing in all activities, interests, and responsibilities of their church. They have, indeed, certain meetings of their own. But, viewing the program of the church as a whole, they assume their share of its educational activities and service. By some type of youth budget they help to meet the financial responsibilities of the church, both local and benevolent and they help to determine what those responsibilities are and how
funds raised to meet them are to be spent. If there is a committee to build a new edifice or raise a budget or pay a debt or place and direct a program of religious education, there will be young members serving along with old ones. Youth comes thus to take a loyal and intelligent share in all the work of the church. We know the theory that "we learn to do by doing," and "practice makes perfect," that is if we practice right. So young people learn to serve by serving and young people by continual service may reach perfection. Young people should pledge themselves. Their pledge should be: "As a Christian Youth, I pledge myself to think clearly, to be unprejudiced in all things, to be eager for knowledge, be well informed, to be courageous in keeping with my ideals, to be above all else, sincere, to be earnest; to give myself whole-heartedly to every task, to keep my body a fit temple for the living God, to be dependable in even the smallest tasks, to be a friend of all the friendless, to see constantly a closer fellowship with God, to strive to live each day the Jesus way."

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

By MISS IDA GARRETT, Memphis, Tenn.

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We can't forget to say a word for Eld. L. R. Garrison, who has for many years served faithfully as State Superintendent, who brought a strong message on Friday night. As president of the Church School Convention, I wish to express my appreciation to the church and to the Brotherhood at large for their splendid spirit of cooperation and much interest to this Convention.

And for the wonderful efforts put forth to make our stay a pleasant one while in the city of Md.-Bayou, which is owned and operated by our own race. (The colored race.)

The amount of money raised in this meeting was $170.38.

Let us press on toward the mark of the high calling, which is in Christ Jesus.

Yours for a greater work,
E. J. JENNINGS,
Hermanville, Miss.

A CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A SHIP

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YOUTH'S ECHOES

By ETHEL O. GAINES, Reporter.
Route 1, Box 115
Lorman, Miss.

Echoes of Union Hill Community:
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THE CHURCH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF MISSISSIPPI

Held at Md.-Bayou, Miss. July 14-17
Was a great success.
On Thursday night the Md.-Bayou Church School rendered the local program.
On Friday morning the Convention opened with a high spirit, which seemed to develop throughout the meeting. The good people of Md.-Bayou certainly showed that they meant every word of welcome.
The young people from various sections of the State had a
with this life. The Scripture says, "Except ye abide in the Ship, ye cannot be saved." The waves of conflicts get so great sometimes we have to anchor, but all we have to do is anchor our faith in Christ and stay in the ship until the storm passes.

But you must stay in the ship, not stand on the deck or hold to the railings, but abide in the ship, which is Christ, and we will all be saved.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT CONVENTION

Knoxville, Tennessee
August 23, 1938

9:00—House called to order by President. Presiding—Secretary or Vice - President. Theme: "Building Together." Song Service—Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Miss Evelyn Haygood. Worship Leader—Miss Evelyn Smith.


12:00 — Adjournment for lunch.

1:30 to 4:30 — Committee meetings: 1. General committee on National Youth Movement. 2. Committee on the functions of personal development and evangelism divisions. 3. Committee on functions of public and yand finance divisions. 4. Committee on functions of program division. 5. Committee on functions of fellowship and service divisions. Adult leaders: Mrs. Rosa P. Welch, Mrs. Alphia Penn Arnold, Mrs. Z. M. Peoples, Miss Bessie Chandler, Mr. V. G. Smith, and Mr. Jason Cowan, Mr. E. J. Dickson, Mrs. Pearl Clark, Mrs. C. E. Cragget, Miss Edith Wilson.

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The five committees of the National Christian Youth Movement Convention will meet daily, subject to the call of the chairman of the committee or the President of the National Christian Youth Movement Convention.

Business Session and report of committees Saturday morning, 9-12.

CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, MO.

(Min Ola Dunn, Reporter)

News For 2nd Quarter:

The Women’s Missionary Council sponsored the Brotherhood dinner at the church, March 24. Good attendance. Fundamental principals of the Disciples Plea were discussed by four speakers. A dainty repast was served by the Hospitality Committee. Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy was with us in our monthly meeting and gave us an inspiring message on the needs of our rural churches.

Mrs. H. L. Herod, Natl. Pres. of our Missionary Dept., paid us a visit and brought helpful suggestions.

The church school sponsored a baby contest under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Reed, our church school Supt., with the assistance of Mrs. J. J. Green. Cradle Roll Supt. Much interest was manifested by persons in the community and it was a success in every way. Baby W. J. Alphin, Junior, won 1st prize, a handsome high chair. Baby P. C. Washington, Junior, 2nd prize. Baby Donald Gibbs, son of Eld. Wm. A. Gibbs, won 3rd prize. A gift was awarded each baby in the contest.

Vacation Church School started June 27th, average attendance for Church School is 98 to 100.

The Pre-Easter prayer services were well attended, followed by Sunrise Prayer Service Easter Sun. morning.

There were 2 decision classes taught by the Pastor, Eld. Washington, and Miss Bessie Chandler. As a result there were 17 additions to the church. Special evangelistic services revitalized the entire church. Mrs. G. Negley, Pres. of W. Council. Local Women’s Day, May 1st, three services well attended, 20 captains were appointed, amount raised $116.69.

The Intermediate Circle and Young People’s Club, jointly, were very busy during May and June raising “Conference Money.” Spring Style Promenade, Moonlight Picnic, Rummage Sale, Talent Rally, and a splendiff play were some of the things done to raise funds. Seven delegates were sent to Mid-West Conference, at Columbia, Mo., namely, Miss Ruth Gibbs, Miss Margaret Gladney, Miss Eleanor Purnell, Miss Thelma Edmonds, Miss Gwendolyn Storey. Intermediates: Miss Evelyn C. Dunn. From Young People’s Club, Mrs. W. J. Alphin, Miss B. Chandler: sponsors.

The choir sponsored a State Rally June 19th. Three services, visiting choirs, offering taken so as to replenish the choir’s treas.—Mr. C. S. Flow-ers, Pres.

(To Be Continued)
Meet Us in Knoxville
Yours for The Christian Plea

Could you handle a few copies of our "Original Poems, etc., etc.," on commission? All profits go to the Christian Plea. Let's hear from you and meet me in Knoxville.

Watson is Beckoning, Crawford is Reckoning, Committees are Seconding and to the Knoxville National we're bound, August 23-28.

Many will fill their cars for so much per round trip.

Knoxville is two hundred miles Southeast of Lexington and in "speaking distance" of everywhere else.

The Christian Church owes it to our Great Brotherhood to "Sow it Down" in Disciples for a "Bumper Crop."

Brother Watson, a noble Roman, knows how to entertain and arrange. Yes! Yes! They'll all be there. And there'll be some "Reckoning," calling for with far sighted discretion and well ordered minds, sober souls abundant poise and toleration.

Conventions don't make men. Men make conventions.

Perhaps because "what we eat last tastes best," hundreds of our fellow Kentuckians are acclaiming our recent Lexington State Convention the "best in its history," and regiments of those noble sons of nobler sires "ate last" in our new 60-foot annex dining room.

Indeed a finer aggregation we have yet to meet. It was a pleasure for us to entertain them. The cooks and waiters said, "In the dining room, the colored troops fought nobly."

The program was well lubricated. Those in charge of the Church Workers' Conference occupied each forenoon in a pleasing, profitable way; each being a "Special" in his line. Surely they were a "God Send."

Should anybody see a Lost Convention, seeking "Resting Place for the soles of its feet, just send it to Lexington, C. O. D.

Space forbids now the mention of special names and salient features. They come later.

The convention left Lexington in "Good order."

**NATIONAL CONVENTION BREAKFAST**

We are planning to have four conferences with the ministers present at the National Convention each morning at breakfast. Brother Watson is providing a special dining room for our convenience. We will meet each morning from 7:30 to 9:00.

Wednesday morning, our topic will be "How to Plan a Local Church Program." Thursday morning, "A Program of Evangelism." Friday morning, "A Program of Stewardship and Finance." Saturday morning, "A Program of Christian Education." I am sure that each minister will be greatly benefited by attending these conferences.

We are urging all of our ministers, especially all those who are doing a creditable piece of work, to be present for this conference. We especially want to use their experience in helping us develop these topics. Begin making your plans now to be present each morning, for this is truly to be the high point of the convention for our ministerial leaders.

May we count on you being present and will you do everything you can to encourage others to come for this special meeting?

Please meet me in Knoxville and attend the ministerial conference each morning.

Sincerely,

R. H. PEOPLES,
Nat'l Sec'y of Negro Churches.

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**DO YOU JUST BELONG?**

(From The Christian Banner)

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock, Or do you stay away and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along, Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong"?

Do you ever go to visit or call a member that is sick? Or leave the work to just a few and call them the "clique?"

There's quite a programme schedule that I'm sure you've heard about, and we'll appreciate it if you too, will come and help us out.

So come to the meeting often, and help with hand and heart, Don't just be a member, but take an active part.

Think this over fellows—you know right from wrong; Be an active member, and not "just belong."

DR. ERNIE B. RICHERT.
NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

By ELDER S. KENNEY
State President
207 Elmo St.
Johnson City, Tenn.

Every Colored Christian Church in Tennessee is out of debt. I have just returned from Savannah, Tenn. We paid the last dollar on the Savannah Church. Mrs. Hadie McDonald Irwin, of Memphis, Tenn., and I worked together in raising the money to pay off that long standing debt. Mrs. Irwin until we raised money enough walked from house to house to pay off the mortgage. Sunday, June 26th, was a great day in Savannah. Mrs. Preston Taylor, of Nashville, and a part of the Lee Avenue Choir conducted the devotional service in the afternoon. Mr. J. W. Hamilton of Memphis, Tenn., was with us also. We had a great meeting all day Sunday. The amount donated on the church debt: Hon. J. E. DeFord, Representative of Hardin County, donated $10.00; Mrs. Preston Taylor, $5.00; Johnson City Church, reported $10.50, $5.00 of which amount was donated by Elder W. P. Martin's daughter, Mrs. O. W. Sherrill, of Johnson City; Knoxville Church, $1.40; Washington College Church, $2.00; Rogersville Church, $1.00; Memphis Church, $5.00; East Tennessee District Convention, $4.00; and the Savannah Church raised $78.56, making a total of $117.47 raised and paid out. Paid Board of Church Extension $104.52. Since the Lord has blessed us to pay off all debts on our church property, we plan to repair all churches in the state that need it, and build new churches where they are needed, the West Main St. Christian Church at Johnson City, has made repairs, Lee Ave. Church at Nashville is repairing, Gay St. at Nashville will begin to repair soon. Memphis is getting ready to build a new church. On my way back from West Tennessee I stopped one night in Knoxville with Brother Watson. He is hard at work getting ready for the National Convention. Since the National Convention will open Tuesday evening, August 23, Brother Watson advised that we open our State Convention Tuesday morning, August 23rd, at 9:30 o'clock. That would give us more time to get there. The State will hold a one-day session, and be ready for the National Convention Tuesday evening. Tennessee is planning National Convention in the history to make this the greatest story of the Church. We are asking all the churches in the state to have their reports in Knoxville Tuesday morning. If any small church in the State is not able to send a delegate to the National Convention, please send your reports to the State Treasurer, Mrs. Rosa Griffith, 1403 Jasper Ave., Knoxville, Tenn., on or before that time. Since we have no church debt let us make a full report to the convention of the church and its Auxiliaries.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Winston-Salem, N. C.
The Cleveland Avenue Christian Church just closed another very successful Vacation Bible School. The School offered courses in Bible Study, Memory Work, Hand Work, Story Telling and Music. The school was divided into four groups with Mrs. J. H. Hayes, Supervisor and Teacher of the Beginners Class; Miss Conita Hairston, Teacher of the Primary No. 1, Mrs. Lucille Lattimore, Teacher of Primary No. 2, Mrs. Carrie Goode, Teacher of Juniors and Mrs. Gladys Gill, Teacher of the Intermediates.
The School had a top enrollment of 158, boys and girls, ages from two to fifteen years old. The School was in session for two weeks and ran from 9 till 12 daily. At the end of the two weeks they held a very fine closing with a demonstration of the work done in each Department.
The School offered prizes for the best yell or song, the best painting and the best sewing. The prizes were awarded as follows: Mable Haaslip, for the best Bible School song; Fred Gaines, for the best Painting, and Inez Griffin for the best Sewing. In connection with the closing they held an exhibit of the work done during the term which was very beautiful. On Saturday they motored to Robinson Park for a picnic which the kiddies really enjoyed. Next year we are hoping our enrollment will reach the 200 mark.

TO THE C. E. SOCIETIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

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regardless of size, to bring or send to the C. E. Treasurer, one dollar, not later than Aug. 23, 1938. Send finance to Mrs. Z. M. Peoples, care Elder R. Wesley Watson, 614 Lithgo Street, Knoxville, Tenn.
I trust that it will be the policy of our C. E. department to co-operate fully with the other departments in improving our general convention; and to this end, I have given my consent that Christian Endeavor time in the Saturday night program be given over to the Youth Movement. Miss Carnella Jamison is president of that group.
Meet me in Knoxville.
S. R. DANIELS,
Pres. C. E. Department,
National Convention.
To The Brotherhood

By T. W. PRATT, Director

Jarvis Christian College,
Hawkins, Texas

Our National Convention is just a few days off. Our cause, in some respects, moves slowly. In April, I sent a challenge to every man and woman in this great church to lay $500 on the table before our convention meeting. I have not heard from Dr. J. E. Walker, our treasurer. It may be that every person who read the letter has sent up the money. Now, how can any official come to Knoxville expecting to see the many accounts cared for when each one should know that if the funds have not been placed in the treasury there will be no funds to pay the bills. $500 is a modest sum. There should be 100 people in this great brotherhood who love the Lord $5.00 worth. I named 35 people in my first letter. I now name some others:

Texas—Dr. R. H. Henderson,
Rev. E. B. Washington, Prof. J. C. McCoy, Rev. R. L. Sercey,
Dean L. B. Smith, Dr. H. E. Lee, Lawyer W. M. C. Dickson,
Rev. J. D. Johnson, Prof. I. Q. Hurdle, Prof. S. J. Sampson,
Prof. J. M. Hurdle, Prof. J. L. Jewett, Rev. Mrs. Maud Davis,
Rev. J. M. Cox, Mrs. Arab Garrett, Prof. J. M. Henry, Mr. R. H. Fuller,
Mr. W. A. Fuller, Mrs. Ethel Titus, Rev. N. H. Johnson,
Rev. A. D. Little, Rev. David L. Truscott, Dr. D. T. Cleaver,
Mr. Reha Carter, Rev. G. W. Taylor, Mr. W. F. Hatcher,

Tennessee — Mrs. Preston Taylor, Rev. Blair T. Hunt, Dr. Fields, Dr. Eppe, Rev. R. Wesley Watson.

California—Rev. M. F. Mitchell, Rev. A. W. Jacobs, Mr. T. Leon Pratt.

Illinois—Mr. John Lewis, Mr. H. Y. Lewis, Mrs. Felicia Lawson Wells, Mrs. Goldia Guy, Dr. J. Leonard Pratt, Dr. C. W. Smith, Lawyer Taylor, Mr. Durden.

Knoxville, Tennessee,
614 Lithgo Street,
August 7, 1938.

Editor of Christian Plea:

Please permit me space to inform all delegates who plan to attend the convention here that the arrangements are as follows:

Upon arrival come directly to the Church, 502 East Vine Avenue, and you will be assigned to your stopping place. All sessions will be held at the Austin High School where we will have ample space for all occasions. Phone 2-2030.

To those coming by train, call 2-9508, "Gem Cab Company," the official cab company, and you will get good service. A strike is on here and for the reason of knowing that you will get protection I am asking that you follow these instructions. Any porter at either station will call cab for you.

In case you get here at a late hour you may come to my home, 614 Lithgo Street, or call 2-4586. Anyone wishing may register now and you will have your home assigned.

Looking forward to a great convention, I am

Very sincerely yours,

R. WESLEY WATSON,

TO THE C. E. SOCIETIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

Dear Endeavorers:

The time for us to meet in national convention fast approaches, and it behooves all who believe that the spreading of the gospel can be enhanced through co-operative endeavor to stand in readiness to participate in this national enterprise. The object of our National Convention, as such, is to co-operate in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ both at home and unto the utmost parts of the earth; and to assist in promoting Christian education and benevolence. Christian Endeavor has definite duties to perform as a part of this great convention.

C. E. Societies are requested to represent by states or districts, but where there is no state or district organization, local societies are asked to send representatives directly to the National Convention. A recommendation of the future works committee last year to the effect that all state or district conventions represent in the National Convention with five dollars for the state or district, as such, and with one additional dollar for every society enrolled in the state or district, was approved by the C. E. department. This recommendation was for the purpose of discontinuing the policy of asking each society to pay two dollars, which so many societies hesitated to do on the grounds that their memberships were small. Now, since the fee is only one dollar, we expect every society,

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MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY

J. E. BLAIR, Pastor

We the members of the High Street Christian Church wish to express our thanks to God through Christ for our successful rally on the first Sunday in July. The members and friends worked together in harmony and love. We can't find words great enough to express our thanks to Captains and members for their loyalty to the program.

Here is how we did it. We appointed eight groups and asked each to raise $50.00 and below is the response:

Malinda Prewitt, No. 1, $34.85.
Aurillia Doughitt, No. 2, $123.82.
Fannie George, No. 3, $78.03.
Florine Hunt, No. 4, $46.25.
Sue Ella Gay, No. 5, $92.33.
Willie M. Hunter, No. 6, $89.65.
Estella M. Magowan, No. 7, $88.20.
Nora Lee Tipton, NoN. 8, $24.11.

The general public all told ran us well over $600.00.
Mt. Sterling still stands out in front.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

I am herewith enclosing your list of names of persons who contributed to the Bible Chair at Jarvis Christian Institute, from the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church:

Mrs. Annie Atkinson, 992 Kerr Ave., $1.00.
Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, 1076 S. Orleans St., $1.00.
Mrs. Bernadine Holmes, 802 Saxon Ave., $1.00.

Mrs. Etta Mae Bonner, 719 Walker Ave., $1.00.
Mrs. Ambra Brown, 670 Alston Ave., $1.00.
Mrs. Helen Chandler, 1047 McDowell St., $1.00.
Mrs. Lela Walker, 1109 Mississippi Ave., $1.00.
Elder Blair T. Hunt, 693 Linden Ave., $1.00.
Elder A. C. Crawford, 237 Engle Ave., $1.00.
Dr. W. H. Luster, 389 Cynthia St., $1.00.
Mr. M. W. Bonner, 719 Walker Ave., $1.00.
Mr. Utilus Phillips, 173 Race St., $1.00.
Mr. W. G. Yarbrough, 1076 S. Orleans, $1.00.
Mr. J. T. Chandler, 1047 McDowell St., $1.00.
Total, $14.00.

Yours very truly,
R. R. CRAWFORD.
Miss R. R. Crawford, Reporter.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Cross St. Church

Regular services each Lord's Day is having effect upon the outside world as well as the membership.

Bro. Reynolds (son-in-law of Bro. G. D. Jones) was baptized Wednesday night, July 13th, also Bro. Ben Livingston.

We are glad to have reached our goal and paid our apportionments of $82.05 for home and foreign missions and God is making it possible for us to meet other obligations.

Our pastor, Elder C. B. Fischer, and congregation visited Pearidge Church, of Scotts. We had a joyful meeting. The pastor, Elder Roosevelt Moore and members entertained. Elders M. M. Bostick and C. B. Fischer spoke for the meeting.

We are planning for our State Convention, which will be held at Pearidge, beginning Sept. 7. We expect a large delegation to put our good resolutions into practice.

Yours for the cooperation of all.

MINNIE GUYDON.

OKLAHOMA CONVENTION

Everyone is invited to attend the 30th Annual Session of the Oklahoma Christian Missionary Convention which will convene August 11-14, 1938, at the Second Christian Church of Muskogee, Okla.

Preparations are being made to accommodate a large convention so come to Muskogee and enjoy yourself.

E. M. BARRETT, State Sec.
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ELDER WM. MARTIN, Pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY AT MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MEMPHIS, TENN.

Young people took charge of services and rendered a splendid program, with Elder S. S. Myers of Kansas City, Mo., as guest speaker. Elder Myers' address at 3 o'clock and his sermon at 8 o'clock were both masterpieces. Pastor B. T. Hunt preached a great sermon at 11 o'clock.

This drive conducted for the building fund raised $276.00.

MISS R. R. CRAWFORD, Reporter.
TWELFTH STREET CHURCH
ENTERTAINS ANNUAL
DISTRICT CONVENTION

By J. F. WHITFIELD

The opportunity is here afforded to report the convening of the 17th Annual District Convention of Christian Churches of Maryland, District of Columbia and Brooklyn, New York, July 8-10, at 12th Street Church.

The convention was more largely attended than any other in several years, because there was a general increase of interest in the convention work in this area. This was due largely to the fact that almost everyone was interested in the major outstanding project of the district, the young people's summer conference.

About three years ago the convention decided to sponsor a young people's summer conference in this area but as there was one functioning already in Martinsville, Va., it was decided that all efforts in that way should be directed toward support and enlargement of that project. And the work done at this conference was so eminently satisfactory that the district caught the spirit of unification of effort. There is no question but this project has done more to enhance the success of the convention than any other single factor.

The convention built its program around the general theme "Feeding the Church of God." Church growth and development were emphasized: through the ministry of teaching, through the ministry of worship and service, through community fellowship, through the ministry of giving, through the ministry of preaching and through young people's activities. Following the addresses in each departmental session a conference period was opened in which discussion of problems was had. In these conferences Prof. R. H. Peoples made an excellent interrogator and instructor.

Among the outstanding addresses were those delivered by the Rev. M. J. Key, Bible School period; Mr. S. R. Daniels and Mr. James A. Brown, Christian Endeavor period; Rev. E. A. Love, president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Washington; Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent of schools of the District of Columbia, and Dr. Arthur P. Wilson, minister of Columbia Heights Christian Church, D. C., Community Fellowship Period; Mrs. R. E. Hancock, Women's Missionary Period. Outstanding departmental worship service was that of the women's period. The program was prepared and conducted by Mrs. M. S. Whitfield. Mrs. Martha Bogan Morton gave the devotional message.

The convention was not without color and drama. The junior choir of Mt. Olivet Church, Baltimore, under direction of Mr. Williams and Mrs. Gillard, gave a splendid service of songs on young people's night. This was followed by a play, "The Missionary on Trial," presented by Mrs. Esther Scott. Some of the outstanding characters in this play were: B. B. Blayton, S. R. Daniels, Bernice Bowle, Beatrice Blayton, Marion Bowman, Franklin Tyree, Oscar Haynes, Bertha Green, Doris Jones and Sara Parker.

The convention made definite progress in its program of evangelism and church extension. Two new churches were received. The Williamsburg Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Antioch Church, New Brunswick, N. J. These churches have approximately three hundred members. They both are doing splendid work.

The convention had four more ministers in its fold in the persons of Elder R. E. Hancock, minister of Halsey Street Church, Brooklyn, his able wife and assistant, Mrs. R. E. Hancock, Elder W. F. Keys, minister of the church at Williamsburg, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Elder S. E. Williams, minister of the church at New Brunswick, N. J.

Both Elder R. E. Hancock and Elder W. F. Keys brought inspiring messages in both Lord's Day services. The young people's choir, directed by Mrs. Frances Hunt, sang at the morning worship while a splendid chorus under direction of Prof. L. D. Henderson sang at the afternoon worship.

Some of the ministers, laymen and women contributing materially to the success of the convention were: Elder M. F. Robinson, president; Elder C. L. Whitfield, minister of Mt. Olivet Church; Elder G. B. Haynes, R. D. Brooks, corresponding secretary; N. W. Magowan, president of the District Quarterly Convention; W. C. Bowle, president of the Bible School department; Mrs. Lola Brooks, president of the Women's Missionary department; Mrs. Pearl Clark, Mrs. Callie Dennis, Ephraim Robinson, John Loadholt, John B. Daniels and James Mille.

With the fine constituency which the convention may justly be proud of and the spirit of harmony and cooperation prevailing, we look forward to a bigger and better convention than ever in 1939. We are now turning toward Knoxville.
That momentous changes are ever we find, whither we would or not.

The "Old Guard" are slow to welcome or even recognize these changes.

That none too well-wisher of the Christian Religion uttered a challenge when he said: "Everything changes but the Colored Church"—men may come and men may go, but, like Tennyson's book, the Colored Church runs on the same forever.

However we may class it, any well-informed student of the times will note that "all things are different." The very same people, who lead the advances in other avenues, belong to our churches. They cannot be flesh all the week and fish on Sunday. The Church must move on or move out, and this goes for the preacher as well.

We know the Old Book, its tenets and doctrine stand firm as any Gibraltar. But its means of locomotion and propagation need revamping, since we're to stay in the field of service.

While we can never subscribe to an "All Committee Convention," state or national, we do recognize the passing of the old time preacher contest gathering, when lungs were more in evidence than hearts and heat than light, and, this fitted well THEN.

Among the things that we have yet to learn from "the other brethren" is to put their very best material on exhibition and try to use every calibre for "big game."

"Put nobody but Americans on duty tonight" is just as sound admonition now as it was in Revolutionary days. Not only must the message be clear and clean, but even so must be the messenger. These are days of broadcasting. The "mike" is ever before us; only prepared messages will carry. This is NOW.

Wicked men must wash their hands and hearts, if they would do effective service for God.

The X-Ray is at its best. The very structure of our zion is under fire. The enemy is entrenched, fortified and defiant. Saul's chasing David ended in defeat and death of himself, his sons and the cremating of their bodies.

Not only Then but Now, "The Philistines be upon us." No time for jealousies and "who shot John?" As Alexander the Great was dying they asked who should now be leader? He faintly whispered in reply "The Fittest." That was true THEN and NOW. Let the fittest lead, let the rest of us follow and the church "grow, glow and go." And we must help to make it so.

YOUTH'S PLACE IN THE CHURCH

By MAE W. MOTON, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

One of the most acute problems is that of adjustment between youth and members of an older generation. It is especially hard for them because of very drastic changes that have taken place within the last few decades. Radios bring the world to our living rooms, and automobiles and planes carry us all over the world.

Changes in thought have been radical. Parents shake their heads and say, "Things aren't like they used to be," while Young America answers, "Mother and Dad just don't understand!"

Even in the church the problem of adjustment between youth and older members is outstanding. In some churches young people are given no responsibility but merely fed, entertained and exhorted. This means work all right, but not by the young people. When this situation exists, it is usually due to combination of lack of loyalty on the part of the young people involved and lack of faith in them on the part of their elders. The usual result is that many young people with originality desert the church for some other field of activity.

Youth's place in the church should be one of sharing in all activities, interests, and responsibilities of their church. They have, indeed, certain meetings of their own. But, viewing the program of the church as a whole, they assume their share of its educational activities and service. By some type of youth budget they help to meet the financial responsibilities of the church, both local and benevolent and they help to determine what those responsibilities are and how
funds raised to meet them are to be spent. If there is a committee to build a new edifice or raise a budget or pay a debt or place and direct a program of religious education, there will be young members serving along with old ones. Youth comes thus to take a loyal and intelligent share in all the work of the church. We know the theory that “we learn to do by doing,” and “practice makes perfect,” that is if we practice right. So young people learn to serve by serving and young people by continual service may reach perfection. Young people should pledge themselves. Their pledge should be:

“As a Christian Youth, I pledge myself
To think clearly, to be unprejudiced in all things,
To be eager for knowledge, be well informed,
To be courageous in keeping with my ideals,
To be above all else, sincere,
To be earnest; to give myself whole-heartedly to every task,
To keep my body a fit temple for the living God,
To be dependable in even the smallest tasks,
To be a friend of all the friendless,
To see constantly a closer fellowship with God,
To strive to live each day the Jesus way.”

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By ETHEL O. GAINES, Reporter.
Route 1, Box 115
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Echoes of Pine Grove Community:
Having the greater enrollment in attendance this great youth’s meet, we returned to our community with a greater desire to do something that we learned that true Christians should do, also something for the advancement of our race in an economic way. Our officers have been elected and plans made to raise funds so as to increase our attendance for the youth meet of 1939.

On July 22, the youth of Pine Grove gave a picnic. Here many of the songs were sung and games were played that we learned at the meet.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF MISSISSIPPI

Held at Md.-Bayou, Miss. July 14-17
Was a great success.
On Thursday night the Md.-Bayou Church School rendered the local program.
On Friday morning the Convention opened with a high spirit, which seemed to develop throughout the meeting. The good people of Md.-Bayou certainly showed that they meant every word of welcome.

The young people from various sections of the State had a living zeal for service. They were over anxious to help make the meeting a success.

We can’t forget to say a word for Eld. L. R. Garrison, who has for many years served faithfully as State Superintendent, who brought a strong message on Friday night. As president of the Church School Convention, I wish to express my appreciation to the church and to the Brotherhood at large for their splendid spirit of cooperation and much interest to this Convention.

And for the wonderful efforts put forth to make our stay a pleasant one while in the city of Md.-Bayou, which is owned and operated by our own race. (The colored race.)

The amount of money raised in this meeting was $170.38.
Let us press on toward the mark of the high calling, which is in Christ Jesus.

Yours for a greater work,
E. J. JENNINGS,
Hermanville, Miss.

A CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A SHIP

By MISS IDA GARRETT,
Memphis, Tenn.

A Christian life is easy with Christ Jesus as guide. But as we travel we meet with obstructions. Just as a ship on the ocean. Sometimes it is smooth, sometimes rough. So it is with a true Christian. Satan is always causing waves of trouble and winds of temptation to blow. Just like a mighty ship trying to make it across the ocean. I am told by one who has crossed the Atlantic, sometimes the waves are so high, the ocean so rough, that they frighten you and unless you stay on the inside you may be blown overboard. So it is
with this life. The Scripture says, "Except ye abide in the Ship, ye cannot be saved." The waves of conflicts get so great sometimes we have to anchor, but all we have to do is anchor our faith in Christ and stay in the ship until the storm passes.

But you must stay in the ship, not stand on the deck or hold to the railings, but abide in the ship, which is Christ, and we will all be saved.

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT, CONVENTION**

Knoxville, Tennessee August 23, 1938

9:00—House called to order by President. Presiding—Secretary or Vice-President. Theme: "Building Together." Song Service—Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Miss Evelyn E. Haygood. Worship Leader—Miss Evelyn Smith.


12:00 — Adjournment for lunch.

1:30 to 4:30 — Committee meetings: 1. General committee on National Youth Movement. 2. Committee on the functions of personal development and evangelism divisions. 3. Committee on functions of public and finance divisions. 4. Committee on functions of program division. 5. Committee on functions of fellowship and service divisions. Adult leaders: Mrs. Rosa P. Welch, Mrs. Alphia Penn Arnold, Mrs. Z. M. Peoples, Miss Bessie Chandler, Mr. V. G. Smith, and Mr. Jason Cowan, Mr. E. J. Dickson, Mrs. Pearl Clark, Mrs. C. E. Craggett, Miss Edith Wilson.

5:30 — Banquet: National Christian Youth Movement Convention—all delegates to the National Convention invited. Special program—Charles Thompson, presiding speaker—Prof. Jason Cowan.

The five committees of the National Christian Youth Movement Convention will meet daily, subject to the call of the chairman of the committee or the President of the National Christian Youth Movement Convention.

Business Session and report of committees Saturday morning, 9-12.

**CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, MO.**

(Min Ola Dunn, Reporter)

News For 2nd Quarter:

The Women's Missionary Council sponsored the Brotherhood dinner at the church, March 24. Good attendance. Fundamental principals of the Disciples Plea were discussed by four speakers. A dainty repast was served by the Hospitality Committee. Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy was with us in our monthly meeting and gave us an inspiring message on the needs of our rural churches.

Mrs. H. L. Herod, Natl. Pres. of our Missionary Dept., paid us a visit and brought helpful suggestions.

The church school sponsored a baby contest under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Reed, our church school Supt., with the assistance of Mrs. J. J. Green. Cradle Roll Supt. Much interest was manifested by persons in the community and it was a success in every way. Baby W. J. Alphin, Junior, won 1st prize, a handsome high chair. Baby P. C. Washington, Junior, 2nd prize. Baby Donald Gibbs, son of Eld. Wm. A. Gibbs, won 3rd prize. A gift was awarded each baby in the contest.

Vacation Church School started June 27th, average attendance for Church School is 98 to 100.

The Pre-Easter prayer services were well attended, followed by Sunrise Prayer Service Easter Sun. morning.

There were 2 decision classes taught by the Pastor, Eld. Washington, and Miss Bessie Chandler. As a result there were 17 additions to the church. Special evangelistic services revitalized the entire church. Mrs. G. Negley, Pres. of W. Council. Local Women's Day, May 1st, three services well attended, 20 captains were appointed, amount raised $116.69.

The Intermediate Circle and Young People's Club, jointly, were very busy during May and June raising "Conference Money." Spring Style Promenade, Moonlight Picnic, Rummage Sale, Talent Rally, and a splendid play were some of the things done to raise funds. Seven delegates were sent to Mid-West Conference, at Columbia, Mo., namely, Miss Ruth Gibbs, Miss Margaret Gladney, Miss Eleanor Purnell, Miss Thelma Edmonds, Miss Gwendolyn Storey. Intermediates: Miss Evelyn C. Dunn. From Young People's Club, Mrs. W. J. Alphin, Miss B. Chandler: sponsors.

The choir sponsored a State Rally June 19th. Three services, visiting choirs, offering taken so as to replenish the choir's treas.—Mr. C. S. Flowers, Pres.

(To Be Continued)
Meet Us in Knoxville  
Yours for The Christian Plea

Could you handle a few copies of our "Original Poems, etc., etc." on commission? All profits go to the Christian Plea. Let's hear from you and meet me in Knoxville.

Watson is Beckoning, Crawford is Reckoning, Committees are Seconding and to the Knoxville National we're bound, August 23-28.

Many will fill their cars for so much per round trip.

Knoxville is two hundred miles Southeast of Lexington and in "speaking distance" of everywhere else.

The Christian Church owes it to our Great Brotherhood to "Sow it Down" in Disciples for a "Bumper Crop."

Brother Watson, a noble Roman, knows how to entertain and arrange. Yes! Yes! They'll all be there. And there'll be some "Reckoning," calling for with far sighted discretion and well ordered minds, sober souls abundant poise and toleration. Conventions don't make men. Men make conventions.

Perhaps because "what we eat last tastes best," hundreds of our fellow Kentuckians are acclaiming our recent Lexington State Convention the "best in its history," and regiments of those noble sons of nobler sires "ate last" in our new 60-foot annex dining room.

Indeed a finer aggregation we have yet to meet. It was a pleasure for us to entertain them. The cooks and waiters said, "In the dining room, the colored troops fought nobly."

The program was well lubricated. Those in charge of the Church Workers' Conference occupied each forenoon in a pleasing, profitable way; each being a "Special" in his line. Surely they were a "God Send."

Should anybody see a Lost Convention, seeking "Resting Place for the soles of its feet, just send it to Lexington, C. O. D."

Space forbids now the mention of special names and salient features. They come later.

The convention left Lexington in "Good order."

NATIONAL CONVENTION BREAKFAST

We are planning to have four conferences with the ministers present at the National Convention each morning at breakfast. Brother Watson is providing a special dining room for our convenience. We will meet each morning from 7:30 to 9:00.

Wednesday morning, our topic will be "How to Plan a Local Church Program." Thursday morning, "A Program of Evangelism." Friday morning, "A Program of Stewardship and Finance." Saturday morning, "A Program of Christian Education." I am sure that each minister will be greatly benefited by attending these conferences.

We are urging all of our ministers, especially all those who are doing a creditable piece of work, to be present for this conference. We especially want to use their experience in helping us develop these topics. Begin making your plans now to be present each morning, for this is truly to be the high point of the convention for our ministerial leaders.

May we count on you being present and will you do everything you can to encourage others to come for this special meeting?

Please meet me in Knoxville and attend the ministerial conference each morning.

Sincerely,
R. H. PEOPLES,
Nat'l Sec'y of Negro Churches.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

(From The Christian Banner)

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock, or do you stay away and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along, or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong."

Do you ever go to visit or call a member that is sick, or leave the work to just a few and call them the "clique."

There's quite a programme schedule that I'm sure you've heard about, and we'll appreciate it if you too, will come and help us out.

So come to the meeting often, and help with hand and heart.

And we'll appreciate it if you too, will come and help us out.

Don't just be a member, but take an active part.

Think this over fellows—you know right from wrong;

Be an active member, and not "just belong."

DR. ERNIE B. RICHERT.
NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

By ELDER S. KENNEY
State President
207 Elmo St.

Johnson City, Tenn.

Every Colored Christian Church in Tennessee is out of debt. I have just returned from Savannah, Tenn. We paid the last dollar on the Savannah Church. Mrs. Hadie McDonald Irwin, of Memphis, Tenn., and I worked together in raising the money to pay off that long standing debt. Mrs. Irwin until we raised money enough walked from house to house to pay off the mortgage. Sunday, June 26th, was a great day in Savannah. Mrs. Preston Taylor, of Nashville, and a part of the Lee Avenue Choir conducted the devotional service in the afternoon. Mr. J. W. Hamilton of Memphis, Tenn., was with us also. We had a great meeting all day Sunday. The amount donated on the church debt: Hon. J. E. DeFord, Representative of Hardin County, donated $10.00; Mrs. Preston Taylor, $5.00; Johnson City Church, reported $10.50, $5.00 of which amount was donated by Elder W. P. Martin's daughter, Mrs. O. W. Sherrill, of Johnson City; Knoxville Church, $1.40; Washington College Church, $2.00; Rogersville Church, $1.00; Memphis Church, $5.00; East Tennessee District Convention, $4.00; and the Savannah Church raised $78.56, making a total of $117.47 raised and paid out. Paid Board of Church Extension $104.52. Since the Lord has blessed us to pay off all debts on our church property, we plan to repair all churches in the state that need it, and build new churches where they are needed, the West Main St. Christian Church at Johnson City, has made repairs, Lee Ave. Church at Nashville is repairing, Gay St. at Nashville will begin to repair soon. Memphis is getting ready to build a new church. On my way back from West Tennessee I stopped one night in Knoxville with Brother Watson. He is hard at work getting ready for the National Convention. Since the National Convention will open Tuesday evening, August 23rd, Brother Watson advised that we open our State Convention Tuesday morning, August 23rd, at 9:30 o'clock. That would give us more time to get there. The State will hold a one-day session, and be ready for the National Convention Tuesday evening. Tennessee is planning National Convention in the historian to make this the greatest story of the Church. We are asking all the churches in the state to have their reports in Knoxville Tuesday morning. If any small church in the State is not able to send a delegate to the National Convention, please send your reports to the State Treasurer, Mrs. Rosa Griffith, 1403 Jasper Ave., Knoxville, Tenn., on or before that time. Since we have no church debt let us make a full report to the convention of the church and its Auxiliaries.

TO THE C. E. SOCIETIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

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regardless of size, to bring or send to the C. E. Treasurer, one dollar, not later than Aug. 23, 1938. Send finance to Mrs. Z. M. Peoples, care Elder R. Wesley Watson, 614 Lithgo Street, Knoxville, Tenn.

I trust that it will be the policy of our C. E. department to co-operate fully with the other departments in improving our general convention; and to this end, I have given my consent that Christian Endeavor time in the Saturday night program be given over to the Youth Movement. Miss Carnella Jamison is president of that group.

Meet me in Knoxville.

S. R. DANIELS,
Pres. C. E. Department,
National Convention.
Some officers of our National Convention held at Knoxville, Tenn., August 22-28, 1938.

The League of One Hundred Thousand

Since Disciples of Christ as a brotherhood are to survive and be a dynamic factor in the world, the present evangelistic trend must be changed. In 1937, we reported a church membership in the United States and Canada of 1,607,716. The total number of additions by baptism were 50,691. The figures for 1936 are almost identical.

To meet this situation, under the guidance of the Department of Church Development and Evangelism of The United Christian Missionary Society, the League of One Hundred Thousand is being organized. Its purpose is to change evangelistic losses into gains and start our brotherhood forward again.

The League is to consist of one hundred thousand Christian men and women who have the interest of the Kingdom sufficiently at heart that they will covenant to do their best each to win one person to Christ and the Church before June 30, 1939. If the number of league members sought can be secured, and if each member is successful in his effort to win a person to Christ, the entire evangelistic picture, as far as our brotherhood is concerned, can be changed.

The only requirement for membership in the League is that a Christian pledge himself to do his best to win one person to Christ during the year. The League is really a fellowship—a fellowship of one hundred thousand earnest, loving, sincere Christian men and women who are anxious to see their church move forward.

Is it asking too much to ask Christian men and women to pledge themselves to try and win one person to Christ a year? Is it expecting too much to believe that out of our 1,607,-716 members we can find 100,-000 men and women who will

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

MIDWAY, KY.

MISS ELLENE M. JACKSON, Reporter.

Our pulpit has been listed vacant, but on Sunday morning we had three ministers: Bro. G. E. Letton, of Oklahoma, Bro. C. B. Gentry, of Lexington, and Hustonville and Bro. Albert Douglas, of Midway.

Bro. Gentry relinquished his claim, giving way to Bro. Letton, since he was from "afar" and en route to the National Convention at Knoxville. Truly, the congregation was glad to welcome the Lettons. He will conduct evangelistic services, beginning Wednesday, August 30.

Bro. Letton's Sunday morning sermon subject was: "The Preeminence of Christ," ably discussed from the following major points: Christ as (1) a man, (2) a physician, (3) a teacher, (4) a Saviour.

Bro. Gentry gave a brief talk admonishing the congregation to read and pray which is so necessary to our spiritual growth.

Bro. Douglas, in his fatherly manner, gave words of encouragement.

Mrs. G. E. Letton and Miss Mary C. Ellis were among the visitors present.

Bro. Letton's evenin gsubject was: "Friends of Jesus," text: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Now that conventions are over let us who were not delegates be rewarded by having our representatives put into practice the teachings derived therefrom and give the rest of us the inspiration gleaned.

J. N. ERVIN, JARVIS LEADER, PASSES ON

President Emeritus of Home Missions School Had Been Invalided Following Stroke

J. N. Ervin, president emeritus of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex., passed away Aug. 23rd. He was invalided by a stroke of paralysis which he suffered on March 2.

He was born on May 6, 1884, in Tennessee. He worked his way through school. He did special work in Columbia University and held the B. D. and the M. P. degrees. He was called to the presidency at Jarvis from a similar position with a Tennessee institution. It was in 1914, just two years after the school at Hawkins had been started with one small building on the forest-covered campus.

The story of Jarvis is the story of Mr. Ervin and his sacrificial leadership, with the support of his wife, and a consecrated faculty. Beginning with the Fall semester Jarvis becomes a four-year college. There are now several buildings on the campus and farm of 864 acres and the enrollment is about 250. It is under the advisory control of the United Society with its own white board of directors.

He's heading up so many things, To catalog him, you'd need wings.

His mother, a former slave, spent her closing years at Jarvis, and always her son was paying tribute to her. Mr. Ervin was included in the first Disciples' Roll of Honor, published in The Christian-Evangelist, Jan. 14, 1937.

Not long ago he spent the night with us here at our home in Lexington. We talked till late in the night. Next day after he left, I wrote the following poem and mailed it to his wife. I would not change a line of it.

C. H. D.

A Man

He's not Goliath in his size, For stature never made one wise.
He's built more like Balzaac or Paul, And not like "Tore" and not like Saul.

But what it takes to make her go He has, yes, to overflow.
In brain and culture he's a tower, Refinement raised to the nth power.

They say he comes from Tennessee.
Perhaps he did but "lemme see."
It matters little where you're from, But what you're doing since you've come.

At first, on solid rock he stands, Portraying every inch a man:
Well orbed with poise and prepared
To meet all comers—all who dared.

He's heading up so many things,
To catalog him, you'd need wings.

Noblest and happiest when serving,
We call him "Our Professor Ervin."

And if he chance to drift your way,
He's sane, he's plain, not on display.
As him from "hat to heels" you scan,
Short distance, but every inch "A Man."

Of all the men of whom I've written,
Not one of them I've found more "Fitten."
If "Flowers" to any should be given,
Friends, why not give them while they're livin'?  
He was President of our National Convention.
Prof. P. C. Washington of St. Louis, Mo., has been chosen to succeed President Ervin at Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas.
We wish for him the hearty co-operation of all concerned.
"God buries his workers, but carries on his work."

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

In recognition of the gracious hospitality of the local Church and Citizens of Knoxville who entertained the 22nd Annual Christian Missionary Convention, the committee on Resolutions offers the following expression of the Convention's gratitude:

1. We heartily thank the E. Vine Street Christian Church and its Pastor, Rev. R. Wesley Watson, for extending the invitation which brought the Convention to Knoxville.

2. We appreciate the hospitality of members of Vine Street Christian Church and friends whose homes were our home during our stay in the city.

3. We are also grateful to the citizens, and other religious groups for their interest and co-operation with the local Church in extending to us all the courtesies which we shared as visitors.

4. We recognize the value of publicity given to the Convention through the press, particularly the East Tennessee News.

5. We are especially grateful to the City Administration for the following:
   a. The Mayor's welcome to the city with its natural beauty and cultural environment.
   b. For providing courteous, efficient and reliable Negro police officers to safe-guard our property and human rights as visitors and churchmen.
   c. We heartily tender our appreciation to the Board of Education for the use of the Green Junior High School and its equipment for entertaining the 22nd Annual Christian Missionary Convention.

6. The Convention heartily commends the fine co-operative spirit shown by the Tennessee State Convention for so arranging its sessions that its delegates might also attend the National Convention.

7. We recommend that the Convention secretary send copies of this resolution to the following:
   - The Mayor of Knoxville.
   - The Board of Education.
   - The East Tennessee News.
   - The Christian Plea.
   - The secretary of the local Church.

Committee:
I. C. FRANKLIN,
MISS JOHNNIE HOWARD,
JASON M. COWAN.

District 3 will meet in Covington, Ky., Oct. 15th and 16th.
L. L. Dickerson, minister; Wm. Robinson, Superintendent.
The passing of our beloved President, J. N. Ervin, of Jarvis, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, who died in California, the illness of Brother Wills, Texas, 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of the Plea are wide open. First come, first served, but remember that we're responsible only for Editorial, "Fillings" and not contributed matter. Please prepare your matter just as you'd have it appear. Don't say "Bro. Dickerson, you fix it." Do your very best. Read it over carefully to see if it says just what you mean. Then send it in with enough postage to carry it, and we'll gladly do the rest.

The League of One Hundred Thousand

(Continued from Page 1) pledge themselves to their task? If the League of One Hundred Thousand is completely successful, we will approximately double the number of additions we as a brotherhood have this year over the number we had last year.

Your pastor has a simple enrollment card which he will be happy to have you sign. When you have signed this card and returned it to your pastor, he will present you with a certificate of membership. This certificate has attached to it a "Victory Report" blank which you are to fill out and hand to your pastor when you have won your individual for Christ. Surely you will join this number.

CHURCH PROGRAM WEEK

September 25-October 2

Church Program Week is a long established week in the life of our churches. For many years it was observed as Religious Education Week. Last year its scope was enlarged to include the total program of the church. As a part of the brotherhood church calendar, Church Program Week has been authorized by the International Convention as a period of program building for the local church and its world causes.

Church Program Week is observed to encourage every church to plan a program of improvement and advance for the year to meet the needs of its people; to encourage the early preparation of the program; to provide techniques of self-appraisal and self-improvement so that the church may be stimulated in its program of spiritual enrichment, training of leadership, enlistment for service, effective evangelism, effective education, and participation in the total cause of Christ and the stewardship of life and money; to plan definitely for the setting of objectives and goals for every phase of church life; and to encourage the church to co-operate in the brotherhood Five Year Program of Advance.

Helpful materials for Church Program Week can be ordered from the Church Program Week Committee, 222 Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

LOOKING FORWARD

These are some things we are actually doing for the future Church and we feel, if each congregation will do some of these things, we can answer this question asked by the Phillipian Jailer, "What shall I do to be saved?" Now we ask what shall we do for the future Church? Paul answered the Jailer's question. What shall our answer be to the last stated question. Our Church's first answer is—A kindergarten school, second, a Vacation Bible School and third, Social and situary activities that will contact the youth of our Church, community and city.

We hope continued success in our efforts, we pray for other churches that are working along these lines, and we ask the wide world for the benefit of their prayers, that will help us to realize the potentialities of our mass faith and works, I am

Yours truly,
E. C. WILLIAMS,
Cleveland Ave. Christian Church.

THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

"And Thou shalt bruise his head."

This is a prediction God made in the presence of three directly concerned individuals. A declaration of war of Right against Wrong.

Cain Wicked, Abel Righteous
In these two boys we have the Church and the children of this world Abel, type of Christ. Thus we have here the background of the whole Christian system.

Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. The Devil's head is to be bruised. Just what the Bible means by bruise is something short of death. We know that the Devil is here. God's people are to lose no chance in bruising his head. And some day Christ, the power of God, mighty conqueror, will strike the final fatal blow.

But till then let us fight the good fight of faith. Each one giving the Devil a blow as along this journey we go. Every lick weakens him and strengthens our cause, and, use

John Wesley's Rule
Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.

HENRY MARTIN,
Route 1, Scott, Ark.
IN THE SUMMER TIME

In the good old summer time when advertisements display the advantages of bathing suits and cool clothes, and newspapers publish long articles on how to be comfortable during the hot weather, there is a large group of young people who have more serious problems. They are the ones who are planning to enter or return to our home mission schools in the fall.

At Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Ky., Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., and Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex., the students bring in farm produce to help pay their expenses. Some manage to pay all their expenses in that way. Potatoes, peas, chickens, cows, hogs, fruit, anything that can be used in the dormitories is accepted.

All these boarding schools have gardens and farms, and students remain for a few weeks, some during the entire summer, to not only help raise the produce, but to can it for next winter's use. So, while many young people are whiling away the summer months, others are working for the privilege of attending our mission schools.

RECOGNITION OF GIVERS TO BIBLE CHAIR AT JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

In response to an appeal for gifts of ten dollars, five dollars, and one dollar each for the support of the newly created Bible Chair at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, the following persons contributed and received recognition at the National Convention, Knoxville, Tenn., on August 27, 1938:

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The following gave $1.00 each:

Yours sincerely,
ORA LEIGH SHEPHERD.

CHRISTIAN LOVE—THE BASIS

Christian love is the basic element in Christian character, which gives an individual his personality and the personality is the sum total of his activities. It also deals with his attitude toward life based upon our concepts, and our knowledge of things, or the things that affect our nature.

We have in our nature the egoism of the savage, who has no struggle for life, but lay in the sun all day and allow the fruit to drop into his mouth. And yet we say, that this is Christian America. With such relics of the primitive man in
The Alabama Bible School and Missionary State Convention met at Montgomery, with the Ross Street Christian Church of which Eld. Charles Mitchell is pastor. The convention was a success with a good delegation from all the schools. We had a youth meet in connection with our convention. With Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy as leader. We want to express our appreciation to the Y. C. M. S. for such faithful workers on the field as Mrs. Bracy. Alabama will always be ready to use her at any time.

We shall never forget the team workers with her, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs and Miss Henly, all of Mississippi, Mr. C. H. Haygood and Eld. D. C. Braybay of Alabama. Alabama is coming to the front. We are looking forward to our state meeting, which will convene October 19-23, 1938.

Yours for greater service,
A. J. JEFFRIES.
FOURTEEN POINTS ON KILLING A CHURCH

1. Don't come.
2. If you come, come late.
3. When you come, come with a grouch.
4. At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"
5. Never accept office. It is better to stay outside and criticize.
6. Visit other churches about half of the time to show your pastor that you are not tied down to him. There is nothing like independence.
7. Let the pastor earn his money; let him do all the work.
8. Sit pretty well back and never sing. If you have to sing, sing out of tune and behind everybody else.
9. Never pay in advance, especially for religion. Wait until you get your money's worth, and then wait a bit longer.
10. Never encourage the preacher; if you like a sermon keep mum about it. Many a preacher has been ruined by flattery. Don't let his blood be on your head.
11. It is good to tell your pastor's failings to any strangers that may happen in; they might be a long time finding them out.
12. Of course you can't be expected to get new members for the church with such a pastor as he is.
13. If your church unfortunately happens to be harmonious, call it apathy or indifference or lack of zeal, or anything under the sun except what it is.
14. If there happen to be a few zealous workers in the church, make a tremendous protest against the church's being run by a clique.—Selected.

"WE WHO KNOW BETTER"

One can readily discern a Christian community while traveling through Belgian Congo, Africa. The native village at Bolenge, where one of our six mission stations is located, now has several large brick houses. The native villages of the other stations are turning to brick as building material and the houses generally are better. Tooth filing and cica-trization for adornment are definitely on the wane. Yaws is almost unknown near the hospitals, though the disease yet, persists in the distant back country. The infant mortality rate is greatly reduced, thanks to the doctors' and nurses' baby clinics.

The belief in spirits persists, but in the Christian group it is dying. In our Congo Christian Institute, native customs were being discussed. There is a persistent attempt to hold to that which is good in native culture. But something false and harmful was under scrutiny. The teacher asked a youth what he thought and he arose proudly and answered, "Of course we who have studied science know better." The science he knew would not fill a primer, but it was enough to cut the ground from beneath some pagan custom.


1. The officers of the Christian Endeavor Department shall be president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and counsellor.

2. Each state or district organization is required to report one dollar at the National Convention for every Christian Endeavor Society in its state or district organization.

3. Each state or district organization is required to pay five dollars for representation in the National Convention.

4. The annual reports of the state organization shall show the standing of its local organizations on uniform Christian Endeavor blanks as follows: a. financial standing. b. number of meetings held during the year. c. number of executive committee meetings during the year. d. number of socials held during the year. e. achievements.

5. The expenses of the president to the National Convention and other necessary expenses during the year to organize and build up the work shall be paid out of the national organization treasurer.

6. Christian Endeavor societies shall be represented by delegates from the state or district organizations. Where there is no state or district organizations, they shall be represented by delegates direct from the local societies.

7. The executive committee of this department shall be composed of president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and counsellor.

8. Officers of this department shall be nominated by nominating committees and elected by viva voce vote.

S. R. DANIELS,
National President,
1421 12th St. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Whenever possible, send money order, not stamps, for Christian Plea or "Original Poems."
MY MASTER PRAYED

HELEN E. HENRY

"And it came to pass, that as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased one of His disciples said unto Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'" My master sought for perfect fellowship with the Father, to secure such a fellowship He prayed. And He taught His disciples to pray first by example and then by precept. You and I need so much to follow the example of my Master today, if we would pray for perfect fellowship with the Father, through His guidance we would be able to find Christian solutions to all of our problems. So often He retired from the public places to a secluded spot to pray and at times even His disciples were excluded from His presence, as He sought solitude for communion with the Father. If you and I would commune with the Father in solitude, often when we come face to face with un-Christian circumstances we would have courage to face them.

My Master taught His disciples to pray. First He gave them a model. Which we call the Lord's Prayer. And then He set forth the mark of worthy prayer. He taught them to pray with confidence, persistency and sincerity. We Christians are not getting the job of kingdom building done as it should be because we fail to pray with confidence, persistency and sincerity. We hear our big leaders say that we've got to do things for ourselves, God can't do them. He can do the puny things I want done in the twinkling of an eye and much more. As I look about me I see the earth and its fullness; He made it. I have in my yard lovely rose bushes, a beautiful crepe myrtle tree and a lovely lilac bush. God made them, and He didn't call Helen in question about them one time. He never makes a mistake, in season each produces its own and I can't do a thing about it. Job doubted Him once and He called Him there and asked him where was he when He made the world. He made it and everything that's in it and He didn't need any help. He is able to do anything I need done if I let Him. Oh, that I had supreme confidence in Him. Oh, that men everywhere had faith in Him.

You and I pray for a chance to get ahead in this world. For a big job, more honor and more prestige. For everything to go just right for me, my wife, my son John and his wife. These prayers my Father never answers and when He doesn't we say we've got to do things for ourselves. I believe it was Dr. Stanley Jones who said we want to live in splendor and practice the religion of the thorn-crowned King. It can't be done; we need to pray that we rid ourselves of bargaining for so much materialism and be willing to minister to the needs of our fellow men. No one ever came to my Master for help and went away without benefit. You and I are not going to help anybody much unless we see some gain in it for ourselves, either money or honor. So we can stick out our chests and tell the world to look on us and see what we've done. That isn't God's way and we ought to pray that we be freed from our selfish attitude.

My Master through prayer stayed in constant touch with the Father. Therefore He was able to know the needs of men and to direct them to the better way of life. He was capable of setting forth aims, because He knew what things could and should become. Our plans and aims set forth in our conventions do not work out because we have failed to adequately test and try the teachings of Jesus. Personal opinions and personal convictions have too large a place in our programs. When we substitute the opinions and convictions of Jesus for our own we'll go places and do big things in the carrying out of God's program. We need to pray for the power to be willing to use the convictions and opinions of Jesus.

WANT YOUR "CUT"

It would cost several dollars for the Plea to send cuts and original pictures to all in hand. Please send 10 cents in stamps for postage, etc., and it will be coming—if you paid for the making—otherwise $1.25 is due.

The little booklet, Our Original Poems, is going nicely. Have you sent for yours? 25 cents each. All profit to Christian Plea.
NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

By ELDER S. KENNEY
State President
207 Elmo Street
Johnson City, Tenn.

Since we have no evangelist in Tennessee, our churches are losing ground, therefore I have decided to resign from the West Main Street Christian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., for at least one year, to try to strengthen the weak churches in the Brotherhood. I have served the West Main Street Christian Church for more than nine years, and the people here are very dear to me, and I regret exceedingly to make this change at this time, but I think I can do more good on the field this year than I can do in a city. The church here needs a full-time pastor and I am called out much of my time. Any minister in the Brotherhood who would like to visit this church, write the Elders and Deacons, Mr. H. R. Ryan, 215 E. Myrtle Avenue, Johnson City, Tenn., or Mr. Charlie Cope, 215 E. Millard Street, Johnson City, Tenn.

I have talked this matter over with our National Evangelist, Elder R. L. Peters, and I promise to cooperate with his program.

I have just received a letter from our National Evangelist, and these are his words:

"Dear Brother Kenney:

"Your letter bringing full of valuable information received, contents noted with care. Mighty glad to know that you have decided to get out on the field and do evangelistic work for a while. Yes, I say go, the field is white unto harvest in the vineyard. I will be too glad to have you assist me.

"I am now in the midst of a revival meeting at Stuart, Va., in the Tri-State District. Meeting began yesterday, Sept. 25, meeting one day old, interest at high water mark. Will close Oct. 9.

"I will begin my next meeting at Clarkesville, Tenn., Oct. 23, and close Nov. 6, 1938. If any church in the Brotherhood should need my services after Nov. 6, please give me 30 days' notice.

"R. L. PETERS,
"National Evangelist."

ELDER S. KENNEY
EXTENDS SYMPATHY FROM TENNESSEE

Sympathy to Mrs. J. N. Ervin and family in recent bereavement in the passing of our beloved Brother, J. N. Ervin. As president of the Tennessee State Convention of the Disciples of Christ. We express our deep sympathy to the beloved family in this, their sore hour of trial. We, the united brotherhood, shall miss him, both young and old. All our lives have been enriched because of his many years of fellowship with us. We shall miss him but never forget him. Now, may the family ever commit their ways unto him who doeth all things well. Farewell, dear comrade, you have fought life's battle and won your crown, enter now into thy mansion and receive your reward.

Sincerely yours,
ELDER S. KENNEY
Johnson City, Tenn.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

Christian Plea:
The officers of the various departments and adult members of the Church met in a round table discussion to make plans for carrying out the new campaign of the entire brotherhood for the year 1938-39. The meeting was called to order by Brother G. F. Ragsdale, after a brief worship service he then proceeded to explain the purpose of the one, win one campaign. The entire membership present heartily agreed to live up with this movement and go forward.

Brother G. F. Ragsdale was then elected to be the general chairman of this campaign and Mrs. Irene Greene, secretary, to keep an accurate record for the local and national officer. The following committees are to be selected at the next meeting: Committee on Education, Fellowship, Worship and Church attendance.

We are hoping that all churches will fall in line and try to co-operate and make their Church membership double its present size.

Respectfully yours,
CLEVELAND AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

G. F. Ragsdale, Chairman,
E. C. Hairston, Acting Sec'y.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Sept. 23, 1938.

Dear Co-Workers: This is my first message to you as National Children Worker for our Missionary Society. I take this opportunity to reach those whose address
I do not have. I am anxious to keep up the work among the Children's Missionary organizations as previously carried on by our faithful worker, Mrs. L. A. DeVine, and this I can only do by your cooperation which I trust I shall have. The records of our National Convention at Knoxville, Tennessee, showed thirty (30) children organizations. Could we double this by our 1939 convention?

The records also showed one hundred and sixty-four (164) adult missionary societies. Each society should strive to have at least one boys' and girls' organization, that they may get the much needed missionary training. This would mean more young people organizations and better adult missionary societies.

I do not have a complete list of local presidents and I will appreciate a card from you that I may be able to correspond with you. If you have a childrens missionary organization, please report same to your Children Worker and the United Christian Missionary Society and your state president, or children worker of your respective state. With my sincere desire for continued success in our children organization, I wish to remain yours in His work.

MRS. D. C. FOWLER, 1180 E. Long Street, Columbus, Ohio.

ST. LOUIS ALSO INVITES
Elder L. H. Crawford, President National Convention, Churches of Christ
Kansas City, Kansas
Dear Elder Crawford:

I hope that you can make arrangements to hold the 1939 National Convention in Saint Louis. Remember Elder Craggett said it would be all right to go to Saint Louis if such arrangement could be made.

If the Convention is held at Saint Louis, I believe that we would carry forty or fifty delegates from Mississippi and Tennessee.

We should begin to urge greater numbers of our people to attend the Convention. Our slogan should be 1,000 attend the next National Convention.

I wrote an article to the Christian Plea urging our people the importance of attending the Convention in great numbers, but, I suppose, the editor did not have space for its appearance.

I am writing this letter early that we may begin NOW to stress this important point.

Yours very truly,
J. E. WALKER, M. D.

STATE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

To Bible Schools everywhere and especially those in Kentucky:

Greetings: The school at London, Kentucky, has done a signal thing; it received the state banner at Lexington, Kentucky, and was awarded the Honor Shield in Knoxville, Tennessee. Kentucky is proud of London because that is the first Kentucky school to get the Honor Shield. The eye of the state and our entire brotherhood is on you, London, so put forth more effort than formerly.

Time and place for district meetings are as follows: Dist. No. 2—Oct. 29th, Lexington Ky., East Second St. Church. Dist. No. 3—October 15-16, Covington, Ky., Robbins St. Church. Dist. No. 4 met Sept. 25 at Third Church, Louisville. May there be no misunderstanding about the next meeting place and time. Dist. No. 6 met October 1 at North Middletown, Ky. You'll hear more of this meeting. District presidents, kindly send me the time and place for your next meeting. A notice will be sent to the Plea and those who can may visit other districts. Thus a greater unity may be felt in our state.

Kentucky is still forging forward and has accepted the services of the Central Regional Secretary-Director, Mr. V. G. Smith. His tentative program for aiding the work in this state is as herewith outlined:
1. A survey to determine reasons for non-activity of our young folks in the work of the Church.
2. Promotion of the National Youth Movement as suggested by the National Convention.
3. Promote youth meets.
4. Devise plans for including the Church as a whole in the district meetings.

You may write to Mr. Smith at Stanford Avenue., Danville, Kentucky.

Continue to write me about all matters of the Bible School department and I'll gladly assist when I can. I wish to thank all for your loyalty and support in doing this work. I intend to visit all districts at least once and get to as many schools as possible.

EDITH WILSON.

Bro. R. L. Saunders just closed a great "Disciple Week" at "Old First," Nicholasville, Ky., where that church is rapidly coming to the front. Both he and wife are musicians and good workers.

Better never trouble trouble, Until trouble troubles you; For you're sure to make your trouble
Double-trouble if you do; And the trouble—like a bubble— You are troubling about, May be nothing but a cypher With the rim rubbed out.
SOME LATER CHANGES FOR CHRISTIAN PLEA

For various reasons, it is suggested by the management of The Christian Plea that "a much larger constituency could be reached by a monthly news bulletin which would be more effective in promoting the program in which we are all interested."

This would call for service from the two National Field Workers in getting the new publication to every minister and head of every local unit (or organization) in the Brotherhood, and free to all those to whom the present Plea is indebted.

It should be remembered that most of those who recently paid subscriptions to The Plea were paying arrears, that is, what they already owed.

The very few new ones could be cared for as above mentioned.

Touching Plea monies, let's remember that the Knoxville Convention gave as follows:
- Church Convention: $100.00
- Endeavor Convention: 15.00
- Sunday School Convention: 12.50
- Rally and Subscriptions: 27.00

Total: $154.50

Of this one hundred and fifty-four dollars and fifty cents we already owed one hundred and forty-eight dollars, so we had only six dollars ahead. This is our report of Knoxville Convention cash given the editor. These facts were given to the convention. Since then we've brought out one issue and now comes the enlarged twelve-page one, which we hope justifies its size and change of frequency.

A future is being amicably worked out by the Publication Committee. Again to "four men around a table" is committed some far-reaching developments, President L. H. Crawford, Chairman J. E. Walker, Home Department Mr. Wickizer and Editor C. D. Dickerson.

These are times of changes in all avenues of life. Ours is to accept the inevitable and do our best under all circumstances. The Brotherhood wants the news of all our work and workers. We are all willing to make any contribution to reach that end.

REGIONAL WORKER

Mr. V. G. Smith, of 326 Stanford Street, Danville, Ky., has been called to the new Regional Secretary - Directorship of Negro Churches, Disciples of Christ, in the central area. The central area is composed of Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Ohio. This work has grown out of the need for strengthening of the local churches, among the Negro brotherhood. It is a joint project of the Negro state conventions of Ohio and Kentucky, white state missionary societies of Ohio and Illinois and the United Christian Missionary Society through the Division of Home Missions and the Department of Religious Education.

Mr. Smith's experience makes him eminently fitted for this pioneer work.

Born in Danville, Ky., about 35 years ago, he was reared in a Christian home. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smith, are well-known church leaders both locally and in the larger brotherhood activities of the Negro Disciples of Christ in Kentucky. Mr. Smith attended public school through the eighth grade at his home and obtained his high school training at Southern Christian Institute, where he was registered from 1917-1922. He obtained his A. B. degree from Butler University in 1925. After a year's work in the University of Chicago, he became the editor of the national journal of the Negro Disciples, The Christian Plea. In this position he served two years, adding the duties of part-time national young people's secretary.

The Second Christian Church of Fulton, Mo., called Mr. Smith to its pastorate where he served for 20 months. During the same time that he served as pastor of the Second Christian Church, he also served as state evangelist for Missouri.

In 1930 he entered the field of social casework in St. Louis, Mo. He has been associated with this type of employment in St. Louis, Mo., and Atlanta, Ga., until August, 1938. During these eight years he has kept in close touch with the general
church work by invaluable service in one or more young people's conferences among the Negro Disciples. Just after the death of Prof. P. H. Moss, then National Director of Religious Education, Mr. Smith carried the full responsibility for the total conference program among Negroes in 1935. He has served as dean, director of recreation, taught a large number of courses, and is considered a specialist in young people's methods.

Mr. Smith is married and has two girls. We wish for him much success as he enters his new work and we covet for him an opportunity to serve the total Disciples of Christ cause in those states where he is called to labor.

R. H. PEOPLES,
National Secretary of Negro Churches, Disciples of Christ.

KENTUCKY MISSIONARY SOCIETY PLANS

To My Dear Members of Missionary Organizations:

At last we have joined hands with the State Board of the church, in helping to rebuild and re-establish some of our churches in Kentucky that are calling us to their rescue. There has just come to my ears, that a certain religious group is attempting to induce three of our buildings over to them. This must not be. We hope our State Board of the church we decided on the mite box, which is used as follows: Take a baking powder can, make a hole in the top. Have the president or some missionary sister place the can each Sunday on the collection table, requesting every member of the church to put at least two cents in it each Sunday, or give twenty-five cents every three months. At the close of each Sunday have the church clerk and missionary sister count the money, each keep a record; then at the end of each quarter beginning Sept. 1, count the money, divide it in half, sending one-half to Brother C. H. Dickerson, treasurer of the State Board, and the other half to Sister Katie Dickerson, treasurer of the Missionary Society. Their address is 340 Ohio Street, Lexington, Ky. This can is only used at present; we are hoping to purchase a secure iron bank for each church. We are also appealing to churches without missionary organizations. May we earnestly pray and work for the betterment of the condition of these churches, and for a greater ingathering of the harvest.

Yours in His service,

JONNIE KIRKPATRICK,
(State president of Missionary Society, and supervisor of the mite box.)
2216 W. Chestnut Street,
Louisville, Ky.

AN ADVENTURE

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy to serve as Promotional Secretary of the National Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ.

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, who served loyally and effectively the Negro Churches of Christ under the direction of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and the United Christian Missionary Society for 24 years, severed her connection with the above mentioned board June 30, 1938.

At the National Convention of Disciples of Christ held in Knoxville, Tenn., August 24-29, appreciation for the service rendered by Mrs. Bracy was expressed by the convention. Sponsored by the Woman’s National Convention of which Mrs. H. L. Herod, of Indianapolis, Ind., is president, a beautiful reception was given in her honor. Lovely gifts were presented which will serve through the years as a reminder of the love and devotion and deep gratitude on the part of the people with whom she has worked, and to whom she has given herself untringly.

At Knoxville, Mrs. Bracy was elected to serve as Promotional Secretary of the National Christian Missionary Convention. Her responsibility is to promote the entire program for which the National Convention is responsible directly and in cooperation with the United Christian Missionary Society.

Mrs. Bracy accepts this position in the spirit of a pioneer, believing it is the task to which God has called her. She has a deep and abiding faith in God, in His Church, and in her brethren.

Mrs. Bracy has the courage of her conviction, she loves folks, is easily met and enjoys the confidence of the brotherhood, men, women and young people alike.

Her manner is gracious. Her enthusiasm is contagious. Her experience through the years together with her vision, good judgment, devotion and loyalty fits her for the task to which she has been called.—L. H. C.
**THE NEW EPOCH**

The National Christian Missionary Convention this year will be remembered as the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the Negro Christian Church.

The spirit of the convention was to remember and more fully establish the heart passion of our early leaders, Preston Taylor, W. H. Dickerson, H. L. Herod, Monroe Jackson, W. P. Martin, W. H. Brown, M. F. Robinson, R. E. Hathaway, K. R. Brown, P. H. Moss, J. R. Louderback, W. A. Scott, W. M. Alphin and M. M. Bostick.

Twenty years ago these men felt that the time had come when those who carried forward the Negro Churches of Christ should organize as a medium of self expression and development that our best contribution might be made to our posterity and to the world.

Year after year, we have met to lay another stone in the foundation of our organization. This year we are beginning the operation of a headquarters office with a secretary whose responsibility it is to promote the entire program of the National convention.

You who were present at the convention are quite aware that this is a venture on faith. The faith of the brotherhood will be expressed through prayer and dollars and cents, and because of this faith the work will go forward.

To meet the immediate need that our headquarters office may be established, money is necessary. The Executive Committee of the National Convention realizing the importance of beginning a right, has pledged to become a sponsor, and each member is paying into the treasury a gift of from $5.00 to $25.00 each. Others who have become aware of the plan are also making gifts.

We are making history. The records of our achievements will be sacred to unborn generations, thus we are arranging permanent files for records of all contributions to this movement.

This letter is published seeking sponsors of the National Convention Program. A gift of $5.00 or more will enroll you.

All gifts should be sent to Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Promotional Secretary, National Convention, 3412 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. She will give credit and forward to the treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tennessee.

Grateful for your loyalty of the past and depending upon your co-operation to make the National Convention a service institution for the future, we are

Very truly your servants,

L. H. CRAWFORD, Pres.

ROSA BROWN BRACY,

Promotional Secretary,
National Christian Missionary Convention, Disciples of Christ

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**MY UNREADINESS IS THIS:**

Bluefield, W. Va.

September 27, 1938


The latest news to reach us from the National Convention concerning the proposed disposition of Piedmont Christian Institute brought great sorrow to the many graduates, former students, and friends of that institution. It brought anxiety to the adult membership of the various Churches of Christ in the Piedmont district to whom the school has meant so much. The Young people of the district are wondering what is to become of their Conference which they are beginning to value as the one place within their reach where they can go and learn how to carry on the work of the Church.

The delegates have reported that Piedmont Christian Institute is to be sold and $10,000 of the proceeds are to be used at Southern Christian Institute for the purpose of placing a new building there. We are reliably informed that when the property is sold it will have to be at a great sacrifice at a figure perhaps not much more than the above named sum.

I am writing this letter because I believe in a better solution of the problem than the above. This section needs P. C. I. I believe that the school can be put back to work if every person who thinks as I do will go to work in its behalf. It will take work and prayer but it can be done.

I am sure that when Prof. Thomas went into the little town of Martinsville, Va., about forty years ago he found much less to encourage him than than would face an ambitious, Christian young man now should such a one be found who would assume the responsibility of carrying on in such a great work.

For years P. C. I. has served as the backbone and stimulus for Christian leadership in this entire section. It has enjoyed the highest respect of fellow schools, of the community, and Piedmont district. The young people who have gone out from its doors have occupied outstanding positions wherever they have gone. It is an accepted fact that the young people of Martinsville who have had the advantage of the thorough training for which the school has always been known
are efficient far above the average. In addition they are capable of and eager to participate or lead in Christian Church work. This is not true of sections that do not have such schools for it is a well known fact that public schools fall far short of what Christian parents would have for their children in the way of character and Christian training.

If our school is taken away and centered in Edwards, Mississippi, our loss will be greater than can be estimated; almost greater than we can bear. For how many of us can or will send our children of tender years that far away to school? Even if they were old enough to go or be sent there are not so many of the persons reared in this section who could survive the effects of living in such a southern climate or be comfortable there.

The Young People's Conference which is conducted at P. C. I. each summer is really coming into its own. I see its good effects in each of the churches which I visited this year. The young people like the conference and are preparing in larger numbers to attend. And P. C. I. is the logical place for this gathering.

There is so much more that can be said. Being conscious of space limitations I shall make this letter brief but I expect to write again.

I am taking this means of asking every graduate of Piedmont Christian Institute and every member of the Christian church in the Piedmont District to write letters to the Editor of the Christian Plea, to the United Christian Missionary Society and the president of the National Convention stating our desire to have P. C. I. reopened and continued, praying all the while and making a firm resolution to support this campaign and the school to the end.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
MRS. CORA MAE CARTER,
President of Alumni Association of Piedmont Christian Institute

IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

(By J. F. Whitfield, Minister)
Some twenty odd years ago a very refined and cultured Christian woman came to Washington, D. C., with her husband, from Kentucky. She had hoped to find a group of Disciples of Christ of her color well organized, but she did not. There was no such congregation in Washington.

After worshiping with the Israel C. M. E. congregation of which her husband was a member, she decided to make a supreme effort to get the Christian Church of her racial group established here.

She succeeded in finding six or more Disciples from Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. She wrote postal cards to these persons setting a date for meeting. The meeting was held and the congregation was organized with this group and at last her dream of the past several years was realized. Within a short time she was joined by her husband in this new adventure.

This sainted woman who did this fine piece of pioneer work is Sister Mary Elizabeth (Mother) Magowan. She is now in her declining years but she is still cheerful, optimistic, hopeful and faithful. Due to her long illness she was unable for the first time since the congregation was established, to attend Easter Week of Prayer and the regular Easter services. But her spirit was there, nonetheless.

She has lived well and worked zealously to make this congregation one of the best in the Disciple Brotherhood. She can well rest upon the laurels she has won already rejoicing in the Lord that her work has not been in vain. "But be his (hers)
My special thanks, whose even-balanced soul,
From first youth tested up to extreme old age,
Business could not make dull,
Who saw life steadily, and saw it whole;
The mellow glory of the Attic stage,
Singer of sweet Colonus, and its child."

—Matthew Arnold.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Among recent changes of ministers is that of Brothers G. E. Letton from Oklahoma City to Midway, Ky.; F. D. Griffin, Evangelist of Mississippi to Danville, Ky., and W. D. Campbell from Fort Gibson, Miss., to Indianapolis, Ind.

The Christian Plea wishes for these new pastorates great success. The former two held good meetings at their new places recently. All these are old and well established churches and have been served by some of our ablest men. It means that these men, by the hearty co-operation of the churches, should lift the banner higher.

It is not enough to call a minister to the pulpit and pastorate. He must be morally and financially supported. Of course he should take the wheel and drive cautiously for there are curves, red lights, speed limits and the other fellow. He must beware!
"It was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints."

Jude 1st Chapter and second verse.


I know that in recent years the Christian preacher has been criticised for Doctrinal preaching. As a result many of our ministers seem almost afraid to preach a Doctrinal Sermon. I carry no brief for the preacher who continually preaches faith - repentance, confession and baptism as if these first principles were the sum total of the Gospel.

With the world facing so many moral, social, political and economic problems, certainly the ministry through preaching should seek to help and encourage men and women as they wrestle with these great problems.

The minister's message should offer a solution to the problems, a cure for the ills and inspiration to those who have the courage, the hope and the faith to carry on.

However, doctrine is as practical in the building of a Christian life, as the moral and ethical teachings. To say our need is moral and religious is true. But the cause of our present moral and spiritual breakdown needs to be discovered and remedied.

Belief in certain doctrines is inseparably related to moral spiritual attainment. In other words what you are, is to a very large extent determined by what you believe.

Jesus said: "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." An individual's life is the fruit of his deep convictions, and one who has no deep convictions concerning those great Christian doctrines cannot be relied upon to exert moral or spiritual strength or influence.

A correct conception of the person and office of Jesus is just as important as a knowledge of his mission. To proclaim the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus, without addition, subtraction or regard for human traditions or popular opinion is the first and foremost duty of the church and its ministry.

The Christian Church as we know it today is not only an organized body of baptized believers in Jesus, it is also a great movement known as the Restoration Movement. This movement came into existence with two definite objectives. First, to restore the Apostolic Church with its primitive faith and order. The methods the pioneers used were plain and simple. "Speak where the Scriptures speak and be silent where they are silent." "In faith unity, in opinions liberty, in all things love." They sought the substitution of the plain Bible plan of salvation for the confusing and conflicting methods of the various denominations. They pleaded for the oneness of the church and the unity of all believers in Jesus Christ.

The second objective of the Restoration Movement is Evangelism. The Christian Church is Evangelical. It emphasizes man's fallen condition, the atonement of Christ Jesus, the necessity of a new birth and redemption through faith in Jesus, as the only begotten son of God.

But today we find ourselves drifting away from both these objectives of the restoration movement and the teachings of the New Testament. We seem to be more interested in inter-denominational co-operation and harmony than in giving to the world the truth.

In fact it seems that the only interest of some of our folks is to build another denomination.

Even our National Convention has just about lost sight of the great object of our movement and is burying itself in a mass (or mess) of organizational technique.

Why not "contend earnestly for the Faith once delivered to the Saints?"

(To be continued)

I come that ye might have life; and that ye might have life more abundant.—The Church and the World.

This was the purpose for the establishment of a new Kingdom in the hearts of men.

Since these morals were spoken, the Church of Christ has grown to some extent, yet not to the extent which Christ had hoped for.

Go ye; into all the world and teach all nations. Until this command has been fulfilled the program of the Church of Christ will be incomplete. True it is, Christianity with its sense of divine initiative and personal worth has the power to save the world from corruption, illuminate its mind and to transform every phase of its life. It encourages the righteousness that begins in the
heart and works outward into the world's life.

Christianity provides the spiritual tonic that brings balance, poise, honor and integrity in all the affairs of life. Builds up a world-wide brotherhood that knows no race nor class nor clan.

Christianity furnishes the organizing principles for unifying the people of every land into a constructive program of peace and good will.

The Christian religion is the only hope of the world.

The church is the institution of this religion. It exercises solely for the purpose of perpetuating the life of Christ in the world. It is the invisible means through which he continues the task for which he came. Humanity is in constant need of spiritual life and power.

This need is met through the church by the fellowship of true Christians.

I wonder if we, as Christians, are facing courageously the great task of the church which is ours. Are we giving ourselves to the service of the Christ who gave his life as a ransom for many?

The Church of Christ must awake to its sense of duty, must put on the whole armor of Jesus Christ, who is the Author and finish of all mankind.

The Church of Christ must challenge the mind of youth. Must give to it a vision of the service which will circulate into a religious institute where it may be graduated into a higher standard of Christian living.

As to living the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

The Church of Christ should install the power house whose radios of light will expand over the entire universe, to lighten the path for those who walk in darkness to see the marvelous light.

The church must build a program that will inspire the church for tomorrow—this church is to be planted in the hearts of youth. That on tomorrow it will spring forth and bring some thirty, some sixty, and one hundred folds. May I say to this Church School Convention as we launch out on the voyage of 1937-38 to let us face the great task of the church which is ours with courage, with a determination for the building of a Kingdom of God in the hearts of men and the Victory will be ours.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT J. N. ERVIN

By Baltimore Taylor

I believe the greatest interest in his life was his interest in the affairs of our brotherhood. He moved in but one direction.

He did not seek opportunity to get into the minutes of the Convention that his name frequently appear. He made no play for public favor, he scrambled not for public notice nor office, but moved always in the same direction, and that was in the direction of duty.

So, then, from that standpoint and analysis of his life I say that we are justified in writing this brief tribute to the memory of a man who stood as a fair type of discipleship.

He was a silent man. The silent forces of nature are the most powerful. Sound is not force. One of the greatest forces of nature is that silent one which draws the waters from the oceans, the rivers, the ponds, and the creeks of the world, and takes them to the heights from which the generous clouds distribute them to the waste places of the earth; and so this silent man could not do otherwise than by his life exert a powerful and uplifting influence for good in the brotherhood where he lived and patiently worked and died.

The Christian poet, Cowper, carries the thought to higher heights, which the life of our president typified.

And is this all? Can Reason do no more

Than bid me shun the deep and dread the shore?

Sweet moralist afloat on life's rough sea,

The Christian has an art unknown to thee;

He holds no parley with unmanly fears;

Where duty bids he confidently steers,

Faces a thousand dangers at her call,

And, trusting in his God, surmounts them all.

And, as I believe, this man, not the slave of ambition, contented in his career, fearlessly followed the commands of duty and his God.

GOOD MEETING

Hustonville, Ky., had another good meeting the first week in September, closing as usual with basket meeting. Attendance was fine throughout.

Two elders and two deacons were ordained, five baptized, sixty-seven dollars raised and church greatly revised.

The basket meeting was such as only Lincoln County can give.

Rev. J. E. Blair, of Mt. Sterling, did the preaching.

The young man, Rev. C. B. Gentry, of Lexington, is pastor, and doing exceedingly well.

Eld. H. D. Griffin, of Mississippi held fine meetings in Danville, Carlisle and Little Rock, Ky.

Eld. G. E. Letton held brief meeting in Midway, Ky., and baptized three.
worked tirelessly and without bothering to pluck any of the honors she might have had.

A perfect example of giving one's life for others is our own First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, coming from an old and aristocratic family, who have always possessed money casually but have never made it an end, and marrying into another branch of this same old family, being elevated early to the position of wife of a cabinet member, then of the Governor of New York, and finally of the President of the United States, Eleanor Roosevelt is a great Lady and could Queen it in any society, but she can't be bothered dazzling Washington or New York society, for she is far too interested in seeing what is going on all about her and then doing something about it. Making quiet, first-hand investigations she early recognized the problem of homeless and jobless women and was instrumental in establishing camps for homeless women as well as many fine W. P. A. projects for women out of work.

She has helped set up homestead projects for desperate farmers, worked to educate folks in half-forgotten regions to become useful, giving all her sizeable earnings, from her writing, lecture and radio work to children's charities. A typical instance of her compassion for the unfortunate was the time she invited all the girls from an institute for wayward girls to have tea with her on the White House lawn. Washington society was horrified, but everyone of the eager young things who had stumbled in the rocky road of life came away radiantly inspired to walk straight and hold their heads high.

I shall not take time to tell you about all the great women, but there is one other I wish to tell you about. One of the most outstanding women of the day, one who in her early life cast herself on the sacrificial altar and said "Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord." By Thy Power of grace divine, may my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine."

She has worked from East to West and from North to South trying to lift high the standard of her women, in the church in the home, and in the hearts of other races.

The woman of whom I speak is our own Rosa Brown Bracey. Will you hand her a rose while she can smell the fragrance? There are many ways you can do this. One I wish to mention is to organize a missionary society in your church, and pay your national apportionment into the United Society. To organize is the better way, the systematic way of perfect corporation in giving to life. Little things count. Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make a mighty ocean. Tokens make pennies, pennies make dimes, and dimes make dollars.

Strange our people are willing to join insurance companies, etc., pledge their obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws, "So help me, God," but when it comes to giving it’s a sin to be taxed. I just pay what I am able to pay. These are the things that hinder our progress. Please accept a remedy.

Eld. Wm. Walker, who, with his good wife, has done such fine work at London, Ky., has resigned there and is available to other churches. Write him at Box 176, London, Ky.

Dear Bro. Peoples:
Just to inform you of our being a year old. Our church was started in October, 1936 but it was not organized until February, 1937. We did not have any to start with, not even a building nor did we have financial assistance from any other source than our own savings chipped off while we were struggling through college. We only had the word of interested parties. Thank God today our membership is 45, one of these made the confession two weeks ago. Strange is it not? A young man about 21 years of age. We had a great anniversary, 1937. We did not have any organization until February, last but not least Michigan's youngest preacher. Thank God today our United Board, last but not least, Mr. Rouse also united. We would have had 46 but one fell asleep last year.

Our anniversary was filled with a great will to do. Four great Detroiters thrilled our hearts last week. Bro. Garrard of East, Grand, Bro. C. A. Smith and Harry C. Satterswalthe of the United Board, last but not least Michigan's youngest presbytery. We had a great anniversary—Friday. Every Detroit church was represented. What a great fellowship.

Mr. Thomas Courts is here, his address 5801 Roosevelt St.

We are sending an offering for the Paducah, Ky., church. It will not be much but an expression of your willingness to help.

Sentiment prevailed in our council meeting to hold the evangelistic performance after the dedication of our new church.

If things go well with me I may work on my master degree this summer. Thank you so much for the inspiration and help received from you. I trust we may have many more pleasant moments to spend together. We are still holding up the banner here in Detroit. If you have any suggestions or helps let me know.

I am still convinced Detroit can give to our brotherhood one of its best churches. It only needs aid to help in these days of strain and struggle.

R. L. JORDAN,

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SOME FIRST THINGS

There are some vital First Things in the Christian life of a Church member.

Chief is a full commitment of life and interests to all things spiritual. When one complains and objects and discourages the work of the Church over very trivial things it is evident that there is lack of self-surrender to the great principles of Christianity. Give self first and small things will banish from thought and practice.

An enthusiastic Church support is required of a Christian who would develop genuineness in the full spiritual fellowship of the Church. The first measure of support comes in Church attendance and enjoyment of Christian fellowship. There is a quality lacking in the irregular Church attendant that has no other way of acquirement. Empty pews are a reflection on the Church but more deadly as a devitalizing factor in the life of the absentee member.

Spiritual commitment and regularity in public worship of the Sanctuary will inspire to a rich and enjoyable and fruitful service. Avenues of service are the arteries of circulation for the Christian. To choke the channels of spiritual distribution will atrophy the soul just as poor circulation of the blood will disease the body. Every opportunity for service through the Church is a privilege for enriching the soul.

Personal commitment will lead to doing and saying the helpful thing about the Church. It is known children have developed irreligion from parental attitude.

As published in a recent issue of The Woodland Christian Church Bulletin.

TYPES OF TRAINING

By LITTLE MARGARET McPHERSON
Danville, Ky.

The Types of Training Desired in Our Leader.

In our Sunday School and all other departments of our church, we need competent leaders. Leaders that have been thoroughly trained in our local school, conferences and institutions. To be a leader of anything we must be able to lead, not to be led, so the type of leader we need is one that has a good education, a good understanding of others, a sincere desire to lead, willing to sacrifice for others, and a pleasant disposition.

I have been attending Sunday School and church since very, very small, and I have been able to observe that some of our leaders are better than others. Not because of any insincerity on their part, but I think that those that have been trained or have had years' of experience are more interesting than those that are not.

It has been said that leaders are born, but I believe that most of our leaders are trained. I admire anyone that tries to lead, but I really enjoy one that can lead, and has had the proper training and when the churches realize this and place emphasis on trained leaders, our churches will grow by leaps and bounds.

CUT RATES ON CHRISTIAN PLEA

Fall campaign for cash, 75 cents per year. 50 cents per year in clubs of ten or over. Let all ministers and state officials get busy.
BREAD OF LIFE OR HUSKS!

(By F. T. Barnett)

"For the Bread of God is he which cometh down from Heaven and giveth life unto the world."—John 6:33.

We are plainly told in the Word of God that Jesus is the Bread of Life. Let us deeply consider the meaning of these words. In John 6:35 we read: "And Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." Jesus is holding out the Bread of Life to a hungry and famishing world.

There are many today who are feeding on the husks of the world; which offers an attractive, but barren diet. The devil has many enticing, sugar-coated dainties that he is holding out. But oh, the remorse and anguish it brings to those who partake of these dainties! It is merely husks and gives no nourishment whatever to the soul.

On the other hand, when the Bread of Life, which Jesus holds out, is partaken of, it gives nourishment to the soul and strengthens the inner man. What are you craving after—the Bread of Life which cometh down from Heaven, or the husks of the world?

There is nothing in this world that is strengthening or lasting, but in the World of God is life everlasting. The Word brings comfort, strength, joy, encouragement—yes, everything that the heart of man can crave.

May every dear reader seek those things which are above. The life that comes from above is the only life that will count.

—Warren, Ohio.

MISSING MEN—WHY?

Consulting the "Oracle" discloses not why some of our Noble Romans were seriously absent from our recent Knoxville National.

Chicago's affable and capable preacher of the Southside came not. That forceful "never would quit" logician, Davis, who fired our imaginations at Jackson, Miss., and again at Dayton; that business man, Latouche, who has been holding up the Southside, came not. The Bosticks from Arkansas, A. W. Davis from Kansas, Van Buren of Missouri, R. L. Searcy of Texas, Sister Alphin and other old landmarks are among the A. W. O. L.—Absent without leave.

How we did miss them!

Those breakfast talks by Mr. W. W. Wickizer and Mrs. Shepherd were meant to set us upon a new trail in church activities, program building and practically complete reorganization of local church life. Not only must each one try to win one, under the Prof. People's plan, but those won must be set to work lest they fall away. Reports of these new approaches at our next convention should be interesting.

KY. BOARD MEETINGS

Lexington had some rather rocky state board meetings recently here in Lexington due to piling them upon one another. Three tried to meet together—and did. But it was both an experiment and an experience, and "all's well that ends well."

Our State Evangelist, Elder I. H. Moore, insisted upon a change of meetings which was reluctantly granted, believing it was not best for Him and the work. So we shall see what we shall see. However, we must thoroughly support him, as he is very able and capable, knowing every gravel in the road.

Brother V. G. Smith, the new Regional Secretary, also must have hearty co-operation and unstinted support. See Prof. Peoples' article of him.

The Christian Endeavor Society has been sponsoring various service projects and "casting bread upon waters" with slogan, "Give the flowers to the living."

The Junior Missionary Band, led by the Women's Missionary Council, was given charge of the evening services on Sunday and moved along "in high." Eld. S. S. Meyers, President of Missouri State Convention and Pastor of "Woodland Ave.," Kansas City, Mo., paid us a visit June 24th, bringing an inspiring message and discussing the state work. He also visited the Cardinal Ave. Christian Church, of which Bro. Dotson Brown is pastor.

Money has been raised to represent all departments in our State Convention, and delegates selected. The pastor, Eld. P. C. Washington, has brought inspiring messages each Sunday. Twenty-three have been added to the church. Eighteen by baptism, five reclaimed.

While Eld. Washington was visiting in the South, and Eld. J. J. Green carried on in a very fine way. The building fund grows steadily, and we are looking forward to completing our building in the near future.

OLA DUNN, Reporter.

District 3 of Bible School and W. M. S. will hold their Fall meeting in Covington, Ky., Oct. 15th and 16th. L. L. Dickerson is minister. William Roberson, Supt. of Bible School.
Give The Flowers To The Living

AND IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH—
Jno. 12:32

(Contributed)
“Jesus our standard of sacrifice.”—Example-Yardstick.

When Jesus was crucified just outside the gates of Jerusalem, He won a place in our hearts that can be filled by no other. Here was a man who had loved us so much that He had to die in order to be true to that love. We cannot completely understand this. We simply yield first place to Him.

Now the sacrifice of Jesus arose out of his devotion and loyalty to the Kingdom of God. He was interested supremely in establishing that divinely-human society where the will of God is known and done. He looked about him and saw the gulf which existed between the actual world and the world which God would have. He set himself to bridge that gulf and the result was his great sacrifice.

Jesus must be our standard of sacrifice. This does not mean that we are expected to die for the Christian cause. It means that we are expected to do a thing which is, in some ways, more difficult, to live sacrificially for the Kingdom of God.

“What shall we do with our lives?” asks the author of “Elemental Religion.” “Give them away. Find the thing that is worth dying for as well as living for. Die for it daily.” In other words he says that we should spread our dying out into years of valiant living.

What is there in the world great enough to repay us for dying—or living the Jesus standard of sacrifice—in order to realize it.

Is ambition to be wealthy an adequate reason for such a great sacrifice. Some would seem to think that it is. They have given all their time, ability, and effort to the accumulation of a fortune. They have sacrificed luxuries, comfort, and even necessities in order to accumulate wealth.

Sacrificing for wealth organizes a man. It makes him thrifty, energetic and vigorous. He does not squander his time or dissipate his energies on unwholesome things. He becomes a man of power and influence in his community. Yes, the ambition to become wealthy does all that and yet it must be said that such ambition is not an adequate reason for man’s supreme effort.

The reason is that a man who sets out to become wealthy is essentially selfish. Wealth is not an object worthwhile enough to lift a man out of his own selfish desires, nor will it fortify him against the things to which we all are subject. The Master sums it up in these words: “What will it profit a

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DE DICATION OF MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRI STIAN CHURCH MEMPHIS, TENN.

MISS R. R. CRAWFORD

On October 16, 1938, Dedication Services were held in Mississippi Boulevard reconstructed church. The robed choir, directed by Prof. J. A. Swayze, and the beautiful potted plants and flowers that bedecked the rostrum, made a fine setting for the occasion.

Nearly 500 people attempted to crowd into the church that has a seating capacity of 350. A delegation from Nashville, led by Mrs. Preston Taylor, added greatly to the charm of the service. The Dedication sermon was delivered by Elder Blair T. Hunt, Minister of the church, subject "What Meaneth These Stones"? Those who heard this sermon proclaimed it was one of the greatest sermons ever delivered in the city of Memphis.

The church is built of beautiful pressed gray brick at a cost of more than $11,000. Seven were added to the church—five by baptism and two from other communions. More than $800.00 was contributed at the end of the service.

Are you taking advantage of our cut rate fall campaign of 75 cents per year for old and new subscribers? Send for sample copies to use in getting up clubs of five and ten subscribers. Let all evangelists, field workers, and officials take note.

VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA, AND NORTH CAROLINA

TRI-STATE ECHOES

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying this is the way. Isa. 30-21."

R. L. Peters, Field Sec'y, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone—7863.

The National Convention at Knoxville, Tenn., closed on the 29th of August. We were there through the entire session. It was indeed an inspirational Conference.

The Delegation was composed of the ripest products in the Church of Christ. Men and women representing almost every profession in life, were there.

Aside from the vast volume of business transacted, there were lectures upon top of lectures, by some of the best Chautauqua speakers in the entire country.

While there on the Mount of Inspiration, for one week we caught a vision and are now putting it into practice; for after all vision and service is what we need.

On my way to Winston-Salem from the National Convention, I stopped over with the First Christian Church at Mt. Airy, N. C. There is where I began this conventional year's work. Was there one day, canvassed the town, raised $8.00, paid on church note in Building Loan Association.

Preached the funeral of Miss Augusta Loggins of Stuart, Va. Stuart is a town 29 miles from Mt. Airy. Miss Loggins was a member of the Presbyterian church, a highly respected young woman.

Came back to Mt. Airy at night. Preached to a splendid audience, had one accession; a candidate for baptism.

Immediately after arriving home, we began to frame our fall program. Three great events in one. First, the 38th anniversary of R. L. Peters' pastorate in Winston-Salem. Second, the 18th anniversary of Spencer Memorial church of Christ. Third, the fall revival. The time set for all three was September 11-30, 1938. The major part of this program was put over by home forces, in the absence of the pastor; assisted by two outstanding women evangelists—Madame Mabel E. Bland and Elnora L. Smith, of Chicago, Ill., a preacher and singer.

The climax of this program was reached Sunday, 25th, at 3 p.m., when Elder J. C. Hairston, of Martinsville, Va., preached the 38th anniversary sermon of R. L. Peters' pastorate in Winston-Salem. He was accompanied by representatives from the three churches, that he pastors in Virginia and North Carolina.

Elder Hairston ced for his subject, "A Happy Man." Text: Psal. 1-1, this was a great message; a large crowd was present. Elder Peters was present and introduced the speaker as his Son in the Gospel, having baptised Eld. Hairston over a quarter of a century ago.

We fired our first gun in this conventional year evangelistic campaign, in First Christian
November 9, 1938

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Church, Reidsville, N. C., Sept. 19th. Subject, "Every Man in His Place."
Number sermons preached __10
Accessions _______________34
FINANCE—
Am't given for service...$40.00
Traveling expenses ___ 5.25
Balance __________$34.75

Overflow crowd last night of
taking well with all the people.

Total number of accessions' from August 30th to October 2nd including 1 in Mt. Airy and 5 in Winston-Salem, 40.

Very truly yours,
R. L. PETERS.

GOOD NEWS FROM LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

We are glad to report that Cross St. Church is entering the campaign for bringing souls to Christ. Two more were added this month.

As we rejoice over these additions we realize that we cannot succeed without putting all our strength into every effort to enlarge His kingdom; for those who reap the most joy from the service of Christ, are truly the ones who put most into it.

The women's council met at the home of Mrs. I. W. Dean. Our President, Mrs. R. L. Cole, presiding. She explained the various objectives of the council for the year, some of which we hope to relate to the Broth-
erhood when we shall have reached the goal of which we are fully assured. Reports from groups of the committee on finance totaled $25.00.

A program was rendered by Mrs. C. B. Fischer, Mrs. Rut-lidge, and Mrs. Carrie Rainy, on Kingdom Building, led by Sister Guydon. Then an address by our worthy pastor, Elder C. B. Fischer, on "Some Important Factors of the Religion of Jesus Christ," followed by touching remarks by our mother of missions, Mrs. S. L. Bostic.

The meeting closed with a delicious luncheon, served by Mrs. Dean.

Yours for the Work,
MINNIE GUYDON,
2301 Thayer Ave.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Indiana Avenue Christian Church, 4413 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill., Kenwood 3551, Richard H. Davis, Minister, 218 East 44th Street, Oakland 3508.

The Indiana Avenue Christian Church will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary from November 18, to 30, 1938, inclusive.

This church is the mother of the South Side and First Christian Churches in Chicago.

It is located in one of the most densely populated sections of the Negro area. It is a growing institution and is rendering a commendable service to the community. It is developing a seven-day program of parish and community activities.

We are now engaged in a special effort of renovation and beautification on our building in preparation for our celebration.

We cordially invite you and your church to share with us in this significant, history making event by sending us an anniversary good will gift of one to five dollars.

Your gift will be applied to our beautification program of approximately one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars. Please send a brief statement of good will with your donation on or before November 2, so that both may be included in our anniversary book of Golden Memories. We shall send you a copy of this book.

We anxiously await your response.

Yours sincerely,
R. H. DAVIS, Minister
J. C. LEWIS, Chairman
J. E. RAMSEY, Chairman

ANOTHER ACTIVE AUXILIARY

MEMPHIS, TENN.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church holds its monthly meeting in the basement of the church Wednesday night, October 19, 1938. After reading of the minutes by the Secretary, Mrs. Helen Chandler, offering was taken by the different group leaders. Comments on the topic were made by Mrs. C. Elizabeth Rowan, Chairman of the Program Committee. A thorough report on the National Convention was made by the Secretary. Mrs. Katie Yarbrough. After timely remarks by the pastor and others, meeting was adjourned.

Let the Peoples Plan of "every active Christian win another one for the church this year begin now. Lexington is beginning this month.
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. DICKERSON

"A BIGGER AND BETTER CHRISTIAN PLEA."

This will be our slogan all the way from good old hilly Knoxville, Tenn., to St. Louis, Mo., by the riverside, where we're slated to camp in our next National Convention.

We're open to suggestions and invite your substantial cooperation in building a "Bigger and Better Christian Plea."

Many news items, well prepared manuscripts and brief papers dealing with the church, missionary and evangelistic phases of our work, along with some more good sermons with a "Firstly, Secondly, Thirdly, and a Conclusive Conclusion."

Kentucky fall meetings have been fruitful this year. Brother H. D. Griffin (new pastor at Danville), in meetings at Carlisle and Little Rock, the latter being one of the greatest since the days of Bro. Hathaway.

The report reads "Twenty men added, people from five counties an d from Ohio to hear and join in the revival." Elder Griffin lodged with the pastor, Evangelist I. H. Moore, both of whom were entertained in many homes.

Bro. A. D. Gault reports a "Streamlined Meeting" at Mayslick, Ky., where Pastor D. L. Botts, assisted by Eld. E. B. Toles, of Paris and Lexington, ran a four-day meeting, closed out with a basket meeting and raised one hundred and eight dollars. He says the meeting "Started in High."

State Evangelist I. H. Moore reports good meeting at Dudley, in Adair County, with eight for baptism, while the youthful Brother C. B. Gentry is conducting his own meeting at Fairview, Bath County, where he was recently called as minister.

Father R. L. Love of Wahita, Kan., is long passed his three score and ten, unable to preach, but still anxious about the Brethren and the work, says, "Tell the boys to go ahead and stick to the Faith."

Bro. Love has been on the firing line since we left the Louisville Bible School, years ago, and would appreciate a card from any old classmate. His address is 1319 Indiana Avenue, Witchita, Kan.

Bro. Eugene Mason, our Mt. Sterling boy, writes from Jackson, Miss., near S. C. L, that he is interested in a better church house in that Capitol City. He has finished his two years course at S. C. L and is now principal of a rural school and state president of C. E. Society.

Eld. William Walker, of London, has accepted a call to Crab Orchard, Ky., and began with a big basket meeting, October 9th.

On October 19th we buried Sister Sarah Harlin at Moreland, Ky., her old home. She was a faithful member here in Lexington.

The Secretary, Mrs. Cerise Welsh Palmer, of Missouri, will supply Christian Endeavor Column of the Plea, according to President S. R. Daniel.

Bro. Hairston from Virginia was remembered at Knoxville Convention, where he was seen in usual good order along with Sister J. H. Thomas, Bishop Ragsdale, P. E. Carter, Prof. Thompson and other eastern celebrities.

If all secretaries would report as promptly as Mr. A. D. Gault of Mayslick, Ky., we'd have the news "Hot off the Press." He reports another good district meeting at Covington, where Bro. L. L. Dickerson ministers and Bro. Will Robinson is superintendent of B. S. He notes the devotional led by Mr. M. J. Dabney, addresses by State President Miss E. M. Wilson, District President Mr. J. A. Johnson on "Dreams and Revelation," and "R e m e m b e r," respectively.

How Bro. S. C. Devine—my boy—discussed the churches' attitude toward youth and the trip to Crittenden, was fruitful.

Eld. H. E. Fowler, preacher and business man, is carrying Lockland, Ohio, Church at a splendid gait. Many have been added since he began there. He's another young man with a duplex nature to do two things well.

And passing over his "Ole Ky. Home," Young W. D. Campbell "ris in Mississipp and lit in Indiana." And it came to pass that when he was come to Indianapolis, the Second Christian Church received him gladly. That he will make good is predicted, having come
from a long line of preachers, he has both natural and acquired ability, and the Indianapolis church has long been an outstanding asset to the Brotherhood.

Dr. M. F. Robinson, of Hagerstown, Md., writes, "I am frail in body, nearing 80, but am willing to walk from town to town and beg money to save the Martinsville College Building from being sold. It can be saved; let's do it. Old Virginia needs it worse now than ever."

Brother Wallick, of Oklahoma, fits snugly into the office of National Bible School Treasurer.

Our columns are open to members of our publication committee, especially the heads of departments, secretaries, etc.

November is our month in Lexington for spiritual and financial drive with home forces. Our clubs will work for souls as well as money, and close with an all-day service and turkey dinner in our annex on Thanksgiving Day.

The Missionary Organization's Bulletin, edited by Mrs. Shepherd and Miss Spalding, centers around India this month, and also urges the importance of observing "Woman's Day," enlisting the interest of the whole church for the "end of December marks the first half of the missionary year."

The generous Baltimore Taylor knows how to manipulate a Sunday afternoon "Men's Day Program" at Emmanuel Christian Church and reap a score of dollars plus the association of Master Minds.

It is indeed refreshing to note the hearty interest the local White Ministry is taking in our new Annex project here in Lexington. Our white constituency are carrying well their end of the Christian Plea and cannot do less than expect our Colored Brethren to carry ours. Every State Officer should rise to meet the challenge as these things are "not done in a corner." Those who have been riding should get off and push and succeed like Captain Gideon when "every man stood in his place."

GIVE THE FLOWERS TO THE LIVING

(Continued From Page 1) ing us for a larger field. High hopes are placed in Mr. Washington because of his preparation, experience, and his high ideals.

He was born in Alabama thirty-seven years ago. Received his early education at Lurn, Ala., and Southern Christian Institute. He has the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Eureka College, the Master's Degree in Education from the University of Illinois. Has held pastorates at various places, the last one being at Centennial Christian. Since 1928 he has been connected with the Lincoln High School of East St. Louis, Ill., advancing from the position of classroom teacher to acting principal. Mr. Washington is married and has three children. He and his wife go to Jarvis well and push and succeed like Captain Gideon when "every man stood in his place."

MRS. OLA DUNN, Reporter.

The Christian Plea extends joint congratulations to Jarvis Christian College and to Prof. R. C. Washington, who has become president of that school, succeeding the late President J. N. Ervin.

"Prepare yourself for a place and somehow God will stick you into it," is attributed to the Scotch poet.

It is ever true, if we can keep in line till time and place appear. We wish unbounded success to President Washington, having reason to believe in his ability and consecration, in a time like this.

MT. STERLING, KY., HIGH ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

J. E. BLAIR, Minister

We have just closed one of the greatest, evangelistic meetings of recent years.

Rev. F. T. Floyd, pastor of the Chestnut St. Christian Church, Louisville, Ky., served as evangelist. When he arrived he found the church had been recently painted, in a very beautiful color, which adds much to its appearance.

The spirit was high from the beginning to the end. Large attendance greeted him each night with their eyes open with joy, to hear. He was the St. Peter of the new testament, in bravo, and the courageous Paul in oratory, and a "Hero" like St. John, in love for the old plea.

The Lord added to the Church such as should be saved. Twenty-five responded to the Gospel of Salvation, and were baptized. Amount of money raised, one hundred and sixty-two dollars. I pray that he will live long to preach the Word.

The work here grows in all departments and has in mind another and better building when the present one shall have served out its day.

A young man ran for the legislature in Illinois, and was badly swamped. He next entered business, failed, and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner. He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged—then she died.

Entering politics again, he ran for congress, and was badly defeated. He then tried to get an appointment to the United States land office, but failed.

He became a candidate for Rev. L. H. Crawford, Kansas City, Kansas, was elected unanimously as President of the National Christian Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ in convention assembled in Knoxville, Tenn., August 24th to 28th, 1938.

He has been one of the loyal vice presidents of the National Convention for a number of years, serving under the former presidents, the late, Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tenn., H. L. Herold, of Indianapolis, Ind., B. C. Calvert, of Mississippi, J. N. Ervin, of Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas.

Mr. Willard Wickizer, $40.00, Indiana.

Miss Ellene M. Jackson (copies), $1.65, Kentucky.

Mr. Willard Wickizer (for change of frequency) $10.00, Indiana.

Mrs. Irene Abernathy (for copies), $2.00, Illinois.

Dr. J. E. Walker (Memphis), $5.00, Tennessee.

Mrs. McCall, 60 cents, Ohio.

During his service there he entertained with great distinction the National Convention.

Mr. J. E. Walker (from Mississippi Convention), $10.00, Mississippi.

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The writer is privileged to personally visit each district at its last meeting. I hereby thank the districts for that opportunity. It was a source of inspiration to witness the zealous and enthusiastic interest of all. May this be a banner year for all!

The frank discussion of the young people at North Middle-town and the remarks from the adults let everyone present see what a perplexed state of mind exists. Then, too, no cut and dried answer was given; in fact it was realized that each person must see any issue from all angles and arrive at his own conclusion. In getting at the result its effect on the other fellow must not be forgotten. For after all, we are our brother's keeper.

In Covington the whither of
the Christian Endeavor Society was aimed at. A clear understanding of what this National Youth Movement purposes to do was given. The interest of the adult and youth on this problem of the Youth Movement and the Christian Endeavor gave evidence of concern.

District two straightened out some personal problems and is well on its way to more and better meetings. How anxiously these folks worked to create a fine meeting and carried out its program, too. Hopes are held that you may hold your night meetings as planned.

We cannot fail to praise the district presidents for their efforts. Miss Mary Butler, Eld. R. L. Saunders, and Bro. J. A. Johnson are those who are ably leading these meetings with their corps of officers.

District four lost a faithful worker, Miss Alberta Calloway, who went to Atlanta University to further her study. She was the very efficient supervisor of this district and everyone wishes her success in her undertaking. Bro. A. D. Cooper is the president in this district.

Dates for next district meetings are as follows:

District six meets in Mt. Sterling, Ky., the second Saturday and Sunday in January.

District two has yet to announce its place and time of meeting.

District three meets in Carlisle in January; the date to be set later.

District four meets in Louisville the second Sunday in December.

May the members of each district feel free to visit other districts. In each of the above meetings some other district was represented.

EDITH WILSON,
Ky. Bible School President.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Midway, Ky.

Personal jealousy keeps us from seeing the good in others. We have learned to co-operate with our sister churches, but we have not learned to co-operate with each other in our own church. Let us substitute the letter "z" for "j" and show by our works that we are zealous and not jealous.

The Christian Church Choir furnished the music on Thursday night at the A. M. E. Church during the annual conference held in the city and received many compliments.

On Sunday morning Rev. Raymond Grant Taylor of Newport, Ky., was sent by the conference to preach at our church. Visitors, formerly members of our church here from Columbus, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind., were present. Evening Revs. Walker and Watson.

Out-of-town visitors present were: Rev. T. L. Tolliver, Mrs. Elnora Walker, of Ashland; Mrs. Ella Crittenden, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Mary B. Perkins, of Lewisport, Ky.

The funeral of Sister Mary Ella Guy, a youthful member of the church, was held on October 18. Sympathy to the family.

The Willing Workers Club, of which Sister Jeanette Webster is president, sponsored a social. This club has installed a piano.

The installation of officers was conducted by the past president, Sister Sara Johnson. Sister Katherine Johnson gave a chart review on the topic, "Love." This was a unified subject for the entire meeting. Sister Webster has been elected president for the ensuing year.

The Pastors' Aid, which name has been changed to Church Aid, was reorganized with Sister Lizzie Printers continuing her service as preside-

t. It is soliciting new members and asking the old ones to fill in the ranks.

A building program has been launched; all arrangements necessary to begin the work on the new parsonage has been made. You will hear from it later in these columns.

Bro. Letton conducted a successful Disciples Pew Service on the fifth Sunday. The interest ran high. Mrs. Lula Robinson, of the Baptist Church, spoke on the subject, "The Value of Organization," and Rev. S. Lynem, Methodist, spoke on "Co-operation." A sextet of small boys in the neighborhood sang an interesting number. We were highly elated over the spiritual and financial success. The sum of $66 was laid on the table. We need your prayers, we solicit them, that success may crown our efforts.

Mt. Sterling—come again.

ELLENE M. JACKSON, Reporter.

THE GADDIE MOVEMENT

The Bible School at Little Rock is proud to report the most successful drive ever put on in the history of its organization. Mrs. Buford Hall raised $37.85; Mrs. Nathan Brooks raised $31.70; Mr. John W. Spencer raised $16.15; Mr. Pruett Smith raised $8.55.

Eight other car drivers raised lesser amounts. Mrs. Hall was awarded a beautiful prize.

Mr. Gaddie, promoter.
A. B. Spencer, Pres. of Ex. Staff.
B. F. Freeman, Supt.

The spice of our Knoxville National was that Jarvis octette directed by Mrs. Bowen. Charming!
Announcement is made of the selection of Miss Carnella L. Jamison as National Field Worker of Missionary Organizations. This choice was approved by the Board of Trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society on October 14th, in the meeting held at the International Convention, in Denver, Colorado. A committee consisting of Mrs. H. L. Herod and Mrs. Preston Taylor, appointed by the Joint Executive Committee, had been working since July 1st with Mrs. Ora L. Shepherd on the important matter of filling the position of National Field Worker.

Miss Jamison is well known to many members of the Brotherhood through various offices she has filled and services rendered by her. She received her early education at Southern Christian Institute where her father and mother had also been students, and later became a member of the faculty at S.C.I. After teaching some time, Miss Jamison resigned to enter Talladega College, finishing the four years' work in two years. Following her graduation, she became a teacher again, holding positions at Tuscumbia and Sheffield, Alabama. Though there is no church of our Brotherhood in either town, Miss Jamison participated in the religious programs of the local communities and also kept in touch with the program of the Disciples of Christ through the National Movement of Negro churches, holding the office of president in that organization.

At the present time, Miss Jamison's membership is in the 11th street church at Birmingham, but she will soon move her residence to Indianapolis. Her office will be in the building of the United Christian Missionary Society, 222 Downey avenue, Indianapolis.

Miss Jamison is well qualified for the position to which she has been called and a cordial co-operative acceptance of her is confidently anticipated by the local churches which she desires to serve efficiently and adequately.

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We are asking each society to give eleven dollars for state development this year and the quarterly admittance sent to Mrs. E. W. Owens is the money which counts on this apportionment. We are giving the president of the local society whose organization gets the most points a beautiful present and this present to be presented at the convention. Also, the society gets the loving cup to keep for a year.

The following are the points:

1. The largest amount of subscribers to the Plea and the World Call.
2. Each society must hold at least 9 monthly meetings this year.
3. The largest number of new members.
4. Each society must have at least one children's or young people's organization, organized at least 3 months before the convention.
5. The largest amount of money above their State and National apportionments.
6. Must keep Woman's Day and Easter Week of Prayer.
7. The reports must be in quarterly.
8. The largest number of mission books read.
9. The program material must be read and used at the meetings.

Each society must get their quarterly reports in by the 15th of October, January, April, and June.

Yours in His Service,
MRS. JOHNNY KIRKPATRICK
President.
2216 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.

Somebody has wisely suggested that sermons should have three distinct parts: Beginning, middle and end, the latter being most important.

The water was deep, the river wide.
Our pastor rowed us safely to the other side.
And say, didn't we enjoy that ride?

Miss Ann Keeling gave the welcome address.
And every one said, 'twas the very best.

Miss Anderson's reading was good as could be.
In so much that it took us far out to sea.

Old Charles Thompson played his same old role,
On the subject of youth training he took a stroll.
I think all of this is due to the repair work on the church.
The ladies, young and younger, played well their parts in entertaining.

REV. P. E. CARTER, Pastor.

A TRUE FRIENDSHIP

One who is always loyal and true,
Always ready to battle for you,
Who'll stick to you until the end—
That's what I call a very good friend.

Someone who's willing to come to your aid,
No matter how much trouble you've made,
Laugh with you, cry with you,
always defend—
That's what I call a very good friend.

One who enjoys your laughter and wealth,
Who'll help you in sickness and love you in health,
And, though you mistreat him, his friendship won't bend—
That's what I call a very good friend.
AND IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THIS EARTH

(Continued From Page 1)

If some young man or woman would do that he would soon discover that it takes some genuine heroism to enter into the Kingdom of God.

James Russell Lowell was eternally right when he said: "Count me o'er the earth's chosen heroes—they are the souls that stood alone."

Earth's chosen heroes do indeed come from those who are willing to stand absolutely alone for the right. Who can think of a better brand of heroic sacrifice than that?

It may also be said that those who adopt the Jesus standard of sacrifice by championing some great cause in the Kingdom of God will, thereby, have a new experience of God. Here is something which works two ways. We get a vision of God and go out to serve Him in the present world but in the very act of service we get a new and finer vision.

Jesus teaches that God is not to be sought in the cold grandeur of some distant land but is to be found on earth among men, also. He is here waging a battle to overcome evil. He is in the world agonizing for its redemption.

I have read a poem which tells how one went to look for Christ. He searched in vain in fair fields and woods, in beautiful temples made with hands, and many other places that seemed likely—all without success. Then outside the city gate he saw footprints stained with blood. He followed them to a rude hovel, where human need called for his service, he found God.

A Christian woman went to her pastor greatly troubled about her Christian experience. She told him that religion had lost all its meaning and glow. Prayer had become a drudgery and worship was dull. The pastor took out a card, wrote the name and address of a family upon it and handed it to the woman and said: "I wish you would visit this address. I need your advice in dealing with these needy people." Some time later he met this woman and inquired into her religious problem. She said: "It's all cleared up. I visited that family and began to help them with their problem and my trouble just vanished. She had found God while ministering to human need.

Some of us who believe in God but cannot remember a time when we have had an indisputable experience of Him wonder why we have not. The reason may be that we have not given any real devotion to the God we profess to serve. We have never risked anything in the name of a great ideal.

The sacrifice of Jesus resulted in his death on a cross. For us to take Jesus as our standard of sacrifice will probably not mean dying but it will certainly mean living sacrificially for the Kingdom of God; we shall experience genuine heroism and a new discovery of God and plant His cause and Kingdom securely on solid ground to bless us long after our frail bodies are numbered with the dead.

Our Lexington Fall meeting begins Sunday night, November 6th, with all units active and Bro. R. L. Saunders, our hustling young minister of Nicholasville, as evangelist. Visitors from Mt. Sterling, Winchester, Prall Street, Midway, Nicholasville, other churches and the public generally are invited.
The first quarter’s “check up” is on—and those societies that are in on the count are fortunate; and I would like to know like the song, “How About You”?

Certain changes are being made this year and our ability to fit our programs into the changes is being tested, and those societies who have already received information about the new order of apportionments, etc., are “smiling through.” They like it! First, each society wants to get in line for the loving cup and with it a lovely gift for the president of the society which gets the loving cup.

And then each society wants to begin work on our “all churches art bazaar,” which will be a feature of our convention. One society expects to specialize in pillow tops, another in guest towels, none of these costing over 25 or 50 cents. What’s your society going to do? Start now getting ready your second quarter’s report, and your art contribution to the convention, and your World Call a“Ild Christian Plea orders in. Send your can of Sunday 2 cent offering in to Sister Dickerson at 340 Ohio St. and your regular apportionment as usual to E. Winifred Owens, at 231 West Broadway, Winchester, Ky.

The war is over, sisters, but the fight is on. Yours for victory.

MRS. E. WINIFRED OWENS, State General Secretary.

The spice of our Knoxville National was that Jarvis octette directed by Mrs. Bowen. Charming!

“MODERNITY”

In savage tribes where skulls are thick
And primal passions rage
They have a system, sure and quick,
To cure the blight of age:
For, when a native’s youth has fled
And years have sapped his vim,
They simply knock him on the head
And put an end to him.

But we, in this enlightened age
Are built of nobler stuff;
And so we look with righteous rage
On deeds so harsh and rough:
For when a man grows old and gray
And weak and short of breath,
We simply take his job away
And let him starve to death.

—Selected.

WHO’S WHO IN LEXINGTON

For Lexingtonian fame
Full many angles vie;
Becoming famous is a game
In which folks dare to die.
The preachers have the eloquence,
The teachers the degrees,
The singers have the confidence
For who can sing like these?
Insurance folk, fraternities
And unions have their place.
Physicians keep the folk alive,
Morticians have their space.
The homemaker has made it well,
As well as means would let her,
I’ve traveled far and let me tell
You’ll find none any better.

Evangelistic services after Bro. Letton returned from the National Convention was a spiritual asset. Members were revived and four additions to the church by baptism. Bro. Letton accepted the pastorate of our church here. Pray for our success!

There was a “shower” a few Wednesday nights past when, the Missionary Society and membership surprised the minister and his wife with food for their pantry shelf. Let other churches do likewise.


Bro. Walter Douglas, a veteran member of our church here, passed in Detroit on Sept. 8. His funeral and burial were here, beautifully conducted by Bro. Letton, assisted by Bro. T. H. Smith, of Lexington.

MISS ELLENE JACKSON, Reporter.
THE KNOXVILLE HILLS

They shoot up in grandeur and beauty so high,
On top of them tiptoe you might touch the sky.
The muses have ranted 'bout rivers and rills,
But nothing surpasses those Knoxville Hills.

The air was Elizian the vision was clear,
Just think where you would, you could see almost there.
We stood at Green Schoolhouse and every heart thrilled,
With rapture beholding those rare Knoxville Hills.

Mt. Ararat, Pisgah and Horeb they say,
Like Nebo and Carmel and even Calvary,
Held blessings and cursings for wonts' and for wills,
But which of them vied with those Knoxville Hills?

Alas! expert chauffeurs would hopefully try
To step on the gas and make them "in high,"
But doomed to defeat whatever their skill.
They gladly "took low" for those Knoxville Hills.

And perhaps inspired by these scenes atop,
Our Convention dared and did measure up.
By bathing and rubbing and coaxing and wills
The delegates mounted those round Knoxville Hills.

—C. H. D.

The Home-Coming Rally at Pearidge Church, Scotts, Ark.,
reports a glorious time.
Among those who participated were Elder M. M. Bostick,
Prominent workers and on the program were Sisters Mattie B. Hall, Minnie Guydon,
Clara Williams and others, who helped to make a great success of the meeting.

Upon request twenty-three persons gave one dollar each.
Others gave lesser sums to the amount of thirty-five dollars.
We congratulate the Pastor, Eld. T. R. Moore, and the splendid workers for the great success and loyalty.
Mt. Olive and Mt. Lake Jubilee Singers gave some excellent music.
Pearidge Church is again on the map and going strong.

MRS. S. L. BOSTICK.

State Evangelist I. H. Moore made fine reports since convention.
He has covered the church at Crittenden and now enters the field under a little different arrangement.
Let the churches rally to his call.
Mr. V. G. Smith, recently of Georgia, became Regional Secretary of Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, and will serve in every capacity in church life.
He asks hearty co-operation of all the brotherhood.

Eld. H. D. Griffin, our new pastor at Danville, Ky., is inviting the fellowship of the Kentucky churches in his five hundred dollar Friendship Rally second Sunday in November to pay off the last note on the church building.
Those who cannot attend should at least take an after offering and send it to Eld. Griffin, P. O. Box 111, Danville, Ky.

The Christian Plea wishes readers and friends a joyous Thanksgiving Day with no casualties, but a generous helping, turkey, dressing and gravy.

To Elder L. L. Dickerson, Minister Christian Church, Covington, Ky.

Dear Brother:
I read with interest and admiration your sermon in the October issue of the Christian Plea. Subject, "Contending for the Faith." Accept my congratulations. My congregation is proud of your sermon. You have the needed courage for the work we are to do. I think with you in all you have said. We as a Brotherhood must "Contend for the Faith."
Your friend,
BALTIMORE TAYLOR,
Minister Emmanuel Christian Church,
1702 Madison Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

HARDSHIP ISN'T HARDSHIP

If we are wise we see that hardship isn't hardship at all, unless one thinks it is. After the writer left home to make his own way in the world he, and another young fellow, shared a room over a print shop in northern Wisconsin. Snow came through the broken glass in the windows. Mice gnawed and scampered. The whole place was dirty and cheerless.
But the two youngsters were not depressed by their surroundings. They had no money and did not think themselves especially poor. They were alive, they were young, and life stretched out before them. They faced it with joyous anticipation. They knew it would be interesting and colorful, because it was interesting and colorful right then.
Any man with a healthy mind and a healthy body can create heaven out of whatever material lies nearest his hand.
THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION AND THE FIELD

By Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy

"LEST WE FORGET"

The Late Eld. Preston Taylor

"In Those Days"

Elder Preston Taylor was born of slave parents in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1849. When he was one year old he was taken to Kentucky where he spent his early childhood.

During the Civil War he served as drummer boy in Company G, 116th Reg., United States Infantry.

In 1869 Young Taylor accomplished something unusual. All on one Sunday he made the "Good Confession," was baptized and preached his first sermon.

Through his efforts money was raised for the establishment of the Newcastle Christian Institute—an institution for training young men for the ministry. The school was later moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where it became known as the Louisville Bible School. The Louisville Bible School gave way to the Kentucky Christian Institute at Huber Station, Ky., and when it was found that it was impossible to continue the operation of this school, $10,000 of the proceeds was held in trust by the United Christian Missionary Society and the interest at 6% is used today to support young men and women who are preparing for Christian Service. This fund is largely the foundation and basis of support of the Butler Co-operative House, Indianapolis, Ind.

In 1885 Elder Taylor became pastor of Gay Street Christian Church at Nashville, Tennessee. Later he organized the Lea Avenue Christian Church, for which he later erected a beautiful, spacious, modern, brick building.

Meeting a business need in his community, Elder Taylor established the first Colored undertaking and funeral home in Nashville, Tenn. This served as a source for other enterprises, including a casket factory, a sixty-acre cemetery and a fifty-acre recreational park.

His farsightedness made possible the magnificent Masonic Old Folks Home and Orphanage, the Masonic and Odd Fellows Temple.

Elder Taylor organized churches, served as National Evangelist and was one of the organizers of the National Christian Missionary Convention. He was first president of the National Convention and was honored with this position until his death. He also gave $5,000 for Mission work in Africa.

At his death Elder Taylor made ample provisions and every protection for his wife, Mrs. Ida V. Taylor. The bulk of his vast estate was left as a heritage to the Disciples of Christ.

The National Convention in recognition and appreciation for the life and service of this leader—in convention assembled in Kansas City, Kans., 1931—voted to erect a monument to mark his grave. To pay off the balance yet due is one of the first aims in our promotional task.

THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Rosa Brown Bracy, General Secretary, 3412 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.


Twenty years ago these men felt that the time had come when those who carried for-
AMONG THE BRETHREN

GEORGIA SPEAKS

By Myrtle Heath Evans

Georgia’s Christian Churches take another step upward with the church convention was held a church Institute, October 18 to 23 at Bethesda Christian Church near Oconee, Georgia.

The Institute was under the supervision of our state secretary, Rev. L. J. Evans. He taught two very helpful courses, “Life and Teaching of Jesus” and “The Origin and Development of the Christian Church.” His helper were Rev. Cunningham, pastor of White Christian Church near Oconee, his course on “Church Membership” was excellent. Prof. Brown, county demonstration agent of Negro schools of Washington county, opened the eyes of the rural people by teaching “Better Living Conditions in the Rural,” and the smaller children were taught by Myrtle H. Evans with “Working and Playing Together Happily,” as a general theme.

Listen folk: Here is a secret, so tell it to all. Georgia’s Christian Churches are building near Oconee, Ga., a real log cabin, just to hold our church Institutes in. Imagine folk, if you can, our “Cabin in the Pines of Georgia,” surrounded by all the beauty of nature. The land is paid for, the logs and stones are also there, ready to go up.

Our next Institute will be held in July in connection with our State Sunday School Convention, because we feel that more young people can attend in the middle of the summer. We would be glad to have our out-of-state friends come and help us enjoy the opening of our “cabin in the pines.”

The convention was fine, all churches were represented there. We raised $48.80 and gave $15.00 to our Institute project from our treasure.

Our officers for the next three years are: Rev. H. J. Johnson, of Valdosta, Ga., president; Rev. J. M. Thomas, of Eastman, Ga., vice-president; Miss Annie Smith, of Oconee, Ga., secretary; Elder J. R. Hilton, of Oconee, Ga., treasurer.

We feel that our convention was a success spiritually and socially, due to the fine co-operative spirit of the community folk, such as “Hilson” and “Smiths.” This one was good, but we hope the next is better.

INDIANAPOULS NOTES

Rev. W. D. Campbell began his ministry at the Indianapolis Second Church October 1.

We were preparing for our annual homecoming at the time. The trustees were raising money for painting the outside of the building. One of the members had said that he would clean the auditorium as a gift, if we painted the outside. So this was done by homecoming Oct. 16. Painting, cleaning Men’s Bible Class, cleaning the basement assembly room, gutters repaired, etc.

As a part of the observance, the organizations of the church presented their program outline for the year, so that Rev. Campbell could know about them.

The attendance and offering have increased substantially with seven additions. We are beginning now to plan for the new year. Our finance committee chairman is calling a meeting, the nominating committee for officers next year was named at the last officers’ meeting.

Mrs. Cornelia Jamison placed her membership in our church. We were glad to welcome her. She will be our Woman’s Day speaker.

Eleven of the twelve organizations in the church are busy. We have, we think, one of the best Sunday Schools in our brotherhood. Because of the large men’s class, it isn’t unusual for us to have an attendance of 200 with an offering of $10.00.

A MEMBER, Reporter

GROVE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, HOUSTON, TEXAS

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

Rev. A. D. Little, popular pastor of Grove Street Christian Church, was ordained in Chickishia, Okla., in the 1917 state convention.

His first pastorate was in Wichita, Kansas. He established what is now the Indiana Avenue Christian Church. He found thirteen members there, bought a lot for $750.00 and built the first unit in 1922 and the church is still worshipping in this unit.

He served there 28 months and left the first unit paid for. His next pastorate was with the Romine St. Christian Church, Dallas, Texas.

He found this work in bad shape. The title to the property was clouded, the building looked like a waste house. He got the city mission board of both die. We owe something to the church, too.
Dallas to take over the property and clear up the deed. He secured a loan of $1,200 from the church extension and built one of the best churches in the city—a beautiful brick veneer.

During his pastorate with the Romine Street Church his congregation won the loving cup in 1932 and tied four states in the brotherhood for it in 1933. He served that congregation over five years.

On leaving Romine he was called to Palestine and Waco part time. He stayed at Palestine, Fulton St. Church about two years and had about 40 additions and paid the mortgage off the church, equipped it with gas and heat.

He now gives Houston (Grove St. Church) full time.

This church was strictly an adult church with church and parsonage unpainted, old antique fixtures for lights, and no sidewalk.

But now it has nice sidewalk, beautiful lighted church, renovated the church inside and out, a beautiful communion table and neat auditorium. It was $1,374 in debt but now it is down to $475 and everything is paid up to date now, pastor and all.

This church is the garden spot of the 5th ward.

Let us breathe a prayer—for more men who will endure hardships and despise the shame for the cause we love so dearly.

REV. J. O. BOWLES,
703 Burkett St.,
Palestine, Texas.

CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Thursday evening following the Installation and Recognition Banquet was held for Eld. Grey and family when churches in the community acquainted themselves with the new pastor and family. Miss Bessie Chandler conducted devotions. Mrs. Rosa Bracy, mistress of ceremonies. Among those present were Rev. Hampton Adams and wife, pastor of Union Ave. Church; Mr. and Mrs. True D. Morse and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Earsome and daughter. The hospitality committee of the Women's Council served an excellent repast.

In October the church school observed "Red Letter Day," stressing attendance, promptness, offering. Later Family Day was held, the interest manifested by parents and friends in the community was very encouraging.

We observed Home Coming and Roll Call with large attendance and a fine spirit of cooperation. The pastor has inaugurated Fellowship Night with dinner and prayer service. Interest is growing.

We deplore the loss of Sister Mary Griffin, who passed recently. President P. A. Washington preached the funeral.

Sister Bella Mace, one of our pioneer members, has answered the call from on High. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 15, at which time a memorial fund for benevolence was established by the church at the request of Rev. Grey. This will be a perpetual local missionary interest. It will be known as the "Minor J. and Bella Mace Memorial Fund." Later a commemoration service is planned for the living charter members of our church.

The Women's Council held a sacrificial banquet at which time $25.00 was raised to help carry on the varied work of the council. Our Harvest Home Festival will be our next big effort at which time we hope to acquaint ourselves with the needs in our community and present the church program.

Mrs. Rosa Bracy brought us highlights from the International Convention held in Denver. Our young people's clubs are working hard also.

REV. P. A. GREY, Pastor
OLA DUNN, Reporter.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Nov. 1, 1938

A report of the West Federal Church of Christ.

A little over a month ago, brother F. T. Barnett, of Cleveland, Ohio, was called to pastor the West Federal Street Church of Christ in Youngstown, Ohio. Previous to his coming many of the members of the church had lost interest. Since brother Barnett's coming each member has taken a keener interest and the Church has taken a new life, "as it were." Three persons have united with the church; two by relation and one by baptism.

We are now working on the budget system, which is a novelty for this church. It has been tried before but never with such a success as now. We are working toward a definite goal and we believe that, within the next year, "the Lord willing," we will have a place of our own and the influence of this church will be felt in this community and in this state.

W. J. AYERS, Reporter.

WANT YOUR "CUT"

It would cost several dollars for the Plea to send cuts and original pictures to all in hand. Please send 10 cents in stamps for postage, etc., and it will be coming—if you paid for the making—otherwise $1.25 is due.

The little booklet, Our Original Poems, is going nicely. Have you sent for yours? 25 cents each. All profit to Christian Plea.
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To the temple they came, in Jerusalem;
They sought for the priests and questioned them.
And the priests unrolled the scrolls of the law,
And showed the Wise-men what there they saw.
Thus the words of the prophecy came unto them:
That the Christ must be born in Bethlehem.
"Tell me," cried Herod, with crafty whim,
"For I, too, would go and worship Him."
In his heart, he feared the Promised One,
And his soldiers slew every newborn son.
But the Wise-men wisely their counsel kept.
And they rode on their way while others slept,
With the wondrous star still leading them
Till it stood o'er Judea's Bethlehem.
When they reached that blest city on the plain
They heard from the skies the glad refrain:
Of "Glory, to God" and "Peace on earth"
"Good will among men" at the Saviour's birth.
Thus the chorus sang that halloved night
To an earth suffused with a radiant light.
And the shepherds, leaving their flocks in the field
Came hastening in, their homage to yield.
While the Wise-men worshipped on bended knee
The King, they had come so far to see.
In His mother's arms was the Holy Child
By whom this world must be reconciled;
From the paths of sorrow and sin and loss
To the will of God by way of the cross.

And the oxen and sheep, in wonderment
To that shrine a mystic setting lent.
There were gifts of frankincense, and myrrh,
And precious gold from each worshiper.
Such were men's gifts, so rich and rare;
But the gift of God was beyond compare
For He gave Himself when He gave His Son,
That the world to holiness might be won.
And Wise-men all, both near and far,
Still follow the gleam of Bethlehem's star.

—Selected
Our Regional Worker, Mr. Vange G. Smith, is proving himself an expert in diagnosing diseases of our churchanity. In a few sentences he expresses the case and possible cure, Cleveland, Ohio, to wit:

All underwriters should be mindful of our obligations to this worthy and capable young man. Especially must Ole Kentucky keep wide awake.

Among the unfortunate mistakes made by some of our good ministers, is the permission of huge amounts of salary to "run up" till the church "smothers," or loses all effort or intent to pay—Becomes discouraged. If you find you cannot collect your salary year after year, why not cut your salary or leave the job? At any rate you are TOO BIG or TOO LITTLE for the place.

Thanks to some of our ministers who are Christian enough to raise all the money they can around Christmas time and "count off" all arrears and start anew the first of the year. Remember some salaries we set in the high times, which cannot be reached now. Give your church a chance to breath one more free breath before you

A BIGGER AND A BETTER PLEA

Is it too early to wish all Plea readers a joysome, wholesome and merry Christmas, and that no serious mishaps mar your merry moments, that old Santa Claus misses none of you, that the "day after" finds no joints slipped or bones broken, nor His name or cause desecrated—But Peace and Goodwill abound? and that we be "Wise men?"
The Wise-men from eastern lands,
Obedient to their Lord's commands,
Mounted their camels strong and fleet
And rode, the Son of Man, to greet.
From Egypt, and Greece, and India far
They followed the guiding of the star.
A small African boy had come out of the forest into a clearing. There he beheld a poster on a tree, left by some missionary worker. This poster was done in beautiful colors with the kind likeness of Jesus Christ, with little children about Him. This poor little African boy had an expression of complete bewilderment upon his face. He had never heard of Jesus Christ. It was a picture that made you have sympathy for those who have never known the great joy of being a follower of Christ. It shows that we need more missions in foreign countries. Through missions the Africans are being taught about health, cleanliness, clothing, etc. They are taught of the Soul they have to be saved.

Home mission comes closer to us, most people think that’s as far as the work goes. There are many kind deeds to be done in our own communities in the way of mission work.

Don’t forget the old folks, they once were able to come to church regular and take active parts. Now they are old and physically unable, but at heart they are the same loving members we once knew. Go visit them, take a little remembrance in the way of food or worthwhile help they might need. There is none more appreciative of kindness than the old person who has grown disabled. Their hearts go out to younger ones who, in all this busy, humdrum life take time to visit them.

There are widows with only charitable support, some have children, and what little compensation they get is inadequate for food and clothing. The missionary can make up baskets to help that widow stretch the pitiful sum she receives for support.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Is the World Day of Prayer observed in your community? If not, perhaps you are the one to take the initiative in giving the women of your city or town or village the opportunity of sharing in this world-encircling fellowship of worship. The 1939 date is February 24. The theme is “Let us put our love into deeds—and make it real.” Details regarding the program materials will be given in next month’s Bulletin. Orders may be placed with The United Christian Missionary Society.

MISS CARNELLA L. JAMISON
FIELD WORKER

Miss Carnella L. Jamison has been called to the position of national field worker of Negro missionary organizations for The United Christian Missionary Society.

Miss Jamison was graduated from Southern Christian Institute where her father and mother had also been students, and later became a teacher at that school. She resigned to enter Talladega College, finishing the four years’ work in two years. Then she taught at Tusculum and Sheffield, Alabama. Though there is no church of our brotherhood in either town, she participated in the religious programs of Disciples of Christ through the National Youth Movement of Negro churches, holding the office of president of that organization.

Every Kentucky Church and State Board member should be preparing financially for our January board meeting. We must meet balance due our State Evangelist; balance on printing minutes, and surely our allotment on salary for Bro. V. G. Smith, our regional worker.
INSTALLATION PROGRAM

At Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo., Inducting Eld. P. A. Gray Into That Pastoral Service, Nov. 6th, 1938.

Instrumental prelude. Call to Worship. Leader: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

Music. Invocation by Dr. Jas. M. Bracy, First Baptist Church. Responsive Scripture reading.

Ministers and Officials: "Moses spake unto the Lord, saying, Let the Lord, the God of the Spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, who may go out before them, and who may come in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd."

Assembly: "And Thou shalt put of thine honor upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may obey; at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation."

"Be strong and of good courage; be not afrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Ministers and Officials: "And as ye go, preach, saying, the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. As ye go, preach, saying, the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Ministers and Officials: "He that doth not take his cross and follow after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

All: "And he opened the book and found the place wherein it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. Because he anointed me to proclaim good tidings to the poor; He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Prayer (read responsively), Ministers and Officials: "O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known to them, thy saving health to all nations."

Assembly: "O God, our heavenly Father, who didst send thy Son, not to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved: we beseech thee to hear us. May it please thee to rule and guide thy Holy Church in the right way, and to illuminate all ministers of the Gospel with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and grant that, both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth and proclaim it unto men."

Ministers and Officials: "More especially do we pray for thy Holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess to be Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life."

Assembly: "Give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear gladly thy word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. Help us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, not being entangled with any yoke of bondage; knowing that the Kingdom of God is not meat or drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Ministers and Officials: "We commend to thy fatherly goodness all who are in any way afflicted in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their suffering, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions."

Assembly: "Heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon every minister and all pastors, and upon the congregations committed to their care, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee in all things, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessings. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our great Advocate."

All Together: "Thou who didst send thy word to speak to us through the Prophets and live among us in Thy Son, and who didst appoint thy Church to be witness of Divine things in all the world, revive the purity and deepen the power of its testimony; and, through the din of earthly interests and the storm of human passions, let it make the still small voice of thy Spirit inly felt. Nearer and nearer may thy Kingdom come from age to age." Amen!

Charge to the pastor—Dr. Marion Stevenson. Installation prayer—Dr. Bartley Meador.

Charge to congregation—Dr. C. A. Earsome.
Right hand of fellowship—
Bro. J. J. Green.
Sermon—Dr. W. G. Johnston (Representing the Ministers Association of the Christian Churches of St. Louis and area).

Brief discussion—
"The Pastor and His Relations to His People," by Dr. Wm. L. Perry, Antioch Baptist Church.

"The Pastor and His Relations With Ministerial Organizations," Dr. B. F. Abbott, President, Interdenominational Alliance.

"The Pastor and Interracial Relations," Dr. Herbert L. Minnard, Christian Board of Publication.

"The Pastor and the Public Press," Mr. Stovall, Manager, St. Louis Call, and Mr. M. F. Mitchell, St. Louis Argus.

"The Pastor and Public Morals."

"The Minister and Present Day Economic Trends."

"The Minister and the Current Unemployment Situation," Mr. Jno. T. Clark, Executive Secretary, Urban League, St. Louis.

Benediction by the pastor, Prince A. Grey, Jr.

SERMON: "A COMPLETE SURRENDER"
Rom. 6:12-13.

(By F. T. Barnett, Minister, W. Federal St. Christian Church, Youngstown, Ohio.)

You say, "I should like to have victory, I should like to have the power of sin broken, but it is still reigning in my body. It is like a king ruling me. How then can I be free from this power which has held me so long in bondage?"

What you need is the force of the will, this is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision. Everything depends on the right action of the will, the power of choice God has given to man. You can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will. He will then work in you to "will and to do according to His good pleasure." Your affections will be centered upon Him. Your thoughts in harmony with Him, "HERE IS THE SECRET." No longer lend your faculties as unrighteous weapons for sin to use; on the contrary, surrender your VERY SELVES to God as living men who have risen from the dead, and surrender your several faculties to God to be used as weapons for the right.

Verse 13. God has given us many faculties. We have a mind with which to think, eyes to see, ears to hear, hands to perform. Now God wills that these faculties be used to His Glory. On the other hand, the devil seeks to use them in his service, but Paul's admonition is, "No longer lend your faculties as unrighteous weapons for sin to use."

There are people who seem to think that a part time Christian life is sufficient for their salvation, but that is not so. There must be a complete surrender "that life must become separated from that sin, or else," with that sin be lost. We read the Bible, do we believe it? We say "It doesn't mean this, and it doesn't mean that." Well, what does it mean? It means just what it says. The Bible says we must be separated from sin. A picture of the human heart. "Now the works of the flesh are these, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murmurings, drunkenness, revelings, and such like. They which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." Read Gal. 5:19-21.

We must surrender our all to God. This should be our very first work at the beginning of each day. We should kneel before the Lord. Surrender our lives to Him. Lay all plans at thy feet. "Abide with me" and thus day by day we give our lives into the hands of God to be molded more and more after the life of Christ. This question of victory over sin is not settled today for tomorrow. It can be settled today, only for today. Tomorrow depends upon tomorrow's consecration. I like that little children's song, which says, "I washed my hands this morning so very clean and white, and lent them both to Jesus, to work for Him till night. We turn these faculties over to Him and say, "Lord use me today in thy services."

"Lord, for tomorrow and its needs, I do not pray, Keep me from ev'ry stain of sin, just for today; Let me no wrong or idle word, unthinking say: Set thou a seal upon my lips, just for today.

"I would both diligently work and duly pray.
I would be kind in word and deed, just for today.
O make me strong to do thy will, swift to obey;
Willing to sacrifice myself, just for today.

"And if today this life of mine should ebb away
O may thy promises divine, still be my stay.
So for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray
O keep me, guide me, Lord, just for today.

—F. T. B.
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NATIONAL CONVENTION, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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ward the Negro Churches of Christ should organize as a medium of self expression and development that our best contribution might be made to our posterity and to the world.

Year after year we have met to lay another stone in the foundation of our organization, year after year we have made worth while plans which have not brought fruition largely because of the lack of promotion. This year we concluded that if the super structure is to be built there must be one constantly at the job of promoting the brotherhood program.

Including in the National Convention Program is the support of the Christian Plea, the final payment of the Preston Taylor monument, the establishment of the Henry Herod Scholarship Fund, the P. H. Moss Memorial Fund, the establishment of a home for aged and orphans on the beautiful estate willed to the National convention of Disciples of Christ by our beloved leader, Preston Taylor, the First President of the National Convention.

This task of promoting the National Convention program is a new venture. It will be supported only by members and friends of our National Convention churches. Even so it is a responsibility so well worth the while, we dare not fail.

To undergird this program until it can be secured by our churches we are asking a number of individuals whom we have reason to believe can be depended upon to undergird this work with a gift of $1.00 per month. This gift to be sent monthly beginning with November for one year. These who accept this responsibility will be known as sustaining members of the National Convention program.

The sages of the ages are looking down upon us. We are making history. The records of our achievements will be sacred to unborn generations.

Just to know that your acceptance of this responsibility to become a sustaining member of the National Convention program will greatly hearten those of us who lead and help greatly to achieve victory.

Awaiting your reply, we are your servants.

ROSA BROWN BRACY,
General Secretary.
L. H. CRAWFORD,
President.

AN APPEAL

My Dear Friend:

The second year of the Brotherhood Program of Advance is well under way and we are looking forward with hope to greater achievements in this second year. It is a source of satisfaction that offerings from churches, Sunday schools and missionary organizations increased in this past year as compared with the preceding one. The actual gain for Negro missionary organizations giving was $262.56.

Thank you for the effort your group made to bring this result.

A study of the offerings from missionary organizations brings out some points which we need to consider. Using the last membership figures available, the average giving from all adult Negro groups in the year ending June 30, 1938, was $1.16 per person. Notwithstanding the very real difficulties which are experienced by many, such as lack of work, low wages, poor crops, etc., this figure of $1.16 is a very small one.

Let us look at the situation and see how we may improve it:

1. The first REASON for such a low average is that some members are not making regular offerings. The ANSWER is to secure a pledge from EVERY member of the organization. We urge the use of pledge cards, a sample of which is enclosed. They can be furnished you in quantity free on order.

2. The second REASON for concern is that a number of state reports show increase in members but no increase in per capita. The ANSWER is to give special attention to new members (yes, and all members) in an emphasis on "giving as one is able" rather than a minimum sum or "dues."

3. The third REASON for concern is that with some members giving far more than the average, others must be tragically low in their offerings. The ANSWER is to increase the average giving of the whole organization through a higher per capita giving of all members in monthly offerings, gifts on Woman's Day, Easter Week of Prayer, love gifts, thank offerings and self-denial lunches.

Counting on you to make this second year one of still greater achievements, I am Yours faithfully,
ORA LEIGH SHEPHERD.

THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION AND THE FIELD

The Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Crawford, Mrs. H. L. Herod and Rosa Brown Bracy, Rev. S. S. Myers, and R. H. Peoples and the New President of Jarvis Christian College attended the International Convention, Disciples of Christ, held in Denver, Colorado, October 15, to 23. Rev. Crawford directed the devotional period in the Evangelistic meeting. He also served
throughout the convention on
the recommendation commit-
tee of the convention.

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Gen-
eral Secretary of the National
Convention of Disciples of
Christ, spent some time in Kan-
sas City in conference with
Rev. Crawford, president of the
convention, working out details
for plans of procedure in the
work of promoting the National
Program.

The Eight St. Christian
Church of Kansas City, Kansas,
of which Rev. L. H. Crawford
is pastor, gave him a beautiful
reception in grateful recogni-
tion of the position to which he
was elected President of The
National Convention.

The reception was given at
the beautiful home of Mr. and
Mrs. Houston, on Quindaro
Boulevard, K. C. K. The recep-
tion committee was dressed in
evening attire. The honored
guest in the receiving line with
Rev. and Mrs. Crawford were
Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Gen-
eral Secretary, National Con-
vention; Mr. and Mrs. Dyson of
the Eighth St. Church. This
lovely aged couple had just cel-
ibrated 53 years of marital
bliss. Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Myers,
of the Woodland Avenue Chris-
tian Church, Kansas City, Mo.,
and Prof. Buster, Principal of
one of Kansas City's schools.

A brief but interesting pro-
gram was rendered in which
speakers paid tribute to the
Rev. L. H. Crawford as the bril-
liant history of his life and
work was disclosed. More than
300 persons attended the recep-
tion and were served a delicious
repast.

Reverend and Mrs. P. A.
Gray, formerly of Kansas City,
Kansas, was installed as ser-
vants of the Centennial Chris-
tian Church, St. Louis, Mo.,
Sunday, Nov. 5th, 1939. Rev.
Gray accepted a call by this
church to serve as its pastor
and minister. He has been on
the grounds already one month
and has begun his work in a
fine way.

The Centennial Christian
Church, St. Louis, Mo., will
serve as host to the next Na-
tional Christian Missionary
Convention.

MRS. ROSA BROWN BRACY

CHINA MISSIONARIES IN-
LAND WITH RED CROSS

A cable from China to the
United Christian Missionary
Society gave the address of
Miss Wenona Wilkinson and
Miss Lyrel Teagarden, mission-
aries, as Kweichow. Until the
fall of Hankow, great trade
center for all Central China, on
Oct. 25, they had been there
with the International Red
Cross Committee of Central
China. It is naturally assumed
that they are yet with this or-
ganization. Kweichow is in
Szechwa province of inland
China, and on the north bank
of the Yangtze river. The
country here is mountainous,
and the city would be most dif-
ficult to capture.

The China Christian mission
has granted approval for the
service of these two mission-
aries with the Red Cross com-
mittee. They were among the
five American women who es-
caped from Hopefii China, when
that city fell during the winter.
Completing a hazardous 400-
mile trip, part way afoot, part-
ly in rickshas and partly in a
Chinese army truck, they ar-
rived at Hankow after a num-
ber of narrow escapes from
death. However, in the com-
parative safety of Hankow,
there was no time to dwell on
the horrors of their journey.
Bandages, drugs, countless sup-
plies had to be made ready for
the front; and who could do the
work better than they who had
just escaped from there? They
have since been working with
the Red Cross. They have
proved themselves invaluable
to the Red Cross and the hos-
pitals of Central China.

DO YOU PLAN INTRERRACIAL
MEETINGS?

A very helpful little leaflet
entitled, Guiding Principles and
Practical Procedures for Mak-
ing Hotel Arrangements for In-
trerracial Groups, has recently
been published by the Clearance
Committee on Hotel Arrange-
ments for Interracial Groups,
representing a number of na-
tional civic and religious or-
gerizations. Free copies may
be secured from the secretary,
Miss Katherine Gardner, 297
Fourth Avenue, New York City.
This leaflet should be in the
hands of every leader who has
responsibility for interracial
meetings.

Helps under "Contributions"
to the Plea in November:
Mr. John Long of S. C. I.
sends $15.00
Mrs. Rosa Bracy for sub-
scriptions $6.00
Eld. F. T. Barnett for
subscriptions $5.50
Helen Lucille Dickerson han-
dles a dozen copies.
Other lists of copies are due to
report.
Make some friend or needy
ones a Christmas present 12
months long by sending them
the Christian Plea.
Take advantage of our club
price of 75 cents each or 50
cents in clubs of ten. Good
till January 1st.
Leadership counts here as
elsewhere. The men in the
trenches look to the generals
for direction, and the victory
depends upon these generals.
How about you leaders?
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JOINT COMMITTEE FOR KENTUCKY

Chairman: Miss Edith Wilson, 2216 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.
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Georgetown, Ky.
404 Bourbon St.
November 2, 1938

Dear Pastor, Leader, and Fellow Christian:

We are asking you to read the following facts (or have them read so that all disciples might hear this information.

Elder Vance G. Smith, a native of Kentucky, is director secretary of the Central Region. This area includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. Mr. Smith is well known throughout the country as far as our brotherhood is concerned; he has served as editor of the Plea, pastor of a few churches, and has been dean of several Young People’s Conferences. His work as a social worker has well fitted him, along with his scholastic training, for this new responsibility as regional director.

At our state meeting in Lexington last July a motion was carried in each department stating our readiness to enter this regional work and support it in all parts, financial and otherwise. Each department is expected to pay one hundred dollars ($100) per year, thus making a total of three hundred dollars ($300) for the state.

The local churches are to do their share in raising this money and see that it is sent in quarterly—September, December, March and June—to the treasurer of that department. Mrs. Jennie Kirkpatrick will gladly tell you of easy ways to get this money in case you do not already have a workable plan. She invites you to write her.

The joint committee decided that, in Kentucky, efforts of the Director-Secretary are to be in this way:

1. Make survey of inactivity of young people in local churches.
3. Hold Youth Meets and promote the Young People’s Conference.

It is with pleasure that we count Mr. Smith among the active full-time religious workers in this state. We recommend him to you in your struggle to build the Kingdom of God in your community.

Yours for Greater Service,
Eld. I. S. Ashe, Sec’y.

DEDICATED TO ELDER M. M. BOSTIC

From Minnie Guydon

We peer into the past. Our vision lingers on a shady spot, tall trees here, grape vines there; wild flowers, but greatest appears a building, first of unhewn logs, afterwards a rough sawed lumber. On a Lord’s day morning 15 or 20 tired and dust worn people assembled in worship representing the Church of Christ in its simplest form. Along the dusty road lumber an old-fashioned wagon drawn by two mules who seem to be glad to pull up to the customary place of shaded rest to which they come on the first day of the week. In that sanctuary of worship we see a young man near 18 years old, rather bashful yet holding an earnest expression of unusual intelligence. He told of the Gospel preached by the ministers whose memories we cherish because of what they suffered and did to establish the church in Arkansas.

Who could tell that this youth whose birthday we celebrate today would carry on through the years and still at the age of 75 years be sacrificing and sharing his weakened energies in building up the Kingdom of Christ.

We can think of Brother Mansil Bostic only in terms of the ministry of Jesus. Well do we remember when health was better and means more abundant for Bro. Bostic; it mattered not how the work slackened in the 17 churches of the state it was his to bring them together once a year for a convention, striving to create an awakening of responsibility.

It was Bro. Bostic who let us know that we were not a few straggling disciples but a part of a great brotherhood. Through his efforts ministers, workers and Christian missionaries were brought to our humble churches to give inspiration. We remember when it seemed the entire responsibility of the church was upon this tireless man, such as church confusions, financial worries, domestic troubles, sickness, death, burials. In all of these we see Bro. Bostic active with a will to do service, bearing criticisms but never stopping. God knew his intentions; God saw his heart and God is blessing him with a long life.

Happy birthday greetings to Bro. Bostic. May you still live here many happy years and
when sorrows come and oppress you only look back through the years given the Master. Your work has not been hidden, but shines like a candle upon the hill top and men see your good works. We rejoice with you over your past and look forward to a better, brighter future.

CHRISTMAS AT NOGALES RANCH

By Florine Cantrell, Missionary, Zacatecas, Mexico

Each evening of the ten before Christmas, the people of our little church came together to study the Christmas prophecies, their fulfillment and influence on the world and individual lives. Very little practice was done except for the Christmas carols.

The day came for the fiesta. One of the men went to the river to bring willows to decorate the temple; another to the mountains to bring evergreens. We had six beautiful plumes literally “planted” in the church because holes were made in the floor of the earth.

Seats were arranged around the walls of the room, and here in the woods we had our fiesta. The manger was made of adobe, and a flashlight place in the straw.

After we sang all the Christmas carols we knew, we filled out of the temple, each carrying a lighted candle and singing, “O Little Town of Bethlehem.” We arrived at the door of the house nearest the temple only to see Maria and Joseph turned away from the inn. With bowed heads we sang, “You left your home in glory to be born in a stable. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus. You will find room.”

Then we marched to the sheepfold singing, “O Come All Ye Faithful.” There boys who dedicate themselves daily to the care of the sheep were the shepherds. The sheep in a most acceptable way acted their parts. After singing “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” we followed the shepherd to the manger singing, “Come Little Shepherd to Worship.”

On entering the church we found the shepherds kneeling at the manger. The picture was rustic but beautiful. The glow from the manger silhouetted the figures of Maria and Joseph. We sang, “Silent Night, Holy Night,” while the wise men were kneeling, and old and young presented gifts. Most of them were bags of corn for the very poor, but there were some gifts of cloth and one new pair of shoes.

A CONGO CHRISTMAS

By Mrs. Robin R. Cobble, Monieka, Africa

Christmas started in the villages the evening before with happy feasting of elephant meat, mixed with joyous songs. Christmas morning, e’er the sun was up, carollers went from house to house proclaiming the Joyful Story.

As usual our students gave a Christmas pageant to which hundreds came from the surrounding villages. It was given in the early morning before the sun became oppressive for we held it out in the open, to be able to easily accommodate the crowd.

This pageant was unique in many ways. We combined scenes from various plays already used somewhere in the mission, but re-written to suit our needs. The first scene was the Nativity, in which the choir featured, for it was mostly songs. Eight children draped in white cheese cloth sang, “O Little Town of Bethlehem.” They were the angels and were partly concealed on a high platform shrouded in palm fronds.

The second scene depicted the sick going to Jesus to be healed. A blind man tottered down through the house-top and he came forth healed. The third scene brought it all up to date—a young Christian teacher going into a village, being rejected because of his “new” ways, but finally gaining his rightful place as leader and teacher after showing his worth by befriending an orphan, helping the sick, and other acts of kindness. The crowd felt the power of this as it was taken from their own lives.

MARTIN SAYS IT

Arkansas is still making history. On October 26th, Eld. M. M. Bostick of North Little Rock celebrated his 75th birthday in his home, 414 West 24th Street. A fine program was rendered. Elder Wm. Martin, Evangelist of Arkansas, was master of Ceremonies. There were present only a few friends who ranked along with him in years. Mrs. Minnie Guydon, who read a splendid paper on the life of Elder Bostick, Mr. McLeroy, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Johnnie Bostick.

The good wife, Mrs. S. L Bostick, prepared a wonderful dinner to the delight of all.

Bro. Bostick added to the menu an o’possum he caught and cooked in the country and brought it ready to serve with sweet potatoes.

Bro. Bostick had some of his flowers, resolutions and o’possum while he lives. All presented nice presents.

WM. MARTIN.
CHRISTMAS IN WAR-TORN CHINA

As we make our plans for a joyous Christmas, may we not forget those of China who are carrying on under the most distressing conditions. Here is a part of a letter from one of our missionaries written last year:

"Conditions have been such that it has not been safe for any of our hospital men to go out and bury the dead that were accumulating in the hospital morgue. Our supply of lumber for making coffins also ran out. Finally it was necessary to dig one large grave on the hospital compound in which we buried twenty bodies. In spite of these conditions most of us felt that we should try to celebrate Christ's birthday, for it is in Him alone that we have hope for a better world.

"At first it seemed hard, but once the nurses, patients and refugees began to decorate the wards, and Christmas carols were being sung in the chapel services, a new buoyancy of spirit seemed to come to all of us. We had one of the best Christmasses we have ever had. The decorations were more simple because it was impossible to buy a single new thing, but the spirit of real thanksgiving made up for the lack of material things.

"Special music was prepared by two troupes of school children, by the hospital choir and by a male double quartet. Often during our practice, or during the service, bomb-laden airplanes roared overhead on their way to bring death and destruction to some place. The Nurses' Candle March through the wards in the twilight of Christmas Eve was greatly enjoyed and was an inspiration to every one. A large and liberal collection was taken at the White Cross Service for the poor who will be with us in increasing numbers as the weeks of cold weather go by."

NEW MISSIONARIES TO AFRICA

On Nov. 4, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hixon and their two children, Larry, five, and Judith, three, sailed for Belgian Congo, Africa. There, at Bolenge, they will meet the urgent need in evangelistic work created by the recent resignation of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Watts.

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