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ORGANIZATIONS SALAAM MISSIONARY

By CARNELLA L. JAMISON
(General Secretary of Missionary Organizations.)

Now that the holiday rush is over I hope you will definitely fill and return the quarterly report blanks. Kindly include other information that I should have concerning your organization.

You must have found the study of “The City” educational and helpful. You will find India equally enticing although the territory is quite removed from us geographically. The people of India are near to us in human problems, they too, suffer discrimination, caste and economic insecurity. They are finding their only salvation, as we continue to find ours, in Christianity.

As you study “Seeing the Multitudes in India,” I hope you do so with open and prayerful minds.

The study packets are ready. There are two adult packets including same leaflets. However, packet 11 (price 75c) includes a study book, “The Church Takes Root in India.” This packet is especially recommended for intensive study groups, or for persons in your group who would do supplementary reading.

“Fun and Festival From India,” (price 25c) is a collection of Indian festivals, dinners, menus, and recipes; decorations, favors, and costumes; games and recreation; Indian music, poetry, and folk stories. This book is indispensable in planning social entertainments in connection with study of India.

The Missionary Review of the World (25c, October), is the India Number and has pertinent facts concerning India.

For Young People’s Missionary Groups: the Program Packet, “India Panorama” (85c), contains one of the following books, Dinabandhu (seniors 16-18), a book which seniors will wish to complete reading at one sitting. However, I recommend very careful study. Moving Millions (for young people 18-24), contains a detailed account of the many aspects and phases of Indian life. It forms a basis for general knowledge of India.

Whether or not we make resolutions for this new year it is appropriate to take inventory of aims and accomplishments of the first six months during this, our fiscal year.

Listed are several suggestions from the Calendar of Service July-December, 1938, which are very helpful now.

1. Take an inventory of your missionary library. Plan to purchase additional books, being guided in your selection by the Year Book of Programs, the Current Reading List and the July issue of World Call.

2. Check up on your membership. Have new people come into your church or your community who should be invited to join your organization. Ask the members of your organization to take specific names of such women for personal cultivation and enlistment.

3. Continue in each monthly meeting your talks selected from “An Anthology of Stewardship.”

4. Make a careful study to see if you have realized one-half of your financial goal as well as those of membership, attendance, reading, etc.

5. Send something to one of the Home Missions Institutes. Service projects including two of our schools are listed. Give from your own supplies such needed articles as are listed here.

Jarvis Christian College:
Jellies and jams
Canned and dried foods
Pictures—good reproductions for dormitory
Comforts, quilts and blankets
Dresser scarfs
Table cloths—3 yards long
Napkins
Curtains—two and one-half yards.
Send to: Mr. Peter C. Washington, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

Southern Christian Institute:
Napkins, table cloths, 3 yards long
Children’s clothing—used or new
Salable clothing of any kind
Good up-to-date maps
Copies of famous paintings
Library books (send to United Society for list of books)
Games, in good condition
Quilts, blankets, comforts
Subscriptions to good magazines (Clear with Institute as to those not already received)

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder G. E. Letton, minister.
Ellene M. Jackson, Reporter.

Yearly blessings.

During the closing months of the year our thoughts naturally turn to a realization of the many blessings we have received this year. Faith in God keeps His children's eyes always open to His blessings. Can you count your blessings? Can you name them one by one? Try it and you will be surprised what the Lord has done.

The Missionary Society met. The newly elected officers in place, excepting Mrs. Lizzie Printers who has been ill. Her post was filled by Miss Nettie Printers.

Mrs. Ellena Webster, president of the society, Miss Rosalrene Johnson, superintendent of the Bible School and, and Miss Evelyn Thomas, a faithful member, gave excellent inspirational and informational reports from the district meeting held at Nicholasville.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Katherine Johnson served a delicious dessert course.

Mrs. Rosa Gibbs sponsored a successful financial drive for the Bible School. The pupil having the largest amount of money was awarded a prize.

A Pew Service, conducted by the Women's Clubs of Midway, was held in our church, the choir furnishing the music. Mrs. Lula Robinson, president of the State Federation of Clubs, presided. The main address was delivered by Prof. W. S. Blanton, of Frankfort. A double quintet from Mayo-Underwood High School sang.

The work of the Church Aid is growing in spirit and finance. Help push it forward.

Next month the minister and his good mate will be occupying the "Love Nest" as Bro. Letton terms it. Work on the building is rapidly progressing.

Elder James Campbell, "Old Faithful," was absent two successive Sundays on account of illness. Mrs. Mary Susan Burkes is able to be out after a two weeks' illness. Sister Mary Harris is still on the sick list.

Brother Albert Douglas II was ordained at the morning services. We are sending him out to preach.

A Thanksgiving union service was held in our church on Thanksgiving morning. Reverend Lynem of the Methodist Church preached. The combined choirs of Methodist and Christian Churches sang.

The end of the Model Church project, sponsored by Mrs. Katherine Johnson, closed Sunday night with a pageant. Brother Ashe, of Georgetown, Bro. M. L. Jackson of the Baptist Church, Bro. S. Lynem of the Methodist Church and Bro. Letton gave splendid four-minute addresses. The entire congregation entered the "Kingdom." Several visitors from Georgetown were present. A nice sum was realized. Mrs. Johnson, a culinary expert, presented to the group leader who had the greatest number of followers, and highest amount of money (Mrs. Hattie Lewis of the Baptist Church), a toothsome cake. One can never tell what the Christians have in their minds, so be on guard at all times.

E. M. J.

NORTH TAZEWELL, VA.

Eld. Eugene Patterson of Winston-Salem, N. C., has been called to pastor Midway Church of Christ at Tazewell. He is a fine young man and a strong preacher. He is married. He gives half time service and will not move to Tazewell for a while. The church gave him and wife a reception in November. Church and preacher are both happy.

In a get-acquainted-revival meeting of one week there were 10 additions (four for baptism).

He was duly installed as pastor December 11. Eld. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem preached the installation sermon and a joyful time had by all. When Midway goes to work she can do things and she's working now. It's quite a relief to the writer to see the church satisfied with its leader and moving on.

Twenty-six years of service here leaves us with a fatherly love for the church and a wish and a prayer to see her go and glow and grow.

G. M. DICKERSON.

LONDON SPEAKS

London, Kentucky
Nov. 7, 1938

Christian Plea:
We take this opportunity to thank you to the State Convention for the State Banner and the National Convention for the Honor Shield for the recognition of our work. We are just
a small school in a small town, but we are striving to do big things in a big way for our Master.

We hope continued success in our efforts, we pray for the Sunday Schools that are working along these lines and ask other Christians for benefit of their prayer to help us realize the worth of our faith and work.

Yours for Christ,
CHRISTIAN LORD'S DAY CHURCH SCHOOL
Bro. Chas. H. Smith, Supt.

THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION AND THE FIELD

By ROSA BROWN BRACY

The Constitution of the National Convention provides for the financing of its program through a request of an average gift of $1.00 from the membership of all our churches. If from our 514 churches which cooperate, with a listed membership of 49,000 members we could collect for the work of the National Convention an average of $1.00 per member we would have adequate funds to develop the Christian Plea into a first class National Journal, pay off the remaining debt on the Preston Taylor monument, establish the Scholarship Fund in memory of H. L. Herod and P. H. Moss, provide for our aged and orphans of the church.

Each one who makes a gift of $1.00 per year to the National Convention program will be known as a "Dollar Donor."

In every church there are those who have been fortunate to have a better job or a better income, for reasons within or without their control. These individuals should—and in a number of instances will be willing to share proportionate-ly with the work of the church—to this group—we are appealing that they become special givers and be listed as "A Sponsor or a Sustaining Member of the National Convention."

A Sponsor is one who will give $5.00 or more per year to the work of the National Convention program.

A Sustaining Member is one who will give $1.00 or more a month for at least 10 months of the year—or its equivalent to the support of the National Convention program.

During this year when we are beginning without reserves what ever we are urgent in our request for a number who will become a foundation on which to stand. Unless some take this sustaining relationship, the program will be really difficult this year.

All gifts should be sent, money order, made payable to the National Christian Missionary Convention, addressed to Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, 2312 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

One of our very serious handicaps is the lack of a mailing list. I am therefore here requesting that you who read this article will see to it that your church clerk will send to me the following names and addresses:
The Pastor of your church.
The Chairman of the Church Board.
The Church Clerk.
The Sunday School Superintendent.
The leading woman in the church.

Soliciting your prayerful consideration and depending on every member of the church to become a Dollar Donor, a Sponsor, or a Sustaining member to the National Convention program.

This letter comes to you to ask your cooperation as Pastor leader of your local church. Will you make your church aware of the National Convention program and enroll each member with an offering of $1.00 or more. (Partial payments may be made.) Remittances should be made regularly, monthly if possible.

Remember this is a National Convention program and will be accomplished only in proportion as the churches which make up this convention are loyal to this task.

We are anxious that each one will understand that this gift is not to in any way affect the regular offerings made to the United Christian Missionary Society. We must continue and increase our cooperation with this institution. These things which you have been doing you ought to do, and this the work of the national convention we must not longer leave undone.

All gifts should be sent, money order, made payable to the National Christian Missionary Convention, addressed to Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, 3412 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

Depending on you to enroll every member of your church, that the National Convention may become a service institution, we are

Very truly yours,
ROSA BROWN BRACY,
General Secretary.

Along with the brand new year cometh our new field worker, Miss Cornella L. Jamison, fitting into shoes worn so long and so well by Sister Rosa Brown Bracy.

It appeareth from all angles that Miss Jamison hath fully qualified and deserveth the confidence and cooperation of all agencies and individuals in our Brotherhood. Unmeasured support. That Miss Jamison hath a program and is "raring to go" is seen from her splendid article on the front page of this issue of the Plea.

Behold she cometh, and it is ours to open wide every avenue of approach.

As the selection of the joint executive committee we gladly invite Miss Jamison to all our organizations, homes and hearts, and bespeak for her unbounded success and service with the unforgettable phrase of four late Prof. Moss: "Where there's love in the heart, there's room in the home.”

C. H. D.

EDITORIAL

By C. H. DICKERSON

Kentucky churches will take notice that since the state convention started to Paducah, things have changed and we land in Louisville where our good Brother Everett is making abundant preparations for the convention in July, 1939. So, on to Louisville goes the state convention and to St. Louis goes the National. It's not too soon to be looking that way.

Kentucky State Board meets third Friday in January with Prall Street Church, Lexington. Presidents of Women’s Board, the Bible School and Christian Endeavor now meet with our State Missionary Board. All should come prepared to meet all quarterly claims. Remember our church year is half gone.

A mighty good letter from our good Sister Green at N. Middletown, Ky., was lost in our Christmas office moving. We hope to find it in time for the February number. Apologies to her.

Our Evangelists on the field must not be forgotten this winter when old Boreas really comes flinging feathery flakes.
WOODLAND AVENUE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Our church has improved greatly in attendance, financial giving and church activities. Mrs. Ethel Ragland is president of the Women’s Council, which is doing fine work. All women of the church are members. It has two adult women’s sections and one young women’s section, each meeting once each month, and report to section leaders.

Our men’s club, headed by Dr. M. J. Holmes, is running the women’s council a close race. They meet once per month and study the duties of officials.

The Christian Endeavor is led by Miss Marian Fitz from Oklahoma, who is a live-wire presd. We commend this Endeavor for the great help it gives the church. Our young people plan great things for 1939. They’re supplying the church and society with a library, foods and church needs.

Rev. A. G. Nelson, recently ordained minister, is superintendent of our Bible school which is doing a fine work.

Mrs. Mary Brown is chairman of our Deaconess Board of seven women. They have monthly meetings with the Deacons. Our beloved pastor, one of the best in our ministry, is giving the church great service and practices what he preaches that we may see the Gospel in him; always “ready to help and ready to cheer.” He is president of the Interdenominational Alliances of Kansas City, Mo.; member of Council of Churches executive committee, and president of Missouri Missionary Convention. He has been heard over radio on “My Brother’s Keeper.”

REPLIES TO CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

By C. H. D.

They sent a gang of Xmas cards
To measure them in feet or yards
Or count them stacked up in a pile
Would end to end—part of a mile.

They wish us happiness and health
Good cheer and joy and friends and wealth
And peace attuned to all good cheer
And fortune favored in New Year.

We would reply to one and all
Praying that no ill may befall
A single one—but huge success
May crown each effort—Heaven bless.

For after all the things that count
Are little things, how high they mount
Here’s thanks a thousand may each be
Happy thro all eternity.

Nothing can bring more joy to us
Than success of the Plea and Plus
The same to all our agencies
And men for all emergencies.

—From the Plea Family.

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He preached Thanksgiving sermon at the union meeting.
Our deacons gave a banquet in his honor, Rev. Myers and wife, when a hundred sat down and reviewed the six years’ work of Bro. Myers and his faithful and helpful wife.

REECE, Reporter
2527 Michigan Ave.
Kansas City, Mo.

WOMAN’S DAY ACTIVITIES
AT BALL ST. CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

Dallas, Texas

We began the day on time for Bible School, with Supt. Miss S. P. Walker presiding. After an interesting lesson, a brief summary by Eld. J. L. Patton.

At 11 o’clock worship. This period prepared our hearts to receive the inspiring message brought to us by pastor Eld. R. L. Sercy. Subject, “Our Duty as a Missionary Society.”

At 3 P. M. a special program for Woman’s Day. Every speaker was ready. The speakers were Mrs. Leroy Young, subject, “Woman and What She Does;” Dr. R. A. Henderson, “Womanhood.” The main speaker, Eld. R. L. Sercy, subject, “The World at the Heart of the Christian Community.” Special solo, Miss Helen Wynn.

The senior choir sang. Mrs. E. B. Weems was at the piano. The offering on Woman’s Day, plus other efforts, payed one-half of our apportionment to State and National claim. There is much praise due to the loyal workers of the local Missionary Society.

At 6:15 came Endeavor lesson with Mrs. Virginia Freeman as leader. Subject, “Damaging Lives for Profit.” We gained food for thought from the lesson. The climax was reached when our pastor brought another message at night.

Every Sunday in the year service has been good. We are looking forward to meet you at the National Convention.

Yours for greater work.

NESSIE BROCK GARNER.
LEAGUE OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

What do you think of when you read the following Scripture:

And every day in the temple and at home they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ. Acts. 5:42.

To me it suggests a fitting goal toward which we might work this year; namely, winning men to Christ. What is your church actually doing to win men to Christ and to help them grow more like him from day to day? Is your membership the same size as it was last year and the year before? Even though you took in a number of new members last year, do you think that it is time that the Church of Christ should become more concerned about the Disciple that is lost? Your answers to the above questions can best be given through action.

Let the slogan be, Everyone Win One! Of this 100,000 Disciples we are urging that at least 2,000 be our own Negro Disciples. We are asking that our beloved Rev. L. H. Crawford, President of the National Convention, will head the list of Disciples from our churches to become a part of this League.

We urge you to organize a League Unit in your church. Having organized the unit, fill out the enclosed initial report blank and mail it to R. H. Peoples, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana. We will appreciate hearing from you.

Start out the new church year right. Be an evangelist yourself!

Sincerely,

R. H. PEOPLES,
National Secretary of Negro Churches.

SECOND STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, DANVILLE, KY.

By SALLIE G. WHITNEY

Since Danville Church called pastor, Rev. Griffin, things look bright and take on a new meaning. Meeting all day Sunday, ending $500 drive. Cash raised, over $200. We hope to finish the drive next Sunday and finish paying for church.

Rev. Smith of the white church preached Sunday afternoon, a fine sermon. Our regional worker, Rev. V. Smith, brought a very fine sermon Sunday night. Nice dinner was served at church by missionary society and clubs.

The attendance in prayer service is increasing. Both Senior and Junior Choirs are rendering splendid services each Lord's Day.

The pastor, Rev. Griffin, is doing splendid work among the people.

Men may misjudge thy aim,
Think they have cause to blame;
Say thou art wrong,
Keep on thy quiet way,
Christ is the judge, not they.
Fear not, be strong.

Amen.

NORTH MIDDLETOWN, KY.

After ten years of faithful service our pastor, Elder T. R. Everett, offered his resignation and we accepted, that he take work elsewhere. During his pastorate here he brought to us outstanding ministers and other talent inspirational.

Elder Wm. Owens conducted a successful two weeks' meeting. Four were added. He brought a soul-stirring message each night. The attendance was good and we raised $91.45.

Evangelist I. H. Moore, officers, choir and congregation came from Little Rock to help us. They added much to success of the meeting spiritually and financially.

We regret Elder Everett's leaving and pray for his success, in new field.

Elder Moore was with us Sunday. We are striving to keep the work going on, and have called Eld. A. J. Walker for a season.

Yours in Christ,

EMMA C. GREEN.
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EIGHTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Kansas City, Kansas.

The Eighth Street Christian Church celebrated the 13th anniversary of their pastor, Rev. L. H. Crawford, which was a very successful affair.

He came to us when we needed a real leader, and during these years he has served us. He has proved himself competent to lead, not only in our church life, but civic life as well. Our church has been freed of all debts; we have recently put in a new $800 heating plant, a number of souls have been added, and we have had the honor of entertaining the National Convention during his pastorate.

The Ministers Interdenominational Alliance of this city had charge of the services. It is composed of 86 Pastors and preachers. We shall not forget some of the kind words and compliments that were spoken during this anniversary. Some of the personnel that brought cheer and gladness to our hearts were: Senator Charles Thompson, of Topeka, U. S. Guyer, Congressman at Washington, D. C.; Honorable W. H. Towers, Rev. I. H. Fisher, First Baptist Church; Rev. Bishop Pleas, President of Ministers Alliance; Dr. Walmbras D. Condola, Dr. W. H. Dixon, Church of God; Elder A. J. Jackson, Woodland Avenue Christian Church, and a number of others. The church was beautifully decorated and the music was by a number of choirs.

The members of the church presented the pastor and his wife at the close of the session a beautiful horseshoe and inside was a love gift, a nice sum of money, and a beautiful bunch of red roses.

Everyone was happy to know that in these 13 years a great deal of good has been accomplished. Men and women from all walks of life were there to say a few words about the good things the pastor had done for them in securing positions and helping them in time of trouble.

Since he has been here he has held the following positions: first, Pastor of the 8th Street Christian Church indefinitely; second, Grand Master of the U. B. S.; third, a position under Governor Reed as Hotel Inspector, and under Governor Lane as field secretary of Western University; fourth, State President of the Kansas State Missionary Convention for nine years, seven years a member of the committee of the Board of Recommendations of the National Convention; he is also chairman of the Welfare Committee of Ministers Alliance of Kansas City, Kansas, and last but not least, at the present the fifth president of our National Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

Our church feels very proud of their pastor. All departments are well organized. One of the latest additions to our work is the Adult Bible School that meets every Sunday evening at 6:30, and our Women’s Council which has the supervision of our cooperative group.

Along with him has been that devotion and love and kindness that comes from a minister’s wife, Mrs. Crawford. Eighth Street Christian Church stands out as one of the leading churches in Kansas City, Kansas.

FRANCES DOUGLAS, 611 New Jersey, K. C. K. Midway, Ky., is placing its pastor, G. E. Letton, and wife, into a brand new parsonage which is a credit to the town and community. They’ve been there just a few months.

Mt. Sterling Church “stormed” Pastor Blair, during the holidays, with enough good things to last till the sun again shines on both sides of the street.

Many of our worthy ministers are “sawing wood and saying nothing.” Better wake up and tell their dreams.

Dr. G. Calvin Campbell is doing a good work with the church at Champaign, Ill.

THE NEW YEAR FOR CHINA

In China the New Year is the most festive of all times. Firecrackers pop merrily, all class distinctions disappear, everyone wears new clothes, and all are busy making New Year calls. All of our Chinese churches hold services of worship and make prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year, and ask guidance for the tasks in the year to come.

As 1939 comes, war-torn China is well into a second of suffering and privation. But our Chinese Christians find it a challenge for noble service. Here are bits from a letter written by Dr. Douglas S. Corpron who has recently returned to China:

“The destruction is more than I am able to describe. Tal Ping Road (Nanking) is a desert. The skeleton walls are partially standing, but all is burned out and heaps of ashes are three and four feet deep inside. The refugees have mostly left the neutral zone and are trying to reestablish themselves again. Most shops are only side walk ones of looted junk. The people are all sad and discouraged. So many of the men have disappeared. Every family has lost some or all. I examined fifty of Minnie Vautrin’s refugee women this morn-
THAT PRATT OF TEXAS

Prof. T. W. Pratt, in addition to his principalship of the large school, has been signally honored with the office as head of the great order of Eastern Star of Texas, a leader in the Lone Star state quoted as writing its holdings in six figures. We'd not be surprised to hear of his being mayor, county judge or even governor if he "takes the notion."

ing. . . . Most of them have the story of husband killed or not returned. Many are left with children and nothing else. Sad faces, sad hearts, no friends but those they are finding among the missionary group. As an American I found a smile for me on every Chinese face . . .

(Later at Wuhu). "I had a conference with Pastor Wang and he is in my employ at his own request, not a pastor's salary but as a servant, a servant of God, with the understanding that he can preach wherever he goes. I have taken him on as my link between Hofei and Wuhu . . . Pastor Li is living down at the church . . . Regular meetings are held there as usual. The only difference is that now every service is crowded without even standing room . . . The fields are white unto the harvest, and Pastor Li is reaping the harvest . . . Mr. Hu is running a fine Bible School with daily morning chapel services and reading lessons, using the Bible as a text."

ST. LOUIS IN 1939

To readers of the Plea, I say Happy New Year and call attention to the fact that four months since the convention have gone and the task of carrying on is still before us. We also remind you that two years of our five-year program have passed. Have we reached our goals, have we increased them ten per cent?

I make this appeal to all the pastors, elders, deacons and members of the churches that we will not be satisfied with our current expenses paid, but share in the larger way of giving both to our local, National and United work.

It is the purpose of the National Convention and its agencies to encourage our churches in doing their part for the United Society, and we state here clearly, as head of the National Convention, there shall be no lapping of the field workers in any way that would have a tendency to stop the progress of our work. We are all brothers and sisters, working together for the extension of the Master's kingdom.

In Evangelistic work, we hope every church will organize an Evangelistic League for the sole purpose of bringing in additions, increasing our membership during this drive. We believe that this is the opportune time for the churches throughout the brotherhood to get together and increase 100%, spiritually and financially.

The Christian Plea is suffering for subscribers and financial support. I know a number of our treasurers of various departments throughout our churches have money that is lying idle that could be used in keeping our paper going. I want to commend the fine way that the editor of our paper is working to keep it going, and so, I am asking you that every State Board, every auxiliary, our churches that have money to please send a nice donation to the Plea. It will help us financially and stimulate our work spiritually.

My brethren, the early church succeeded because they practiced the Apostles' teachings, they believed in repentance, confession, and in baptism, they also believed that we should meet on the first day of the week and commune with Him, and meditate as we assemble together. Remembering these words, "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend," for while we are yet weak in due season Christ died for the ungodly."

When we come to the table we think of the love that is greater than all else. That was the love that beat in the Master's bosom for his brothers and friends on earth. Yes, and for his enemies, too. His was the only heart on earth which no tincture of hatred ever poisoned for a single moment.

"So we turn our eyes toward the cross and there is Jesus dead, while in our souls there is a warm throbbing of life. We have peace, joy, hope, comfort; while about him the winter winds of woe beat and the snows of sorrow fall; dead that we might live." But now he is
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alive and forever, more, and he lives within us. So on the Lord's Day as we take of his bread, and drink of his cup, we are doing it in remembrance of Him who came to seek and to save them that were lost.

So let every church whether they have a pastor or not meet on the Lord's Day and commune with Him. Let us have a wide awakening in all of our church life and then we can meet in St. Louis, Missouri, in August, 1939, with a clearer conscience, with a great spiritual awakening and a fine financial success and God will give us a victory through the love of Christ that constraineth us.

ELDER L. H. CRAWFORD,
Pastor of Eighth Street Christian Church
Kansas City, Kansas
President of National Convention.

SERMON BY ELDER A. J. WALKER, NEW MINISTER
AT N. MIDDLETOWN, KY.

(The Nativity and Early Ministry of Jesus Christ.)

The History of the New Covenant divides itself into two great parts: The Revelation of the Gospel by Jesus Christ, including the accomplishment of His work of redemption; and The Propagation of the Gospel, and the full establishment of the Christian Church, by His Apostles after His ascension.

The former is repeated in the Four Gospels, in the various forms suited to the special purpose of each Evangelist, which have to be compared and harmonized.

The latter is related in the Acts of the Apostles, and developed and illustrated in their Epistles or Letters to the Churches, as well as to individuals, which also afford further materials for the history.

In both cases it is the object of this elementary work to set the leading points of the narrative in their own clear light and proper order.

The openings of the Four Gospels give four different, but almost equally important, starting points for all that follows.

St. John goes back to the Word, which was manifested in the flesh. St. Luke, with the practical view of instructing new converts, traces the story in order, from the wonders which heralded the births of Jesus and His forerunner.

St. Matthew, who writes with constant reference to the fulfillment of prophecy, shows that Jesus was by His descent and birth the Messiah or Christ, signifying Anointed; predicted by the prophets from the earliest times, the seed promised to Adam and Abraham, and the royal son of David.

St. Mark, whose Gospel has all the signs of being a condensed account, dates "the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," from the ministry of John the Baptist as his forerunner.

In order of time, then, the narrative begins with the striking story of the aged and blameless couple, Zacharias and Elisabeth, both of priestly descent, who were childless and hopeless of offspring. During his week of service in the temple, as a priest of the course of Abia, the eighth of the courses appointed by David, Zacharias had carried the blood of the lamb of the daily sacrifice into the Holy Place, to offer it with incense, while the people were praying without; when the angel Gabriel appeared to him, to announce that Elisabeth should bear a son, whose name was to be called John. The child was to be brought up as a Nazarite, like Elijah, in preparation for the ministry which had been assigned by the prophet Malachi to the new Elijah, as the forerunner of the Lord. For a sign, the unbelieving Father was struck dumb, till the prophecy should be fulfilled.

Six months later the same angel was sent to Nazareth, in Galilee, to Mary, a virgin betrothed to Joseph (who, like herself, was of the royal line of David), to salute her as "blessed among women," and the destined mother of a child who should be called Jesus (help or salvation of Jehovah). This repetition of the name of the great leader of Israel was explained by His character as "the Son of the Highest," who had "given him the throne of his Father David; and again afterwards by the word of the same angel to Joseph: Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for He shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

We have seen that his parents lived at Nazareth, a city in the hills of Galilee, north of the plain of Esdraelon. But the sure word of prophecy had declared that Christ should be born at Bethlehem in Judea, the native place of his royal father, David, and it was thus fulfilled.

Augustus issued a decree for a census of "all the world," that is, the Roman empire and its subject kingdoms, among which Herods was reckoned.

All went to be enrolled, every one to his own city; and so Joseph and Mary were brought to that stable in Bethlehem where the birth of Jesus and the "good tidings" of His Gospel were first announced by angels to the shepherds on the hills by night.

I looked at much that I had done, So may God's servants humbly muse,
The view my heart might almost stun,
So much my Saviour must refuse.

Not that I craved for human gain,
Sought human glory, or applause,
'Tis not that I escaped all strain,
Or would ignore His holy laws.

OUR JOB AS MISSIONARY WORKERS

By MRS. ELMER FINNELL of Oxford, Ohio
(Continued from last issue)

Oft times because of inadequate support the home doesn’t make good boys and girls. They seek the streets for amusement, which often leads to delinquency. The church can do its part by using these children in various departments of the church. Show an interest in them. Show them what it means to be a Christian.

In many, many cases a young girl or boy has overstepped the conventions of society and are known as fallen men and women. Some of you, as church members, forbid your daughters and sons to be seen with them. You draw your skirts as they pass. It is all so unchristianlike. Our job as mission workers is to help lift that girl or boy up. A sincere word of kindness often would save our reformatories from being overfilled.

Visiting the sick is another phase of mission work. Quite often the sick are not in need of physical aid, but spiritually they need you. A word of prayer and a passage from the Bible, often make the sick feel on the road to recovery. If you feel they need food, etc., the church should be the first to take it. Flowers are always welcome to a sick room. Flowers with their beautiful colors are truly one of God’s wonders.

I pledge myself to take more interest in mission work and to try to enlarge within our own church the missionary society.

I will close by reading this poem taken 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 belongs”?
Do you ever go 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 program scheduled 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, you know right from wrong.
Be an active member, and not “just belong.”

ON THE WAY TO JERICHO

By ALLENA M. CLINE

I saw a man by the side of the road
Who was weighted down with a heavy load.
His burden of sin, of grief or of care
Was a greater cross than his soul could bear.
He was down and out. It was plain to see,
If he got along, it was up to me.
Did I leave him there without a friend,
While I hurried on to my journey’s end,
On my way to Jericho?

I was terribly rushed for time that day,
I didn’t have time to halt by the way.
Let the man rest by the side of the road
Till he gained more strength to carry his load.
What right had I, his keeper to be?
He and his troubles were nothing to me.
Was this my answer to my neighbor’s need?
Or did I prove a friend indeed,
On our way to Jericho?

Nay, I turned my head, and I passed him by;
The priest and Levite were no worse than I.
I left him there by the side of the road,
With night coming on. And his heavy load
Grew heavier still in a storm that night.
Nor was there relief with the morning’s light,
For others, when passing, had found him there
And turned their heads at his cry of despair,
On their way to Jericho.

I had journeyed all night along my way,
Till I was sore tired at the break of day.
So anxious was I my pleasure to seek,
That I took no time to eat or sleep.
And then, as I rested a bit by the road,
I thought of the man with the heavy load.
But, oh, the pains in my feet and head—
Then I thought of the words that Jesus said About the way to Jericho.

And then, as I lingered beside the road,
It seemed it was I with the heavy load
Of remorse and sorrow, of grief and pain;
I thought I had traveled all night in vain.

Then I sprang to my feet in quick alarm,
The things I was seeking had now no charm.
I had to go back! I had to be true!
I had to be sure my neighbor came through
On his way to Jericho.

A WAY TO A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To leave the old with a burst of song,
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worth while of the days grown old,
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.
—Robert Brewster Beattie.

THIS IS WORTH THINKING ABOUT

No wisdom, and you perish,
No ideal and you're lost;
Your heart must ever cherish
Some faith at any cost.
Some hope, some dream to cling to.
Some rainbow in the sky,
Some melody to sing to.
Some service that is high.
—Author Unknown.

THE DIFFERENCE

They met, and they talked where the crossroads meet,
Four men from the four winds come;
And they talked of the horse, for they loved the theme,
And never a man was dumb.
The man from the North loved the strength of the horse,
The man from the East his pace;
The man from the South loved the speed of the horse,
The man from the West his grace.
So these four men from the four winds come,
Each paused a space in his course
And smiled in the face of his fellowman—
And lovingly talked of the "horse."
These men parted—each went his way,

REVIVAL AT GERMANTOWN, KENTUCKY

A week’s revival was held at the Christian Church, beginning Monday night, Nov. 7. Rev. Botts and Rev. C. B. Gentry conducted the meeting. All messages were soul-stirring and the fullest kind. The church at large was greatly revived.

Rev. D. L. Botts, Pastor.
William E. Johnson, Reporter.
ANOTHER VICTORY

All members and friends of East Second Street Christian Church rejoice in copious thanks to the nine ministers and many members of all the white Christian Churches of Lexington, who so generously came to our assistance Sunday, January 8, 1939. The offering from the white brethren was around three hundred dollars and more to follow.

Such timely fellowship and support are indeed heartening and we breathe easier as we meet our monthly payments on the annex.

Each minister spoke feelingly when presenting the offering from his church.

The accompanying dedication with music by our choir lent flavor to the occasion. “He that shall overcome.”

C. H. DICKERSON.

AFFIRMATION FOR A TIME OF PERSONAL ANXIETY

In Thee I can endure all things. I am delivered from the bondage of fear. I can face unafraid all sorrow, or loss, illness, death or calamity of any sort. I accept with joy and gratitude all escapes, and mercies, and good things which may be vouchsafed to me. I to avert suffering or evil; but having done all, I stand. Though all life's structures come tumbling down, yet are my feet on solid ground. Thou art my Rock. I can walk secure amidst the wrecks of time, knowing that in the economy of the ages, and through the strive with all that is within me mysteries of the spirit, Thou makest all things to work together for good to them that love Thee. Out of my darkness a great Light shineth. I am still, and know that Thou art God.

JAMES MYERS.

We yet steadfastly believe believe that our preachers and leaders are fully justified in “handling” extra copies of the Christian Plea in the congregations. At present, the Plea is our one unifying agency of its kind, and is easily within the reach of all.

Is it true that “We talk a plenty, but think and READ all too little” of our common cause? Information still brings inspiration. Give some lively chap in your church the job to circulate a dozen or half dozen copies of the Plea in your congregation. The cost will be small and he gets part of that, for commission. Let’s go “50-50.”

The Plea will be carrying matter that you’ll wish to preserve for future reference in these “History Making Days.”

Write us today just how many copies you can use and USE them.

Lexington church has been so busy “killing dead snakes” that we’re just beginning to see “over the fence.” But mark you, our hearts beat in unison with all the fields and forces of that great commission by which we are sent. We know that commission was nor is neither Local, Racial nor Tribal, but is John Three-Sixteen.

CHIPS OFF THE OLD BLOCK

Sister Fannie Hathaway (white) and Prof. Isaac Hathaway still do honor to the late Eld. R. E. Hathaway, of Lexington, Ky. She is long-time principal of our Geo. W. Carver school and he is at last the noted artist and sculpture now of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. They spent a few minutes here in Lexington December 28th. Another preacher's son and daughter making good.

Eld. A. J. Walker is getting a good start on North Middletown, Ky. See his sermon in this issue. He has some wonderful talent there.

Brother C. B. Gentry took a group of over a dozen singers from Lexington to his church at Fairview with a program during the holidays and reports great success.

ORGANIZATIONS SALAAM MISSIONARY

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Window shades
Canned and dried foods (very, very much needed).
Send to: Mr. John Long, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.
Regional Sec'y Traces Background Of Our National Convention

1. A Page From History

The National Christian Missionary Convention evolved from the efforts of the leaders of the Christian Church to meet a definite need. The need was so pressing that in the year the first session was held, 1917, there were in existence three separate attempts to meet the emergency.

1. In Nashville, Eld. Preston Taylor was host to a group including Elders R. E. Pearson, H. L. Herod, W. A. Scott, W. W. Cordell et al with representatives of the missionary agencies then doing work among the Negro brotherhood. This assembly was called to attempt to make articulate a growing consciousness of the Negro churches to its problems and program of work.

2. Under the leadership of Elder W. M. Alphin, a group of leaders in the Mid-West met at Kansas City, Mo., to discuss matters of brotherhood interest. When the assembly there learned of the meeting in Nashville, the two efforts were combined.

3. Previous to this date and including this year, a Workers' Conference met in connection with Commencement at Southern Christian Institute to plan with Mr. J. B. Lehman, then superintendent of Negro Work under the C. W. B. M., to form an advisory group to the existing projects of work being done under the C. W. B. M.

So, South, Mid-West and Central, the need of some sort of gathering of the leaders of the Disciples of Christ was acted upon and in the next year, 1918, all of these efforts were joined and welded into the National Christian Missionary Convention.

The minutes of the first year carried addresses made by Elders R. E. Pearson, W. A. Scott, W. H. Dickerson and H. L. Herod. Elder Preston Taylor was host and presiding officer. While most of these addresses were on subjects relative to some interest in the brotherhood and some were in the form of sermons, the same note was apparent in all, namely the need among the Negro churches for some agency through which the brotherhood may speak distinctly.

Eld. Herod's address gathered up the various implications of the need and set them down in a forthright manner in his production entitled, "The Status of the Negro Brotherhood." From this address and by implication and direct statement from other addresses, the following has been gleaned as those objectives that were paramount in the minds of the originators of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

The historical facts previous to this date showed that at first the Negro church and church members had been the object of concern of the local white churches for some time. Later a Board of Evangelism was organized and put in charge of this work among local churches. Under this regime, one school was established and various other bits of work financed and supervised by the board. However, the board encouraged the close relationship between Negro churches and the local white churches.

A rich mixture of Lexington and Nicholasville "Old First," when Everett and I were young-er.—C. H. D.

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REPORT OF KY. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Dear Superintendent and School:

Best wishes for this new year and your work in the school. May this year's record exceed that of last year!

Following is an offer that we hope will aid in the getting of new students for conference as well as encouraging your school to get its apportionment paid. The dates for this contest are from February first to June first. The first five schools to have their apportionments paid will be privileged to send in the name of a young person who will attend conference. Three dollars of this person's conference fee will be paid by the state. The next four schools to pay apportionments may send in the name of a young person and two dollars of this fee will be paid by the state. The next seven schools to do likewise may send in a name and one dollar of this fee will be paid by the state. Thus sixteen new students will receive direct financial aid from the state and the enrollment at conference will increase that much. These names should be of new students for conference; in the event that a substitute is made the substitute must also be a new student. Send your apportionment to the secretary, but make your money order out for the treasurer. The secretary will notify those schools that send in their apportionments in full, according to the arrangements.

The secretary will also tell your school how much its apportionment is and how much has been paid or is to be paid.

The age of the prospective student must be between the years of fifteen and twenty-five. The young person must be in the eighth grade or higher.

For any additional information concerning this offer please write the secretary or the president of the Bible School department. Hoping that your school will take advantage of the contest, I remain

Respectfully yours,

EDITH WILSON.

We were very glad to have our new board member, Elder R. Saunders, present and also the regional worker, Bro. U. G. Smith, and national field worker, Miss Jamison. They assisted us in the formation of our plans.

OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY COVERS THE FIELD

I went up to Cleveland to help Brother Smith get started there, and he did a fine piece of work. Became the regular pastor for five weeks, raised the back salary for Brother Campbell, and carried on a special training program for all the auxiliaries.

I was present at District No. 6 meeting in North Middletown, Ky. Then I proceeded to Knoxville, where I stopped a few minutes with Brother Watson, who is now doing evangelistic work. Stopped over night in Atlanta and had conferences with Brother Evans and Miss Butler from North Middletown, who is a sophomore at Clark University. Brother L. J. Evans is the evangelist for Georgia, and a student in Gammon Theological Seminary. Leaving Atlanta, I spent five days at the S. C. State Convention, and believe me, we have a fine set of people in that state. Each minister reported to the state convention with $5.00 as a minister's fee.

From S. C., I ran by home for a couple of days and on to the International Convention. Our group was well represented by the National President, Rev. L. H. Crawford, who led the devotions on Saturday; Mrs. H. L. Herod, president of our woman's work; Mrs. Bracy, the Promotional Secretary of the National Convention, and Brother S. S. Meyers, president of the Missouri State Convention. Mrs. L. H. Crawford and also President P. C. Washington, of Jarvis Christian College, were there.

On my way back from the International Convention in Denver, I stopped off in St. Louis where Brother P. A. Gray is the new pastor. Reports have it that he and Mrs. Deetsy Blackburn Gray are doing fine.

Then on to New York, where I spent several days with Brother and Sister R. E. Hancock. They are getting a very fine program under way and prospects look fine for getting a church building. If and when they do, they will be ready to put into operation a seven-day program, consisting of a nursery school, week-day school of religious education of children.
and clubs for young people and adults.

From New York I went to Baltimore, Washington, Reidsville, N. C., and Martinsville, Va., to set up units of the National Christian Youth Movement. I had fair success in each place. Created some interest and left a group at work at each place. I spent several days in Winston-Salem with our churches there. Brother Ragsdale, Brother Peters, and a host of others kept me busy from the time I got there until I left. But I enjoyed it and plan to go back soon. Then Brother G. W. Roland took me with him to Cool Spring Church out from Reidsville, where he brought a fine message in a rally meeting. From there he took me to Martinsville where I spent the night with Brother and Sister J. H. Thomas. Brother R. W. Watson was there holding a meeting, and had already added 22 to the church and was still going strong. Returning, I stopped in Bluefield, West Va., to set up a Christian Youth Movement. Had the best meeting of that kind there and left for home that night, arriving the next morning.

Spent one day this time and on to Chicago to attend the fiftieth anniversary. Was with them three days. I was accompanied this time by the Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Smith, the new regional worker for Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. We had several meetings with the youth and youth leaders, and I left Brother Smith to complete the set up of the Christian Youth Movement.

From Chicago we (my wife and I) ran down to Eureka College at Eureka, Illinois, to visit with our students there, two girls, one senior and one junior; and two boys, one junior and one sophomore. They are getting on very nicely, and seem to have enjoyed our visit very much.

R. H. PEOPLES,
National Secretary.

"HITTING ON ALL SIX"

Every participant in the annual Mt. Sterling Christmas exercise took active part which made it very successful.

The president, Mrs. Eliza Jackson, and members of the Church Aid Society sent small donations to the older folks and shut-ins, for Christmas spirit and cheer.

Mrs. Nancy E. Stowall visited her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Blair.

The meeting of District No. 6 was held at the High St. Christian Church in Mt. Sterling, Jan. 14-15, the theme was "Advancement Through Religious Education."

REV. J. E. BLAIR, Pastor
MISS EVELYN HOLLY,
Reporter,
Mt. Sterling, Ky.

REPORT FOR THE CHURCH
AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The church at Youngstown, Ohio, under the pastorate of Elder F. T. Barnett closed the past year with a rally. Although the membership of this church is small, the interest and enthusiasm demonstrated are comparable with that of a larger church. All the men, women, and even all the children of every department, and all the organizations of the church did their share to make the rally the success it was.

Following is a tabulated statement of the donors:

Men
The following gave $10 each:
Mr. Walter Jackson $10.00
Mr. John Keys $10.00
Mr. Rodgers Haynes $10.00
Mr. James Summers $10.00

“HITTING ON ALL SIX”

Elder F. T. Barnett $10.00
Mr. L. C. Humphreys $5.00
Mr. Joe Dodson $2.00
Mr. Raymond Barnett $2.00
Mr. Herbert Summers $1.00

Total $60.00

Women
The following gave $5.00 each:
Mrs. Mary Summers $5.00
Mrs. Alice Callens $5.00
Mrs. Geraldine Thornhill $5.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Haynes $2.00
Mrs. Odessa Coleman $1.50
Mrs. Mary Bledsoe $1.00
Mrs. Halen Haynes $1.00

Total $19.60

Organizations
Missionary Society $5.00
Children’s Bank $6.82
Crusaders $6.35

Total $18.17

Young People
Miss Stevina Coleman $1.00
Miss May Coleman $1.00
Miss Lovey Haynes $0.55
Miss Odessa Coleman $0.10
Miss Phyllis Thornhill $0.05
Mr. Curtiss Haynes $0.25
Master Mervin Thornhill $0.05
Master Curtis Haynes, Jr. $0.05

Total $3.05

A GRAND TOTAL OF $100.82

Because of unemployment the following gentlemen were unable to participate in this rally, however, each has pledged to give $10.00 as soon as he is employed.

W. J. Ayers
Thomas Callens
Richard Mitchell.

We know that the success of this church will soon be realized by the cooperation shown in this rally. The success of this rally was possible for two basic reasons: The right leadership, and the willingness of the members to work and to give.

W. J. AYERS, Reporter.
ATTITUDES

Among the "Tudes," colorful and needful as may be, not least is attitude.

Indeed more significance is seen in one's attitude than in overt acts.

What is our attitude toward any of the projects or attempts of our National Convention? The Christian Plea? The New Field Secretary? The National Worker? The relationship with the various agencies of the U. C. M. S.? The Calendar they sponsor, the allocation of school funds, etc., et al.?

Many of us wholeheartedly take the affirmative in these various activities and would see them succeed and expand.

We could wish others would boldly champion our position and if unprepared to meet financial requirements, show the proper attitude, as respects our organized work. Let's lift, not bear down.

"And Because thou art Luke-warm."

DID YOU NOTE THAT "ROUND REPORT"

Our National Evangelist, R. L. Peters, That Winston-Salem Wonder, Made at Knoxville?

With knowledge of his forty years of service, always evangelistic, I'm saying that no living man among us has more trophies—"notches on his gun barrel"—than R. L. Peters. His messages always ring true and he has just what our people want.

Elder Peters wears his years well and has given his whole life to the many churches in need of his splendid service.

He's the hero of many battles and natural force unabated he fills to the brim the every requirement of National Evangelist.

I'm happy to count myself among the dozens inspired to the Christian ministry by this evangelist, R. L. Peters, and if each of his additions should bring one rose to his house, the whole front and back yard would smile from under a wilderness of roses.

Like myself, he's an old Virginian, attracted to, and adopted by other states.

The National Convention's interests are fully safe in the hands of R. L. Peters who grows "Better With the Years" and the place where his hair was, shines as does his soul through his eyes and musical voice.

By C. H. DICKERSON

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

February 10, 1939

HAPPY NEW YEAR

By R. R. WALTON,
National Bible School President

Many things have happened since Knoxville. We want to see the greatest convention year our church has ever known especially in the Bible School. With the year half gone we need to think of raising funds and inspiring new ones to meet with us in St. Louis.

Kansas is going to do its part. The work at Wichita is at a high pitch with all working hard to finish what was started some years ago, a beautiful edifice. New year's found us out of debt. Seven (7) additions since October 1st, and $200.00 on the building fund.

The church has launched a drive to raise $500.00 by June 1st and then bricks and mortar will start flying. Sister Warrick Graves, wife of former pastor and now chairman of the official board, was selected to head up the women, and Bro. Bennie Saunders, an elder, will head up the men. With trust in God these ardent workers are going to lead on to victory.

Your humble servant gives part time to this work and to Emporia.

I visited Chickasha, Okla., Christmas Sunday and there I found Sister Livilee Woods-Droun carrying on a great Sunday School work. Chickasha needs a minister, one who is willing to work. A ripe field for active service. Bro. Daniels left last month for Knoxville, Tenn.

Emporia has a drive on to raise its quota for the Tri-State (Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma) evangelist.

Bro. R. L. Love, at Wichita, is up and around. Bro. Terry, president of Kansas work, visit-
ed Parsons and found Bro. Thomas holding his own.

When the ice and sleet are over I'll be driving by to see what your Bible Schools are doing.

Let us all help make this the banner year.

GOOD PASTOR NEEDED—SEE QUALIFICATIONS ON ANOTHER PAGE

 Muskogee, Okla.

Tell the Brotherhood we are still doing things.

In December Eld. Z. H. Howard preached a missionary sermon for the W. M. S.

At night they had a program, raising $8.00. The Junior choir sang in their robes; they are also the young people's circle group; the Junior C. E. group also had a part on the program.

Mrs. Burr, of Ward's A. M. E. Church, read an inspiring paper on “The City and World Missions.”

The women wore white dresses and the men wore missionary colors.

On December 11 our aim for Bible School was 100 present. The Hi-Y boys were present and their sponsor, Mr. Humphrey.

Prof. Peoples taught this large class of Hi-Y boys.

We had 106 present, and great offering. We are without a pastor. The services were in charge of three elders. They made splendid talks at both services.

On December 25th a Christmas sermon by Elder Howard. At night a short program and Christmas tree.

On December 27 the Y. P. S. C. E. gave a Christmas party at the community center for its young people which was a great success.

On January 1, Elder Poston, of Paducah, Ky., preached a splendid sermon.

MRS. A. V. HARGROVE, Reporter.

Second Christian Church.

WATCH OUR YOUTH OF KENTUCKY ADVANCE

We had an excellent district meeting of No. 6 in Mt. Sterling, which was a great success, spiritually, financially and educationally, of which we all are very proud. Mr. Vance Smith, our new regional secretary; Miss Jamison, our national field worker of missionary organizations, and our old reliable state evangelist, Bro. I. H. Moore, were all here participating in all the different activities and were helpful to all. I've never seen our young people aroused and get so much enjoyment before in these meetings. We are very proud of this team of workers. The missionary organizations of Kentucky have taken on some greater obligations, our Regional and State Secretaries and other field workers must be looked after; knowing these things the Y. P. of Ky. are going to try to make this a banner year, but in order to do this it must be known all over Kentucky that we do have a standard of excellence or a goal, and our youth must work in order to obtain it.

First, there will be a loving cup or trophy given to the Y. P.'s organization nearest the different points in the Standard of Excellency.

Second, those not organized must be by the State Supt. of Y. P.'s work.

Third, meetings must be held at least once a month.

Fourth, report monthly fee to U. C. M. S. and $1.00 to State Supt. of Y. P.'s work whose address is R. F. D. No. 3, Paris, Ky., Mrs. Elizabeth Moore.

Fifth, representation fee to State Convention, $1.00.

Sixth, the Y. P.'s organization bringing the largest amount over $3.00 for the advancement of the youth program of Kentucky to the State Convention and competes nearest to these points will be awarded the Youth's Loving Cup or Trophy of Kentucky with the name of their Local Youth Organization inscribed thereon.

This loving cup will be in their possession until it is lost on these points.

The organization awarded this cup or trophy shall be known throughout the state as "Miss Kentucky."

We are asking that this be published three times in the Plea.

Yours, as ever for the advancement of the work,

MRS. ELIZABETH MOORE,

Supt. of Y. P.'s Work in Kentucky.


The State of Tennessee is again leading in paying old subscriptions and new ones.

Dr. J. E. Walker keeps his adopted state ahead. $24.00 recently.

We thank Mrs. Ballard Campbell of Sargentville, Tenn., for $5.00 recently sent from her society under advice of Bro. S. Kenny.

The recent sudden passing of Sister Emma D. Campbell, wife of Elder Stafford Campbell, here in Lexington and mother of Eld. W. D. Campbell of Indianapolis, Ind., was indeed a shock to the many folks who knew them. A great host of people from adjacent places attended the funeral January 29th, the writer officiating.
REGIONAL SEC'Y TRACES BACKGROUND OF OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION

(Continued from Page 1) Negro and white churches on a local congregation to congregation plane. For some reason not given in the address, the Board of Evangelism dropped the Negro work and it was rescued by the C. W. B. M. which through the national aspects of its work was not in a position to further the relationship of congregations. National Convention had as its avowed purpose, the encouragement of this friendly feeling between the Negro and white congregations to the mutual advantage of both. Unfortunately, no machinery was set up to get this objective realized in the brotherhood so whatever has been done in this line has been of a personal or incidental nature by the National Convention leaders or the national field staff.

The pressing need for a training school for ministers was apparent even in that day when statistics were not as complete as now and the supply of indigenous ministers was much larger than at present. The Negro brotherhood has invaded the northern cities in quest of the emigrant Negroes who were leaving the southern rural church. Even in those cases where the preacher followed the congregation the situation presented a dilemma. The Disciples who remained in the South were without a pastor while the pastor who went north was all too often unable to cope with the demands of an urban situation in his ministry. Hence the need for a school designed to furnish more and better pastors for the brotherhood. The various attempts to realize this aim with the growing knowledge gleaned thereby are well known but may be catalogued here to stimulate your memories on the subject.

Central Christian Institute was established and operated for a few years but was unable to commandeering the leadership or the support of the brotherhood to develop the generalized and specialized courses to train ministers. A project to operate a chair of theology in connection with Butler College and Mr. Herod in Indianapolis was also a failure due to the non-appearance of students. At that time Butler had no school of religion. At the same time, Southern Christian Institute was attempting to influence young men to enter the ministry and while the courses offered did not always prepare the individual to do a competent piece of work, the need was so great that young men were hurried into the field without sufficient technical training to perform acceptably without further study and schooling. In these latter days, the idea of a separate institution has been discarded and efforts are being put forth to place the prospective ministers in the white colleges in which they are permitted through the use of scholarships. And efforts are being initiated to work out departments of Bible and practical theology and pastoral efficiency in the two Negro schools. The establishment of a chair or religion at Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Ky., with Mr. E. J. Dickson in charge, was not successful.

Other implied and expressed needs early conceived by the National Christian Missionary Convention were:

1. An orphans home and a home for the aged. The later efforts of the government and social service to change the emphasis of care of aged and orphans from institutional care to aid home situations has done much to invalidate that objective.

2. The newspaper for the church which would be an organ of promotion and articulation for the Negro brotherhood. The Christian Plea is the realization of that dream.

3. More adequate representation in advisory and administrative features of the Negro missionary work was a third objective. The Joint Executive Committee is a device fashioned to meet this need.

4. A closer and more vital relationship among the Negro disciples of the Nation and the annual assembly of the National Christian Missionary Convention is the result of that objective.

5. The induction of the Negro into positions that would assist in preparing him for leadership in more and more of his work and the need of a type of promotion and education that would prepare the brotherhood to increasingly assume financial responsibility for the projects of work conceived to be necessary, was also implied early in the National Convention history. There were two field secretaries working under the American Christian Missionary Society and the C. W. B. M. Later developments brought on the field two and one-fourth more secretaries and an editor of the Christian Plea who might be considered brotherhood positions of administration. To date, the Christian Plea is the only project of work that is administered directly by Joint Committee. Other projects have sprung up in the National Convention and are being administered by it. While changes have taken place in the
field staff and schools administered by the United Christian Missionary Society, the Society still administers the projects of evangelism, church maintenance and field service as well as the schools with the sanction of the personnel of the field staff by the N. C. M. S.

So much for the history of objectives. Later articles will carry forward the history from the standpoint of the Joint Executive Committee, the written constitutions, the departmental life and other aspects of the National Convention.

V. G. SMITH,
Chairman of the Steering Committee of The Commission on Re-Organization of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM THE PENSION FUND

Eight Accidents—Eight Years
Death by automobile accident has come to seven members of the Pension Plan in the eight years of operation. One by accident otherwise. In each case the cash death benefit has been available to the widow or the estate.

This Happened In December, 1938

A young minister of Ohio, unmarried, was killed in an automobile accident on December 23. He was paying his 2½% dues and his church the 8%. The telegram from the church treasurer reached the Pension Fund office Saturday afternoon.

The assistant actuary made a trip to the office Saturday night, verified the records, wrote out the check for $1,000, which goes to the estate when the member is unmarried. He drove to the Secretary's home and secured his signature to the check, then to the Treasurer's home for his signature, then back to the Post Office where the letter was mailed Saturday night by special delivery to the bereaved parents.

From 69 to 1,006
The Ministerial Relief Board was organized in 1895 because of a great need. Even so in the early years the response was small. After seventeen years of operation, in 1912, there were only 69 beneficiaries on the roll.

At this writing, January, 1939, there are 1,006 beneficiaries on the total Pension Fund roll. Of this number 766 receive benefits either in the form of Ministerial Relief or Prior Service, both of which are gift money. What a marvelous growth that is. The growth had to come in gifts, because beneficiaries could not be added without the money to care for them.

Growth in the fundamental idea came also from 1912 to 1931. The Pension idea grew in those years. The failure of Ministerial Relief to ever solve the problem became apparent. The conviction that the Pension Plan could permanently solve the problem grew throughout the brotherhood, and the present Pension Fund, with its total outreach and care of 1,006 is the result. But the total family is even larger. There are 573 dependents, making the large total of 1,579.

The Actuary Reports on the 1919 System

In the December issue of the Pension Fund Bulletin a statement was made of the Actuary's seven years' study of the operation of the Pension Plan. His study showed that the Fund is sound and secure. He measured the Fund's reserves with the tables of actual experience, and found them entirely adequate to meet all contractual claims, and to pay future claims as they fall due.

The study of the 1919 System over its entire history shows a similar condition. Reserves created by dues of members have been sufficient and are now sufficient to pay all contractual claims. The experience very carefully follows the curve predicted by the Actuary from the beginning.

THE KOMMON SENSE VIEW

N. B.

My Dear Editor:

We are forwarding to you the resume on the recent meeting and conference. We realize that this is a much longer article than you will be able to use, but we have included the significant statements, and shall leave it to you to condense it as in your judgment will best serve the needs of your periodical.

(Signed) X. Y. Z., Sec'y.

“Old Faithful,” Sister Sarah L. Bostick, of Little Rock, Ark., writes in highest terms to their state evangelist, W. M. Martin. She tells of two men he has regained to the church.

Sister Bostick also pays worthy tribute to the late Prof. J. N. Ervin, along with the memory of Prof. P. H. Moss.

Old Kentucky is swapping Elder Poston, from Paducah, to Texas for Elder J. O. Bowls, of Dallas. From his program (too late for this issue) we believe Mr. Bowls will indeed “set the river on fire.”

Welcome, thrice welcome to the late Prof. J. J. Green, of St. Louis?
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

With half of the school year history behind us, and the pages of the twentieth century year-book turned from 38 to 39, it is about time to give the public a glimpse of life at S. C. I. through the columns of our official and meritorious organ—The Christian Plea.

This paper of ours, to which we subscribe and forget to pay for a new and more expensive apparel. All honor to the editor and his loyal supporters! The foregoing is a prelude to a criticism of Southern Christian Institute and of Jarvis Christian College for their failure to use The Plea more frequently to publicize themselves. Our own brotherhood would know us better and appreciate the work we are doing to a greater degree if we would take the time to keep our work in the foreground. It is a fact that our own people hardly know us.

Since our opening date, September 13, 1938, we have received many blessings. We have received gifts which have both helped and inspired us; we have been able to help some of our students secure employment while others have been helped and encouraged to continue their education; we have been relatively free from epidemics or disasters which might have interfered with the orderly progress of our work so we have much to be thankful for at the beginning of the New Year.

The State Department of Education in collaboration with the National Youth Administration provided twenty one-year scholarships for the continuation of the training of high school graduates interested in education. These teacher-trainers are guaranteed employment upon the satisfactory completion of their work here. This program is indicative of a growing consciousness on the part of southern educators that the first step toward equal educational opportunities is better trained teachers for rural areas where the bulk of the Negro educatables live, and where illiteracy and ignorance are boon companions. A revised statute for the licensing of teachers which becomes effective in 1939 will help to protect these young people from many of the evils of the former system under which anyone with the proper connections could secure employment in the Negro schools of Mississippi.

Our total registration of two hundred fifty-three students is the largest since the more prosperous years of 1923-24. Particularly gratifying is the consistent gain in registrations in the junior college department whose offerings we expect to increase as rapidly as funds permit and sound educational procedure justifies.

Miss Johnnie Howard, an alumna of S. C. I. and Eureka Colleges, and Miss Ruth Powell, a graduate of the teacher training department of Alcorn A. & M. College, joined our elementary school staff this year. Both are proving themselves to be welcome and worthy additions.

Wedding bells rang recently for Dorothy Jordan, Mound Mayou, Miss., class of 1937, and Selmer Stampley, of Port Gibson and S. C. I. Another newlywed is Mrs. Hilda Powell Swanger, class of 1936, now making her home in Chicago. The entire S. C. I. family wishes them "bon voyage" on the sea of matrimony.

Our Alumni Association lost its opportunity to raise the first thousand dollars toward the erection of a new Belding Hall for young men when President Long made "a thousand dollar speech" at the International Convention in Denver last October. The donation was made by a lady who asked that her name be withheld. Our need for a new dormitory is most pressing. May the example set by this anonymous donor be followed by anyone having one or more dollars to give. In passing, why not the Alumni Association raise the second thousand?

Santa Claus came to the library and to individual students from the Intermediate Society of the Lakewood Christian Church, Cleveland, the church at Newark, and from the Hyde Park Church at Cincinnati, Ohio. The Englewood Church, Chicago, gave us $100 on our new refrigerating unit; a year's tuition for a deserving grade school girl was paid by the Girls' Circle, Galesburg, Illinois, a practice of several years' duration; cash gifts for pecan trees came from Peoria Central and from Pine Bluff congregation sin the same state. In response to their former pastor's comments about the scarcity and high price of apples in this section, Mrs. Geneva Towns, of Second Church, Indianapolis, writes that one of the auxiliaries of the church will pay for the trees to start an apple orchard on our campus. Other churches from New York to Oregon and from Mississippi to Wisconsin, have remembered us with varied gifts during the current school year. For all of these expressions of interest and good will we are very, very grateful.

We have had a number of dis-
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Distinguished guests to come to our campus within the last two months, among them Mrs. Rosa Bracy, Field Secretary for the National Convention; Prof. Merle Epps, of Tennessee A. & I. College; Dr. Pavlov, a Russian refugee, and nephew of the famous experimental physiologist, Ivan Pavlov; and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dennis, of Decatur, Illinois. Early in the school year the Home Missions Conference brought representatives to our campus from all of the home mission points except those on the extreme west coast.

A small but aggressive S. C. I. Club was organized in Jackson, Miss., during 1938. Moses Brown is president. President Long, Misses Howard, Legler and McClain, Mr. Jacobs and Dean Cowan were guests at the club's Christmas banquet. From "soup to nuts" it was an enjoyable affair.

Just as the air was full of footballs January 2nd, so will it be with basketballs from now until the season closes early in March. The S. C. I. team played its first conference game January 6th against Alcorn College. By the time these notes appear we shall have played several of the conference teams and, we hope, defeated most of them.

We conclude with the wish that the New Year will bring as much happiness to our many friends, former students and alumni as they brought to us through their devotion and loyalty during 1938.

J. M. COWAN, Dean.

Dear Minister of the Churches of Christ:

The National Convention of Disciples of Christ in Convention assembled August, 1938, at Knoxville, Tenn., conscious of its inability in the past to do the things planned, realized that a headquarters office with a General Secretary promoting the program was an essential thing. After careful consideration on the part of the Executive Committee, I was presented and unanimously elected to fill the position. I accepted, aware that there were no funds to support the movement but fully conscious of a brotherhood need and a deep and abiding faith in the brotherhood that it would arise to the emergency of the hour.

In a meeting with the members of the Executive Committee even before we left Knoxville pledges were made by every member present to meet the immediate needs for the office set-up. Most of these pledges were promptly paid. On Sunday morning a number of those present at the National Convention added their name to the list. Some of these have paid their pledges. Thus, from these gifts and offerings from churches visited by your humble servant, we have carried forward the National Convention program until this present time.

Included in the program for the year ending August, 1939, are the following:

1. Maintaining the National Office.
2. Payment of balance due on the Preston Taylor monument.
3. The establishing of the Scholarship Fund in memory of the late Henry Herod and P. H. Moss.
4. The support of the Christian Plea.
5. The under-girding of the Evangelical and Church maintenance program.
6. The erection of the Ida D. Taylor Home for Aged and Orphans on the beautiful site bequeathed to us by the late president, Preston Taylor, Greenwood Park, Nashville, Tenn.

The plan to support this program is to secure from every member of the church One Dollar ($1.00) per year. We are sure that there is no able-bodied member of the church who cannot give $1.00 per year to this work, and so we are anxious that every member of the church be made aware of our desire for and the necessity of their cooperation.

Although at this time we are emphasizing "The Dollar Money" and we are hopeful that every member will enroll with $1.00, we are not unmindful that a number have been blessed so that they can give more. These should give more.

Remember that this is our National Convention program. It will be a success if we make it a success. The unanimity of this effort depends on you.

I know the power of the minister in his church and parish. "Like Priest, like people" is an adage I rejoice to recall. My contact and experience with the ministers of the National Convention churches has taught me that they can be depended upon to build constructively for our posterity and for the world.

The First Sunday in March has been set apart as National Convention Sunday. We hope the National Convention churches will be unanimous in their observance of the day.

Begin now to make announcements and plans for this observance that the day may really be a Red Letter Day in our brotherhood.

With a hope that you may lead your membership so that every member may count one in this effort, I am

Very truly yours,

ROSA BROWN BRACY.
The passing of Sister Annie Marshall at Jelico, Tenn.

To the friends and relatives of Sister Annie Marshall. She was entirely devoted to the Christian Church.

On attending district convention we stopped in her home which was always open for delegates in Jelico.

Her heart had an open welcome to all. She has always been a help to the church, both spiritually and financially.

The church has lost a faithful member whom God has called from labor to reward.

Sleep on, Dear Sister, We loved you dearly, But God loved you best.

SISTER LUCY JONES, Packard, Ky.

Indeed “Aunt Anne” was a noble character and will have a rich reward. She was among the great women of the church for many, many years. “Enter the joy of thy Lord.”—Ed.

Sister Anna Marshall was born in Crab Orchard, Kentucky, 87 years ago. Died here Dec. 8th. She was a member of the Christian Church at Crab Orchard since she was eight years old. She came to Jellico some years ago. Although, aged and infirm, she was loyal to the church and God's people.

MRS. SUSIE BARNETT.

The passing of Eld. Abe Redd, our beloved leader, leaves us distressed and sorrowful. We've suffered a great loss in his passing.

His friendship was only exceeded by his love for his Savior as shown in his care for the church.

KENTUCKY MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Among the familiar faces—and many strange ones—attending the Midwinter Conference of the white Christian ministers of Kentucky was our friend, Mr. Willard M. Wickizer, of the Home Mission Department of the U. C. M. S. of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Wickizer, though yet a young man, is the author of several books and tracts among which is “Making Public Worship Meaningful,” which may be found at U. C. M. S., Indianapolis, Ind. He is also one of the fifteen persons upon the Christian Evangelist’s “Roll of Honor” for 1938. Of course his speech reached the usual “high water mark.”

All of our Lexington ministers and churches (white) are exceedingly generous toward our building project here—helping in a most substantial way, which our church sincerely appreciates.

C. H. D.

MISS JAMISON IN MEMPHIS

With much enthusiasm we announce the beginning of the “United Youth’s Group” of the Miss. Blvd. Christian Church, whose officers were installed Sunday evening, January 8.

The installation service, conducted by the new field secretary, Miss Carnella L. Jamison, was very beautiful and inspirational.

Miss Jamison’s capability of having been a successful leader of young people’s work, was demonstrated in her talk to those twenty-five young people and especially to the officers.

Being anxious to get acquainted in the new field as General Secretary of Missionary Organizations, and we were anxious to get acquainted with her and help her acquaint herself with the work Miss Jamison stayed over the following Monday night for the meeting of the Missionary Society.

She gave very enlightened instructions and information regarding the advancement of the work together with the “five-year program of advance.”

KATIE YARBROUGH, President, M. S.

How will you know if you don’t read the Christian Plea? Our Louisville ministers have been on the sick list.

Our young minister, Jesse Bowen, of Mt. Sterling, writes good news from Jarvis College, way down in Texas, and reports a great president and faculty.

We wonder if the U. C. M. S. had “method in their madness” when sending us a batch of two books; the title of one book is “The Christian and His Money.” The title of the other book is “Come Ye Apart.” No wonder Bro. Bert Wilson calls it a “problem.” But thanks much.

Ky. State Board session was saddened by news of sudden death of the oldest son of our state evangelist, I. H. Moore. A contribution of $25.00 was given him here.
Rev. J. E. Blair has been again called for another year to the pastorate of Mt. Sterling Christian Church.

Among the many surviving evils of yesteryears is the annual “Calling of the minister.” It always creates needless commotion, as unholy tactics are often resorted to, too often on both sides.

A far better way is an agreement for 30 or 60 days’ notice in case either the church or minister desire a change. It should be observed that neither church nor minister can do best service with a change of pastorate every year. Long pastorates build up strong churches.

Neither minister nor church will find perfection in each other. Swapping “hosses” is always dangerous.

We were incorrect in reporting Dr. G. C. Campbell, pastor at Champaign, Ill. The long-haired lion says “Taint so.” But we still think he ought to be.

The latest success coming to our young son, R. L. Saunders, minister at Nicholasville, Ky., is the Brotherhood dinner which we attended February 1. “Old First” is truly coming to the front. That’s Nicholasville!

Those making contribution to the Plea recently:

Mrs. Preston Taylor, of Nashville, Tenn., $5.00.
Mrs. Ballard Campbell (Tenn.), for her society, $5.00.
In subscriptions Dr. Walker $19.00 (Tenn.).
Mrs. Wm. Alphin, $12.50 (Mo.).
Mrs. Ola Dunn, $5.00 (Mo.).
A. J. Jeffries, $3.75 (Ala.).
Robt. Murphy, $2.00 (Tenn.).
Mrs. A. M. Haygood, $2.50 (Ala.).
Mrs. Rosa Bracy, $4.00 (Mo.).

Go thou and do likewise that the Plea may go and glow.

CHRISTIAN PAPERS

“If any man suffer as a Christian.”
The Christian Evangelist, the Christian Leader,
The Alabama Christian, Alberta Christian Feeder
The Chesapeake Christian, the Christian Banner,
The Tibetan Christian, the Christian Standard,
The Christian Foundation, the Christian News,
The Christian Messenger, Two states choose.
Two Christian Workers, Industrious we,
The Kentucky Christian, the Christian Plea,
The Florida Christian, the Christian Woman,
The Indiana Christian, no bad omen.
The Nebraska Christian, the Christian Northern,
The Oklahoma Christian, greased with oil,
The Peoria Christian, “according to Hoyle.”
All Christians, these, from Beersheba to Dan
But strangest of all is a CHRISTIAN Man.
We’re Christians by name if not so by trade,
We’re the ar-gu-ing-est people that God ever made.
These two dozen news sheets and they’re not all
With names not changed, like Peter and Paul.
The name that brands every sheep in the flock
“The Disciples were called CHRISTIANS at Antioch.”
C. H. D.

UNCHANGED

By MISS HELEN E. HENRY of Texas.
Dedicated with love to the late Pres. J. N. Ervin.
Through the years he kept on smiling
Smiling through toil and pain,
Though the way grew dark and dreary
And his aims were hard to gain,
He remained unchanged.

Tried in the fiery furnace
Hit hard by the blows of men,
Knocked down and bruised and punished—
But his will these could not bend,
He remained unchanged.

Counseled with his sons and daughters
Showing them the way to go,
Using tact and love and laughter
Trying to make them grow and grow,
And remain unchanged.

Battled thru sickness and sorrow
Wrestled with misery and pain,
Building for men of tomorrow
A foundation that was firm and plain,
That they might remain unchanged.

Conquered by a disease in the body
All feeble in his physical frame,
And on a face all withered and tear-stained
Were lines, that he lived not in vain,
He remained unchanged.

Welcoming the heavenly summons
“Weary soul come in,”
He disbanded the robe of mortality,
And at the bidding of his pilot,
He crossed the river, unchanged.
AN ODE OF THANKSGIVING

The following poem was written by Mrs. Ellison of St. Louis, Mo., and presented at a Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James at which Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Grey and Jewel Grey and Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy were special guests.

I
For home and kindred o so dear,
For food and shelter all the year,
For gladness in our hearts to cheer
Our every pang of doubt and fear,
We thank Thee O Our Lord.

II
For wisdom given from above,
For friendliness and sacred love,
For peace and safety in our land,
For willing hearts and helpful hands,
We thank Thee O Our Lord.

III
For light to darken all our fears,
The future hopes of future years,
For gladness to replace a tear,
For land of promise we have here,
Oh our Lord, we thank Thee.

IV
Let not our hearts in anguish be,
With thankful prayers we ask of Thee,
Keep Thou our minds on higher plane,
Increase our vigor, might and main,
And Oh our Lord, may we thank Thee.

V
Lord bless us in the future day,
When dark our sight and dim our way,
Oh lead us to the Heavenly land,
With all thy might and powerful hand,
And our Lord all shall thank Thee.

By HELEN ELLISON, St. Louis, Mo.

Winchester, Kentucky
221 West Broadway
A brief message from President of the Kentucky State Convention.

To the Brethren scattered abroad, Greetings:
I am just in from Millersburg, where I have been serving this Church every first Sunday. Our work there moves fine in every department. We baptized Bro. Ben Hillman the first Sunday in February. I also united him in marriage to Mrs. Nancy Holliday the first Sunday in December. Our work here in Winchester moves on in a fine way. We started the year with the salary of the Pastor paid up at both Churches and all working in harmony. We were glad to have as our guest a few days ago Miss Jackson, the National Field Secretary of the Women's Work, who brought a great message and we feel that she will do much good and be a great asset to our cause as was her predecessor, Mrs. Rosa Bracy.

I visited the brethren in Louisville a few days ago and preached for Elder Floyd on Tuesday night and found him carrying on; preached for Elder Everett who is pastoring Old Central where I served for many years. They are working like bees in a hive, making preparations for the entertaining of our State Convention in July. Bro. Everett has dug a basement under the church, putting in sanitary lavatories. I had fine fellowship with Elder R. E. Person and Allen and the school mates of long ago.

Now to the Kentucky brethren and churches:
Half of the year is gone, may we not forget our new pledge to support the Regional Secretary, Bro. Vance Smith, who heads up the Regional workers of four states, whose report at our Board meeting January 19, showed his ability to do the work which the four States have assigned him to do, therefore as President may I urge upon the officials of our local Churches and members to stand by this worthy young man with both your spiritual and financial support, responding to the appeal of Bro. A. D. Gault, our new Financial Secretary of the Board, or bring to State Board. Stress from your pulpits the importance of raising this finance each Sunday, if each Church will follow this procedure, it will not work such a hardship on those doing their best.

Now just a word relative to our National Convention which meets in St. Louis in August. Your President was able to make a very good report for Kentucky last year but let's start now in raising our $5.00 from each Church of our Brotherhood, that Kentucky may hold first place by each Church being represented in our National Convention, $10.00 for our State and put the Kentucky work in first place. Do not forget the office of Mrs. Rosa Bracy Grubbs, which was created in the National Convention; if your Church is in need of someone who has the ability of putting on a financial drive and raising for you some real finance, address Mrs. Rosa Bracy, 3412 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Yours for the going forward of the Kingdom, Christ in the midst of this uptorn world.

WM. OWENS.
The National Christian Missionary Convention

By V. G. Smith
A Regional Secretary

II. The Development of the Departments
A. History

In 1917, the leaders of the church service department were called together at Nashville, Tenn., in what later developed into the National Christian Missionary Convention after the addition of other national agencies. Although the first assembly was mostly composed of the ministers and laymen, there were a few prominent laywomen also in attendance. There is no indication that the women did very much in the first convention in the way of programmed exhibition but the fact that they took part paved the way for later developments. Among those present were such women as Mrs. R. B. Bracey, then Miss Rosa V. Brown; Mrs. Hattie Singleton; Mrs. S. L. Bostick and others. After the Convention opened, these women were used in a number of worship services and there is every indication that early in the life of the National Convention women were placed on committees of importance and their counsel sought.

The next two assemblies held in Nashville also utilized the morning session to present teacher-training courses under the leadership of Prof. P. H. Moss and the American Christian Missionary Society which was then doing religious education work. This added to the understanding of Bible School work and paved the way for later induction of this auxiliary as a department of the Convention.

In 1918, Miss Brown, the national field secretary of the C. W. B. M. with the help of state organizers such as Mrs. Bostick, Miss Roxie Sneed of Mississippi, Mrs. S. L. Blackburn of the same state, Mrs. Mayberry of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Singleton of Kentucky, got the women of the Convention of that year together and formed a national organization of the C. W. B. M. which developed into the present department of W. M. S.

By 1919, the Bible School was able to call a preliminary meeting together and the next year organized a National department with Eld. R. A. Gooden as president. Prof. P. H. Moss, the man then known as Sunday School evangelist, was the moving spirit in this organization.

A few years elapsed before the same concept of religious education had brought into being the National Christian Missionary Convention under Prof. Moss, the Christian Endeavor Department, with Eld. S. C. Devine as president. This occurred in the year 1924.

The Minister's Wives Council became a part of the general set-up in 1928 but was not permitted the status of a department. Some attempts have been

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SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Hagerstown, Md.
Dr. M. F. Robinson, after 17 years of faithful service to our church, resigned; and on the first Lord's Day in January we were successful in getting Elder W. H. Taylor, of Baltimore, Md., to share his time as pastor of our church as well as of Emmanuel Christian Church of Baltimore.

Under the leadership of Elder Taylor the spirit of work has been revived and the church is continuing on in the upbuilding of our Master's Kingdom.

On Feb. 5 we started a two-weeks' revival which was very successful and eight souls were brought to Christ and buried with him in baptism.

We were happy to have with us a group of members from the Emmanuel Christian Church of Baltimore to worship with us on the closing Lord's Day of our revival. The amount of money raised during the revival was $52.00.

Eld. W. H. Taylor, Pastor
Mrs. Cleo B. Overton, Reporter

CROSS ST. REPORTS

Our district meeting for January was held at Cross St. Church, Little Rock, with good attendance. Besides Elders Bostic, H. Martin, Moore and our pastor, Elder Fischer and Mrs. S. L. Bostic there were other ministers and a number of members. Some very important features of the work were discussed.

Elder W. M. Martin, State Evangelist for Arkansas, was present. We feel assured that with co-operation of the churches of the state he will revive the work of sleepy Arkansas. Contribution for the state at this meeting was $21.

The women's council put over a grand program on the 30th of January, sponsored by the president, Mrs. Orine Cole, and others. Receipts taken were $74. Elder W. M. Martin suggested the plan. Three new members added to the church during the month. Total amount of money received was $126.65.

Yours in Christ,
MRS. MINNIE GUYDON

AN ACTIVE CHURCH

And every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.— John 15:2.

When one is doing good, honorable work, mention should be made of it. This will fire the zeal and courage in other workers. I am referring to L. L. Dickerson and his work in Robbin Street Christian Church, Covington, Kentucky. I occupied his pulpit while he was in Cleveland. The church is living and active. I was charmed by the peace and harmony with which the officers and members were working.

Sister Lureatha Brown Che- nauft, daughter of the late Eld. W. H. and Susie Brown, skillfully played the music.

There were many others of honorable mention.

We noted the esteem of the officers and members, shown toward their pastor in loud praise of his good work. I stopped in the good home of my Bro. J. J. Conway. God bless L. L. Dickerson and Robbin Street Christian Church.

J. S. CONWAY

CENTRAL REGION NEWS

V. G. SMITH, Sec'y-Director

The month of January was spent in Kentucky. After a two-day session with the Ohio Christian Education Commission, a fine district meeting was attended in Mt. Sterling. This was the sixth district with Miss Mary Butler, president of Bible School, Mrs. Dora Jones, president of W. M. S., and Miss M. Catherine Chenault of C. E.

Miss C. L. Jamison, National Secretary of Missionary Education Organization for Negro Churches, was present and rendered excellent service as speaker and member of committees.

Associated with the State Evangelist, Eld. I. H. Moore and ministers of the district, Elders W. H. Owens, state president; Eld. A. R. Walker, N. Middletown; J. E. Blair, Mt. Sterling, and C. B. Gentry, Fairview, the fellowship element of cooperative work was indeed high. This district prides itself on the high spiritual tone of its meetings and this is due to the efficient administration of its officers.

The state board meeting was attended and sympathetic attention given to the Regional Work. A system of financing the church departments' quota of the Regional Fund.
The Bible School state board meeting was also attended. The state convention program was made out, the Young People's Conference promotional responsibility was fixed, etc. Again, the regional work was given an appreciative hearing.

Another district meeting of District No. 3 at Germantown. Due to the change of place, the attendance was not as large as expected. Unfortunately, I had to leave early. Enough time was spent to note the efficiency and enthusiasm of President J. A. Johnson, Secretary A. D. Gault and the only minister present, Eld. H. T. Wilson, state vice-president.

The last three days of the month was spent in Indianapolis working with the young people.

Points for future note in the region are:

1. Ohio Youth Meet, March 17, 18, 19 at Dayton.
2. Post-Madras Conference in Indianapolis and Cleveland in March.
4. Preparation for special day emphasis in Church and Bible School.
5. Easter week of Prayer.

During February I shall be in Illinois and in March to the Youth Meet, I will visit the churches in southern Ohio.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Feb. 22, 1939
515 N. Lottie Ave.

Dear Reader of the Christian Plea:

The East Sixth Street Christian Church extends greetings for the year of 1939 to you and pledge our support to the building of a greater church during this year.

We are about to realize the one desire we have struggled so long for; that is the cleaning up the debt on our church and are making plans to complete our building very soon.

The church work everywhere is like to work in other places. We have been able to keep our obligations before us and move on slowly. The Oklahoma City Church has had much to overcome, but we are thankful that there are a few members who believe we can do all things as long as we have faith in our Father and ourselves.

The Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and the missionary are very much alive and during this year hope to keep up the fine work they are doing. The Sunday school has quite an increase in attendance as it has always been our policy to welcome the community children from every walk of life and they find pleasure in coming to East Sixth Street Church.

We have some wide awake clubs working in our church that has done much in the last year toward paying off the church debt.

The Brotherhood Club for the men sponsored the Brotherhood dinner February 1. The dinner was a great success. They brought us Bro. Parks of Ft. Worth, Texas, pastor of the Annie St. Christian Church, as speaker. He brought a great message on love.

The elders of the church are busy now making plans for a revival that new life might be created during this Easter season.

The church in Oklahoma City enjoys a fine fellowship with our white Christian Church. They are always ready and willing to help us.

The churches in Eastern Oklahoma held their quarterly

meet the 5th Sunday in January. The one thing they hope to accomplish during 1939 is to put an evangelist in the field cooperating with Arkansas and Missouri. We feel that this can be done.

We are praying for the best for all of the churches this year and hope at the end of the year we can be happy over our accomplishment as a church and Christians.

After February we will be without a pastor as Bro. ? ? ? has resigned and it will become effective April 1st. The church will not lose courage because he is leaving, but hope to move on as usual and by the help of God we will.

Yours for a greater work,
O. D. HENRY.

SHORT NOTICE BUT ROYAL ENTERTAINMENT AT GERMANTOWN

"Let's support our Regional Worker," says Financial Secretary A. D. Gault, of Kentucky State Board.

His is the task of raising such state money in every Kentucky Church. "Listen in" and look out for him and his appeal.

He reports carloads of workers coming from adjacent towns to the District (No. 3) meeting held at Germantown. Mr. J. A. Johnson, President.

With Regional Workers, Mr. Vance Smith, Mrs. Lizzie Johnson, William Johnson, Elwood Cross and Mrs. Parker, a good program was enjoyed.

Eld. H. T. Wilson’s address, "Conditions on Which the Prize of Life Is Won," was fine.

"Mother Commodore and Company" were among the entertainers.

Next meeting goes to Carlisle.
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. DICKERSON

WANTED

A shoe string that will break at right time.
A collar button that won’t run under the dressser.
A choir, all of them on time.
An editor who will print an article as written.
A subscriber who will pay without a “dun.”
Church officers who can be at church on time.
Husband or wife as kind to each other as to others.
A “bran new” prayer—not a recital.
A bus that will not pass corner just ahead of you.
A car that will “go wrong near the garage.”
A speaker who will not growl — “ur-rur.”
Eye glasses that will not lose.
A deacon who will deak.
An elder who will eld.

A rent and tax as irregular as a church member.
A telephone that will not give the “wrong number.”
A gas bill that will stay “down.”
Any one having any of these in “good order” call X. Y. Z., stating price, size and age.

Our regional secretary is giving salient features of the making of our National Convention. You’ll notice pronounced indications of an historian.

Truly says President Crawford, “all roads lead to St. Louis in August when we take stock of happenings under the new order of things.

Subscriptions are coming in fine. Are you among the number? If not, why not? Our old professor used to tell us, “Reading makes a full man, speaking a ready man and writing, an exact man. What sort of a man are you?

Eld. G. C. Campbell is courting Rockford, Ill. She’ll do well to say “I will.”

Eld. I. H. Moore, State Evangelist, began a two weeks’ meeting at Prall St., Lexington, the 26th.

Feb. 24th we buried Bro. R. Frank Bruce, deacon, trustee and secretary of East Second Street Christian Church, Lexington.

He was a careful and correct secretary. By trade he was a brick mason, many of whom attended his funeral, the writer officiating.

Eld. Stafford Campbell has returned from Indianapolis and Chicago and preached in Paris, Sunday.

Eld. J. O. Bowles seems to be waking up Paducah, Ky.

What of the future of Dr. M. F. Robinson, the aging F. F. V., now residing from the Hagerstown, Md., Church? He was mighty in his day. May the evening of life be kind to him.

Remembering: “Cast me not off when I am old.”

And R. W. Watson from Knoxville lands at Port Gibson, Miss. Congrats to both.

ATTENTION MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

By MISS C. L. JAMISON

The time seems to fly when one is on the field and comes in contact with so many interesting activities and very fine people.

The new year is fast growing old and there are a few things about which I would like to remind you and in a few instances give added information.

The dates of our Youth Fellowship Meets are as follows:
February 24-25 — Kansas City, Kansas.
March 3-4—Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
March 17-19—Dayton, Ohio.
May 12-14—Little Rock, Arkansas.
June 2-4—Port Gibson, Mississippi (tentative).

We hope that the young people will avail themselves of this very fine period of information and inspiration which is shared in our Youth Fellowship Meets. Let the young people enter wholeheartedly with the adults of our churches as we advance the Kingdom of God. The theme for youth meets this year is “Thy Kingdom Come.” Youth have a definite share in the coming of the Kingdom.

In many instances questions have arisen concerning the books which were sent to each missionary organization during the month of January. From my letter to the adult organizations December 14, I re-
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, HAWKINS, TEXAS

Just four months after death laid its icy hand upon our lovable leader, President J. N. Ervin, it made another visit December 31, and hushed the earthly activities of another faithful co-worker in our growing institution.

The funeral services for Mrs. Margie Virginia Wilson were ceremonially observed Tuesday, January 3, 1939, at 2 p.m. A large and truly sympathetic audience—the student body, alumni representatives and endearing friends of the community were present in the Mary E. Ervin Chapel and united in the panegyrics of speech and music as living testimony of their tribute of passionate esteem for the reverent dead.

Under the masterly leadership of President P. C. Washington, the ceremonies were conducted in a very satisfactory manner. Telegrams and other messages of consolation from friends and relatives afar were duly acknowledged. The choir directed by Mrs. Odessa Barker rendered choice selections of music rich in deep and soul-stirring emotions. The departments of school and church presented their appropriate resolutions and memorials of embosomed love in floral wreaths of artistic designs. The eulogy delivered by the Reverend T. B. Frost of Mt. Beulah College, Edwards, Mississippi, was an eloquent tribute of the arduous labors, keen sacrifices, and the fine consecrations of a pure life dedicated to a noble, unselfish service in the Master’s vineyard. Being an old and dear acquaintance of the family for more than twenty years, he was enabled to portray the symmetrical growth of a Christ-like personality.

The deceased following so close upon the demise of her devoted brother rounded out a life of glorious service in Jarvis Christian College with becoming honor, grace, and dignity. In stages of its development, she has served in several trustworthy positions of the institutions and in each she showed a fine cooperative spirit ever ready and willing to be spent in any worthy endeavor to enhance the welfare of church or school. Nothing during these devoted years—loss of all of her possessions by destructive fire and a physicality rapidly falling apart from the ravages of painful ills and sufferings did not diminish her enduring patience, loyal devotion, and abiding confidence in the Heavenly Father.

Besides the host of friends in church and school to mourn her loss, she leaves a devoted husband, loving son, two sisters, and one brother.

C. H. Uggams, Instructor Social Sciences, Jarvis Christian College.

Baltimore Taylor Chimes in

The Executive Board of The Preston Taylor Memorial Convention of Maryland, met in December and suggested that I share my time with the churches of the state.

With the cooperation of the ministers of the convention, I am now sharing my time with the Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, and the Second Christian Church of Hagerstown, Md.

Your friend,

Baltimore Taylor, President of the Preston Taylor Memorial Convention of Maryland.
THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Continued from Page 1) made to get a laymen's organization organized to represent the men of the church but to date the laymen have had a prominent part in the Church Service Department and have been represented there to their own satisfaction. The latest addition but not yet a department is the Christian Youth Movement, composed of the young people of the brotherhood.

B. Development

Due to its seniority, the church service department has assumed a position of priority in the set-up. Its president is known as President of the National Convention although there are three more presidents with no lesser position except that vouchsafed by custom. The church service department has been able to change and interrupt any department session to get its work done although the Program Committee has been composed of all departments. The church service department has taken the initiative in determining the time and place of the assembly annually. It has established the direct line of connection with the state conventions through its Recommendation Committee. It has lected irrespective of personnel representation, the members of the Joint Executive Committee and then requested the support of the other National Convention departments in executing the program. Through an Executive Committee that is composed of all the officers of the church service department and one representative from the other departments, it administers the projects of the National Convention or allocates them to other committees.

The W. M. S. department under the leadership of Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Mary Alphin, Mrs. Cynthia Martin, Mrs. Preston Taylor and Mrs. H. L. Herod has developed a plan of financing that has proven to be the most efficient. Early they recommended themselves as excellent counsellors on matters of general import and have placed one or more women through appointment by the Joint Executive Committee. They have been called upon to assist financially in the projects of work assumed by the church service department and have responded loyally. This department has worked out a better way of cooperation with the local situations through use of its officers in Woman's Day observances and in state convention participation of its president. Of course, the finances made possible this type of service. There is no reason to believe there is any real disparity between the W. M. S. department and the church service department nationally.

The Bible School department under R. A. Gooden, R. H. Davis, T. W. Pratt, R. H. Peoples and R. Walton, has perhaps the most productive record of national service. Besides the genesis of the Christian Endeavor department of the N. C. M. C., the department has through the field secretary and the national officers promoted young people's conferences, five in number of sections, 26 in number of conferences; schools of methods; vacation church schools, institutes, laboratory schools, Church Workers Institutes and convention schools. Through these means the department has recommended itself to the brotherhood and is commandeering some of the best talent nationally in its national sessions. It placed through appointment by the Church Service department, one representative on the Joint Committee.

The Christian Endeavor department has suffered for a long time from unfavorable balance of time and arrangement of program. It has been weak numerically in the local church and state convention program so it has been weak nationally. Its official body has changed often due to this weakness. Its finances have been sparse. And while from a purely representative point of view it has been on equal terms with the other departments, actually it has never been able to live up to them in finances, convention planning, national achievement or representation of a national viewpoint on committees.

The church service department has been unable to provide the unifying force that the National Convention needs. It has discharged a responsibility to a separate function of the church in the states and locally. It has attempted to perform an obligation equally as important for the whole. With the vigilance and specialization necessary to safeguard a departmental interest, no functional unit as now organized would be free to establish the broad general basis upon which the united whole may operate.

TEACHER TRAINING AT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., has been selected by the state department of education for special teacher-training work supported by National Youth Administration funds. Twenty special students
are there for an intensive one-year course.

Those instructors whose task it is to teach this special group are earnestly striving in the brief time these students can be with them to give them as thorough a preparation as possible for teaching in the elementary schools of the state. Remedial work in English, spelling, reading and other branches is offered. Classes in methods of teaching, child psychology, and problems of the rural teacher are required. These classes are held at the community school which is the elementary one maintained by Southern Christian Institute, and which serves as a laboratory for the students of education. Frequent demonstrations in teaching the elementary branches are given these prospective teachers, who later in the school year will do practice teaching under the supervision of the faculty.

In order to become familiar with the problems which are peculiar to the typical rural school in Mississippi, numerous opportunities are given these students for visiting rural schools in the vicinity. These visits usually furnish much material for classroom discussion. Through the cooperation of several of these schools, this group, divided into several sections, spends all day Mondays at these several schools where much insight into their problems is gained and some assistance is given to the teachers.

Because the typical rural teacher in Mississippi has little teaching equipment and few devices for making instruction interesting and effective, much emphasis is being placed upon the making of such materials and equipment and to school room decorations. Each student is assigned for a few hours' work each week with some member of the community school faculty.

With the aid of these special students an attractive library and reading room has been arranged for the children of the community school. Under supervision the work of classifying books, the making of bookcases, and furnishing and decorating the room were carried out by this group. Two at a time serve as librarians.

Through all these activities Southern Christian Institute is attempting in its small way to help make the rural schools of Mississippi better for Negro children.

A FULL WEEK AT SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Muskogee, Okla.

Sunday, January 29th, District Convention met in Muskogee at Second Christian Church with Supt. S. B. Wallack presiding.

After class discussion a church institute was conducted by Rev. Z. H. Howard. Afterwards the reports from District delegates were made. Money raised, $5.90.

Money for the Tri-State Evangelist, the State has raised its part for the first quarter. The Brotherhood Dinner was a success. Elder J. L. Nunnley, chairman of the board, presided. After the radio broadcast a brief quiz was conducted by Sister S. A. Pirtle, president of the State Missionary Society, after which a two-course dinner was served. Seventy-two members and friends partaking.

On Friday night, Feb. 3, the Christian Endeavor Society observed the 58th anniversary of Christian Endeavor. An interesting program was rendered that carried out the theme, "Preparing With Christ for Every Crisis." A beautiful candle light demonstration was carried out. Fifty-eight persons lighted the 58 candles on a beautiful birthday cake, and a social was held in our community house.

Christian Endeavor Week ended with a very impressive vesper service on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5. Dr. W. W. Os-good and Mr. Walter Martin of the First Christian Church (white) were the vesper speakers. Their subjects were: "The Making of the Man," and "What the Youth Thinks of the World Today," respectively. Both messages were forceful and also carried out the theme, "Preparing With Christ for Every Crisis." Many friends and members participated in these services.

MARY L. GRAYSON, Reporter
1602 Lenepah St.
Muskogee, Okla.

OWENS IN THE RIVER

231 W. Broadway,
Winchester, Ky.

Just in from Millersburg; preached for the C. M. E. Church in the afternoon, held baptismal service at Little Rock also in the afternoon baptised Bro. Ben Hillman in the creek; the pool out of repair. Will pay for subscription in next write up. Don't cut out all of it.

Yours,

W. M. OWENS.

District No. 6 will convene at Little Rock, Ky., March 25th and 26th, 1939.

Another great meeting in store and all invited.

MISS SUSIE JONES, Sec'y.
Mt. Sterling, Ky.
EVERYTHING IS LOOKING TOWARD ST. LOUIS FOR A GREAT CONVENTION, AUGUST 22-28, 1939

To the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ, only five months are left before we will meet in the National Convention in St. Louis, Mo., on August 22-28.

We are calling you to arms as never before. If there ever was a time that our brotherhood should be awakened to the task that confronts the church it is now. These are days when it requires prayerful attention, and we are calling upon you to rally around the blood-stained banner of King Emanuel, and help to save that which we have already accomplished and to lay a solid foundation to build on in the future.

As President of your National Convention, we are trying to lead on to victory by the help of God and the cooperation of every member of the local churches of the National Convention. We feel that you ought to consider this a personal opportunity to do something for the extension of the Kingdom of God while you are living here on earth.

In January, we called the Promotional Department of the National Convention to assemble in Nashville, Tennessee. Indeed, this was a great meeting for we had the privilege, through the courtesy of the Chairman of the Trustees of the National Convention, to go over the papers pertaining to our work, to examine the abstracts, deeds, and wills, and to see several pieces of property including the cemetery and park and the beautiful Preston Taylor home that was left to our brotherhood.

This committee held its sessions in this wonderful mansion, a beautiful, twelve-room structure built out of rock that was quarried on the property. Words fail us when we attempt to describe this beautiful layout. We must compliment Mrs. Preston Taylor, the chairman of our Trustee board, for the way in which she is managing and keeping up the business and property. The committee was greeted by Mrs. Taylor as hostess and was made welcome in her beautiful home. The next morning we took a view of the premises and was greeted by fine Portland China hogs, turkeys, and chickens and all of those things that have a tendency to make suburban life worth while. The committee held temporary services out at the grave of the late Preston Taylor and we said unto him, "Preston Taylor, we are still here, we will not fail, we shall not fail, because we have been endowed by your spirit and by the spirit of the Christ." It was a great moment to stand in this beautiful greenwood park and to know that the man who was asleep beneath the sod not only gave of his own means while he lived but left all that he had, at his death, that others might be benefited.

The committee then on Sunday was the guest of the Lee Avenue Christian Church at 11 a.m. Those of the committee were Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, of Indianapolis, Ind., the President of our Missionary Convention; Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, of St. Louis, Mo., our Promotional Secretary; Dr. J. E. Walker, our treasurer, and your humble servant. We had a great time with Brother Hayes, who has been recently called as pastor of the church there and is doing all in his power to put the job over for his Lord and Master. That afternoon we had a wonderful sight-seeing trip. We went through some of the largest educational institutions in the country, also the home for the aged and orphans and viewed the property that belongs to the National Convention. At 6:30 p.m. we spoke again at the Lee Avenue Church and then went at 8:00 p.m. to the Gay Street Christian Church of which our beloved brother is pastor. We were greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of young people, the largest we have ever seen assembled in a Christian Endeavor Society. This minister, who has been affected as far as his sight is concerned physically, but with 100 percent with eyes of faith, is able to carry on the business for the King. Our visit to Nashville may be one of the long remembered. Everyone seemed to have the spirit of wanting to carry on. On our way back we stopped at Hopkinsville, Ky., where our friend and Brother Stewart is pastoring, and then on to St. Louis, Mo., and met the council and officers both with their new pastor, Rev. P. A. Gray, and helped to complete arrangements for our National Convention. The people in St. Louis are looking forward to a great National Convention.

May I say to you that the majority of our people in some way or other takes vacation during the year. May I ask you if you have any church pride, if you love your work, if you love the church, if you have been born again and that you will make up your mind for one time in life to attend a National Convention of your National brotherhood, and that the convention cannot go on unless I am there. Then start now to get ready. Let the local churches begin to elect delegates even from the local auxiliaries and give them a nice
trip to the National Convention.

I am still making this appeal to you, that the Christian Plea as well as all our National and International agencies needs money. Will you play your part; and as we approach the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we are asking every church in our brotherhood to hold some kind of an Evangelistic meeting, stir up the slothful members, let them know that it is through preaching that God saved the world and with all of our undertakings we must not forget if the world is to be saved it must be saved through the preaching of the Gospel. The burning Gospel that the Apostle Paul said he was not ashamed of, but it is the power of God unto Salvation to them that believe. You must be born again, born of the water and of the spirit. If we have no pastor, let us meet and have weekly prayer meetings and carry on in some way that the world might know that Christ is depending upon the church to save the world.

Respectfully yours,

President of National Convention of Disciples of Christ.

ORDINATION OF MISSIONARIES AND MINISTER

Mrs. R. H. Peoples and Mrs. Cleo W. Blackburn were ordained to missionary service and Mr. Blackburn to the ministry in Graham Chapel of the Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, February 1. The ordination statement to the minister was given by Dr. Bruce L. Kershner of Butler University, and the setting apart statement to missionaries by Dr. Wm. F. Rothenburger, pastor of Third Christian Church. Dr. C. H. Winders delivered the ordination prayer and Miss Dale Ellis of the United Christian Missionary Society the prayer of consecration.

Rev. Vance Smith of Danville, Ky., and Rev. Emmett Dickson of Indianapolis, offered the opening prayer and benediction. Rev. W. D. Campbell, pastor of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, read the Scripture.

Rev. Blackburn is superintendent of Flanner House, a Negro community center in Indianapolis, and Mrs. Blackburn helps in this work. Mrs. Peoples is wife of the national secretary of Negro churches of Disciples of Christ. She was graduated from our own Jarvis Christian College and Texas College. Mr. Blackburn graduated from our own Southern Christian Institute and received further training at Butler University, Fiske College and Transylvania College. He is now working toward his Ph. D. degree. Mrs. Blackburn was graduated from Howard University, the Virginia Theological Seminary and Butler.

WITH OUR PUERTO RICAN CHURCHES

An outstanding characteristic of our churches in Puerto Rico is the rapidity with which they are assuming responsibility and developing initiative. During the past year one church has not only become self-supporting, but has made repairs on the property.

Another church has erected and paid for a reinforced concrete addition for Sunday School rooms. Eight years ago this church could scarcely pay for its lights and janitor service. Another church has built a pavilion on a vacant lot it has by the side of the church building. Several other churches have made important improvements.

In a politically, socially and economically unsettled island, our young ministers are thinking seriously, acting wisely and assuming real leadership. However, there are tragic needs and wide open doors of opportunity which cannot be entered for lack of resources.

NORTH MIDDLETOWN, KY.

Second Christian Church is going forward. With God leading, Elder Walker directing, and Sister Walker assisting us, much good will be done in the church and community.

He reorganized the Christian Endeavor Society. The young people are enthusiastic, the meetings are splendid, there were 51 persons in attendance Sunday evening, February 19th.

The Bible School is on the upward trend. The Missionary Society has revived, plans have been offered and accepted for a general rally Sunday, April 2nd. We hope to make this rally a great success.

Elder Walker's sermons are inspiring, there is a spirit of Christian fellowship existing, there seems to be a spiritual awakening, the finance is forthcoming and we are looking forward to the accomplishment of many things that will strengthen the church and help hasten the coming of Christ's Kingdom on Earth.

ELDER A. J. WALKER, Pastor

EMMA C. GREEN, Reporter.
STATE EVANGELIST REPORTS

To the Ky. Brotherhood
Greetings:

Gathering again the threads, after the sudden passing of my oldest son, Isaiah H. Moore, I hereby express copious thanks for every kindness shown.

I am again on the front at Prall St. Church, Lexington, in meeting progressing nicely. Hoping to visit as many churches as possible before the Convention, I am open for dates rendering service to ministers and people and raising funds for the cause.

Any church sending missionary for the State Evangelist, address it to Treas. C. H. Dickerson, 340 Ohio St., Lexington. He will send receipt.

Certain brethren at State Board meeting gave amounts for our distress. This record is kept by State Secretary, and due credit and thanks for same are given.

Following churches have sent since Board meeting: Hustonville, by C. B. Gentry, $6.40; Mayslick, by G. L. Anderson, $5.61.

Many thanks. My permanent address is Box 205, Paris, Ky. Residence, Little Rock, Ky.

I. H. MOORE, State Evangelist.

UNION CHRISTIAN CHURCH
5632 30TH ST., DETROIT, MICH.

We had a two-weeks program celebrating the completion of our church building here. Cooperation was fine. A real demonstration of Christian Fellowship and the "Good neighbor policy." Groups on the program responded readily and heartily despite the severe wintry weather.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
March 10, 1939

The presence of Mrs. Herod, Miss M. Fowler, Miss Jamison and Bro. Peoples were a source of much inspiration to us. They were very favorably impressed with our progress and our present outlook. Our building is small, but when we fill it, we can build larger as our lot is 145x150 ft., and being located in a good residential district and near two car lines should accelerate our growth. We are young, just two years old, and desire the prayers of the whole brotherhood. Give our address to all who come this way, that they may find and work with us.

Yours in Christ,
T. K. ROUSE, Reporter.
ROBT. L. JORDAN, Pastor.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE NECESSITY OF THE SAINTS

Jackson, Miss.
College Addition Church
After much illness God has blessed me to see the new year. The prayers of my many friends and the confidential hope that I have in God were great strength to me. Your thoughtfulness of me; not only in prayers but in financial assistance, which is as follows: My home church, Forrest Grove, sent the first aid which was $5.00. The Mississippi State Bible School Convention, $4.00; the M. C. M. Convention (women's department), $3.00; the National Convention's Ministers'? ? ? Council, $2.00; North Jackson, Miss., Missionary Society, $1.00; Mrs. K. R. Brown, $1.00; the K. P. Lodge of Jackson, Miss., $2.25; the National City Church, Woman's Council (white) $14.50. Total cash sent me, $32.75. The church at Danville, Ky., that called Elder H. G. Griffin, my husband, to its pastoral cares, also remembered me in a very fine way. I regret much that I cannot be at his side, but somehow I feel that the Lord has more work for me to do. The young lives in Mississippi must be saved and the older ones must be strengthened in the work, need to be better supported. We also need to give to our schools so that they may continue to send out young men and women to carry the message of salvation.

Yours in His service,
SISTER H. D. GRIFFIN.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE FIELD

ATTENTION! ATTENTION
CHURCHES OF CHRIST!
Observe FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH.

The first Sunday in March was set apart as National Convention Sunday.

All Churches of Christ cooperating with the National Convention are asked to observe the day with program and offering.

Special emphasis is placed on every member sharing in this offering. "A Dollar from every member of the church" is the slogan. Although we are aware of the worthwhileness of proportionate sharing and we are interested in each member giving to the church and its causes as God has prospered, we are urgent in our request that every member of the church will give into this offering a Dollar or more.

May this be the beginning of a Dollar Money Movement which will quicken the conscience of our entire brotherhood towards the support of our National Convention Program.

The offering sent in as a result of the observance of Na-
tional Convention Sunday will support the following:

Maintain the National Office.
Pay off the balance due on the Preston Taylor Monument.
Contribute to the Scholarship Fund.
Support the Christian Plea.
Help establish the Ida D. Taylor Home for Aged and Orphans of the Church.

Remember this is our National Convention Program. It will be a success if we make it a success. Let us make its observance unanimous.

Make all checks or money orders payable to the National Christian Missionary Society and send in care of Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, 3412 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

The letter published below gives us a bit of most interesting history. We now have evidence that at least two times before the organization of the National Convention in 1917 that there was a real passion and desire as well as effort on the part of Negro leaders of the churches of Christ to organize for cooperative work. The Eld. Keys from whom this letter comes was a most powerful preacher and still is. I delight to call him my friend.

We have so many letters from the men and women over the brotherhood which are most encouraging in these difficult days of beginning. Let us pray and work together that we may not fail him who depends upon us. Remember "He has no hands but our hands to do his work today."

Since the first Sunday in March was preoccupied, in many churches, we suggest that another Sunday be set to observe our National Convention Day and report promptly.—C. H. D.

Before The Beginning
Colia, Miss.
Nov. 24, 1938

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy
General Secretary of National Convention

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

Your circular letter received. You called our attention to the organization of the General Convention twenty-one years ago. To me it was a reorganization. I attended the General Convention of the Colored Church 58 years ago. Malcome Ayres was the first president. Here are the names of some of those I met in Nashville, Tennessee, at that meeting: Preston Taylor, Dr. Robinson, Dr. S. H. Berry, J. C. Graves, Merchant, Alexander Campbell, Leroy Redd, a Brother Smith and some others whose names have gone from me. Let me say, these men were Gospel Preachers quite different from a class we have in many places today. I think my name and some you mentioned could have been in your list.

I am not a pastor of any congregation now. They say I am too old to preach. I would much rather be too old than to be too young in every sense.

I am glad to see in the program of the National Christian Missionary Convention where Charlie will get full credit for what he does. Hand down to our coming generations a legacy which will shake and awake the dead.

I think the church and the religious groups should give more attention to the Living POOR.

You have my sympathy and a loyal word of support for every good work that is done to the glory of God and His church.

J. G. KEYS.

WHERE FLOWERS BLOOM

The work in part as chairman of the Mound Bayou District. We have some few faithful ones. We have at Indianola a nice house of worship and the little crew there is doing fine in the way of meetings. We have also another at Clarksdale, Miss., doing fine. We go there on 23rd for our quarterly convention. We need an Evangelist for there is lots of work to be done. We announce the deaths of some who have been so long with us. Sister Madora McKenney. Funeral at McKenney's Chapel.

Bro. W. M. Keys, 92 years old, one of the oldest members of the church and brother of Elder J. G. Keys. His funeral was at the new Christian Church at Indianola, the writer officiating.

We spoke at the Indianola Church the 19th; also Elder James Spencer preached a gospel sermon. $64.20 was raised for the church.

Yours for Sunflower Church and the district.

G. W. WALL,
Route 1, Box 38.
Sunflower, Miss.
WHERE THE RIVERS MEET

Clay Street Christian Church
Paducah, Kentucky
January 15, 1939

Dear Friend:

This is to notify you of our church program, both spiritual and financial. I know you will go your limit to make it a success both with your presence and your finance.

The church is increasing in attendance, also in finance. May we continue to grow.

Our main objective is to reach at least twenty-five souls for Christ. We must reach "the unreached."

We are planning to have a graded Bible School by next quarter, also a good adult class. Please see that your children attend Bible School. It is good for you to send them, but it is better for you to bring them.

Enclosed is a copy of our budget. Please give it your careful consideration and if you have any suggestions or criticisms, your pastor and his board will be very glad to give them their careful consideration.

Now, Brothers and Sisters, to reach the minimum amount specified in our budget, our church and all of its departments must average Twenty-Two Dollars and Ninety-five Cents ($22.95) per week, or Ninety-one Dollars and Eighty Cents ($91.80) per month. To reach the maximum we must raise Thirty Dollars and Six Cents ($30.06) per week or One Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Twenty-One Cents ($122.21) per month. If we can raise this amount of money (and we can), we will be able to meet all expenses of the church without rallies, etc.

Now, if some of you are not fortunate enough to have work, and are, therefore, unable to contribute to our financial program, DO NOT REMAIN AWAY FROM CHURCH, WE NEED YOUR PRESENCE. You can contribute to the spiritual program. We are confident that you would help support the financial side of the church if you could. We have two ordinances in the Christian Church, Communion and Baptism. We hold that one is as important as the other, because God ordained both.

Yours for Kingdom Building,
J. O. BOWLES, Minister.

ANNUAL REPORT

A Brief of the Annual Report of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church of Memphis, Tenn., January 1st, 1938, to December 31st, 1938:

**ADDITIONS**

- Baptism: 10
- From other Communions: 12
- From other Christian Churches: 4

Total: 26

**TOTAL INCOME**

(All Departments)

- Income of Church: $1,265.92
- Building Fund: 2,132.18
- Missionary Society: 104.07
- Bible School: 239.96
- Christian Endeavor: 40.33

Total: $3,782.46

ELDER BLAIR T. HUNT, Pastor
UTILLUS R. PHILLIPS, Secretary

THE CLAY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCHadopts BUDGET FOR 1939-1940

JOE O. BOWLES, Minister.
612 North 13th St., Paducah, Ky.

The Clay St. Christian Church is Climbing by degrees.

We have just adopted our budget for the following year and every member seems to be working hard to reach it both spiritually and financially.

The Rev. Mr. Bowles set as the church's chief objective to strengthen the church through an increased membership. We expect to win 25 additions to the church this year. And our minister has been with us a little more than 8 weeks and we have already won four, expecting more, because he preaches with power and thought. Stays with the Jerusalem Church.

Rev. Bowles, his wife and baby are an asset to any church. Mrs. Bowles' class is leading with Rev. Bowles' class second. Our pastor will address the Negro Civic League Sunday. He has addressed the Parent-Teacher Association of the high school.

Our finance and attendance have more than doubled. And we have more at night services. We are endeavoring to get 75% of our members to attend at least one service a week and make a weekly contribution to the church.

We see nothing but success. When he speaks everybody listens from the Children to the grown-ups.

Robt. Wm. Howe, young son of Eld. and Mrs. G. M. Dickerson, was recently married to Miss Dorothy Bell Jacobucci, of Cleveland, Ohio, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elliott, on 93rd Street, Cleveland. Elder L. L. Dickerson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, eldest brother of the bridegroom, officiating.

The young couple are at home at 10214 Yale Ave., Cleveland.

Their many friends wish long and happy lives.
By DEAN COWAN

Since our last writing spring has begun its annual task of covering the nakedness and scars of winter. Blooming fruit trees, a verdant carpet on lawns and fields, violets and other less familiar wild flowers, farmers calling directions to patient mules, and the voices of familiar feathered friends all indicate the return of the season when “a young man’s fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.”

James A. Crain, the voice of the Disciples on such vital subjects as international relations, temperance, social welfare, racial minorities, labor and capital, visited our campus the last of January. His two addresses were as challenging as they were informative. Visitors from Jackson were among those who were jarred out of their provincialism by his appeals for Christ and sanity in a world of confusion.

While we bask in the sunshine of spring, President Long is “up there where it is cold.” A thirty-day speaking tour among the Disciples in Minnesota and Nebraska in the interest of Home Missions accounts for this journey into the frigid areas.

The basketball season closed with the state tournament at Tougaloo College, March 3rd and 4th. Figuratively, we barely escaped with our scalps. The team finished third in a “round-robin” series in which it won two games and lost the same number. Alcorn College retained the conference trophy. Though our basketball season was not a brilliant one from the standpoint of games won, Coach Ratten has a team of clean, aggressive young athletes with a reputation for sportsmanship which is the most desirable trophy they could possibly gain.

Another athletic event of unusual importance is the track meet which is to be held on our campus April 28. Tougaloo, Alcorn, Mississippi Industrial, Jackson, Campbell, and Oklahoma are the colleges that will join us in individual competition in the usual track events. This will be the first meet of its kind to be held in Mississippi or the participants.

Several years ago, the Magnolia Youth Conference appeared to be an established institution. It declined with the death of, or removal of aggressive leaders to other sections of the country, depressed church finances, and an apparent lack of interest in this phase of Religious Education. The last conference in this area met at S. C. I. in 1931. In an attempt to revive permanent interest in youth’s relation to the religious life of the church an experimental conference will be held at S. C. I. March 27th to April 2nd. Our National Secretaries, R. H. Peoples and Carnella Jamison, and Area Worker Vance G. Smith, are the moving spirits back of this venture. The visiting acuity includes T. T. Swearingin, of the United Society; W. Elbert Starn, Ohio; P. C. Washington, President Jarvis Christian College; Mrs. R. H. Peoples, and James A. Crain. Three members of our regular staff will assist.

Dean Cowan spent the week of March 10-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana, attending a conference on Religious Education.

Since 1882 Southern Christian Institute has sent out hundreds of Christian educated and trained young men and women to live and serve their own people. Last year 14 were graduated from the junior high school, and 23 from the junior college.
Oklahoma City Has New Pastor

The East 6th St. Christian Church is looking forward to a big day the third Sunday in April. The arrival of Rev. C. L. Parks, our newly elected pastor, of Ft. Worth, Texas. Brother Parks comes to us highly recommended as a great Christian minister, he is a graduate of Moore House College with his B. S. degree.

Among the Brethren

Central Region News

V. G. Smith, Secretary-Director

The month of February and to the twentieth of March, the churches and agencies in Illinois and Ohio were visited.

Rockford, Ill., was visited on the first three days of February. The church was without a pastor and various men were suggested. The church elders are anxious to get a man on the job there and the last Sunday of the month Eld. D. W. Heath, a recent graduate of the Bible department of Butler and the first one of the Butler Cooperative house inmates to graduate, was called to try and reach an agreement for pastoral services.

In Chicago, the International Council of Religious Education's annual meeting was attended. The Youth Advisory Section was attended for the three days.

The Indiana Ave. Christian Church was visited including the Men's Council annual Lincoln-Douglass banquet, the Sunday evening services, a meeting of the Workers Conference of the Bible School, an adult group of the missionary society and a regular board meeting of the officials. The First Christian Church was visited also at the morning services.

The church at Decatur, Ill., is without a pastor and the church at Champaign without a building. Both of these congregations are small and struggling for existence.

The last Sunday of the month was spent in Bloomington. Mr. Foster Craggett, the son of Eld. C. E. Craggett and a student at Eureka, is pastoring the church. There is a future for this church due mainly to the devotion of the older members and the fine group of young people and young adults who belong to the church. There is a new official board at work and a Youth Forum has been started.

In March, Oxford was the first church. Due to illness in many of the church families, a public meeting was not held.

The W. M. S. was visited and a board meeting held. This church is without a pastor but have been using Messrs. Frank Lewis of Cincinnati and Elder Jackson of Dayton preaching for them. They were contemplating calling a minister in the spring.

Fifth Church, Cincinnati, Eld. S. C. Devine, pastor, was the next on the itinerary. This church is very busy and is fast approaching a state of complete organization. The WMS was visited, the Junior C. E. Society addressed, the official board met and the church preached at.

Xenia with Eld. G. B. Pinckney, pastor, was visited and two sermons preached. This church has a fine building and is one of the oldest congregations in the state.

Springfield under the leadership of Eld. Leslie Smith, is planning great things. They have a fine corner lot and are going forward with plans to build an auditorium and a parsonage.

Columbus in the throes of parting with a pastor, was next visited. Numerous working groups were conferred with relative to their program. The church is out of debt for the building and has been newly re-decorated.

The Second District Meeting at Springfield was attended on March 12. Eld. E. W. Wilbert delivered the sermon of the day and a combined choir rendered the music. The district is an all-church affair with each department of the church participating. The main need is for more time to give the delegates...
a finer chance to gather inspiration and information for their local task.

Dayton entertained the All-State Negro Youth Meet for Ohio with about 30 out-of-town visitors. This Youth Meet makes a place for the adult leaders of youth in the program and quite a few visiting as well as many local adults took advantage of the chance. Mr. W. E. Starn, state director of Christian Education; Mrs. Sara Keckley representing the Ohio Christian Woman's Missionary Society; Mr. R. H. Peoples and Miss C. L. Jamison of the National Office and the local minister, E. W. Wilbert, contributed to the success of the meeting.

The future holds:
The revived Magnolia Young People's Conference.

A tour through southwest Kentucky.

A week in Ohio with the churches not visited.

A three-day meeting with the young people of the three churches in Louisville, Ky.

The dean't meeting with the new Young People's Secretary, George Oliver Taylor.

Proposed Itinerary For April
April 1-2—Concluding Magnolia Conference, Edwards, Miss.
April 3—Mayfield, Ky., local church visit.
April 4—Paducah, Ky., local church visit.
April 5—Brookport, Ill., local church visit.
April 6—Roaring Springs, Ky., local church visit.
April 8-13—Office.
April 14—Crooksville, Ky., youth banquet.
April 15-16—Youngstown, O., local church visit.
April 17—Canton, O., local church visit.
April 20—Wehrman Ave., Cincinnati, local church visit.
April 21-23—Louisville, Ky., Young People's work.
April 24-27—Office.
April 28—Nicholasville, Ky., Central Conference.
April 29—Office.
April 30—Hustonville, Ky., local church visit.

CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4400 Aldine, St. Louis, Mo.
March 12, 1939
The Women's Missionary Council has done the impossible. The men had complete charge of our January program. The topic was "India." The worship theme, "Seeing the Multitudes," led by Bro. Wm. Alphin; was inspiring and enriching. There was a talk on Stewardship by Bro. Hugh Reed. Talks on various religions of India by Bros. Edwards, E. Hart, Addison Hart and a brief summary by Eld. J. J. Green. Our pastor, Elder Prince A. Gray, favored us with a vocal solo; an evening prayer. The president, Mrs. Gladys Negley, feels the council has "launched out into the deep." We were fortunate in having our general secretary, Mrs. Rosa Bracy, with us and our national president, Elder Crawford. Each gave brief talks of conditions "on the field."

The youth of the church presented the church with a beautiful pulpit lamp and Bible. A dedicatory service was held January 15th.

Christian Endeavor Day was observed the first Sunday in February. The Endeavor is glad to say all national claims have been met.

Our brotherhood dinner was a success and the attendance better than last year. On Feb. 17th the annual Lincoln-Douglass banquet was given. The program was good, the dinner "gooder." The church school is happy to announce the opening of their new nursery department. The superintendent, Mrs. O. Reed, says "Some dreams do come true."

The council sponsored a Rally of States on the second Sunday. Missouri and Mississippi lead all the way. The attendance and interest was good the financial results better. We were happy to have Rev. P. C. Washington, president of Jarvis Christian College, as the speaker. There were two additions to the church. March is centennial anniversary month. The fourth Sunday will be Founder's Day. We are beginning our Pre-Easter campaign. Decision classes and Easter music is the topic of the day.

ELD. PRINCE A. GRAY,
Minister.

OLA DUNN, Reporter.
3033 N. Euclid.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ROCKFORD, ILL.
We have called a new pastor, one Rev. Donald Heath, a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He comes to us from Indianapolis, Indiana, doing graduate work at Butler University. He preached first sermon as our pastor Sunday, March 19th.

On Monday the church held a public reception at the Booker Washington Community Center to introduce Rev. and Mrs. Heath to the public. A fine program and refreshments were enjoyed by the large crowd present.

The church plans to move upward under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Heath.

MRS. BERNICE JAMES,
Reporter
3033 N. Euclid.

Each of us is destined to walk "a solitary way"—but with Jesus as a companion.
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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

April 10, 1939

Bro. Blair brought all Mt. Sterling to us March 26th. Great sermon and songs.

We entertained District 2 Bible School and W. M. S. in good meeting March 25th.

"DID YE GIT IT?"

A few "reminders" are sent out each month to refresh the memory of as many subscribers. Did you get yours? Got it and FORGOT it?

Well, come ahead. Never too late to do good.

May we count on you?

C. H. D.

R. WESLEY WATSON CALLED TO TRI-STATE EVANGELIST

R. Wesley Watson has been called to work among the churches of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma under the direction of the Tri-State Missionary Board.

The Tri-State Missionary Board is composed of the three white secretaries of the State Boards and three members from each colored State Board.

The Tri-State Missionary Board will cooperate with the State Boards in projecting the Evangelistic, Educational, Missionary work among the Colored Disciples of this area. Elder Watson will enjoy the stewardship responsibility of projecting the above program.

R. Wesley Watson comes to this field with a rich experience as a Pastor and Evangelist, he is a graduate of the Louisville Christian Bible School and has pastored our churches at Danville, Ky., Hagerstown, Md., Louisville and Midway, Ky., Fulton, Mo., and lead our Cedar Avenue Church into a new Church home at Cleveland, Ohio, labored with the Church at Brooklyn, N. Y., and also at Knoxville, Tenn., and Guest Minister at Port Gibson, Miss.

EDITORIAL

By C. H. DICKERSON

That Regional Worker V. G. Smith is doing a fine "piece of work," as the new school puts it (don't know just why they call it a "piece"), is very evident from report shown elsewhere in this issue.

No, we have no Bishops, as such (borrowing another squinting clause), but we un-informed officiary and intractable ministers need recommendation, introduction and "Daysmen" as patient old Job calls it.

"Ye men of Israel" who have no abiding place; everyone that longeth for another field, and hath not where to thrust in thy "sickle;" why not contact our Regional worker, Mr. V. G. Smith, 326 Stanford Ave., Danville, Ky., his home address, and tell him that verily the Lord hath called you but failed to designate exact location.

Chinese checkers find a way into the King's Corner, but need manipulation. And ye "Grass Widow Churches, Divorced, Depending or Applied for, ye all time overseeing elders, you 'dust raising' deacons—for you were to "kick up dust."

Tel this Regional Director just what you're not doing and help him to fit you into some good preacher, before God, in His abundant mercy, wipes out your whole "confusion" by withdrawing his Holy Spirit from your presence.

All such churches—at "Ease in Zion"—are directly under His threat of extinction.

Kentucky promised to support this Regional Worker in part. We trust we shall not depend upon talk. He is making good. Plenty good.

CROWDING THE EDITOR OUT

You well meaning writers who crowd twenty words onto one line, use every speck of space on every line, so that the copy looks like "scrambled eggs," give me a "pain in the neck."

The Editor must have room to edit. I'm not swearing because you never "swallowed a grammar, nor et a rithmetic," but we do want some vacant space left open between lines and paragraphs. In fact, we mean INDENTURE and less jam. PLEASE.

LEXINGTON

Still running on the momentum given us by the State Convention last year we're hitting on all six, locally. The "Loyal Workers" are leading in our four hundred dollar campaign for first of May.

We've had five added in six weeks, and married a couple each week since Christmas.
He has served our National convention in a number of offices and at this time is the first vice-president of our National Convention and has enjoyed the privilege of entertaining two National Conventions.

It is my privilege and big honor to commend him to the Brotherhood of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma with his leadership plus your fellowship the work in this area will take on new life.

He began his work March 25th, preaching his first sermon in the Woodland Avenue Christian Church at 11 o'clock from the subject, "I Would See Jesus," he made it clear that he always preached to himself first and then to others. The entire membership enjoyed his message, and four persons joined the church, two for baptism and two by statement and joined himself.

Mrs. Wm. Alphin congratulated the pastor and our guest speaker on the accomplishment of the Tri-State work thus far, expressing her desire and hopes for the future. Keep your eyes on R. Wesley Watson and the Tri-State Board.

S. S. MYERS, Chrm.
Tri-State Board.

WATSON AT PORT GIBSON

Port Gibson, Miss., Box 73
March 15, 1939

It was the good pleasure of the Christian Chapel where I have been serving for the past eight weeks to have with us "OUR OWN" Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, General Secretary of our National Convention, who was visiting the District meetings and some other points in our state.

Mrs. Bracy brought very helpful messages to our District Convention at St. Elmo and the folks heard her gladly. She worshiped with us on Sunday and spoke to the church. We then set apart four young men to serve as deacons. They are very fine timber and Christian Chapel will go forward well with them serving.

On Monday night Mrs. Bracy met the board for a conference. She suggested that a class in Christian Stewardship ought to be organized and taught by the writer. Which was done and we are having Church Night each Thursday night and one of the groups with the deacon acts as host.

Mrs. Bracy then met the church on Tuesday night and in her own forceful way presented the work of the National Convention. The church here is 100 percent behind Mrs. Bracy as she works for the National Convention program.

Any church would be very fortunate in securing her to help further the work of the church for she really knows her work and will help any church with whom she may be asked to serve.

Brethren I do hope that we will all SUPPORT this National program. It is high time that we appreciate the leaders and fall in behind this work. Preston Taylor, H. L. Herod, B. C. Calvert and J. N. Ervin wrought well. Let us under the leadership of our National President, L. H. Crawford, carry the work on in His name and it must be done by our giving.

I for one am proud of this forward step that we took at the Knoxville National Convention and feel that in proportion as we give and labor it will grow.

Therefore as one of the men whose humble privilege it was to sit in on the launching of this movement I am asking that we as ministers will lead out in every way to make it go over. And brethren, let us remember that the church with her program will not be any larger than we the leaders make it.

The "Too Later" will have only thirty days to wait. "In your patience possesses your soul."

I have enjoyed the many fine articles given by our many writers of the Plea.

With every good wish for them who carry on and who love the Lord.

I am yours in His name,
R. WESLEY WATSON,
Evangelist.

THE RISEN CHRIST, EASTER

Today we come to celebrate
The resurrection of the Great;
The King of Kings, the Lord of all,
The Christ on whom all nations call.

One bright and glorious Easter day
Two angels rolled the stone away
That men had placed upon the tomb,
Hoping to hold Him in the gloom.

The earth beneath them trembled so
The Christ arose to die no more,
The grave gave up its power too
And death's cold bands bade Him adieu.

Christ rose in triumph from the grave,
He rose with power the world to save.
He left the dead still in the dust
Some day to hear His voice all must.

MRS. ISABEL ELLISON,
3035 Hickory St.
St. Louis, Mo.
TEXAS TAKES A STEP

HELEN E. HENRY
(Texas Youth's Friend)

Despite obstacles the Texas Brotherhood has taken a step forward. For the first time in the history of the work we have decided that some attention must be given to our young people, so we have added to our list a director of young people.

This has been done through the Department of Missionary Organizations. Even though there were no funds for the director to make even the first trip we are happy over the step and feel that something worth while will develop through these first efforts. In a time like this however, we feel that we are in need of some youth experts who have had a few more years of vital experience to work with our young people to keep some of them from “going to the dogs” as maturity says constantly they are doing.

We were happy over the beginning of the youth movement connected with our national convention. And with fondest hopes we look forward to something tangible through this movement and desire to see a national director of youth on the field in the very near future.

Consideration seems to be centered upon the adult group of the church. We suppose that this is because we feel that they give the support financially so they need more. It is true that youth conferences and these youth meets and do without food and warmth as I went. Here is a real challenge to our leaders who have their expenses cared for and who are on salary. Some places I have gone have begged me to just stay a week. I always stay as long as possible, three days at least. I only wish I could stay a week. I have promised two churches that I would return to them again in the spring and give them a week. I prayerfully hope that some day we can have a leader who can give as much time as is needed in these places.

Youth is not the future church as we have believed for a long time, but is a part of the church now and they need sympathetic, earnest Christ like attention now. We need to stop pretending that their weaknesses are causing the downward trend in the church. We need to stop wondering at their weaknesses the church will as I possibly can in a general way. I am giving recitals from my little book of poems which I have written. I felt as other youngsters still feel that a Christian school did not need persons in her employ who were not real Christians, interested in her religious as well as intellectual activities. We can never go beyond the point that our Christian schools hold as their major aim: Life up Jesus and so enhance the lives of youths that when they leave college the church can use them and whatever vocation they engage in, men who labor with them can see Him in them.

My job is to organize missionary organizations among our youths. I seek to know their problems and do as much as I possibly can in a general way. I am giving recitals from my own little book of poems wherever I am permitted to take care of my expense and through Him I have carried on.

I am glad to accept the least. I am proud to be a sufferer for Christ and feel that a director may be provided for our rural areas where young men and women can never know the fellowship of youth meets and youth conference; I am simply seeking a chance for
youth out there to know my Savior. Texas holds in mind a prayer thought for youth throughout the Brotherhood. And hopes that youth everywhere may have the joy of knowing Him.

NEWS FROM THE OIL CAPITAL

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Among the first of the Tulsa Negro pastors to be presented by the Interdenominational Alliance (white) of Tulsa on the regular Sunday morning broadcasts sponsored by the Alliance over Station KVOO was the Rev. C. W. Arnold, with his choir. Mr. Arnold gave the message and the choir rendered the music.

The Pine St. Church is making itself felt throughout the community in more than one way. A most outstanding contribution is being made in the Employment Bureau of the Church, a social service project. The active forward-looking pastor is back of the project. Through the doors of the Employment agency have gone more than 900 men and women on all kinds of jobs from the most experienced domestic helpers to mere part-day jobs requiring but very little skill. The agency is truly a service in Tulsa, proving beneficial not only to members of the church but to the entire community.

The Pine St. Church is also being used each week for eight classes of the Week Day School of Religious Education, sponsored by the Tulsa Council of Churches. Mrs. Arnold, the pastor's wife, is active in the church and community. She has been named as one of the twenty-five members of the Tulsa Community Center Council responsible for sponsoring wholesome recreation in Tulsa. Mrs. Arnold is the only Negro member serving in the interest of the one Negro Center. She is serving as Chairman of the Personnel Committee of the North Tulsa Branch Y. W. C. A. which she has held for the past two years as a member of the Committee of Management of the Branch.

These two young people are contributing much to the church and community in Tulsa. The Brotherhood may well be proud of the work being done by these two competent young people.

ELD. J. A. COMPTON, Reporter

A DOZEN HINTS TO YOUNG MINISTERS

1. Take a small church and suffer, for first few years. "Endure hardness as a good soldier.
2. Avoid sidings as much as possible. Keep on the main line. "This one thing I do.
4. Stay awhile, don't step off into thin air. "And they continued steadfastly.
5. Go straight. "Be an example to the flock.
6. Pay your debts. "Owe no man anything.
7. Study the Bible. "Study to show thyself approved.
8. Tell the truth. "Thou shalt not bear false witness.
9. Remember the older folk and the children. "Cast me not off when old; "Suffer little children to come.
10. Mitigate, don't agitate. "And may the peace of God dwell.
11. Take patience. "Before each sermon." Shake well—and before going to bed.
12. Be faithful. Subjectively and objectively. "Be thou faithful "unto death." (As the Book says, but also until. "And yours shall be a crown of life.

C. H. D.

WATSON WAS THERE

Port Gibson, Miss.

We had a ten days' revival in Christian Chapel conducted by our beloved Rev. R. Wesley Watson. The people were greatly interested and came in great numbers to hear him. The church was greatly revived and many men attended the services. There were a number reclaimed and one for baptism. The church was delighted and wished to keep Rev. Watson as pastor but could not. He left a gloom over the church when he departed for Knoxville, Tenn.

We are wishing for him a grand success in his chosen field, and desire him to return to us at Christian Chapel any time he finds it convenient. We need him now, but feel that our town is too small to hold a great preacher such as he.

Respectfully yours,
M. J. BROWN.

The editor spent a great afternoon in Winchester, Ky., with Pastor-Singer A. J. Walker of N. Middletown, his people and good old Millersburg.
Superintendents, Districts and
Conferences: Greetings:

April marks the passing of
nine months since the closing
of the Kentucky Conference and
eight months since the state
convention. Actually then,
three-fourths and two-thirds of
a year (respectively speaking)
are behind us. In the remaining
one-third and one-fourth
much is yet to be done.

Each school has received
cards from the state secretary
(quarterly as agreed on some
time ago) concerning apportion-
ments. A letter was also sent
out telling of a plan to in-
crease enrollment at confer-
ence and to encourage the pay-
ing of state monies. In the event
that your school has not heard
about the offer from the state
will you kindly write to the
secretary or to me? Informa-
tion will promptly be for-
warded. The time for report-
ing on your apportionment is
past due; won't you get in a
part of your money by the mid-
dle or end of this month? Re-
member it is far easier to have
your apportionment paid ahead
of time than to leave it until
the last minute and then have
something unexpected arise and
thwart your efforts. This de-
partment is trying to cover all
of its responsibilities and must
depend on the support and co-
operation of each school. There
has been such a fine spirit ex-
hibited heretofore that I feel
safe to say that all efforts this
year will far outdistance any of
the former times.

The districts have another
meeting before July and it is
hoped that each district will
bring the amount asked to the
convention. You are aware of
the work and the new endeavor
begun this year; we must meet
our obligations. The executive
board mapped out a very con-
servative budget and would like
to see it fulfilled; this cannot
be done unless the districts do
what has been stated as their
share. Please bear in mind
that funds given this year for
conference (by the state) are
to be paid directly to the con-
ference as student fees. The
board has done what it thought
best for the development of our
state at large. The writer re-
grets very much that she could
not attend the last meetings
(district), but hopes to be pres-
ent at the June meetings where
possible. District officers write
me if there is not a clear un-
derstanding of this article.

All young people are getting
conference-minded at this time
of year. Letters have been sent
to prospective students and
some very interesting replies
have been received. For some
reason or other many former
conferes' failed to return in
1938; we are writing them in a
few days and hope that this
summer finds them in their
usual places greeting old friends
and meeting new ones. Every
conference of 1938 is due back in
1939 and will be greatly missed
if he or she does not return.
How much good have you done
by influencing another young
person to come with you? If
you graduated last year then
your duty should be to get two
persons to come; one to fill the
vacancy caused by your finish-
ing the course and another to
begin as a new student. There
is yet plenty of time to raise
your money and get your ap-
pearance in order; people will glad-
ly give you donations if you
start now and let them see that
you are anxious to get to con-
ference. Keep in mind these
words from the poem in "My
Way of Life"—

"I have to live with myself and
so

I want to be fit for myself to
know."

Conference aids you in know-
ing yourself. May I look for-
ward to seeing you at confer-
ence this year?

EDITH WILSON,
President Ky. Bible School
Convention and Confer-
ence Worker.

Ky. State Board meeting will
be held at East Second St.
Christian Church Friday, April
21st, at 10 A.M. Let the broth-
ren begin now getting their
EXCUSES in order that they
may appear plausible and pli-
able.

Every minister knows his ob-
ligation to the Board. Bro.
Gault is looking for our money
for our Regional Worker. Come
prepared.

WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY

It is one's thinking of the
work of our state and praying
for its success that gives us
courage and faith to tackle the
job of working for its accom-
plishment. "As a man think-
eth, so is he," was not an idle
saying. It's as true now as it
was 2,000 years ago, so let's put
our thinking and praying into
action and watch things move.
Prayer is indeed the key.

One-half the year is past his-
tory, the other half is already
going into eternity and where
has our thinking led us? What
have we to point to with pride,
so far as our missionary pro-
gram is concerned?

Have we given those whom
we chose as our leaders a
square deal inspirationally?
spiritually? or financially?

What about our talents which
the good Lord gave us? Will
we chose as our leaders a
square deal inspirationally?
spiritually? or financially?

I want to be fit for myself to
know."
you sent up for the work? We have a dear good missionary sister here in Winchester, a shut-in for many months, whose very life is an inspiration to the work. Her hands and feet seem through, but her prayers and her thoughts still have power to inspire others. Her talents are still "doubling" and "tripling." The good Lord surely has Sister Fannie Rucker’s name on His payroll.

Bro. C. H. Johnson’s name, too, is on. They paid when they could, and when they couldn’t they prayed and they are leading us, one and all, if we’ll follow. Let’s think it through by paying and praying.

E. WINIFRED OWENS, Ky. State General Sec'y

CONGRATS TO BOTH

Rev. W. O. Gill, youthful Christian Disciple minister and a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has been named pastor of Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, members of the deacon board announced last week. For several weeks prior to accepting the pastorate at the local church, Rev. Gill was in charge of pastor’s affairs there.

Rev. Gill is the husband of Mrs. Gladys Anderson Gill, a local school teacher, and the son of Adam and Mrs. Gill of Alder Street here. He is a graduate of the old Columbian Heights High School, now Atkins High School, and Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama. He also studies at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. He is planning to study this winter. Rev. Gill is also a former member of the Atkins High School faculty. He is also planning to take a special course in New York this summer.

E. C. WILLIAMS, 1219 E. 17th Street

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR REV. W. D. CAMPBELL AS PASTOR OF SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Hymn -- Congregation Devotions—Scripture and Prayer — Dr. C. H. Winders
Anthem --------------- Choir "The Greatness of the Church" — Rev. E. L. Day
"The Part of the Preacher" — Rev. Elevet E. Moorman
Anthem --------------- Choir "The Part of the Congregation" ---------------
Installation Prayer ------ Rev. Ephriam D. Lowe
Greetings and Fellowship
Hymn ---- "Blest Be The Tie"
Benediction --------------
--- Rev. W. D. Campbell

Social Period
Dr. C. H. Winders, former acting pastor.
Rev. E. L. Day, Executive Secretary, Christian Church Union.
Rev. E. E. Moorman, President, Church Union and Indianapolis Christian Minister’s Association.
Dr. W. A. Shullenburger, Pastor, Central Christian Church.

The program at the Indianapolis Second Church goes forward satisfactorily. The Every Member Canvas, under the direction of the Finance Committee, was completed with a large number of pledges for church support. The reports at the annual meeting showed that last year had been most successful from many viewpoints. We felt that it was due in a measure to the splendid guidance of Dean Cowan during the first nine months, and then the stimulating influence of Rev. Campbell the remainder of the year.

Rev. Campbell brought his family, and a miscellaneous shower was given them, sponsored by the Aid Societies. The installation of Rev. Campbell was held with the executive secretary of the Indianapolis Christian Church Union in charge. Following the service a reception was held in the basement.

Mrs. Bracy has visited us and secured pledges of approximately $400.00 for the National Convention program. Mr. U. G. Smith visited us next with the young people and made the address at the Brotherhood dinner.

Rev. Campbell has appeared before several groups: the Flanner House Annual Dinner, the Membership Campaign Workers of the Y. W. C. A. and morning devotional hours for the Church Federation.

Rev. Stafford Campbell preached Inter-racial Sunday. Among the visitors on that day were more than twenty young people and their teacher from the Martinsville, Ind., church (white).

Our recently organized young people’s choir sponsors one service a month. We have had six additions recently.

Rev. Stafford Campbell of Lexington, Ky., will hold our spring evangelistic campaign. We’re planning for a great meeting.

MRS. GENEVA TOWNS, Reporter.

To hold the tide where Easter placed it is the challenge to which the church must address itself. Straight across through conferences to State and National Conventions would mean permanent progress.
SISTER LENA MEANS ENTERS INTO LIFE ETERNAL

Calhoun, Ala.

Big Union Church of Christ would express its deep sympathy to the relatives in the going of Sister Lena means, who departed this life November 22, 1938.

She was one of our oldest members. She was born in 1854 in Lowdes County, Ala. She became a member of the Church of Christ in early youth and remained a devout Christian.

"Thou art gone, our precious mother, no more can thou return, thou shalt sleep a peaceful slumber until the resurrection morn."

She was one of the faithful who helped build the church here. She has raised some good and faithful children, some are leaders of the church, some teachers, some deacons. We can all say, Sister Means did what she could, she was a friend to the friendless and helped the sick and disabled.

The funeral was preached by Elder D. C. Brayboy who had known the deceased through his life. He brought a very inspiring and consoling message pointing out the fact that Sister means was a charter member of Big Union, having come into the church under the preaching of Elder Wm. Brooks and he exhorted the church and family to carry on and to keep the faith as Sister Means had done.

R. H. GRAY, Reporter.

"GATHERING HOME"

We inform the Christian Plea of the passing of our dear mother, Sarah Wilson, 83 years of age, widow of Isaac Wilson. Sister Wilson died January, 1939, after a lingering illness. Born in Nicholasville, Ky., where she became a Christian when 12 years of age. Married Isaac Wilson, reared a family of five children, two of whom remain, Rufus and Susan W. Offutt, both of Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Wilson was actively affiliated with the churches at Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Xenia and Dayton.

A scholarship fund was created by her several years ago, in our State Convention, to assist worthy boys and girls in effort to continue their education in college. This fund is known as the "Sarah Wilson Scholarship Fund" and has been operating for the past four years.

She was buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

Our churches are severely feeling the loss of these veterans of the Cross who are daily "Entering into Life."

Recruits must be found to fill these vacancies, since we're to carry on.

This calls for the combing of all available sources to keep the program intact. Come ye idlers and join the active workers, for your name is on this depleting roll.

Among those crossing the River, recently, is our own Eld. C. H. Johnson of Aarons Run, near Mt. Sterling, Ky.

It's too early to estimate the worth of this noble spirited, unassuming and untiring veteran. Bro. Johnson got a late start in the ministry in our Kentucky churches. Began perhaps in his thirties. We had charge of some classes in Louisville in which he studied. He made rapid progress and reared a splendid family, all useful.

He pastored a number of churches, was state evangelist many years, but was best known by Sunday School work, organizing the Districts as they now exist—a movement to his memory.

Circumstances prevented our attending his funeral as we promised. Bros. Everett, Owens, Blair and others (pardon me) took care of the occasion in Mt. Sterling, March 17th. Bro. Johnson was another of the many products of our Louisville Bible School and of a Mother's Prayers, as we all recall his song "My Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me."

Abiding in Him who took deathless Enoch "Home with Him," leading him above the "Headwaters of the River of Death," we shall know that slumber, broken only by the music of the multitudes which no man can number and by the dawn of that Eternal Day that knows no setting sun.

C. H. D.

MIDWAY NEWS NOTES

Elder G. E. Letton, Minister. Ellene M. Jackson, Reporter.

Some of us fail to realize that, each auxiliary is just another branch of the church, aiming to do a bit of constructive work in the interest of the parent body. A striking example of cooperation is one hand washes the other.

Our pastor and his choir worshiped in a pew service with Bro. Ashe at Georgetown Sunday afternoon.

KY. BOARD MEETING

Kentucky State Missionary Board will hold third quarterly meeting Friday, April 21, in East Second Street Christian Church. Business pertaining to next convention and needed state funds will have consideration.

D. I. REED, Sec'y.

WM. OWENS, Pres.
RESOLUTIONS FROM KENTUCKY CONVENTION AND STATE BOARD

Elder Charles Henry Johnson for more than 35 years had been a member of our State Convention; he was a pastor and served as state evangelist. We like to regard his work as state evangelist as most successful and especially in District Bible Schools.

We remember Brother Johnson as not only a successful minister in the pulpit, but a preacher on the streets and in the homes as well.

We remember him as a father, a husband, home maker and good citizen, having the confidence and high respect of both the white and the colored people.

We recognize in his death a great loss to the work and his great interest in the young people.

Therefore be it resolved, that our convention and State Missionary Board give expression of our high esteem for him and thus bow in humble submission to the Divine Will; we further resolved that copies of this writing be spread upon the minutes of our board, and to the Christian Plea, and a copy be sent to the family.

WILLIAM OWENS, President
D. I. REID, Secretary.

Midway Church of Christ, Tazewell, Va., put on a sixty days drive to cover the church and paint it. To stimulate the effort we entered into a contest with Spencer Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. Each church selected forty-eight members representing the forty-eight states of the union. So this big contest between the churches consisted of 48 little contests between members.

Each church was to keep all money raised. The pastor of winning church to receive prize at expense of losing church. Each state was asked to report or raise $2.00 and enough over to exceed the corresponding state in the other church. A number of our states raised five and ten dollars.

Sister Mary L. Dickerson reported $51.65.
Sister Gladys Viney reported $50.70.
Final reports were made over long distance telephone.
Midway church reported $265.35.
Spencer Memorial Church reported $179.65.
Elder Eugene Patterson, our pastor, is a member of Spencer Memorial Church and Elder R. L. Peters is his pastor and father in the gospel.
Midway church and pastor are happy in their victory and now have money to cover and paint the church.

Other churches may try this plan. You can't lose entirely. If you lose the race you still have what money you raised.
G. M. DICKERSON, Reporter.
N. Tazewell, Virginia.

I enjoy reading "The Plea." Elder Craggett is leaving Columbus for Cleveland, Ohio. We are very sorry. We are losing a good man indeed. Can you recommend a real disciple preacher to us as Elder Craggett? They are very hard to locate, I'll admit. He takes charge of the Cleveland church April 1st, 1939. His was very efficient work. He came here from Kansas City six years ago. While he was here we paid for the church and burned the mortgage January 29, 1939.

Prof. Gains M. Cook of Cleveland was the main speaker for the occasion. Three-fourths of our congregation on that day were white people.

We have 13 white Churches of Christ in Columbus, Ohio, and representatives from all of them were present on that afternoon. We had fine music led by Elder F. E. Roberts, pastor of Linden Church of Christ, white.

Mayor Miron B. Gessaman presented the church with a very beautiful silk American flag.

Yours for the Monroe Ave. Church of Christ, Columbus, O.
LLOYD C. HAIRSTON, Reporter and Christian Endeavor Supervisor of Franklin County.

ELD. M. M. BOSTICK PASSES ON

We, the Christians of Arkansas, have lost a great leader, Bro. M. M. Bostick, of North Little Rock, Ark.

He was a minister of the gospel, believed in the national program of the church, and tried to carry it out in every way possible. He served well all positions. At the time of his death he was president of State Convention of Arkansas. We mourn his passing to that world "where the Saints of all ages in harmony meet their Savior and brethren transported to great." While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll and the smiles of the Lord is the feast of the soul.

MARY B. FRANKLIN, Russellville, Ark.
YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER OHIO STATE CONVENTION

"On to Youngstown," someone cried. So Youngstown it is. The faithful reservation committee at West Federal Christian Church, Youngstown, Ohio, is making every available effort to welcome the coming of our fifty-fifth annual state convention. It will be their first experience in this line. Let us not disappoint them. May I impress you to plan early to make it a great delegation?

Elder C. E. Craggett, of Columbus, is president. The date will be announced later.

F. T. BARNETT, Host Minister
9415 Quincy Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

MT. STERLING REPORTS

High St. Christian Church News

The rally sponsored by the seventy disciples on Sunday, Feb. 20th, was quite a success, as one of the beginning events of the year. Rev. R. H. Oldham, pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, gave a wonderful sermon. The majority of the leaders did their share and reported as follows: Raising over $100.00.

The Twelve Tribes of Israel was given March 13th for benefit of the missionary society pre-Easter service.

THE GREATEST DIVIDENDS KNOWN

Do missions pay, you ask? The greatest dividends known.

Let's go to our little church at Damoh, India. The native pastor there came to the orphanage thirty-eight years ago. After graduating from the Christian high school and Bible college, he became an evangelist. His wife was reared in our Mahoba orphanage. The oldest daughter is a teacher in the Burgess Memorial School, and a second daughter is in a medical college.

Two of the deacons, one a compounder and the other an evangelist, were reared in our Damoh boys' school. The compounder's wife was a student in one of our schools, and is now a nurse. Both now care for the boys in the school.

Another deacon, a second generation Christian and an evangelist is one of five children all cared for and educated by the Mission after the death of their parents. The oldest sister is now a doctor in the Jackman Memorial Hospital; a younger one is a trained nurse. A third is finishing her normal training, and an elder brother is a teacher.

Do missions pay?

NORTH JACKSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH, JACKSON, MISS.

By MRS. J. J. RUNDLES

We're not "asleep at the switch."

At close of the year our report showed that we have done well. The church has grown spiritually, financially and numerically. We are planning for a new church.

Our building fund nest egg is slowly growing but we ask that you will heed the call: "Come over in Jackson and help us," or send enough money to buy a hundred bricks. Pray with us that our aim may be realized.

Our Missionary Society is doing its bit for home and abroad. We gave our pastor, Elder B. L. Jacobs, who has labored with us so untringly, a Bible for Christmas.

Several of our members have been added to the "Plea family."

Pray with us for the effectiveness of the church in a time when the voice of God needs so much to be heard. May every Christian feel the compassion of redeeming love.

May our missionaries be wondrously upheld in these days of trials and also of great opportunity.

"Go give to the needy sweet charity's bread,
For giving is living," the angel said.

"And must I keep giving again and again?"

My peevish, petulant answer ran.

"Oh, no," said the angel piercing me thru,
"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

Our Friend Griffin is making the wheels go round in Danville, Ky. He's now in a pre-Easter campaign there.

We should rush our Easter collections in now. Make the best possible report.

The aged minister and missionary must not be forgotten. If love for him and his is in the heart of the church, he will not be. 755 aged ministers and missionaries are looking toward the Easter offering as God's share for their pressing needs. These in turn have 495 persons depending on them.

The Easter offering will mean to 1,800 wistful American Christians educational opportunities, helpful friendship, wholesome recreation and inspiration to Christian living.

Last year our 4 home mission schools had 716 students. Jarvis Christian College enrolled 204. 3 home missions social service and church centers among other races served 3,308.
President L. H. Crawford Called to Lea Avenue Christian Church

Nashville, Tennessee: The Board of Elders of the Historic Lea Avenue Christian Church met in regular session around the first of October and unanimously extended a call to Elder L. H. Crawford, President of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ of America, to become the Pastor of the church which stands as a monument to the labor of the late Preston Taylor.

The church was erected in 1891 and he led the flock from that time until 1933 when he was called from labor to reward. It is a testimony to the wisdom of these elders that they should seek Dr. Crawford because Dr. Crawford was a close friend and Brother to Elder Taylor.

Nashville is called the Athens of the South. She is literally covered with churches and schools. Lea Avenue Church is one of the most beautiful edifices in Nashville and since Elder Taylor was one of the founders of the National Convention and Dr. Crawford worked with him all these years and is now President of the National Convention, it is fortunate that he would accept the responsibility of this church.

Dr. Crawford is a great gospel preacher, a mighty man of God, a Kingdom builder, and a great Pastor. While we know that Kansas City will miss him, yet we can rejoice in the fact that he is not gone but has come to the head of the Brotherhood where he can be used more—where he can put the program of the National Convention on the map—where he can serve all of the Brethren with the least possible delay. The National Convention was started here in Nashville in 1917. Does it not seem like the work of the Lord that Elder Crawford should come to this field and labor and work for all of us?

Lea Ave. Christian Church, Nashville, Erected by Elder Preston Taylor, 1891

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
PRESIDENT GREETS
THE PLEA

Nashville, Tennessee: To the Brotherhood throughout the world, and especially to the colored Brethren, I wish to express my profound appreciation for the growth and development evidenced among you.

I was delighted to know that your church publication — The Christian Plea — has come to life again and is being published here at Nashville.

I have known your editor for several years, and, forecasting for the future, by his record of the past, we all should be stimulated toward a dynamic program of Unity, Brotherhood and Peace.

To all of you I extend a kind invitation to come to the International Convention at Richmond, Virginia, October 19-25. Rest assured that all of the blessings of God that we enjoy are earnestly desired for you.
NEW CHRISTIAN PLEA OFFICE

Nashville, Tennessee: The Brotherhood should rejoice that the office of the Christian Plea now, was once the Private Office of the Late Elder Preston Taylor. Here is where he prayed and worked so many years for the good of the Brotherhood.

Mrs. Preston Taylor deserves the praise and admiration of the whole Brotherhood because she opened this sacred place and furnished it with much equipment so that the staff could work in comfort and peace. Not only does the Christian Plea staff enjoy the office, but the telephone, lights, water, automobile, and her private home.

Mrs. Taylor is constantly on the job every day, and, with this kind of a generous Christian spirit the National Convention of the Disciples regularly attended the meetings. The total number of people reached during the Convention was over five thousand.

Reverend Willard M. Wickizer, Reverend J. A. Crane, Reverend Virgil Sly, Miss Dale Ellis, Miss Helen Spaulding, and J. Edward Mosley, editor of the Christian Evangelist, were among the prominent members of the white brotherhood who took a keen interest in all of the deliberations. Miss Carnella Jamison and Mr. R. H. Peoples were very active in directing the program of the National Convention.

President L. H. Crawford, in his annual message made a plea for unity and brotherhood. He pointed out that the program for the next year should include support for the: (1) Henry Herod Scholarship Fund which has as its purpose—a prepared ministry, (2) The Patrick Henry Moss Fund, which supports an inspired leadership, (3) An adequate religious journal by supporting the Christian Plea. The Convention elected an administrative committee composed of Dr. J. E. Walker, Chairman; Mrs. Ida D. Taylor, Treasurer; Prof. Merl R. Eppse, Secretary; and Rev. Willard M. Wickizer of the National office. It is the purpose of this committee to oversee the affairs of the Christian Plea.

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The Conference should meet the needs of the various leadership groups of the local church. (2) That we need to plan a mass meeting approved by the Convention delegates. (3) The plans for another year include: (a) The Conference with National Convention secretaries; (b) The work of the ministers; (c) The work of the Elders and Deacons; (d) The work of the superintendents and teachers; (e) the work of the Missionary leaders; (f) The work of the social education and social action group leaders. They further recommended a daily mass meeting at the convention simultaneous with the conference for the leaders.

The achievements for the year as reported by Mr. Peoples were: (1) The institute plan was adopted in several State and District Conventions. (2) Successfully set up a Central Area with a full time paid worker. (3) Contacted students in schools of Higher Learning. (4) Conducted a young peoples conference at Southern Christian Institute. (5) Sent Mariona F. Anderson as a delegate to the World Christian Youth Conference at Amsterdam, Holland. This is the initial step in the Youth Movement.

Miss Carnella Jamison, National Field worker of the Department of the Missionary organization reported, (1) To acquaint herself with the work she attended the annual field staff conference of the department of Religious education; the Mid-West Missionary Coaching Conference; Interdenominational Missionary Institute; All Southern Negro Youth Conference; and the National Council of Church Women and the United Christian Adult Movement.

(2) She visited local churches in eleven states;
(3) Attended many State Conventions;
(4) Helped in six Youth Fellowship Meetings;
(5) Served on four Young Peoples Conferences;
(6) Fostered Missionary Education and recommended suitable materials.

The Report of the Missionary Department: This department showed signs of real growth and vitality. They reported 105 Societies; 1,667 members; 80 World Call subscribers; 29 Young Peoples Societies; raised $652.81 for the State Development Fund; sent to the United Christian Missionary Society $1,554.01, the total amount raised and sent to the National Convention was $140.00. For all departments they reported $2,526.82. Mrs. H. L. Herod was re-elected president and Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, recording secretary.

The Bible School Report: Many of the Bible Schools sent in fine reports financially and an increase in membership. They presented a program at the Convention which was very impressive. Rev. Raymond Walton was re-elected president and Miss Perle Peoples, 2521 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Indiana, secretary; Mr. S. B. Wallick, Muskogee, Oklahoma, is the treasurer.

The Christian Endeavor Department: Their report showed signs of progress and growth. Mrs. Cleophas Haygood, Birmingham, Alabama, was elected president; Mrs. Cerece Palmer, Vandalia, Mo., secretary; and Miss Johnnie Howard, Muskogee, Oklahoma, treasurer.

The Conference on Social Issues: Reported the following findings—
(1) The Negro must face and wrestle with the issues of the local communities.
(2) The home, church, school and community are four agencies which have to be studied and worked with in the changing world.
(3) The Church must be looked upon as an agency for living rather than a place to prepare people to die.
(4) The school should work toward having a trained leadership.
(5) The home of Negroes should be studied so that many of the maladjustments can be met. Mr. V. G. Smith, Regional Secretary of the Central Area, was present and made a good report of his work on the field. He was interested in setting up a plan for the Christian Youth Fellowship Movement. He was elected National Chairman of this group.

The National officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, L. H. Crawford, Kansas City, Kan.; First Vice-President, R. W. Watson, Kansas City, Mo., Second Vice-President, S. Kinney, Johnson City, Tenn., Third Vice-President, S. H. Hairstock, Preston, Va., Fourth Vice-President, M. F. Mitchell, Los Angeles, Calif., Recording Secretary, I. C. Franklin, Port Gibson, Miss., Assistant Recording Secretary, Jason M. Cowan, Edwards, Miss., Corresponding Secretary, T. S. Whitfield, Washington, D.C., Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn., Auditor, Rev. I. S. Asche, Ky, Rev. Prince Albert Gray, Jr., Pastor of Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo., was the host. The Kansas City Christian Choir and Jarvis Christian College Octette furnished music for the occasion.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA TO FEATURE RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

The Christian Plea is proud to announce that it will feature regularly the news dispatches, special articles and cartoons of Religious News Service.

This news agency, with headquarters in New York, has a staff of over 300 correspondents throughout the world. Its dispatches will bring to readers of this paper, news of the important developments in the religious life of America. By cable and mail it will also report news of religious activities in the principal cities of Europe and other countries abroad.

Religious News Service features will provide readers with articles by leading churchmen on timely subjects, and with cartoons on important religious and world issues.

Follow this news and feature service regularly in the Christian Plea.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUBJECT OF VIGOROUS DEBATE

By Religious News Service

New Orleans—The question of ministerial support of the growing movement in favor of introducing religious education into the public schools was referred to the social betterment committee following a heated debate at the meeting of the New Orleans Ministerial Union here.

The argument began when a Presbyterian minister suggested the Union get behind the movement. A Baptist minister protested that no move should be made until the subject was thoroughly investigated.

"What kind of religion would be taught in the schools?" he inquired. "Who would teach it? I'm for absolute separation of Church and State and I foresee in such a movement many difficulties."
EDITORIAL

OUR TASK

With at least 11,891,143 colored people in the United States, concentrated primarily in the sixteen southern states, and only 39.4 per cent living a Rural-Farm life, it becomes our task to look at our situation from a rational viewpoint.

No longer is it advisable or expedient to be guided wholly by our feelings or traditions. The rapid changing world has caught the Negro, as well as all others, in its ever expanding scientific growth. It is necessary for Negroes in this age to study their life and living and plan a program based upon the facts as found.

The Christian Plea must be committed to the task of bringing to the Brotherhood the truth—the facts—the doings and undoings of the colored Brotherhood. It would be trite to write only about movements and people which have no bearing upon the great task committed to our hands. The columns of this paper belong to the whole Brotherhood, both colored and white. We solicit news, pictures and happenings from all. We have no theories, no isms, no doctrines, or personal ambitions, to burden the Brotherhood with. We will edit the news and publish it as it is sent to us. However, in addition to this task, we will, from time to time, try and inform the brotherhood about present trends.

Our first effort in contacting the Brotherhood has been most encouraging, but we would like to let it be known now that The Christian Plea belongs to the Brotherhood and unless you feel personally responsible to support it in every way, it must go as so many other Negro enterprises have gone—Die by neglect.


Here are a few facts to consider. Negroes have 42,585 churches of all denominations. There are 5,203,487 Negro church members. There are 36,378 Sunday Schools with 2,144,553 Sunday School scholars. Of these amounts the Disciples of Christ report 533 Negro churches; 349 of these churches have pastors, with 184 without pastors. We have 42,908 Negro members of the church and only 16,722 Sunday School enrollment. There were 1,079 additions to the church last year.

Now look at our task. The Disciples of Christ are among those denominations who are attracting fewer Negroes than many others. It is our task to strengthen the Brotherhood, we can only do this by working wholeheartedly with the five year program of advance. The Negro is religiously inclined. The Negro loves his church next to his home; he is circumscribed so much in our present social order that he knows that the church is the only sure place he has left to grow and expand normally. The church should become dynamic.

Therefore, let each of us gird himself with a grim faith and determination that we will do our share in building spiritually and materially—The Kingdom of God in our Brotherhood. We do not share the thinking of many that we should live a dynamic Christian life for ourselves only, but we do feel that it is the task of all christians to share this life so that others might have more life and light. We assume the task of Editor of the Christian Plea on the facts stated above, and with the cooperation of the Brotherhood, we will go forth to serve.

—M.R.E.

**QUAKERS URGE U. S. PARTICIPATION IN PEACE CONFERENCE**

By Religious News Service

Philadelphia—U. S. participation in a peace conference, with representatives from both neutrals and belligerents, is proposed in a letter sent to Secretary of State Cordell Hull by the legislative section of the Friends Peace Committee.

The letter is signed by Dr. Herbert Fraser, secretary of the section and professor of economics at Swarthmore College. Dr. Fraser is a former adviser to the State Department.

The letter says in part:

"Should some opportunity present itself for the discussion of the basis of possible settlements in a conference not limited to the nations at war," the Quakers hold that "the United States will be ready and willing to make such contribution as it can toward establishing a durable peace."

"It seems likely that the peace of the United States can more surely be preserved by an effective effort to revive the ideals and methods of regular peaceful settlement of disputes and by efforts to secure from the belligerents the acceptance of such ideals and methods."

**BRITISH RELIGIOUS PRESS UN-CENSORED, SAYS CORRESPONDENT**

By Religious News Service

Kansas City, Mo.—The British Ministry of Information is exercising no censorship over the British religious press, R. G. Burnett, London correspondent of The Christian Advocate (Methodist), has reported.

"Lord Macmillan, who is at the head of the ministry, has informed the churches that nothing will be done to hinder religious work," Mr. Burnett declared. "No pressure whatsoever will be brought to bear upon preach- ers as to what they shall say in their pulpits or upon journalists as to what they shall write in their denominational newspapers."

"In the printing of news, even church news, nothing must be done that would reveal troop movements or similar information. But there is no censorship of views or opinion. Nor is there the slightest attempt to dictate policy, editorial or otherwise."

Many churches are holding services Sunday evenings because of the blackout, but some churches are planning to hold informal Sunday evening meetings for soldiers and young people, said Mr. Burnett.

"There is no spirit of hatred against the German people, nor is there any preaching of what in the last war were called recruiting sermons," he said. "The prevalent spirit both in Methodism and outside is that of the New Testament."

**INTERFAITH MASS MEETING STRESSES TOLERANCE**

By Religious News Service

Fushing, N.Y.—The importance of individual action in furthering tolerance and goodwill was stressed by Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish speakers at an interfaith mass meeting held in the Temple of Religion at the New York World's Fair under the auspices of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and its affiliate, the New York State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Speaking at the mass meeting here Lady Armstrong, president of the Ladies of Charity of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York; Cornelia Stratton Parker, author and economist; and Judge Anna Kross of the New York City Magistrates Court.

Defining tolerance, Lady Armstrong said it is "benevolence, goodwill, affection for the poor, an understanding of the opinions of others, their beliefs, their practices, in conduct differing from one's own, and freedom from bigotry."

**TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT SEEN IN MINISTERIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD WAR**

By Religious News Service

Lincoln, Nebr.—Dr. Kirby Page, nationally known advocate of peace, told a group of pacifists gathered here for one of a number of pacifist conferences being sponsored by the National Fellowship of Reconciliation, that there has been a "tremendous improvement" in the attitude of ministers toward war since the World War.

Dr. Page's remark came in the course of an answer to a question of one of the pacifists present as to what could be done to combat the delivery of war propaganda and war-inspiring sermons from the pulpit.

Dr. Page, who has traveled widely and has written a number of books on subjects pertinent to his work, said that pacifists are not helpless in combating war propaganda in the pulpit. If a preacher delivers a sermon which seems to inspire hate or to justify war, said Dr. Page, it is the pacifist's duty to speak to his pastor and to attempt to convince him that Christianity is diametrically opposed to war.

Dr. Page expressed the opinion that ministers are keenly sensitive to criticism of their sermons and that a large majority of them are willing to listen to expressions of different opinion. "We must embarrass our ministers as much as possible," said the speaker. "It is good for them."

**BN'AI BRITH VOTES SPECIAL DONATION TO LATE CARDINAL MUNDELEIN'S FAVORITE CHARITY**

By Religious News Service

Chicago—The favorite charity of the late George Cardinal Mundelein will receive a special appropriation to be donated by the Chicago B'nai B'rith Council, it was announced here following a special meeting of the Council.

The Council also adopted a memorial resolution describing Cardinal Mundelein as "this beloved man who in these dark and bitter days championed the sacred rights and liberty of all people and by his fearless example gave renewed hope to the men and women of all faiths whose hearts were burdened with sorrow and anxiety."

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL WOMEN REJECT SPECIAL PEACE PROGRAM**

By Religious News Service

New York—Plans to set up a special peace program for Protestant Episcopal women were rejected here at a meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Auxiliary, however, commended to churchwomen generally the six-point peace program of the National Peace Conference.
ORGANIZE 'MOTHERS FOR PEACE'

By Religious News Service

Chapel Hill, N.C.—"Mothers for Peace," an organization with "no dues, no political aims, no affiliations," has just been formed by a group of Chapel Hill women who have issued a call to all women in the United States "to band together in this time of national emergency and express to their government their earnest desire for peace." Sponsors of the group say they hope the organization will become a nationwide movement.

"There must be no more Gold Star Mothers in America," the organization declared in inviting other communities to join the cause. "There will not be if the women of America will join hands now in a united front for peace."

(Ways and means by which American mothers may help safeguard their sons' constitutional rights as citizens, in event this country is involved in the present European war, will be considered at a public meeting in Cincinnati on October 13. The meeting is being sponsored by civic, church and peace organizations and persons prominent in public life.)

NEGROES URGED TO PRAY FOR PEACE

By Religious News Service

New York—An appeal to every Negro in the United States to participate in a special prayer for peace on Sunday, October 15, was issued here by Dr. A. L. E. Weeks, national executive director of the Stewardship Evangelist Association.

"We urge," said the appeal, "that all colored pastors from their pulpits lead congregations in this special peace prayer; that families pray in their homes; that individuals halt whatever they are doing and wherever they may be and join in this supplication."

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ROMAN CATHOLIC WORKERS SCHOOL TO BE ESTABLISHED IN PITTSBURGH

By Religious News Service

Pittsburgh—Under sponsorship of a group of priests, a Roman Catholic Workers' School will be established here to train men and women in the elements of union discipline and tactics. Rev. Paul E. Campbell, former superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Pittsburgh Diocese and recently appointed pastor of St. Lawrence Church, is director of the project, an outgrowth of the Priests' School for Social Action held here last summer.

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—Rosa Brown Bracy
History has recorded the National Convention of 1939 held in St. Louis, Missouri, as the greatest convention in the history of the National Church. The attendance was larger, the spirit was finer, and the achievements greater than in any previous year.

The report of the newly projected, promotional program gave evidence that if we will give some thought to leadership and organization, and all work together in proportional to our individual strength, with a single purpose, what ever we desire can be accomplished.

It was interesting to note that this year 357 individuals with a few miscellaneous gifts made possible a total of $1,332.50 to promote the National program. If this number can so achieve, what can and will result when our membership of 57,000 will sense its responsibility and be willing to share in proportion as God has prospered to make the National Convention a SERVICE Institution.

All praise to you who have the distinct honor of being listed with that member who had the love and the faith and the courage to give One Dollar or more to revitalize the National Convention program. Your name is written on the permanent files and history shall so record it.

The offering made not only served toward the establishing of a National Convention Headquarters Office, through which the Convention program was carried forward, but gave individual participation in the liquidation of the Preston Taylor Monument debt, (a debt, which has stood to terrorize and embarrass us since 1931).

In appreciation for all gifts of $1.00 or more, there has been sent, pictures of Preston Taylor, the Father of the Convention and the monument which was erected to his memory by the order of the National Convention in 1931.

MRS. ROSA BROWN BRACEY

OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION
OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA
AUGUST 17, 1939

The Oklahoma Christian Woman's Convention, of which Mrs. Sallie Pirtle of Muskogee, Oklahoma, is the visionary, enterprising president, bears the unique distinction of having made the first gift of $20.00 to the Ida D. Taylor Home.

The money for this gift was secured as a result of The Annual Queen's Rally, a feature of the State Convention Program.

Each local church in the state selects a young woman to serve as its queen on the Convention program, and supports its queen with gifts.

The Queen appears in queenly attire and presents her gift to the Convention. The Queen bringing the largest amount of money becomes the Queen of the Convention and is so crowned.

The Ministers' Wives' Council has adopted "The Ida D. Taylor Home" (for aged) as their special project for 1939-1940. The ministers' wives will bear watching for, are they not the power behind the throne?

NOTICE!

Ministers, Christian Endeavors, Young Peoples Clubs, Evangelist, Area Supervisors, Missionary organizations—Please send all news items at once. Be sure it is typed, double spaced.

Address:
The EDITOR,
449 4th Ave., N.
Nashville, Tenn.
NEWS ITEMS
by R. H. Peoples

The teachers at both Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis Christian College have volunteered to go out and visit the churches of their respective states to promote among the churches the Five Year Program of Advance. Watch this column for a report of their work.

Twenty-four of our ministers at the National Convention volunteered also to conduct local church conferences in their own churches on the Five Year Program of Advance. We would like reports from them for this column.

Rev. Charles Webb, graduate of Dallas College and recently graduated from Butler University School of Religion, was called to the pastorate of the Tulsa, Oklahoma church in July. After being there about a month, he was married to Miss Margarette Wallack of Texas, on the 27th of August. She spent last year in graduate study of Religion at the University of Chicago after having graduated from Jarvis and Eureka Colleges. The Tulsa church is very happy over their new minister and his wife.

Rev. R. Wesley Watson, Tri-State Evangelist, preached the Installation Sermon, Sunday, September 17, and evangelist, Rev. and Mrs. Webb into the church on behalf of the local church and the Tri-State Board. The news editor was present on the occasion and acted as chairman of the meeting and gave the charge. The women of the church had a reception for Mrs. Webb on Monday night.

Rev. Wm. Martin, the state evangelist for Arkansas, was too sick to come to the National Convention but is himself again and is doing a fine piece of work in Arkansas. He plans to hold local church conferences in each church of the state. On the 15th of September he got his fall program under way by having a one day conference with all the ministers of the state. The program was divided into four sections. The first was a very devotional service led by Rev. C. B. Fisher of the Cross Street Church of Little Rock. The second was a discussion on “The Minister—His Responsibility and Responsibilities.” The discussion was led by the national secretary, Rev. R. H. Peoples. The third part was a discussion of the pastors’ program led by the state evangelist, Rev. Wm. Martin. The last discussion was on a program of evangelism. At the close of the meeting the ministers voted to have a quarterly conference. We met in the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Moore of North Little Rock and Mrs. Moore prepared a wonderful dinner. That probably accounts for the vote to have a quarterly meeting.

Rev. R. Wesley, Tri-State Evangelist for Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri, is planning to visit practically every church in his three states with a team of workers to discuss the entire church program. One feature of this team’s work will be conferences on the Five Year Program of Advance. We are looking for reports from Brother Watson and his team for this column.

Rev. V. G. Smith, the central area secretary, writes that at the state board meeting in Kentucky plans were discussed for a Ministers’ Retreat to be held in January. He also states that next month he plans to have a local church institute in Cleveland, Ohio, where Rev. C. E. Craggett is pastor. Miss Jamison, national secretary of missionary organizations, and Rev. R. H. Peoples will assist him. The dates for this institute are November 7-12.

An Interracial Youth Adult Camp was held at Camp Wildwood, Westerville, Ohio. The attendance was nearly seventy. Three young adults from the Norwood Street Christian Church of Dayton, Ohio, where Rev. Eli Wilbert is pastor, were in attendance. Norwood Church has a very active young adult group (ages 21-35). They plan to hold a local church week-end meet in November. Miss Carmella L. Jamison, National Secretary of Missionary Organizations, was one of the discussion leaders in this young adult camp and reports that all of her group had a very fine interracial experience.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Arnold are being heartily received into the city of Columbus, Ohio. They are going forward with a very fine local church program.

The church at Oxford, Ohio has a large membership of young people who are anxious to do things. Rev. H. Earl Jackson is the able minister and has the very fine cooperation of several young couples. We expect great things of the Oxford Church.

Home Coming was observed at the Wehrman Avenue Church, September 24, in Cincinnati, Ohio. A large number of members came and brought their friends. Rev. M. F. Frazier is the minister.

Women’s Councils have recently been organized at Jefferson City, Chamois, and Fulton, Missouri, as reported by Miss Jamison.

Mrs. H. L. Herod has been ill since the National Convention but is somewhat improved now. We hope that she will be able to go to the Inter-national Convention in Richmond, Virginia.

The Second Christian Church of Muskogee, Oklahoma, has recently called Rev. Elders of Dallas, Texas, to be their minister.

PINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TULSA, OKLAHOMA
Rev. Charles Webb, Pastor

Monthly Calendar and Program

I. OBJECTIVES FOR 1939-40

A. Local Church Improvement
1. Get at least two thirds of present membership of 83 active
2. Add at least fifty new members to the church
3. Add 25 of new members by baptism
4. Add at least thirty-one new members to Sunday School
5. Organize Men’s and Women’s Councils
6. Develop Youth Program

B. Church Budget
1. Total budget for local expenses $605.00
2. Average per member 10.00
3. Total budget for world missions 40.00
4. Average per member .50

II. THE THEME FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER—MY CHURCH

A. Program of activities
1. Sunday School Rally (1st Sunday in month)
2. Organize visitation committee
3. Divide roll of members for visitation and assign lists to teams of two.
4. Discuss Roll Call cards with Committee
5. Hold regular meetings with committees to inform them of their work
6. Second Sunday — Visitiation Sunday
7. Report of Visitiation Committee and plan follow-ups of visitation drive by Fellowship Committee
8. Third Sunday — Homecoming — FELLOWSHIP DINNER, roll call and commitment
9. Monthly Fellowship Dinner for new members
10. Organize committee to plan every member canvass for November

B. Sermon Topics:
Oct. 1—My Church
Oct. 8—Know Your Local Church
Oct. 15—Serving My Church
Oct. 22—The Task of My Local Church
Oct. 29—The Program of My Church
III. THE THEME FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER—“STEWARDSHIP”
A. Program of Activities
1. Committee Meetings—Discuss details of every member canvass
2. Second Sunday—Every member canvass Sunday
3. Report of Canvassing Committee—plan follow-ups by finance committee
4. Fellowship Dinner—sponsored by men’s council
5. Special Thanksgiving program sponsored by Church School

B. Sermon Topics
Nov. 5—Divine Ownership
Nov. 12—The Sacred Portion
Nov. 19—What Does the Law Say?
Nov. 26—What do Jesus and the Apostles Say?

IV. THE THEME FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER—“WORSHIP”
A. Program of Activities
1. Women’s Day program
2. Regular meeting of Finance, Worship and Fellowship Committees
3. Finance Committee plans to contact non-attendant members
4. Special Christmas Sunday Worship, December 24, sponsored by choir
5. Christmas Tree Program, sponsored by Sunday School
6. Christmas Fellowship Dinner, December 27, sponsored by the Men’s and Women’s Council

B. Sermon Topics
Dec. 3—What is Worship
Dec. 10—Private Devotions
Dec. 17—Public Worship
Dec. 24—Worship in the Life of Christ
Dec. 31—Patterns of Worship

V. THE THEME FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY—“MY BROTHERHOOD”
A. Program of activities
1. Meetings of all committees for reports and plans
2. Plans for Brotherhood Dinner by Fellowship Committee, Dinner, January 17.
3. Organize Evangelistic Visitation Committee to call on prospective members during last week in January
4. This Committee to spend three weeks in training and to report weekly successes.

B. Sermon Topics
Jan. 7—My Brotherhood Schools
Jan. 14—My Brotherhood
Jan. 21—Brotherhood in Old Testament
Jan. 28—Christ’s Brotherhood Program (The Kingdom of God)

VI. THE THEME FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY—“EVANGELISM”
A. Program of Activities
1. Train Evangelistic Visitation Committees for campaign during first two weeks
2. Observe or recognize Race Relations Day and Youth Sunday
3. Fellowship Dinner sponsored by C. E.
4. Urge Young People to get ready for Young People’s Conference and Youth Meets.
5. Observe Founder’s Day as Church and Family Anniversary.

B. Sermon Topics
Feb. 4—Message to Youth
Feb. 11—Race Relations (Jesus’ Attitude)
Feb. 18—Personal Evangelism
Feb. 25—Evangelism in the Home

VII. THE THEME FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH—“THE RISEN CHRIST”
A. Program of Activities
1. Continue Evangelistic Emphasis
2. Plan an Upper Room Communion Service on Thursday before Easter.
3. Plan an Easter morning Baptismal Worship Service, observe Easter offerings for missions
4. Regular Committee meeting
5. Fellowship dinner sponsored by Bible School

B. Sermon Topics
March 3—Christ and Evangelism
March 10—The Early Church and Evangelism
March 17—The Present Day Church and Evangelism
March 24—Easter Worship Service (Baptismal)
March 31—Jesus Afer the Resurrection

VIII. THE THEME FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL—“STEWARDSHIP PRACTICE”
A. Program of Activities
1. Stress Tithing for one month
2. Emphasize Stewardship and Pentecostal period of tithing
3. Regular Committee meetings
4. Fellowship Dinner sponsored by Men’s Council

B. Sermon Topics:
April 7—Practicing Stewardship
April 14—The Unjust Steward
April 21—Building Bigger Barns
April 28—The Parable of the Talents

IX. THE THEME FOR THE MONTH OF MAY—“THE CHRISTIAN HOME”
A. The Program of Activities
1. Emphasis on Christian Family Life
2. Continue Tithing Interest
3. Regular Committee Meetings
4. Mother’s Day Program sponsored by the Worship Committee
5. Family Fellowship Dinner sponsored by Fellowship Committee

B. Sermon Topics:
May 5—The Christian Home
May 12—Mother’s Day (Sermon built around Hannah)
May 19—The Christian Family
May 26—The Relationship of Church and Home

X. THEME FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE—“CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH”
A. Program of Activities
1. Special Children’s Day Program by Church School—Missionary offering.
2. Review of Church Program for year, June 16, Achievement Sunday
3. Check apportionment and missionary giving
4. Fellowship Dinner by Church School
5. Plan for Vacation School in July

B. Sermon Topics:
June 2—Sermon to Children on Obedience
June 9—The Children of our Church
June 16—Successes and Failures
June 23—Go Ye Into All The World—Missionary sermon
June 30—Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me

FORWARD — MISSIONS
By Carnella L. Jamison
National Secretary Missionary Organizations

How fine it is to have our Christian Plea return to active service after its spring and summer vacation.

Now we have closed the first quarter in our new year, it is well to look back for inventory then forward for careful execution of the plans for the three quarters ahead of us.

Most of our state and national conventions this summer attempted to give some guidance to the work to be done in the state and local groups. There has been expressed appreciation for the institute sessions which attempted to give more specific guidance. We hope that you are able to
make use of the help which was given. Did you receive any free materials or sample copies? Have you read them carefully to see if there was anything helpful for you? There are the notes which you took too. Reading them again might return to your memory a good idea which you thought could be used.

Do you remember the Calendar of Service sent to each president last spring? That has some very helpful reminders, too.

An expression of appreciation is due here for those of you who have returned your goal cards so promptly. Many have not yet returned but each day's mail is searched eagerly expecting the others.

The goals are arranged this year in order that we may know exactly how much our offerings are able to support. Realizing that $2.00 (two dollars) per minute is necessary to carry on the work around the world (home and foreign missions) we become more anxious to increase the number of minutes which we shall share.

Our project for increased giving last year was Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. You remember we were unable to fulfill our pledge. There was a decrease in our offering as you will remember from the report given at the national convention. It seems therefore, that this time we shall all seek to increase in order to be able to assume responsibility of an item in the school budget. The increase is possible only when every society or nearly so, increases its giving above that of last year. There are a few copies of Joint Executive Committee Report left. Write a card if you could use one. Woman's Day isn't too far off to begin planning—so get busy. Make this a red letter day for the women of the church. By now you have had a letter from Miss Genevieve Brown telling about the helps which are available in the national office for a small sum. Why not make use of this helpful material?

Many of you are using "Into All the World" by Casselman for your study group. I am sure that you are being rewarded for your efforts.

As these reminders are being prepared for you, I am also looking forward to the International Convention in Richmond, Virginia, October 19-25. There will be a pre-convention session at which time the members of the Advisory Commission on Women's Work of The United Christian Missionary Society will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17-18. The theme for these meetings will be "Christian Women Building for Democracy."

I shall expect to see many of you present at the Convention. Those of us who go shall be responsible for sharing our experiences with those of you who cannot come.

There are a series of articles running in our Missionary Organization Bulletins on leadership which you will not want to overlook either.

Have you any questions? Write!

PRESIDENT P. C. WASHINGTON

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

NEWS

In taking a general survey or glance at Jarvis Christian College during the 1938-1939 session, it has been noted that the institution made a sturdy and courageous stand and though often faced with difficulties progressed in a commendable way.

To begin with, the enrollment was not as large as it had been, but 139 college students represented a number that was not altogether discouraging. Prospects indicate that there will be an increase in the enrollment this year. Already appreciable improvement is shown in the enrollment over that of last year. For instance, the freshman class has increased six per cent. The sophomores have more than doubled themselves while the juniors have six times the number. The junior class of last year was small and naturally we would expect a small senior class of this year, yet the seniors already outnumber themselves of last year (the juniors of last year) The general increase over the enrollment for the month of September last year is about forty per cent.

Jarvis College conferred A.B. degrees upon its first senior graduating class. The class consisted of eleven graduates, seven women and four men.

Work was offered in the following departments: music, home economics, chemistry, foreign languages, biology, mathematics, education, social science, English, religious education, and health.

The academic faculty has added to its number three new members. Miss Yates, mathematics instructor, Mr. Payne, instructor of English, and Miss Hill, librarian. Mr. E. Dickson resumes his work in Religious Education. A number of changes have been made in the academic department for the improvement of instruction and the education committee is very busy in its weekly meetings setting up definite goals for the year.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The year of 1938-1939 was a busy one for the music department. During the first and second semesters, students of the public school music classes were bubbling over with that burning desire to better appreciate the music of the world, to be good sight readers, and develop well trained ears to enjoy participation in groups which will carry over into adult life.

Beautiful music gives one courage and cheerfulness of spirit; it makes the spirit sing, it helps one to make friends and enjoy interesting contacts.

Mr. Terry Alexander, a private student in the voice department and also a member of the various musical organizations had this very fine experience of interesting contacts to the extent that he was invited to Newton, Kansas to appear in a Sunday evening recital February 12 at the First Christian Church.

He and his teacher, Mrs. O. S. Barker, were royally entertained by Newton friends. They made many new friends for Jarvis and due to the fact that there were crowds of people turned away who couldn't possibly be accommodated, Mrs. Barker and Mr. Alexander were invited to return to Newton for a second appearance in April. This time, a male octette and a soprano soloist, Miss Elvie Fuller, were presented in recital in the city auditorium to Newton music lovers where a large and appreciative audience again greeted them.

Both trips to Newton, Kansas were a special invitation and sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Duff of Kansas who have followed the work and progress of the school with interest.

On the group's return to Jarvis, three days later, they appeared in recital in the Mary E. Ervin Chapel to students and community music enthusiasts.
As the school year was nearing its close, the male octet made a flying trip to Wichita Falls, Texas, to sing for the State Convention of the Christian Church and immediately on its return, a chorus of twenty-five mixed voices was presented at the Endeavor home. The A Cappella choir was busy engaged in its daily routine of rehearsals three times a day which ended its climax in a choir recital on the night of May 23, 1939.

During the summer months, the Music Department sent representatives to the state of Arkansas appearing in both colored and white churches. Later they appeared in both the State and National Conventions of the colored brotherhood. Last but by no means least, the music department was represented in a recital to a very appreciative audience at the First Christian Church of Fort Worth, Texas of which Dr. L. D. Anderson is pastor.

Thirteen students were enrolled for piano under the tutelage of Miss H. M. Ware ranging from beginners to advanced students. Material used in teaching these students consisted of the Oxford Piano Courses, Bilbro Studies, Matthews Graded Courses, Czerny, Hanon, Streabog, Loeschhorn, Clementi, Smatnas, Bach, two part inventions major and minor scales, and pieces accompanying the different grades.

During the latter part of the month of November, Miss Ware organized a chorus of twenty-five mixed voices for the purpose of presenting a Christmas Cantata entitled, "King All-Glorious" by Roy E. Nolte. This cantata was presented at the Endeavor home on December 18.

On April 21, 1939, the beginning students were presented in a recital with the male chorus. On May 18, the advanced students were presented in a recital with the A Cappella Choir.

From time to time, assistance was given in the music for the regular school devotional services and the Sunday services.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Athletic Department of Jarvis College has for its purpose to develop mentally, physically, and morally the lives of young men under its supervision so that when they leave the school, they will think not in terms of how many games they won or lost, but in terms of finding their place in the game of life as a worthwhile citizen making a worthy contribution to civilization.

During the year 1938-1939, the athletic situation of Jarvis at the beginning looked very dark with few players, little finance, and seemingly a lack of enthusiasm. Through the keen interest and loyal support of President P. C. Washington, an athletic committee was organized and through this committee some of the obstacles slowly but surely began to disappear. Money was raised to join the Smith Western Sport-O-Graph which gave Jarvis publicity through the Negro Associated Press, Columbia Broadcasting System, and the National Broadcasting Company. This publicity has made Jarvis known throughout the United States and some foreign countries.

To increase this enthusiasm, the Athletic Committee sponsored the contest of elocution and crowning for Miss Jarvis. Miss Verba Lyons, a freshman from Omaha, Texas.

Athletics of Jarvis consist of basketball, tennis, volley ball, baseball, track, and football. Due to the fact that the major interest is centered around football, the major inter-collegiate sport in the Southwest is football.

Last year, the Jarvis football team played eight college games winning six and losing two. Jarvis scored 120 points to its opponents 50. The schedule for 1938 was as follows:

- Texas College - 13\n- Jarvis - 0\n- Southern University - 19\n- Jarvis - 7\n- Butler College - 6\n- Jarvis - 31\n- Tillotson College - 0\n- Jarvis - 7\n- Shorter - 0\n- Jarvis - 38\n- Sam Houston - 0\n- Jarvis - 7\n- Paul Quinn - 6\n- Jarvis - 23\n- Philander Smith - 6\n- Jarvis - 7

Out of the thirteen letter men, six did not return for school this year because most of them have secured positions as coaches in some of the leading schools of Texas.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF PROMOTION

1. That our National Field Worker anticipating a visit to a local church or a district notify each pastor or Elder of the district that said pastors or Elders may serve as arrangement committee to perfect plans before the arrival of the National Field Worker.
2. That the National Field Worker will before adopting a procedure seek the counsel, advice, and information from the local pastors or elders. We believe the adoption of this resolution will forestall disastrous happenings.

CHRISTIAN PLEA

1. We recommend that the convention in session now take care of three monthly issues of the Plea until the churches have time to organize at home and begin to send money for said purposes.

(a) We recommend that a committee headed by presidents of State Conventions, pastors and missionaries of local churches solicit subscriptions to the Christian Plea, and as an objective of subscriptions we recommend one Plea to every family.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUNG PASTORS

1. We recommend that each pastor look about his congregation and find a worthy young man who possesses quality of a preacher, thus adopting him as the churches' Timothy or associate pastor.

2. We further recommend in view of the rapid increasing young men aspiring to the ministry in the Christian Church and in view of our efforts as a Brotherhood to encourage this needed increase of young ministers through our scholarship fund. Be it resolved that this fund be distributed so as to aid as many as possible of those young men who are striving conscientiously to make the ministry their life's calling.

3. We recommend that the Program Committee use more skill in the personality of the convention program.

CHANGE OF RESIDENT MEMBERS

4. We recommend that the members of our churches who anticipate changes of residence be encouraged by the local church to obtain a letter to the church of the community said member expects to make his future home, also a copy of said letter be sent to the resident pastor or pastors giving the name and address of said member.

5. We recommend that we adopt the five point program as presented by Mrs. Bracy: (a) For a prepared ministry, (b) An inspired leadership, (c) An informal laity, (d) A beautiful sunset, (e) A peaceful world.


6. We recommend that the location of a Headquarters for our National Convention become a regular feature of the convention program for the purpose of stimulating interest in the promotion of the local church program and missionary goals.

7. Whereas the Brotherhood has a definite interest in the church at Washington, D.C., and Nashville, Tennessee, we recommend that we extend our sincere and conscientious interest in these churches and urge that the president of the National Convention and Executive Committee assist these churches as far as possible, morally and financially.
8. Whereas, there is a dearth of church building fraternalism; for example, a struggling church in one city or state has on a church building program. Be it resolved that the Brotherhood stand in readiness to make a special contribution, on request of the pastor anticipating church building, leaving the plan to be worked out by the churches to which appeals are made.

We recommend further that, whereas, an established church is in distress, that said pastor and church enjoy the sanction of the National Convention and appeal to the Brotherhood for financial aid.

9. We recommend that next year the Program Committee provide special one hour conferences each day for local church leaders and a mass meeting with special messages by different ministers or a special speaker.

10. We recommend that in states where there is an organization said convention shall elect its own Promotion Secretary; but where there is no organized work this commission will come from the President of the National Convention. Commissions have already been made by the President of the Convention and will stand as they are until further changes. Said Promotion Secretaries will work without pay.

(a) We recommend that pastors and heads of departments of local churches, serve as a committee to raise promotion money.

BUDGET OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. We recommend that the asking budget be $6,500.

2. We recommend that the first $3000 of the asking budget, except designated funds, be used for the following:
   - Salary of Field Worker $1200
   - Office expense 300
   - Traveling expense 300
   - Christian Plea 1000
   - President of National Convention Honorarium, $50.00. Office and traveling expense taken care of by Executive Committee.
   - Christian Plea $1000
   - And that all money raised above $3000 be apportioned according to the ratio of the asking budget for the following:
     - Ida B. Taylor Home $2500
     - P. H. Moss 200
     - H. L. Herod 200

3. We recommend that we heartily endorse and cooperate in the efforts of our General Secretary to make our churches conscious of a stewardship responsibility. That we give our whole-hearted support to establish a system of proportionate sharing and seek to have every member give $1.00 per number per year to the National Convention Program.

4. That in each church there will be appointed a secretary which will be known as a National Convention Secretary in the local church who will work with the General Secretary to achieve a 100% individual cooperation of each church.

5. We further recommend that we seek to find and secure from within our ranks for support of our national program:
   - $200.00 50 givers or sponsors
   - $100.00 sustaining members
   - $25.00 gifts
   - $50.00 gifts
   - $100.00 gifts
   - Larger gifts

6. We recommend that the first Sunday in November be known as P. H. Moss Day and that we ask the Church School, and Christian Endeavor Society to observe the day with program and offering to be held in trust, the proceeds from this offering and the interest used to help worthy boys and girls to prepare for leadership.

7. We recommend that the first Sunday in March be set apart as National Convention Sunday and that the churches be asked to observe that day with program and offering.

8. We recommend that the Executive Committee give financial consideration to the National Evangelist.

WORLD'S CONVENTION

1. Delegate to the World's Convention, Dr. J. E. Walker.

2. We recommend that the president of the Convention be sent to the World's Convention in 1940 and that the Executive Committee of the Convention raise his expense by apportioning $500.00.

PLACE OF 1940 CONVENTION

Two invitations for the 1940 Convention came to the committee for consideration namely, E. 2nd Church Lexington, Kentucky, and the Cross Street Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The committee unanimiy recommended Little Rock, Arkansas, as the place of meeting for the 1940 Convention.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION

1. We recommend that the planning commission of the National Convention be continued through the convention year of 1939 and 1940.

Further, we recommend that the commission receive an appropriation sufficient to cover the cost of its work at least to carry on the necessary correspondence.


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Joint Executive Committee, President of the church and missionary department of the Convention.


SOCIAL ACTION

A. We deplore the fact that our government sets a premium upon the appetite of men and women who indulge in alcoholic liquors, we have seen national legislation fail both to regulate and suppress the liquor traffic. As Christians we know that there can be no truce between the cross and the liquor traffic. We, therefore, pledge ourselves to a program of education from the pulpit, the home, and our schools, that will ultimately remove the curse from our nation.

B. We hate war and fear its evil consequences. We believe the instrumentalities of peace, such as the World Court and the Kellog Pact, outlawing war are valid in so far as we, as Christians, will that they shall be made effective. We, therefore, reaffirm our belief in these institutions and pledge ourselves to a renewal of our efforts to make them more effective.

C. We recognize the horribleness of lynching, we tremble in thinking of the moral effect it will have upon youth in those communities where it is prevalent. We, therefore, endorse the effort of those who, through education and appropriate legislation are trying to rid our country of this awful crime and wipe forever this stigma and shame from the annals of our national life.
In view of the necessity of an increasing emphasis on the social implication of the teachings of Jesus, incident to the rapid evaluation and growth of our industrial society, giving rise to many social and economic philosophies as methods of solution of the problems resulting from this change of emphasis, and whereas the church is called on to assert itself in developing techniques to meet these situations; and the Disciples of Christ do have a specific plea whose purpose it is to meet all our problems, we recommend that this convention reaffirm in faith in the Divinity of Jesus and in the program of human redemption and Kingdom building on earth as the only hope of the individuals and World alike, that we go on record as endorsing the League of One Hundred Thousand Disciples.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST CONVENTION, TREASURER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

DR. J. E. WALKER, M.D.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. J. E. Walker, of Memphis, Tennessee is the President of the Universal Life Insurance Company, Memphis, Tennessee; President of the National Negro Business League of America and the Treasurer of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ of America. He is regarded as one of the leading Christian business men of the colored race. It is through this his vigorous efforts that all of his enterprises are thriving and successful. The Brotherhood is glad to have him to share his experience with them.

THE JOB AT HOME
By Louis Minsky
Editor, Religious News Service

America’s role in the European war, according to a growing section of public opinion, has yet to be played. Uncle Sam’s big scene will come in the third act, says this group, when the smoke of battle has cleared away across the seas.

It is then that a war-time Europe can look toward the western hemisphere and watch democracy at work—more than anxious to absorb the American way of life. It is for this third act entrance that Uncle Sam must do some concentrated rehearsing.

STAGE FRIGHT

Stage fright now, before the curtain has even been raised, will never do. Nor must the first two acts be permitted to give Uncle Sam a case of war-time jitters or hysteria. The job at hand is to concentrate on our third act lines—to guard democracy here with a jealous care.

For this very reason the American Committee on Religious Rights and Minorities has pointed out, in a pamphlet published this week, that one of the most effective ways of protecting American democracy is by a “fuller application” of Brotherhood to the minorities rights here on our own doorstep.

Our own minorities, says the pamphlet, are even now “asking for that justice and goodwill which we advocate for minorities in other lands. Many of them are openly saying that organized religion is not adequately supporting them in their struggle for fair treatment.”

Is this a danger signal—a warning that we are already forgetting our lines?

If it is, the Religious Rights and Minorities Committee has an answer. Three lines of action are suggested. First, we must discover and define common interests between majority and minority groups. Second, we must seek a means of sharing common economic, political, intellectual and religious heritages. And third, we must “join in cooperative effort with a religious group to prevent discrimination and to advance the good society that will include our diversities in a composite unity, all in accordance with the fundamental ideas of America.”

HOMEWORK

The minority problem has long been a vexing one. Particularly has it been so in Europe and to a considerably less degree in the United States. We are all aware of the great wave of racial and religious intolerance that was set in motion by the Nazis. That the United States will never know its counterpart seems reasonably certain. But this world has been known to turn many an unexpected corner.

May it never be said of Uncle Sam that he missed his cue or muffed his lines all because the martial music in the orchestra pit took his mind off the task at hand.

We have an important job of homework to do—let’s not neglect it.

MARION F. ANDERSON

Marion F. Anderson, 320 N. Bright St., Indianapolis, Indiana, who attended the World Youth Christian Conference in Europe this year. The Brotherhood will enjoy reading her account of the trip and the conference. Miss Anderson is a popular school teacher of her city and an ardent worker in the Christian Church.
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST OF AMERICA
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM FOR 1939-40

A PREPARED MINISTRY
The Henry Herod Scholarship Fund of $10,000 a means to the end.

AN INSPIRED LEADERSHIP
The P. H. Moss Scholarship Fund of $10,000 a source of development.

AN INFORMED LAITY
An adequate Religious Journal a necessity.

A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET
The Ida D. Taylor Home (for aged) at Greenwood Park, Nashville, Tenn.

A PEACFUL WORLD
Christ to all the world. The United Christian Missionary Society our agency.

WANTED!
To Secure and Support this Program
1. Every church participating.
2. A host of One Dollar donors.
3. 200 Sponsors
   A sponsor is one who gives $5.00 to the support of the National Program.
4. 100 Sustaining Members
   A sustaining member is one who will give $1.00 per month for at least 10 months of the year or its equivalent to support the National Program.
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7. 10 Special Gifts of $100.00.
8. 5 Larger Gifts.

Gifts may be designated to the special interest of the giver.
All special gifts will be held sacred for the cause designated.
Undesignated gifts will be prorated according to the voted plan of the Convention.

Send all funds addressed to The National Christian Missionary Convention, 3412 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

In these critical days the church can not be content to mark time. The enemies of the Kingdom encompass us. The church must mobilize and attack. This calls for strategy—a program of procedure that stagger. No small goal is worthy of a movement designed to bring in the Kingdom of God with such strength as to vanquish the kingdom of darkness. The Church of God must assert itself with unmistakable action. She must not mark time. She must have a worthy program and execute it.

The Home Missions Planning Council of Disciples of Christ is releasing plans for a far-reaching program of membership enlistment and evangelistic recruitment. Materials have been mailed to the various churches explaining the program in detail.

It is a local church program with a two-fold purpose; to revitalize the religious life of the membership of the local congregation and to evangelize the unreached. Every effort has been made to keep it simple in character and dynamic in its appeal. It is directed only to the two phases in the church’s life where there seems to be the most urgent need today to have something significant accomplished.

Materials including enlistment cards, ballots, posters, and booklets explaining the plan, may be secured by writing, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, The United Christian Missionary Society.
National Officers Visit Brotherhood in the East

President L. H. Crawford and Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, National Field Secretary, visit Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Washington, D. C., New Jersey, and New York City.

Kansas City, Kan.—Nov. 8: To the readers of the Christian Plea: I first want to thank each and every one of you for the fine cooperation you gave to the National Convention at St. Louis. Everyone was so lovely and so kind to me that I cannot find words in my vocabulary to express to you my appreciation in making the Convention among the greatest ever held in our Brotherhood. The spirit manifested put us upon a high pinnacle which brings to our minds the words of Nehemiah, "we are doing a great work and can't come down, for the people had a mind to work." Since the Convention your President has attended the following places. Richmond, Virginia, the International Convention, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Maryland, Brunswick, New Jersey, New York City, and Brooklyn, New York, and I must say that we were met with a cordial welcome at all of these places. The Convention adopted the resolutions that were passed at the National Convention. There were one or two uprisings from a segregated angle that were soon adjusted by the white people who were delegates, and who believed in the principles and teachings of Jesus Christ, that there is no race, but the human race, and that we are all one in Christ Jesus. I shall not forget how those who were in authority played their parts so well in making it pleasant for all delegates irrespective of race or condition.

Washington, D. C.: In Washington, D. C., we found a faithful group carrying on as the Master would have them do. We made some plans with the pastor, Brother J. H. Whitfield, the officers and members of the church, to help liquidate the indebtedness that has been standing for a long time. While in Washington, we stayed in the home of the late Rev. Robert and his children and all that he had were to be sold that the payment might be made. The servant therefore fell down and worshipped him saying, "Lord, have patience with me." And the Lord loosed him and forgave him the debt. For the sunshine in my life I owe far more than ten thousand talents. Yet I must count health and strength and in such pipping times as these the opportunity to live in a land where there is still freedom of speech and an opportunity to give thanks to a king who hath for me forgiven so much. Ever mindful of these blessings which I cannot count, —not even one by one, I am become a humble servant of the King. Not to pay the debt, for the debt has been paid. A friend by the name of Jesus paid the debt for me and signed the bill of rights in His own blood, thus making me free. I am made more the slave by the bonds of love and gratitude to Him thus it may become possible that I shall be counted in the light of His countenance worthy of the salvation He hath extended unto me. Thus my sincere prayer to the King who is the living God is that I shall not be like the wicked servant to go out and track my brethren down and put him in prison because he would not pay me what he oweth me. But instead, I give myself to the task of making those who owe my Lord conscious of the fact that he is a compassionate God, and will deal with mercy to those who will come and ask for pardon. This to me is not only the highest expression of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but for one to carry the good news of the redemptive blood of Jesus Christ which takes away the sins of the world is obviously the most sublime task ever given to mankind. I believe if the brethren of the Church of Christ will keep in mind this great gift, not unto their brethren, not unto the world, but unto themselves first, it will be they who shall take the word to their fellowman because their hearts will be on fire with gratitude.

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

by Rev. W. D. Campbell
Second Christian Church
Indianapolis, Ind.

So often I wish for the opportunity to sit down and confer with the brethren that I might profit by their experiences, and if there is anything in mine worth while, to share it with them. In my retrospection of the past experience in my work of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I seem to be obviously the man of whom Jesus spoke in the 18th Chapter of Matthew, the 23rd and 24th verses. I'm sure you remember the parable of the King who took account of his servants and when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him which owed ten thousand talents, but as he had nothing to pay, his wife and his children and all that he had were to be sold that the payment might be made. The servant therefore fell down and worshipped him saying, "Lord, have patience with me." And the Lord loosed him and forgave him the debt. For the sunshine in my life I owe far more than ten thousand talents. Yet I must count health and strength and in such pipping times as these the opportunity to live in a land where there is still freedom of speech and an opportunity to give thanks to a king who hath for me forgiven so much. Ever mindful of these blessings which I cannot count, —not even one by one, I am become a humble servant of the King. Not to pay the debt, for the debt has been paid. A friend by the name of Jesus paid the debt for me and signed the bill of rights in His own blood, thus making me free. I am made more the slave by the bonds of love and gratitude to Him thus it may become possible that I shall be counted in the light of His countenance worthy of the salvation He hath extended unto me. Thus my sincere prayer to the King who is the living God is that I shall not be like the wicked servant to go out and track my brethren down and put him in prison because he would not pay me what he oweth me. But instead, I give myself to the task of making those who owe my Lord conscious of the fact that he is a compassionate God, and will deal with mercy to those who will come and ask for pardon. This to me is not only the highest expression of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but for one to carry the good news of the redemptive blood of Jesus Christ which takes away the sins of the world is obviously the most sublime task ever given to mankind. I believe if the brethren of the Church of Christ will keep in mind this great gift, not unto their brethren, not unto the world, but unto themselves first, it will be they who shall take the word to their fellowman because their hearts will be on fire with gratitude.
and love in appreciation for the greatest gift ever given man. With the spirit of this thought may I report to you that the Second Christian Church has just finished a very successful year of harmonious work which has given us impetus to start a new year of service for the compassionate king who hath forgiven us all of our debts, that we might take an opportunity in this freedom to accomplish the sublime task of man.

NATIONAL OFFICERS VISIT BROTHERHOOD IN EAST
(Continued from Page 1)

Goodin, who was the first pastor of the Washington, D. C. church.

Baltimore, Maryland: We then went to Baltimore, Maryland, where we met Brother C. L. Whitfield and Brother W. H. Taylor, Chairman of our Committee of Recommendations. These two brethren made our stay a very profitable one. We had a great service at eleven A. M. at Emmanuel Christian Church. We shall not forget this service as it was soul stirring. Brother Taylor has ordained more ministers and has sent them out pastoring missions at night at Olivet Christian Church. This church has one of the best choirs in the Brotherhood and they can sing with such fervent power that souls cannot sit still. We were met here by a number of our old friends who in former years had attended the National Convention.

We left Baltimore and went to New Brunswick, New Jersey, and then on to New York. We found Brother Rayfield Hancock and his good wife holding up the light in this great city. We stopped in his beautiful home and later had a chance to look in upon his people. He was in the midst of a great revival. Brother Hancock is doing a great work in this city. He is looking forward in a very short while toward being in his new church.

We are asking you to pray for him in this great city where there are thousands and thousands of our people who must be saved through the foolishness of preaching.

We will be in our new home in Nashville by the first Sunday in December. We are praying and hoping that you will pray for us as we go in this new field. I again want to call your attention to the committee’s recommendations that you have in your hands, and do not forget the first Sunday in March. Let every pastor and every church observe this National Day. Brethren we need the money to carry out the Evangelistic work, the field is white and the harvest ready, but the laborers are few and we can only get the laborers in the vineyard in doing what Jesus commanded us to do, "he that preacheth the gospel must live the gospel."
Following Subscriptions are interested in Religious Education. fund and so we feel that we need

1. I. H. Husser, Box 95, Route 1, Ridgeway, S. C.
2. Rev. R. H. Boyd, Box 115, Ellenton, Fla.
4. Miss Carnella L. Jamison, sent to the Christian Plea office all of the money collected

This fine report and wish to express our appreciation to Miss Jamison.

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One of the tragedies of American life is the uncertainty that faces men of good will when they are brought in proximity with their brethren of other races. North and South, East and West, wherever we come together in large numbers for events ranging from prize fights to religious conventions the ugly serpent of segregation eventually raises its head.

What happened at Richmond, Virginia, was not surprising. It was anticipated a year ago before the city was accepted as the "host" city to the International Convention. It is worth telling because it serves to illustrate two extremes: the depths to which "Christians" will descend to promote their prejudices, and the heights to which Christians ascend because of their convictions.

The Negro delegate has been a problem to the International Convention since the late Henry L. Herod, and Estil Mitchell presented themselves at the Pittsburg Convention thirty years ago. Wherever the convention has met since then, prior and special arrangements with hotels, auditoriums, restaurants have been necessary for the protection of the convention and its Negro delegates. The degree of these arrangements varied with the location. The foregoing observation comes from personal experience so that no section of the United States need feel elated by what follows.

Almost six months prior to the convention a small group of Disciples, gathered for another occasion, met and discussed the advisability of any Negroes attending any International Convention held in a southern city. Opinions differed. Some were convinced that segregation would be attempted and enforced; others argued that there could be no test in the absence of Negro delegates; that our staying away would defeat the conscientious labors of those who have always opposed any limitations imposed upon us; that the proponents of segregation would have a defensive weapon, an argument difficult to refute if we abstained ourselves. One Negro observed that it isn't necessary to attend church to be segregated, we can get that anywhere.

We decided to go.

In the meantime, assurances were given the proper officials that the leasing of public facilities to the convention or to the United Society would release the lessee from local or state regulations governing racial contacts. Such was true in San Antonio, Texas in 1936 where I felt as much "at home" as I did a year later in Columbus, Ohio.

So, we came to Richmond.

The first suggestion that all was well came the Friday evening when our party of five entered the auditorium and the usher, a gracious, white haired southern gentleman with a condescending bow, said, "We have special seats for you at the left." Puzzled, we withdrew for a conference with L. H. Crawford and another little giant. None of us wished to precipitate an uprising that might jeopardize the peaceful proceedings of a Christian gathering, but we were as determined not to sit in those seats as the head usher was to have us sit in them. Later we returned, unmo- lestted, to sit in the same section, which by that time was anyones section, but not in the special seats.

The next morning two splendid ladies escorted the girls quartette from S. C. I. to the auditorium and sat with them. Nothing happened.

That evening, Saturday, the battle line was drawn in earnest. Again, we approached the main floor, and again, with added emphasis, we were told to take the seats to the left or else. We chose the side, and tried the balcony. Same result. The dignity of the laws of Virginia, according to the ushers, must take precedence over written promises, principles, the feelings of men and women, and convention precedent. Again to the basement to Crawford who passed the news to Harold Fey, to Mrs. Ora Lee Sheppard, to James Crain, to H. B. Holloway, to Myron T. Hopper and others.

A conference with ushers and the manager of the Mosque resulted in all bans being lifted and profuse apologies from the chief usher to Rev. Crawford for the Negro group. It was necessary for my party to leave for home three days before the convention closed, but other delegates from Southern Christian Institute report that nothing further occurred to disturb the peace at this particular building.

I was asked by one of the members of the select group which had spoken with authority and had been heard, "How do you keep your temper and faith under such circumstances?" I was able to reply truthfully, "People like you, and your contemporaries, who are not afraid to stand for their convictions, restore my faith in the ultimate triumph of right."

During the tumultuous period, a man and two women, seated themselves in spite of the protestations of the usher. In reporting his troubles, the usher was heard to refer to three Negroes, a man and two women. The man was my good friend "Bill" Starn, of Ohio, who was doing his bit to promote inter-racial good will, and had been mistaken for one of his darker brethren.
To the Brotherhood:

Dear Brethren: I shall be glad to answer any question you wish to ask through the columns of the Plea. Try me, I shall keep up with your work, to help. You may be severely criticized some times, but it will be the aim to help the brotherhood.

Why do laymen go in to the Cave of Doubt and Despair? I shall answer this in the first issue after an inquiry comes to that effect. Do you want to know? Maybe you know already. If so tell me, in the next issue.

Signed,

"QUIT"

Christian Plea

UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH
5631 30th Street
Detroit, Mich.

We were recently favored with a visit by Brother Willard M. Wickizer, Executive Secretary of The Home Missionary Department. He preached a stirring sermon and thrilled our hearts with, "The Spring of Life" a special allusion to inward purity. He congratulated us on our effort to build a Christian congregation at our present location with pleasant surroundings. Our growth should be magical. We are only two and one half years old, but have a membership of ninety-one. We are looking forward to greater things and hope to have something worth reporting hereafter.

Yours faithfully,

Robert L. Jordan, Minister
Thomas K. Rouse, Reporter

LETTERS TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Your first issue is very well done, and is indicative of what is in store for the brotherhood. I like both the quality of the paper used and the type. Now it is up to us to help you maintain the standard you have set by our full-fledged support.

Dean J. M. Cowan,
Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.

Dear Mr. Eppe:

It was indeed a pleasure to receive that fine issue of the Christian Plea. I want to assure you that I will do all I can to help in securing subscriptions. I will send news of our church under the leadership of our fine pastor and his good wife, Elder and Mrs. C. W. Arnold.

Mr. D. C. Fowler,
1180 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sister Taylor:

We note that the Christian Plea is coming out from your place and that you have again responded to a great need of our Brotherhood. Surely we all should feel proud that we are favored indeed in having such a one as you as our "big sister." We wish there were more like you in good works and thoughtfulness and love.

E. Winnifred Owens,
251 W. Broadway
Winston, Ky.

My Dear Sister Taylor:

I shall feel it a great honor to act from now until you think differently as clerk for the Christian Plea among the members and friends of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church. Mrs. Lesly Clark will represent the S. C. I. Club in the same capacity. We will try to send in five subscriptions each by the end of November. I wish to congratulate you for your fine spirit in making 449 Fourth Avenue, N., of greater historical importance to our great brotherhood. You can count on me as one of the enthusiastic supporters of the Plea and the entire program of the convention.

Rev. Richard H. Davis
4413 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Prof. Eppe:

We are much delighted with the Christian Plea. We are sure it will be a success. We were proud to present it to the International Convention.

L. H. Crawford, President
National Christian Missionary Convention
75th Fourth St., Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Prof. Eppe:

I received a copy of the Christian Plea, and congratulate you on its physical aspect, its news feature, and its general spiritual appeal. I do wish you every success in editing this important publication. Please put me on your mailing list, and send statement for subscription. I shall be glad to cooperate in every way possible.

Dr. Roger T. Noce, D.D.
Vine Street Christian Church
Nashville, Tennessee

The Christian Plea Editor:

Hearty congratulations on the Plea. Could place dozen copies at ten cents each. Please send them at once. This issue "October 18th" great improvement. Will write from Banks of "Ole Kentucky." Will also contact Kentucky members. Sending my own and my pastor's subscriptions this week. Success to Lea Avenue and New Pastor.

Rev. C. H. Dickerson
340 Ohio St.
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Editor:

I was glad to get the Plea again. I have a group of ten members of the West Federal Christian Church, Youngstown, Ohio, who have paid for one year. They only received four issues before it stopped. We want the Plea, so write and tell me what to do.

Rev. F. T. Barnett
9415 Quincy St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Editor's Note: The Administrative Committee has instructed me to send the Plea to all people who have paid up but only received a few issues. Your papers will come to you for the full time.

Mr. Merl R. Eppe:

The Plea is very fine. I heard some very nice compliments everywhere I went. I am planning to come by and see you as soon as possible.

R. H. Peoples
National Secretary of Negro Churches
Division of Home Missions
Missions Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

Christian Plea:

I received a copy of the Plea for which I thank you so much. My subscription was sent to Rev. Dickerson and this is the first one I have received. I enjoyed it very much.

Miss Fannie Cowan
119 E. Walnut St.
Danville, Ky.

Editor's Note: You will receive it regularly.

Editor:

Best wishes to you in your most important editorial capacity.

Guy P. Leavitt
Standard Publishing Co.
Cincinnati, Ohio
My Dear Prof. Eppse:

I am just closing out a most successful tour of this area and we have had a splendid fellowship. I will only be too glad to serve you in any way that I can. Accept my congratulations for the very fine issue of the Plea and you may count on me to get subscriptions for same.

R. Wesley Watson
2400 Paseo St.
Kansas City, Mo.

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Dear Mr. Eppse:

We shall be glad to put the Christian Plea on our exchange list. We wish for you every success in reaching your goal for subscribers.

Evely Honeywell
Asst’ to the Editor
World Call, Missions Bldg.
Indianapolis, Ind.

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Christian Plea Editor:

You may send me ten copies to sell in the Second Christian Church. Please send them at once.

Taylor E. H. Cole
411 East 7th St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Dear Dr. Eppse:

Please accept congratulations on the first issue of the "New" Plea. It is indeed very fine. I am mailing a check today to Mrs. Bracy for 500 subscriptions. I think you have made a good start in the world, and I hope a greater loyalty and appreciation for our church and its great principles.

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch
3402 ½ Giles Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

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"ADVANCE OR RETREAT— THERE IS NO PLACE TO STAND, HERE"

by I. Q. Hurdle,
President, Texas C. M. C.

Man, created from the dust of the earth, made in the image of God, has been accountable through the ages for his stewardship in every job assigned to him.

It is not an easy task to hold one’s own talent in hand, thinking that it is a human duty to return that one talent without a loss from it. The end of such an investment period brings sadness. On the other hand, he who shows something in return for the talent entrusted to his keeping, shall rejoice, for he knows a blessing will follow the returns of his investment.

This year has brought many changes. Some of our faithful collaborators have fallen, others have been weakened by old age or otherwise in health. Everyone who has produced the earth, has helped us to enlarge the program of character building and Christian training, making the burden lighter for the group of Christian men and women who are giving their lives for so great a cause, thus erecting stronger pillars for the massive structure of human endeavor that is being built in a changing world for the purpose of raising our ideals from low levels to higher plains of Christian living.

Wars and pestilence have been in our path, but we have chosen the better part. When attempts have been made to stop the work of our Master, we have followed the motto, "Let the dead-past bury the dead. Act! Act in the living present, hearts within and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb." That closer walk depends upon the traveller; the frame of mind and the light must come from our hearts, if we are to advance the Kingdom of God. As we go upward, our strength will increase.

My work this year has been a pleasure to me. I can understand better, the poem “Religion never was designed to make our pleasures less.” I have visited many of the churches during the past year. I have not been able to visit them all, but our State Evangelist and our brethren who have served so faithfully as District Evangelists, have held up the blood-stained banner in the field during the year.

Our State officials have worked in harmony and it is to them, we owe our gratitude for their wise foresight in developing the program for the year. The pastors of the local congregations have been dutiful in many respects.

We have found that the members will follow the leadership of a faithful pastor.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE,
at Hawkins, Texas, erected to the glory and honor of Christian Education, stands out as a beacon light before the world today. We must help it to grow and glow. The more

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A REVITALIZED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS IMPERATIVE

In the average church about 39% of the membership are regular in their attendance, in their giving and in their service; 14% are occasional; while 47% never come, never give and never serve. Certainly there is need for a revitalized membership! The re-enlistment of indifferent church members is, however, one of the most difficult problems confronting the church. Frequently churches conclude that it is easier to wipe the names of such members off the church roll and replace them with new members recruited from the ranks of the unchurched. And yet, in the long run, the church which cannot save its own members will not be likely to save the world! It is false strategy, therefore, to ignore those members who have fallen into indifference and hope to fill their places with new people. However difficult this problem may be, it must be faced and solved. No church can hope to solve the problem of indifference within its membership in the space of a year's time, but it can at least make a beginning, and it is with this in mind that the following suggestions are offered.

(An Analysis of the Church Roll.)

Who are the indifferent church members? This question is basic in any plan designed to restore indifferent members to the active life of the church. Without the answer to this question you can only shoot at random with your plans in the hope that you will hit some.

Appoint a small committee of the most earnest and responsible members in the church and set them to the task of going through the church roll, name by name, to classify the membership into three groups—active, occasional, completely inactive. It should be understood that this listing will be treated confidentially by the committee.

(Why Indifference?) Having divided the church roll into a threefold classification the next question confronting the committee is why a great group of members have grown indifferent. This is difficult, but not impossible, to determine.

Perhaps it will be impossible to visit every inactive member to inquire as to the reason for their indifference, but at least a sampling can be interviewed. It is, of course, a problem to find out why they have lost interest in the church and only experienced and very tactful people should be employed in the task. Perhaps the responsibility can be assigned to a man and a woman. Certainly the group ought not be large. Above all, this is a task which the minister should not perform. It may be that he himself is involved in the indifference of many members, in which case his calling would fail to reveal anything significant. Those assigned to the task of calling upon inactive members should compare notes frequently and when it becomes apparent that no new reasons for indifference are appearing it can be assumed that a sufficient number of cases have been sampled.

The information received as a result of this calling should be treated seriously and must become the basis of the future planning of the church. The information should be secured if at all possible, during the month of December. This will enable the church to proceed energetically to the solution of the problem by the first of January.

Roll Call and Commitment Sunday

Some time in the fall, preferably the first Sunday in December, observe a Roll Call and Commitment Day. Promote the day with a view of securing as large an attendance of the church membership as possible. Before the day send every member a card with the request that it be signed and dropped in the offering plate on Roll Call Day. The face of the card should provide space for name, address and telephone number, with the printed statement, "I was in Church on Roll Call Sunday." On the back of the card should appear a listing of possible services a member can render to his church, with the request that the member check those services he will endeavor to perform throughout the coming year.

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

CARNELLA L. JAMISON

ORDAINED

A service of unusual interest took place Tuesday night, July 28, in Graham Chapel of the Missions Building, Indianapolis, when Miss Carnella L. Jamison, national field worker of Negro missionary organizations, was ordained to Christian service. Her pastor, William D. Campbell of Second Christian Church, had charge of the service. President Robert M. Hopkins gave the missionary charge.

Miss Jamison was graduated from Southern Christian Institute, and later taught in that school. She later graduated from Talladega College, and served on the faculty at Sheffield, Alabama. She took up her work as a national worker November 14, 1939.

—From Sept "World Call"

North Carolina—First Christian Church, Concord.
Ohio—Center Avenue, Cleveland.
Columbus, Monroe Avenue.
Ohio—Second Church, Muskogee.
Oklahoma—Junior C. E., Muskogee.
Tennessee—Mississippi Boulevard, Memphis.
Texas—Shady Grove, Cason, Junior Mission Band.
Grove Street—Houston.
Romine Street—Dallas.

Will your name appear in this list after the close of the December quarter?

These blanks all disclose very fine reports. You, too, are doing something worthwhile, we are certain. Turn in your blank and let us know about it.

Since November 14th marks the end of my first year in your service I want to express further appreciation for your cooperation and helpfulness through these initial months.

What has been accomplished was because of the fine support which came from national, state and local officers of missionary organizations, ministers, and church members every place. The young people have given me courage because of their increased enthusiasm and the little children are responding to world missions. These things have been possible because of the great love which God has for people everywhere.

The Psalmist David sustained his faith by the power of God as he expressed in this verse, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1.

With wishes for a joyous Thanksgiving, I am Yours sincerely,
Carnella L. Jamison

CARNELLA L. JAMISON

YOUNG ADULTS

From Dayton Ohio Young Adult Group

One area of life in our churches which offers a great challenge is that group within the age level who are passing from youth to adulthood. All too often they are conspicuous in our present services because of their absence. Realizing the potential power bound up within this age group, the Norwood Avenue Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio, has undertaken a project to do something about it. The young adults of Norwood Avenue Christian Church were organized in February, 1939. At first there were approximately less than a dozen who were finding places and participating in the church services. After organization a survey was made and a list of at least forty persons was found who should be participating in the church program. This small group set out to gather the others of their rank and draw them in. Their regular meeting days are the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. During the summer some of the group met once a month and planned a ten month program. Each fifth Sunday is stressed as young adults' day, at which time the young adults themselves execute the entire program with special emphasis. The most recent young adults day celebrated was November 29, at which time tithing was stressed. The offerings were increased 100%. The group now is anxious to know how the service of tithing may be instituted to the entire church for both young people and adults. Members of the group attended a one day conference in Springfield, Ohio, during the past spring and a week-end camp at Camp Wildwood, which I have referred to in the previous issue of the Plea. It is fortunate that at each time, a different group was privileged to attend. Each group returned with much inspiration and many interesting suggestions which they are working into their plans for the months ahead.

The age range of this group is 19 through 31. Students and graduates, many of whom are employees of some type or other of worthwhile employment. They are indeed adding a great deal to the life of the church itself. Not only are they active on the special days set aside for young adults but they are also present in the regular meetings of the church, serve as members of the church board, members of the choir, leaders of youth groups, and Sunday school teachers. One very versatile member of the group serves as scout master, superintendent of Junior Department of the Sunday School, and director of the young adult choir.
It is surely an inspiration to see these fine young people so much in love with their church. The initial group of six has now increased to twenty active members, with the other twenty gradually being worked into active service. The chairman of this very important department of the church is Miss Viola Riffe, who is also a school teacher and a prominent civic leader among her group.

**Marion F. Anderson**

**The Amsterdam Conference of the Youth Movement**

By Marion F. Anderson

For a number of years many young people of the nation have felt that the church is not satisfactorily meeting its needs. In view of this fact a meeting was called of the young people and the adult leaders of youth at the National Convention of Negro Churches of Disciples of Christ in Dayton, Ohio, in 1937. In the minds of the youth leaders the need for a correlated program of activities was apparent. Equally apparent in the minds of the young people themselves was a need for an agency of expression.

The next significant event took place in April, 1938, when a planning committee of thirty young people and adult leaders met in Indianapolis, Ind., to evolve purposes and organization plans for the National Christian Youth Movement. The findings of this committee were submitted to the four young people’s conferences that met during the following summer and to other youth groups. These groups approved the plan for the national organization and suggested plans for organizing local youth groups.

The youth movement is designed to initiate a program for coordinated activities that will meet both of these

needs. The activities are planned to include all worthy interests and meet all of the deepest needs of young people. Drawing its goals from the group itself, patterning its program on its local capabilities, training its members by creating leadership situations for them in the organization itself, the youth movement intends to give a completeness to the church life of its youth group that will make for an integrated personality.

As a delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth and as National President of the Youth Movement for the Disciples of Christ I was very much concerned about the significance of the conference to the Youth Movement, the similarity of the problems of the youth of other nations and something of the attempts to solve them.

We did not go to Amsterdam thinking that here all of the problems of the youth of the world would be solved. Most of us would have been very much disappointed if we had, but we did feel that in our discussions, helpful suggestions might be received.

It is undoubtedly true that it is in home life that the conditions for the development of personality are most favorable, and that the spiritual life, which in Christianity is so definitely personal, can best be developed. The strength and healthiness of home life, especially as an educational center for the young, is thus of the greatest importance for the church. The importance of the family in the life of the church has been expressed more strongly, in the words; “The Family is a Church in Miniature.”

This seems to be a rather disturbing factor to many of the young people of today, many of whom are already facing economic, educational and sociological problems. Can it be true that our family life is of such great importance to the church? How then, can we strengthen this family life which has almost ceased to exist in many instances? Is this our only road back to the church? Must we remould the family before we can hope to help participate in a strengthening program for the church? With some of our present difficulties, how can we hope to unify our family, develop relationships such as those which formerly existed between parent and child? These questions and many others were discussed in the Amsterdam group discussion on “Christian Marriage and Family Life.”

In a class of approximately forty-five persons representing some seven different nations of the world we found that young people are being faced with problems of a similar nature. After ten days of intensive study you will want to ask about our conclusions—our solutions. You will surely agree with us that that is no one solution—that we could come to no conclusion—make no resolution, yet in every instance we agreed that the home and church must go hand in hand in training Christian personality.

I went to Amsterdam very much interested in the significance of the Conference to the Christian Youth Movement. You can imagine then, the depth of my feeling when in summarizing our group discussions our Disciple Delegate from China, expressing the feeling of persons of many nationalities, stated that if we are to be Ambassadors of Christ, our present task is to help teach through the churches and the home the Christian way of living and to build Christ-like personalities—the very fundamental basis of the Christian Youth Movement!

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The pastor will use the sermon time on Roll Call Sunday to set before the congregation the church’s aims and program for the coming year and should close with a strong challenge for support and participation on the part of the entire membership.

A Friendly Membership Visitation. December has been designated as “Membership Visitation Month.” A group of men and women should be recruited to call in every church home during the month. The purpose of such calling will be to demonstrate the friendly spirit of the church and to inform the entire membership of the church’s plans for the year. Frequently it is said that the church never sends out callers except to ask for money. A Friendly Visitation will disprove this assertion.

Organized Calling Through the Year. The special committee responsible for the Friendly Visitation can well be continued to supervise organized calling throughout the rest of the year. Most of this calling will be done by the elders, deacons and deaconesses, but the committee can also arrange for representatives of classes and other church organizations to call upon those inactive members who, for one reason or another, the organization which they represent would be likely to reach and interest. The committee may well set as its goal not less than three calls on every inactive member during the course of the year. In addition the pastor should include in his year’s program of calling not less than one call upon every inactive member.
of Austin, Texas, a traditional foe, that has never been able to defeat the Jarvis eleven.

At this time, the first graduating class of the school,cool WJDI expects to make its return to the campus. They will be represented 100%. The greatest attendance of the alumni and ex-students is anticipated in the history of the school.

The election of Miss Jarvis is now in progress. This is expected to be a gala event. In the evening following the game, the annual meeting of alumni and the ex-students will take place in the Hawkins High School. Following this meeting, the Alumni Association will be superbly entertained at a banquet.

—E. W. Rand, Reporter

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
Edwards, Mississippi

The "quiet period" of the Christian Plea deprived us of publicizing the closing months of last school year as well as prevented our many friends from getting a resume of last year's achievements. We rejoice with those who are aware of its value that publication of the Plea has been resumed and pledge our support to its editors and managers.

During the school year of 1938-39 we enjoyed the largest and most financially profitable enrollment we have had since 1924. In addition to the regular student body of 266, we had 69 special students in a six weeks course for public school teachers, a grand total of 345 students for the year. These public school teachers came from adjacent and distant counties and already we have assurances that most of them will return next spring and bring other teachers with them.

During the year our traveling library made 107 visits to rural homes, placed 438 books and 1486 magazines in homes where both books and magazines had previously been strangers; two meetings of the Jackson District Convention were held on our campus; and again we initiated and arranged for the two series of broadcasts, representing the Negro schools and colleges of the state each Friday at 4:15 P.M. over WJDI, Jackson. Miss. Miss Hertecene Turner, a high school senior won the $100 first prize in the National Essay Contest sponsored by the Universal Life Insurance Company, of Memphis, Tennessee.

Unable to afford both the luxury and the impoverishment upon athletic funds by attempting intercollegiate football, we have concentrated upon tennis, basketball, softball, track and football as inter-mural sports. Intercollegiate basketball and tennis furnish our athletic contacts with ad-
national Convention in Richmond, Virginia, October 19 to 25. The programs were excellent, instructive and inspiring. Everything was not quite as we wished, the experience was another milestone along the Christian highway. S. C. I. was generously represented on the Convention program when missionary workers from both home and foreign fields were introduced, and the entire Negro Brotherhood was exalted by R. H. Peoples' excellent address on "The Church and the Underprivileged Americans."

Combining a trip to the Convention with a tour of the Southeast a party from both home and foreign fields was another milestone along the roadway. Miss CarneHa Jamison and Mrs. R. H. Peoples, and two car loads of people from the city whose names I did not get.

Many outstanding addresses were heard, and many outstanding resolutions were passed by the convention body, chief among these resolutions was one which called for the appointment of a committee to work with the committee from the National Convention to the International Convention. President L. H. Crawford was presented to the Convention and brought greetings from the National Convention. He and Mrs. Bracy visited the churches on the Eastern coast including Washington, Baltimore, and New York. They were well received by the members, some of whom expressed their great joy in being able to see their President in person.

We Visit South Carolina and the Eastern Coast

Miss CarneHa Jamison and I visited the South Carolina State Convention held at Holly Hill, South Carolina. She brought an inspiring and challenging message to that group of women who expressed great satisfaction in having her present. At this Convention we succeeded in getting twelve subscriptions to The Christian Plea.

We also visited the churches on the eastern coast and the response was gratifying indeed. Miss Jamison visited the church at Hagerstown, Maryland, where she saw Dr. M. F. Robinson, long time preacher in Louisville, Kentucky, who is now retired but wishes to be remembered to the Brotherhood.

The church in Washington, D. C., is making a heroic effort to reduce its debt in order that they may build the worship unit. We enjoyed a visit with the Christian Youth Fellowship of this church. They are making progress and should have some delegates at the National Convention next year.

In Baltimore, Maryland, we found our two churches doing fine. The Emmanuel Christian, Rev. W. H. Taylor, Pastor, and the Mt. Olivet, Rev. C. L. Whitfield, Pastor. Elder Taylor has two assistants who are carrying on at Emmanuel while he takes care of the church at Hagerstown. The Mt. Olivet Church was busy with its activities each weekday night. They are still talking about Rev. Crawford's sermon.

Our visit in New York was very pleasant indeed. Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Hancock are building up a fine membership in Brooklyn. Their one great need is an adequate building in which to work. They might get this next spring, if everything works out in their favor. They are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood that in some way this need might be met.

We have two other churches in Brooklyn which are making real progress. The largest of these, The Williamsburg Church, with a membership of nearly 400 has a young man, Rev. W. F. Keys for pastor. The other, St. Phillips, is pastored by Rev. W. C.
Kinard. Both churches have nice meeting quarters but they plan to buy a church home as soon as they can find a suitable place in their section of the city.

We discovered a new church in New Brunswick, New Jersey, which is about ten years old. Some years ago Rev. Strickland of Georgia organized a church there and pastored it for a while. Upon his return to Georgia he recommended Rev. S. E. Tillman who went there in 1933 and not only pastored the church, but also organized a rescue mission, which proved a haven to men and women of all racial groups. They were forced to close the mission last year, but they hope to reestablish themselves in a more desirable place soon and open up a permanent service station.

This month, at the Monroe Avenue Christian Church in Columbus, is "Tithing Month." All the members are asked to tithe for one month. Eighteen of the substantial members have begun, and many more are expected to begin on "Homecoming Sunday," which is November 12. Rev. C. W. Arnold is the pastor.

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light we give, the more light this great institution sheds upon us. The loss of President J. N. Ervin is eternal. His replacement by President Peter C. Washington needs our concentrated efforts in the continuation of the great work that is being done at Jarvis Christian College. We wish to extend thanks to the United Christian Missionary Society for this type of leader for Jarvis College. Our faculty is one of the strongest in America. Our students bespeak the greatness of the institution. Look about us today. Upon whom shall we depend? Here they are in our midst—Jarvis products; too many for us to begin to name. The words of their mouths and the meditation of their hearts are acceptable in the sight of the Lord their strength and their redeemer. O, Church, move on. Grow stronger. Brethren, let me entreat you to carry a determination in your hearts to do more next year than you have ever done before, use your talents, advance the Kingdom of God by strengthening the CHURCH.

NOTICE
All subscriptions solicited for the CHRISTIAN PLEA should be reported to Mrs. Preston Taylor, 449 Fourth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, Monday of each week.

It is very necessary that reports be made immediately upon solicitation that a record may be made in the office and prompt service be given to the public.

J. E. WALKER, M.D.,
Chairman, Administrative Committee

In these critical days the church can not be content to mark time. The enemies of the Kingdom encompass us. The church must mobilize and attack. This calls for strategy—a program of procedure that staggers. No small goal is worthy of a movement designed to bring in the Kingdom of God with such strength as to vanquish the kingdom of darkness. The Church of God must assert itself with unmistakable action. She must not mark time. She must have a worthy program and execute it.

The Home Missions Planning Council of Disciples of Christ is releasing plans for a far-reaching program of membership enlistment and evangelistic recruitment. Materials have been mailed to the various churches explaining the program in detail.

It is a local church program with a two-fold purpose; to revitalize the religious life of the membership of the local congregation and to evangelize the unreached. Every effort has been made to keep it simple in character and dynamic in its appeal. It is directed only to the two phases in the church's life where there seems to be the most urgent need today to have something significant accomplished.

Materials including enlistment cards, ballots, posters, and booklets explaining the plan, may be secured by writing, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, The United Christian Missionary Society.
Peoples Challenges Church
THE CHURCH AND THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED AMERICANS

R. H. Peoples
Indianapolis, Indiana
(Delivered at International Convention, Richmond Va., October, 1939)

International Convention assembly
and friends:

I want you to think with me this morning about the church (organized religion) on one hand, and the under-privileged Americans on the other. Let us look at the under-privileged Americans first. Who are they? In the words of President Roosevelt, "they are the 40 million Americans ill-fed, ill-housed, and ill-clothed." They belong to the one-third of all American families that earn less than $780.00 a year.

Yes, I would like for you to visit with me this morning the people who live in the low rent and slum areas of our cities, for this is one place where some of the under-privileged Americans live. A typical example of a slum-dweller is the following: There are seven in the family. The father works in the foundry earning $15.00 per (Continued on Page 2)

DR. WILLARD M. WICKIZER VISITS PLEA OFFICE

Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Department of the United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Indiana, was a welcome visitor to the Christian Plea office, the Tennessee A. and I. State College, Lea Avenue Christian Church, and beautiful Greenwood Park.

Mrs. Preston Taylor entertained in honor of Dr. Wickizer at her beautiful Greenwood Park Home. The guest included Prof. and Mrs. Merl R. Eppse and Mrs. Hardin. Dr. Wickizer held a conference with Mrs. Taylor and Prof. Eppse concerning the future of the Negro Brotherhood and the Christian Plea.

The CHRISTIAN PLEA has come to you for three months. How do you like it? Unless you subscribe at once, we cannot send you any more copies. January is the month to subscribe. Let us hear from you at once.

Mrs. Preston Taylor, Treas.

CONVENTION PASTOR IS READY

Dr. C. B. Fisher
Little Rock, Ark.

Greetings Brotherhood! and Congratulations to the Editor of "Christian Plea" for the splendid issue of last month.

Since you ladies have doubtless begun to think about the type of wardrobe you will be needing for the 1940 Session of National Convention at Little Rock, Arkansas; as well as your respective Missionary Goals for the year. I should like to say sheers will be in great demand for wearing. Likewise, will be the necessity of higher Missionary Goals.

Our Forward-Going, Outward-Reaching Church challenges its Woman's Council to greater achievements.

Organization was effected in October 1938; membership 34; the Fi- (Continued on Page 2)
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CONVENTION PASTOR READY
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nancial Goal, $250.00, was reached for the year ending June 30, 1939.

Among the budgeted items were: U.C.M.S. $56.00; (Mrs. Bracy) National Council $5.00; (Old Folks Home) Local Charity $10.00; (One Month) Church Note $20.00; (Part year) Street Tax $30.00; (Part year) Church Fire Insurance $24.00; Pastor's Vacation $47.00; Choir Drapery $7.50. These and other items were totally met by the Woman's Council.

The Financial Budget for 1939-40 is $275.00, among its items is a gift of $5.00 for Christian Plea.

Already we are well advanced toward our goal.

Having enlisted the interest of nearly every woman of the church, we effectively use Missionary Literature and Program material. Leadership training is stressed. We sponsor Youth Meets, and a Stewardship lecture was a feature of each meeting.

Financial receipts for October 1939 were $39.70. Every woman in the church made some contribution to this amount. We will tell you of some of our projects next time.

Death, the Grim Reaper, whose icy hand eventually lain upon all mortality, fell upon Sister Sarah High, and left a vacant chair within our Council ranks. Feeble and aged, she was a noble inspiration. So patient through suffering. We mourn her passing.

Remember, be reading more about the Little Rock, Arkansas, Cross Street Christian Church, Woman's Council. Orene Cole, President; Daisy Dean, Secretary; Louise Mitchell, Treasurer; Minnie Gydon, Literary Chairman; C. B. Fischer, Pastor.

PEOPLE'S CHALLENGES CHURCH
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week. They live in a three room house which is very much in need of repair. The parlor contains the following pieces of furniture: a broken floor-lamp, a much worn victrola, one three-legged chair, and a table which is literally covered with dirt. The bed-room contains one large bed upon which the mother lies sick with cancer, and is covered with two large dirty blankets and two misty gray sheets. The mattress is low, sagging, and uncomfortable. The oldest child, a fifteen year old daughter, has been working out for $2.00 per week ever since she has been large enough. The younger children are left to struggle for themselves.

Let's move on now from the slum areas of our cities to a typical sharecropper in the South. Just two weeks ago I spent several days in one of these homes. The family had been living in this four room box house for twenty-one years. Most of the twenty-two children had been born there. One small room was attached to the back of this four room house for dining room and kitchen. Their only means of light and ventilation is through wooden windows. Of the twenty-two children born to these parents, only eleven or 50% of them survived. They were all single births with the exception of one set of twins who were in the number who survived. For sixteen years this father worked as a day laborer, and for the last five years he has been a share-cropper. Last year he made one bale of cotton; this year he made two bales. Ever since spring he has been sick with malaria fever.

We move now to another picture. In recent years over two million under-privileged Americans, all races represented, Mexicans, Filipinos, Europeans, Asians, Latin Americans, Negroes, and Anglo-Saxons, have taken to the highway, and now live in trailer-land and tents. They are constantly on the move seeking employment as harvesters of various crops. The following story explains why we have two million weary feet on the constant move; "A sad-eyed man picking fruit with his family in the Sacramento Valley says that over the past ten years (1927-1937) his record was as follows: In 1927 he made $7,000.00 above expenses; in 1928 he broke even; in 1929 he went in the hole; in 1930 he went deeper in; in 1931 he lost everything; in 1932 he took his family and joined that host of migrants, and since 1933 they have been working as "fruit tramps."

I could go on for hours telling similar experiences from every under-privileged group in America. Here they are. Do you ask why over a million, six hundred thousand members in the United States and Canada alone. We have built strong state and national institutions. We have developed a missionary program which extends around the world. But we have made some failures. We have failed to practice and teach Christian stewardship. We have failed to practice and teach Christian justice and vindication.

We could mention several of our national institutions that wear the name Christian and openly practice discrimination.

We say this of the national brotherhood, but what of our local churches? What is the attitude of your local church toward these under-privileged Americans? What is your record? If your church happens to be one of the First Churches, or the Central church downtown, what is the attitude of its membership toward the people in the community which it is supposed to serve? A religious survey was made of a community in which a wealthy congregation worshiped. The members of this church employed maids and cooks who worked on Sunday mornings. This particular church had no evening service, hence there was no opportunity for these domestic servants to attend that church. In the survey, over thirty maids and cooks indicated that this particular church was the church of their choice. The minister raises this question: "What can I do with them?"

Perhaps your church happens to be in an area where there are Mexican residents, or in an area where Negroes live. What is the attitude of its constituents toward the under-privileged peoples in its own environment? What is its record? Has it been satisfied to do a few charitable acts without seeking to remove the cause for having under-privileged people in America? Too many so-called Christians are satisfied to make charitable gifts to what they deem worthy and deserving causes, but if the truth were known, no Christianity was exhibited in securing the gift. For example, Brother Jones gives a large sum of money to S.C.I. to build a dormitory for boys, but to get this money, Brother Jones rents a number of tenement houses which were nothing more than shacks when he built them fifteen years ago. And since that time he has done nothing in the way of repair to them.

My friends, as we view this morning the church and the under-privileged, do you believe that the Christian Church ought to be one of the institutions whose chief purpose is to lift the under-privileged American? Do you believe that the under-privileged American must have a changed spirit which only Christ through his church can give? Some of the Disciples of Christ have believed this fact through the years. And so we have
Home Missionaries working among every under-privileged group in America; the Coal and Coke Regions of Pennsylvania, the mountain area of Kentucky and Tennessee, the French Acadians in Louisiana, the Mexicans in Texas, the Japanese in Los Angeles, the American Indians in Washington, and the American Negroes. I shall take an illustration from the Negro work which is typical of what we are doing for other under-privileged groups wherever our Brotherhood serves. From national and state home missions funds we are helping to support pastors in large cities where many of my people have gone within recent years.

From the same fund we are helping to support state and regional evangelists who are seeking to give closer supervision to the local churches, state and district conventions and to our Young People's Conferences and Youth Meets.

Our greatest work is being done in our two schools: Jarvis Christian College, and Southern Christian Institute. Downstairs in the Home Missions exhibit booth you will see something of what is going on in these schools. If you will read the Young People's Missionary Study Book, Right Here at Home, Frank S. Mead, you will find on page seventy-six a brief story of the outstanding work that is being done at Jarvis College.

I was a teacher there when the young physician, Dr. Martin L. Edwards, came to Jarvis to serve as college and county physician. At the first free health clinic which he held there, more than 300 Negro patients were examined, many of them for the first time in their lives. Many of the older people were very suspicious of modern medicine. They looked upon hospitals as "slaughter houses" and many of them boasted that they had never called in a doctor. They looked upon hospitals as a place where colored people were treated worse than white patients. Many white people expressed their opposition openly in no uncertain terms. But before many months had passed, Dr. Edwards had demonstrated to both races that he was well versed in the science of medicine and his skill in administering it. With tactful procedure he has gained the respect and trust of all who know him, especially throughout the three counties over which his work extends. Today he has more work than he can do with 50% of his patients white. He also enjoys the finest professional relations with other physicians in his territory, both white and colored. He says that if he had a hospital (which is very much needed in that area) it would require a staff of three physicians to serve the people in his territory.

Both Jarvis and Southern Christian Institute have as their major objectives the training of Christian leaders to help lift this under-privileged group. I stand before you this morning as a living example (though poor as I am) of what the schools are actually producing, of what is going on at this present moment in these schools. One writer has said, "We are not judged by the heights we have attained, but rather by the depths from whence we have come." I was born in the Mississippi Delta about thirty-five miles South of Memphis. When I was thirteen years old my father desired to send me some place where I could have the advantage of a good school. The teacher in our community had kept me in the fifth grade for three years waiting for my father to promote me to the sixth grade. My step-mother, who was born east of Edwards, Mississippi, where S.C.I. is located, wanted me to send me a catalogue of the school. She had never been to S.C.I., but had heard that it was a good school. Father had only a fourth grade education himself and was not able to judge schools but he knew that most any school would be better than what I was doing. After looking up the cost of keeping a student in S.C.I., he took me there, where I spent eight years. It was during these eight years that I began to realize that I was enjoying a special privilege—one which my friends and schoolmates back at home were not having. Then it dawned upon me that because of this rare privilege which I was permitted to enjoy, I should make thorough preparation to go back and serve my people at home. This I tried to do. Upon finishing the courses prescribed by the S.C.I., I entered Eureka College where I finished in 1927. That fall I was called to serve as teacher of Religious Education at Jarvis College. Since then I have been in continuous service with the church through the help of the United Christian Missionary Society. But who knows what I might have been doing today had there been no S.C.I.

As I said before, what I say about the work of the Disciples among Negroes could be said about its work with every other under-priviledged group. The one grave handicap which always stays the Home Mission worker in the face as he labors in these many institutions is the urgent need always to do more than his funds will allow. We are appealing especially this morning to those churches which have not answered the call of missions, which have not done their share in helping to lift the under-privileged American, won't you begin now?

God gave birth to the Disciples of Christ upon American soil for a high purpose, and we believe that it is time for the largest of the New World Churches to lead out in the practice of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

While the world is being blasted to bits by the worst war of all time, let the Disciples of Christ challenge America to try Christ and his method for saving the world.

DR. R. H. PEOPLES VISITS NASHVILLE BROTHERHOOD

Dr. R. H. Peoples, National Negro Worker, of the Home Missions Department, visited the Brotherhood of Nashville, He was the guest of Prof. and Mrs. Merl R. Eppse. He brought a stirring message to the 1200 students of Tennessee A. and I. State College. He expressed much satisfaction with the work of the Christian Plea. Gay Street Christian Church and the fine work of Mrs. Preston Taylor, treasurer of the Christian Plea. Prof. and Mrs. Eppse entertained Dr. Peoples and presented him with a social worker, but always found this good man and his wife that had pastored the whole town for fourteen years. Some were singing and some were sad, but all rejoiced that they could do honor to a man who wrought so well among them.

Speeches were made by several of the pastors of the associated churches and business men and women. Honorable Clarence Mott, son-in-law of the mayor of the city, spoke on behalf of the city officials and paid high tribute and respect to the good qualities that Elder Crawford possessed. Mr. Mott said, "he is not only a social worker, but always found himself trying to do something for falling humanity." The Reverends H. Fisher, pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church; S. S. Myers, president of the Tri-State Board and of the State Convention of Missouri; R. W. Watson, representative of the Minis-
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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.
—1 John 1:7

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EDITORIAL

The Past, Present, and Future of the Home, Church and School
By President L. H. Crawford

Before another issue of the Christian Plea is published, we all will have gone through the holidays, a season which means so much to the whole world, the birthday of our Lord and Master. I wish to take this opportunity to say to the whole Brotherhood, “A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year” to all.

I am praying that as we enter the spirit of giving that we shall not forget those who are less fortunate than we. Knowing that there is joy in these words, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Past

In the early days our fathers and mothers had three things in mind—namely, 1. to own a home, 2. to rear a respectable family, and 3. to love the church. The children were taught to be honest, truthful, and obedient. They sent them to school that they might be fitted intellectually to combat with the things of life. They used to look forward to the time when the State meeting, as they called it, would convene. They only had in mind two things, who could preach the best, and to find fault one toward the other. But thanks to God today we look forward with joy for the convening of our State Conventions, Young People’s Conferences, and our National Convention. As I view the past our young people could not have anything to do with administering the business part of the church work. But I am sending out today the SOS call to all ministers who have not been able to read, that God has no respective persons, no male or female, but we are all one in Christ Jesus. There are, in this present day setup, we must use those people, whether they be young or old, that will best fit into the program, to plant the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men. And the church that refuses to use this material will find itself weighed upon the scales and found wanting. As we view the past we have grown in Grace and Knowledge and have fellowship in God’s program around the world. There was a time when we only had one school in our Brotherhood and a few pupils to attend, but we are thankful today that we have men and women in our church work who have gone through our colleges and are preaching in our pulpits and on our missionary fields, and we feel happy to know that we are making progress. Our fathers spent their time defending the Doctrine and building church houses, and they made a good job of it, but in this present age, we are not only preaching the gospel and building churches, but we are also building a program that will fit into the needs of the lives of many persons of this day and time.

In the past we were taught that salvation was free but when we look over some of the reports of our churches they still believe in this kind of teaching. But in this present age our churches should be taught the Bible way of giving, stewardship, and tithing, the Lord has prospered you.

I am saying all of this for you to know as we approach the end of 1939 and the beginning of 1940, that we have a bright future before us. We have made rapid progress. Most of us know that we were a rural church, but today we have some of our best churches located in our largest cities. You will agree with me that the Lord can use us for a larger work in the future. And as we face the birthday of our Lord and Master, let us not forget these words, “Peace on Earth and Good-will toward all men.”

With Thou O Father make us equal for the task that awaits us and prepare our hearts to receive with meekness the ungraft word of God, which is meat to our souls. Help us to love Thy law and make it our meditation all the day. May our word be unto us indeed, a lamp to our feet and a light upon our way, we ask it all through Christ our Lord, “AMEN.”

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LETTERS TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

I received my sample copy of The Plea, of which I am very proud. Indeed, I am very glad to know that the Plea office is located in dear old Nashville, my old home, have read it over and I am passing it around among the members of the church so as to get their subscriptions to send in with my own.

I am also joyful over the fact that Professor Egges is in the Editor's chair which should be a real boost, together with the fact that it is now printed on beautiful M.F. paper which seems to show off the beautiful type setting. It is very generous of you to furnish the original Taylor office, a dear old spot!

God bless you and the work. As ever to Christ,

—Thomas K. Rouse, 5481 28th Street, Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Egges:

We wish to express our great joy at seeing the Christian Plea again full of good news with all the prospects for success.

—Mrs. Minnie Guydon, 2931 Thayer Street, Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Egges:

I am hosting your name placed on our mailing list and you will receive a copy of the November issue of The Christian Plea.

With kindest regards and appreciating your letter and magazine, I am:

Yours truly,

—Benjamin E. Moye, Dean, School of Religion, Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Egges:

We have received a copy of The Christian Plea from the Bible College at Drake University and wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending it to us.

We shall attempt to comply with your request and send it to the addresses of news from time to time. We shall permit you to use them as you see fit. We wish you and the Negro Brotherhood every success.

Sincerely yours,

—Seth W. Slaughter, Dean, The College of the Bible, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Christian Plea Editor:

In the recent letter regarding the Christian Plea and news for your paper, I am putting your name on our exchange mailing list, and you may use any information to fit if you desire.

In recent correspondence with Brother Walk-
A CALL FOR CHRISTIAN MEN TO WATCH WITH WHAT THEY HAVE

As were the Disciples of old, so have been the present men of the church: Asleep at the post. Hear, Oh hear the call of Christ, “Could’st thou not watch with me one hour?” We are asking the men of the brotherhood to spend these three months from Christmas to Easter in preparation. The Disciples spent nearly three years; surely we could try living close to Him for three months. Will each man save a missionary offering by the close of the period sufficient to watch at least one minute ($2.00)? Our women have done this for years. Jesus has been forced to depend on the women to watch with Him. What about the men? “Could’st thou not watch—?” Watch with what you have. The world is the field.

We may watch with Christ by providing means whereby his disciples around the world may have the funds to carry on his work. Awaken the sleeping dollars that rest in our pocketbooks that they in Christ’s sleep may stand watch in the garden of Gethsemane of our day.

To carry the present work of the brothers cooperating in Unified Promotion and to provide some needed advance to meet the challenge of a distressed world requires $2.00 for each minute, $120.00 for each hour, and $2,888.00 for each day of twenty-four hours. The provision of these sums for 365 days in the year will enable these causes to meet the challenge of a distressed world.

Any person assuming a period of time such as one minute, $2.00; ten minutes $20.00, one hour $120.00, will be supporting the enterprises of our brotherhood cooperating through Unified Promotion for that time. By this means, we are able to provide time for the thousands of workers; medicine for hundreds of thousands of patients; instruction for thousands of students; care and support for hundreds of aged ministers, missionaries and their dependents; church aid in building; programs and materials for local churches; religious instruction for children, young people and adults; participation in enterprises of brotherhood interest throughout the entire world. A great program with tremendous outreach! It stagers one’s imagination that one could multiply time on such a colossal scale and that one could have such an important part in carrying forward such a great program.

GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE

In the little town of Lathrop, Missouri, a few consecrated workers are forging ahead. Although Second Church has no regular pastor, they realize that one who has committed himself to discipleship must bear fruit.

A missionary society was organized. The officers are men and women. Mrs. M. McGruder is president of the group. It is their plan to use every other Sunday or Sundays when there is no visiting pastor for mission study.

This plan would seem to me very feasible for many of our churches who have part-time ministers.

Use these Sundays in Study. There is here at Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana (address Carnella L. Jamison, Missions Building) a wealth of free materials (pictures, clippings, leaflets, etc.) which may be had for the asking which might be used as sources of information.

Study Packet II is ready for January through June. The cost is fifty cents. It is a continuation of the theme: “Christ and the World Community.”

There is, I believe, a Christmas subscription rate for World Call of only one dollar for one year, for new subscriptions or renewals. World Call is an indispensable magazine for mission study.

The third week in November was spent in the state of Kansas. The membership in the smaller churches represent the faithful few but there again is the opportunity to witness for Christ.

The churches at Atchison and Topeka have as their pastor the youthful Mr. W. H. Brown. Mr. Brown is anxious for study to further prepare himself for usefulness. We hope that the state of Kansas will help in every way possible to make it convenient for him to have this training.

Our National Bible School Department President, R. R. Walton, is doing the last quarter of work at the College of Emporia for his degree. He is also dividing his time between Second Church, Emporia, and Indiana Avenue, Wichita.

The state president of Women’s Missionary Societies, Mrs. Lora Davidson, lives at Parsons and is a member of Parsons’s attractive Morgan Avenue Church. Mr. Anderson Thomas is the minister of the group and has made commendable progress during his time with them.

The ministers and churches in Kansas are reviving their interest in missions, for on its program hangs much of our Brotherhood work.

This is the end of the first half of the year, and it might be well to look back over your accomplishments and see how they compare with your aims for the year. Have you attained half or more of your membership aims, attendance aims, reading aims, of books and World Call, and your offering aim? Consider these before New Year’s resolutions are made. Your December 31 quarterly report blanks are due. Remember?

When the angel sang, “Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people,” he was foretelling the knowledge of Jesus and his love which you and I share.

It is ours to share these “tidings” with others as we support our missionary enterprise.
TRI-STATE WORK

R. Wesley Watson, General Secretary

for Kansas, Missouri and

Oklahoma

The District Convention met at

Muskogee, Oklahoma, for the Second

District. A rather interesting session

was held. Mrs. Charles W. Webb

brought a splendid message upon

“Religious Education.” Mrs. S. A.
Pirtle made the Missionary Address.

Miss Parker of Okmulgee made the

Christian Endeavor’s Address, the

writer “Pinch-hit” for Brother Webb,

also subject was, “An Effective

Church in a Changing Order.” Elder

E. M. Barrett was ordained to the

bishopric and is very much alive for

the Second District. A rather interesting session

was held. Mrs. Charles W. Webb, Brother F. H. Coleman, there have been several additions. The work at

Fulton Mo. under Brother Howard

is again going forward, his messages are

talk of the town.

The writer closed a successful meet-

ing with our church at Picket Prairie, Oklahoma, two by baptism, one by

letter. Elder Anderson of Tulsa, Ok-

lahoma is doing well there but on

account of illness of Sister Anderson

he has been greatly handicapped.

Brother Charles Webb, Brother Tuck-

er and Brother Anderson were in the

sessions at Picket Prairie one evening and

meant a deal to the work. We

hope that it will soon be possible to

Brother Anderson will be able to

resume the work.

D. W. Daniels reports a good work

now going on at Napton, and

Independence, Mo. He is quite able to

carry the work. T. J. Green, our

old friend and school mate is now

at Hannibal, Mo., and fitting into

the work there. They are paying for

all things as they go and we are

looking to a good work being done

there.

A. R. McDuff has things well in

hand at the 3rd Church, Kansas City, Chillicothe, and his work came

under the eyes of our white brethren and

they are now helping out there

in a fine way.

R. R. Walden is still bringing up

the work at Emporia and Wichita,

Kansas. They have a building fund

now of $200,000 and are looking for-

ward to building sometime in the near

future.

The writer is now in a meeting with

the church at Atchison, Kansas, the

people are attending and much in-

terest is being shown. There are

several churches in this area that

need ministers and we will be glad
to assist any one to locate. They must

be men who love the cause and will

be willing to get into the trenches

and lift as they climb.

On the fourth Sunday in September

the writer was with the Woodland

Avenue Church helping the church

as they celebrated the Seventh Anni-

versary of their pastor, Dr. S. S.

Myers and it fell his lot to preach the

sermon for that occasion and spoke

on the theme “A Faithful Ministry.”

The message was well received by

a very large audience and at night the

program was under the direction of

a special committee who presented

many outstanding citizens who spoke

of the fine work and services of

pastor and church during these seven

years. Elder G. A. Nelson was Master

of Ceremonies.

The following Monday night after

the fourth Sunday the church enter-

tained in honor of this faithful min-

ister and in appreciation of his labors

they presented him with one of the

latest desks for the office and Mrs.

Myers was also remembered. Dr. L.

H. Crawford, A. W. Davis and many

others spoke words of appreciation

on this occasion.

We look forward to a greater work

for this faithful minister and church

for having had these seven years of

fellowship. Dr. Myers has really

played an important part in the life

of the community as well as his

church. He is a member of the Execu-

tive Council of Federated Churches,

a member of many civic committees,

and has served as president, etc. and

flow, in spite of all these, the church

has made significant progress.

At present the following auxiliaries

are functioning within the church

with enthusiasm and effectiveness.

The Church School with eighteen

classes, twenty-five officers and tea-

chers, ranks first in its consistent

in its considerable teaching Ministry.

Mrs. Fannie H. Clark, director of

religious education since 1933 re-

signed last September. Her successor,

Mr. Thomas P. Green, was baptized

into the Methodist Church from the

Christian Church, by the pastor in

1935.

Mrs. Clark did a fine piece of work

during her six years in office. She

labored untiringly during three years

of our most crucial experience as an

institution. She serves now as General

Secretary of the school.

Mr. Green is a graduate of Lincoln

Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky.

Before assuming his exacting duties

as director of religious education, he

served as one of the leaders of our

Youth Organization, head usher and

teacher of the First Year Senior

Class. He is proving to be an earnest,

willing-to-learn and enthusiastic

leader. He has been taking further

studies at the Y.M.C.A. College in

Chicago.
Mrs. Mabel I. Davis, who is still 
Financial Secretary of our Church 
School, has been serving loyally in 
this capacity, since October, 1933.

Mrs. Christine Adams, who resign-
ed as treasurer last September, served 
from October 1933 to September 1939.

The pastor, officers, and members 
appreciate the services rendered by 
these fine women.

One of our new teachers, who 
teaches a class of Intermediates, is 
Mrs. Theresa Davis, formerly of the 
Christian Church in Dallas, Texas. 
Mrs. Davis is making a fine active 
member in her new church home.

Another of our new teachers, who 
teaches a class of Seniors, is Mrs. 
Joe Anna Parker a member of the 
Episcopal Church and a teacher in 
our public school system.

The Men's Council under the lead-
ership of Mr. Elmer McDonald for 
the past two years has done much 
towards integrating the social life 
amongst our church. It has also 
supplemented our financial pro-
gram with liberal monetary gifts.

The new president of the Council 
of 1940 will be Mr. J. H. Kittrell, an 
energetic young man who united with 
us from the African Methodist Epis-
copal Church two years ago.

The Women's Council was organ-
zied by the pastor January, 1939. 
This organization is making unusual 
progress under its acting President, 
Miss Fenton Hamilton.

Miss Hamilton brought back the 
new suggestions from the Woman's 
Missionary Department of the United 
Christian Missionary Society as out-
lined and discussed at the National 
Convention in St. Louis, Mo. last Au-
gust. These new trends were discus-
sed by the Council. As a result of the 
discussion, and through the initiative 
of the acting president, the Mission-
ary Society, the Missionary Guild and 
The Women's Council have planned a 
mass meeting for all the members 
of the church, especially the women, 
for Wednesday evening, November 29. 
Mrs. Harold Lunger, the wife of the 
new pastor of Austin Boulevard Chris-
tian Church, Oak Park, Ill., will be 
our guest speaker. She and the presi-
dent of the Women's Council of the 
Oak Park Church will take part in 
the general discussion.

The Senior Choir is making re-
markable progress with Mrs. Goldie 
Guy Martin, as director, Mrs. Eliza-
beth Pickard, president, and Miss 
Lucille Ramsey, pianist. Our Third 
Sunday Evening Musical under its 
supervision is growing in interest, en-
thusiasm, offering and attendance.

The Gospel Choir was reorganized 
on Friday, November 24, with sixteen 
members. Mr. Page, a member of the 
Ebenezer Baptist Church is the new 
director and Mrs. Irma Mendota who

ted with us from the Metropolitan 
Community Church this year, is the 

president.

The Ladies Aid Society with Mrs. 
Sallie Cotter Richardson as president, 

had purchased and installed a new 
cooking stove in our newly decorated 
kitchen at a cost of $125.00.

The Volunteers, a club, with Mrs. 
Nellie R. Smith as president, has 
raised over $150.00 this year to pur-
chase new carpet for our Church Au-
ditorium.

Our Deaconess Board, with Mrs. 
Minnie Davis as chairman, put over 
a fine program and financial rally on 
October 22. The chairman was as-

sisted by Mrs. Edna Frazier in this 
splendid effort which brought in over 
$60.00.

On Sunday, November 5, a new re-
ligious experiment, in the launching 
of a Junior Church, was put into 
operation. The service includes child-
en and young people from six to 
sixteen years. The service begins, like 

the Senior Church, at 10:45 and 

lasts for one hour. A special com-
mittee is making a careful appraisal 
of this service and if its recommenda-
tion to the Official Board is favor-
able, the Junior Church will become 
a permanent feature of our Sunday 
Services.

The Missionary Society, with Mrs. 
Sallie Cotter Richardson as president, 
served their fourth annual turkey din-
ner to raise money on their National 
Appoitionment to Unified Promotion, 
on Thursday, November 17. The offi-
cers, members and friends of this 
wide-awake organization are to be 
congratulated for the success they 
achieved.

The Missionary Guild, with Mrs. 
Lesly Clark as president, is doing a 
commendable piece of work.

Sunday, December 3 will be ob-

served as our Annual Woman's Day 
Service. Miss Carnella Jamison, of 
Indianapolis, Indiana will be our 
guest speaker.

Our entire Church Membership is 
organized into twelve birthday clubs. 
The October and November groups, 
led by Mr. Lawrence Field and Mrs. 
Olive Mahone Watson have pioneered 
the way with two interesting pro-
grams and liberal contributions.

A New Teacher Training Class has 
been organized in connection with our 
church school. Mr. Cyril Robertson, 
who recently received his Masters De-
gree from Drake University, Des 
Moines, Iowa, is the teacher.

The Indiana Avenue Church will 
give its strong suprt to the National 
Convention and the Christian Plea for 
the fiscal year.

"I live for those who love me, whose 
hearts are kind and true,
For the heaven that smiles above 
me, and awaits my spirit too;
For all human ties that bind me, for 
the task my God assigned me;
For the bright hopes yet to find me, 
and the good that I can do.

I live for those who love me, for those 
who know me true;
For the heaven that smiles above me, 
and awaits my spirit too;
For the cause that lacks assistance, 
for the wrong that needs resistance, 
For the future in the distance, and the 
good that I can do."

FROM THE BANKS OF "OLE 
KENTUCKY"

Elder C. H. Dickerson
Lexington, Ky.

Mr. Minsky predicts that "Uncle 
Sam's Big Scene in the European War 
will be in the third act, when the 
smoke of battle has cleared away."

Me thinks his nephews will be ex-
ceedingly fortunate if they don't 
appear in an earlier act. Time will 
tell.

"Ole Kentucky" has been the scene 
of accustomed "Fall Meetings," all 
of them fruitful. Elder Stafford 
Campbell, an old War Horse, made 
good in a two weeks meeting here 
with us in Lexington, F. T. Floyd 
with J. E. Blair at Mt. Sterling, D. L. 
Botts with C. B. Gentry at Huston-
ville, C. B. Gentry with D. L. Botts 
at Germantown, F. D. Griffin with 
H. T. Wilson, at Millersburg, S. Ken-
ney with William Owen at Winche-
ster, R. L. Peters with L. L. Dickerson 
at Covington, E. B. Toles with D. L. 
Botts at Mayalick, and I. H. Moore 
and a Louisville man at Little Rock.

These served to "set the woods 
afire" and the 78th anniversary of 
the Nicholasville Church by the pas-
tor, R. L. Saunders, who is now in 
a good meeting at N. Middletown, 
gives us a splendid "fall crop." Let 
all old friends of the Plea rally now 
—as Brother Crawford says, "as ne-
ever before," it is your paper, and all 
of us must help to make it Go.

Our various State and District 
meetings were pointed gestures at 
adaptation to the program of State 
and National demands. Need a little 
lubrication.

In all this we would be mindful 
not to get too much harness on the 
little horse, and have what Lincoln 
called, "a shirt, all collar." It is not 
too early to call attention to the 
program makers of our National 
Convention. Better "Watch the Pulleys 
in their Planes."

There is not enough helium to an-
swer this purpose, and what is more 
bad place for "Flabbergasted Pyrotechnics."
And surely this is our great oppor-
tunity to shove the Christian Plea
over the top, as the mantle of the
sainted and beloved Preston Taylor
surroundings fall upon it. Professor
Epps will need all our cooperation
(though he cannot use all of our in-
consequential writings, but it is not-
icable that waste baskets are coming
larger). I'd like to lead "Ole Ken-
tucky" in a drive for paid up sub-
scriptions.

BROTHERHOOD DINNER
January 17

Last year the Brotherhood Dinner
was a successful event in our fellow-
ship. The suggestion came from a
layman, the idea was supported by
a large number of pastors, the
churches expressed their approval
and demanded that it be repeated.
The date this year is January 17.

As an annual anniversary and home-
coming is to a large and congenial
family, so the Brotherhood Dinner
should be to a great fellowship.
It is an opportunity for a new sense
of unity and a demonstration of our
working solidarity. It links the high
points in past history to present day
happenings. It challenges us to re-
subscribe to our mission in the world.
It is an event of the year when our
many congregations may catch the
fire that lights our destiny as a peo-
ple.

With such a purpose, the Brother-
hood Dinner is proposed. The plan is
for every church in the Brotherhood
to have a dinner on January 17. The
dinner is to be on the same evening
in all the churches of our Brotherhood
from coast to coast and around the
world. Every participant will sense
awe of the mission of Disciples of
Christ, their accomplishments and
possibilities for their future. Out of
this fellowship will come an apprecia-
tion of our people, a determination
to move forward, and a new devotion
to the church.

It is suggested that a similar pro-
gram be given at each dinner. This
year a part of the program will be
an exchange of greetings between
the churches. H. B. McCormick, President
of the International Convention, will
broadcast a message on the subject,
"The Church and the World Crisis," B. Fred Wise will sing. The radio pro-
gram will be fifteen minutes in length.
Every church is urged to install a
radio in order that they may receive
this program from the air. The third
feature of the program will be a
brotherhood interview. The details of
the program and plans for the Bro-
therhood Dinner will be coming to
you through the mails.

Every church is urged to decide at
once to have a Brotherhood Dinner
and make it a major event in the life
of the church. This can be done by
appointing a working committee
which is representative of the men,
women and young people of the
church. It is important to organize
every group in the church's life for
securing attendance at the Brother-
hood Dinner.

The Brotherhood Dinner can be a
great event in the life of Disciples
of Christ. Every church participating
will not only be benefited but will
add to the greatness of the under-
taking. Each church is asked to plan
immediately for full participation on
January 17.

GROVE STREET CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
Houston, Texas

The "Clean the Slate Drive" is in
progress at Grove Street Christian
Church. A drive to clear the church of
all indebtedness has been started by
Rev. David L. Luscott and his mem-
bers. Mrs. Pegayson has been
appointed as Secretary-Treasurer
of this special drive. The church with
the pastor is expecting to clear the
church of all indebtedness by January
31. More than $275.00 in pledges al-
ready have been subscribed.

Rev. Truscott was elected pastor of
the Grove Street Christian Church in
July. He had served as Assistant
Pastor to Rev. A. D. Littee, and as
Superintendent of the Bible School.
He had studied Religious Education
and holds the degree of Bachelor of
Science from the Houston College for
Negroes.

—Miss Lois Harrison,
Reporter

CLAY STREET CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
Paducah, Kentucky

By R. L. Boyd

Wednesday night after the first
Sunday, one year ago, the Elder J.
O. Bowles was called to serve us here
as pastor. We are delighted to say
that Elder Bowles, with the exception
of only one Sunday, when he was in
Oklahoma at the bedside of his sick
mother, has been at his post every
Lord's Day. Not only is Elder Bowles
an example of the man of God in the
church. His argument is "what is done
through the week will manifest it-
tself on Sunday." He often says to us:
"The church works through the week
and worships on Sunday."

Since Brother Bowles' coming here,
we have been able to have a united
official board. Two middle aged men
have been ordained and added to our
staff of Deacons. The respective of-
ficers are now going through a pro-
cess of training.

The pastor organized the Men's
Ninety and Nine Club about thirty
weeks ago. Its chief objective is to
reach the unchurche men and build
up their devotional lives. This is one
of the best auxiliaries of the church.
The entire official board belongs to it
and attends regularly.

Brother Bowles has also organized
the Women's Council about eight
months ago and through this organi-
zation, the church is able to reach
in some way during the week thirty or
thirty-five women while before his
coming here, the church reached about
six or seven women during the week.
Our pastor emphasizes system and
consistency in all efforts and church
work. He does not believe in doing
things spasmodically or in spurts. He
urges us to have objectives that will
challenge the entire church to work
forward toward their accomplishments. Prior
to his coming, we were very much
given to working in spurts. Occasion-
ally, we would put on some type of
entertainment in which only a few
would work, and feel that we had done
big things.

During the eight months that the
Women's Council has been organized,
it has raised more than $300. On
Thanksgiving Day eight baskets were
given needy families through this
organization.

Without a revival, we have had
twenty-two additions. We have paid
every note in accordance with our
agreement, on our church loan to
date. Most of the time, the notes are
paid in advance. We have never been
behind with a single note. All bills,
including the pastor's salary, are
paid up to date.

It is said by some of the older mem-
ers of the church that the church is
in better financial and spiritual
condition than it has been for more
than twenty years. We are really
getting results for our money.

The church is moving on nicely
under this man's leadership, because
he is a student, organizer, and a
fearless gospel preacher, yet, very
modest and unassuming.

Our Regional Secretary, Elder V.
G. Smith, was with us Sunday, De-
ember 3, and brought two very in-
spiring messages. These messages
were very much appreciated. We were
able to pay on our state apportion-
ment. We are very interested in the
work to be done in Kentucky.

Our pastor serves a small church
in Illinois on the first and third Sun-
day afternoons. That small church
paid half of its state apportionment.
It is affiliated with the Kentucky
State Convention.

P.S.—Please send a dozen of the
December issues of the Plea to 612
North Thirteenth Street to Elder J. O. Bowles, and we will sell them. We are planning to have a dozen families reading the Plea regularly.

Osceola Alese Dawson Writes Book *Of Human Miseries*

The author of *Of Human Miseries* is a member of Clay Street Christian Church, Paducah, Ky. This book is a collection of four short stories and one play which portrays the depths and heights to which men's emotions go. It should be read by all.

"MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH"

By Mrs. C. E. Rowan

The Membership of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, under the able leadership of Elder Blair T. Hunt, is going forward both numerically and spiritually.

The rally sponsored by the Ladies of the church on the fourth Sunday in November proved a great success.

In the first Sunday in December was "Roll Call" day. A great percentage of the membership responded to their names called by Dr. Julian W. Kelso. The Pastor preached a soul stirring sermon on "Always Present."

The Woman's Missionary Society, under the presidency of Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, has great plans for the missionary year. The apportionment for the year is $70, plus the special offering, which is to be sent to National Headquarters at Indianapolis.

The Society plans to send half of the amount by the last of December 1939 and the other half by June 1940.

Last month the meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Walker. After the business part of the meeting was finished, the Devotional Study was introduced by the Chairman of the Program Committee, Mrs. C. E. Rowan.

The President made a wonderful talk on "Kindled Fires." She used lighted, burned and half burned candles, as symbols to represent the fires burning in different individuals' lives. Other members present made talks on "Witnessing for Christ."

As we go about our tasks, let us remember to be a witness for Christ, both in words and in deeds.

The hostess, Mrs. Walker, served a very pleasing menu. All enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the hostess.

The meeting was adjourned to meet the third Wednesday in December.

CROSS STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Mrs. Minnie Gwydon

Little Rock, Arkansas

A quarterly convention for District No. 1 met at Cross Street Church on November 12, 1939. Churches from Russellville, Pea Ridge, Scotts, Wrightsville, North Little Rock and Cross Street represented with good attendance. It was a very interesting meeting; some very important subjects were discussed. Reports from the various churches show an unanimous desire of the Brotherhood to revive all churches in the state and create more new ones.

Evangelist W. M. Martin gave the churches a fine program of work for the ensuing year which was approved by all present.

An excellent luncheon was served by Mrs. Janey Smith and Mrs. Rebecca Davis. Contribution: $25.00.

Under the leadership of Elder C. B. Fischer as Pastor, the work at Cross Street Church has steadily grown; the membership has increased greatly, and all financial affairs are being provided for. Experience has taught us to work and pray, realizing that very often the things we fear most eventually result in stepping stones to a higher plane of life, if we trust God with clean hearts and have the will to press forward regardless to all the foes of righteousness. We pray for more Disciples of Christ, more churches in our state, a better fellowship in the brotherhood and more preachers who will interest themselves in the women's work, the young people's work, and the national programs.

Many churches have failed in these essentials because of the indifference of their pastors.

With one addition for the month of November, makes our total for the past year twenty-five. The amount of money raised during October and November, $250.

ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

New Brunswick, N.J.

By Rev. S. E. Tillman

During Mr. R. H. People's visit to the East during November, he visited the Antioch Christian Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey, of which Rev. S. E. Tillman is pastor. Mr. Peoples was very interested in the work of the church and encouraged Rev. Tillman and his members to go forth with the same zeal and pledged himself to do everything that he could to help the pastor and the church in their endeavor.

During the ten years as pastor of the Antioch Christian Church, much work has been done by the pastor and members. A charitable home has been opened and maintained and a number of persons have been cared for. The church owns a church lot upon which they are attempting to raise money to build a church by January, 1940. The pastor and members are anxious to have Mr. Peoples return at an early date.

EVANGELISM

KANSAS CITY, MO.

S. S. Myers, 2400 Paseo

The Woodland Avenue Christian Church held a reception Wednesday, November 8, celebrating the 26th Anniversary of Dr. R. Wesley Watson, the General Secretary of the Tri-State Missionary Board of Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

Dr. Watson was called to this field several months ago by the Tri-State Missionary Board. He is a man of ripe experience, having pastored several outstanding churches of our brotherhood, his latest pastorates were Cleveland, Ohio, Brooklyn, New York and Knoxville, Tenn. He was elected delegate to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ to Richmond, Va. He is First Vice President of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ.

Dr. L. H. Crawford, President of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ, pastor of the Eighth Christian Church, who has been recently called to the pastorate of the Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn., gave the principal address. Dr. Crawford gave an extensive history of the life and work of Dr. Watson, pointing out the outstanding accomplishments in his ministry, also the sterling qualities of his character. S. S. Myers, President of the Tri-State Board and Pastor of Woodland Avenue Church, spoke on the call of Brother Watson to the office of General Secretary. He told of the plans and work of the Tri-State Board under the leadership of Dr. Watson and that in a recent meeting of the Tri-State Board it was unanimously agreed that the churches, both white and colored, will undergird his work. The General Secretary was also asked to promote the Mid-West Conference for young people.

The Woodland Avenue Church and Elder E. Barrett of Muskogee, Oklahoma presented the Secretary with gifts of appreciation. To which the General Secretary responded in a dignified manner, and assured the brethren, that together we will go forward. A very tasty luncheon was served by the ladies of the church and the meeting closed with a friendship circle and prayer.
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL SETTING OF TRI-STATE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

Wednesday, after the First Sunday in August, 1940

Echos from the Field

Spencer Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, N.C. is pastoring a Congregational Church in a rural district near Concord, N.C. The membership is carried away with his preaching. Elder Douglas is a real new testament preacher. Let's see what is going to be the real out come.

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Elder R. L. Peters, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina

"Thine Ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, this is the way, walk ye in it." Is. 30-21.

By Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson
614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N.C.

Tri-State Convention Directory

Churches

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Ninth St. Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Ministers

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Elder B. A. Douglas, Concord, N.C.
Elder E. D. Holt, Greensboro, N.C.
Elder Dan Orrell, Greensboro, N.C.
Elder C. E. McCaskill, Mt. Holly, N.C.
Mrs. Blanch Stueky, Mt. Holly, N.C.
Mrs. F. M. Long, Richmond, Va.
Elder R. L. Peters, Winston-Salem, N.C.

TRI-STATE ECHOES

What Is Evangelism?

The definition of the word Evangelism as given by the New International Dictionary is defined as "the preaching or promulgation of the Gospel." While only a limited number may be able to preach publicly, all Christians can constitute what may be termed personal Evangelism by finding the unconverted, reaching and teaching the untaught, and a final yield to the claims of the Gospel.

The task is every Christian to have a very definite part in winning the world for Christ. Let the Book speak: John 20-21. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Wherein we are putting emphasis on personal Evangelism it is not intended either to disparage or over shadow the preaching to the masses. The church was born in a great mass revival. Read Acts 2nd Chapter. Every church ought to conduct two good Evangelistic Campaigns each year. What we need to learn is that every member needs to be equipped and disposed to work personally to reach others, both during such meetings and in all other times of the year.

Since making my annual report in National Convention at St. Louis, Mo., August, 1939. I have been very busy beginning at home (Winston-Salem) putting over our fall program and helping to evangelize among the Piedmont Area. Also churches in Kentucky and Tennessee.

We have held Revivals as follows: Covington, Ky., October 1-15. L. L. Dickerson, Minister. Number of Sermons 18, Number of Accessions 11. Amount received for services including R.R. $60.00.

The meeting grew in interest from start to finish. Good crowds of both white and colored. The pastor is a good mixer, his wife a real help-mate and is an efficient worker among the Young People and all auxiliaries of the church.

First Christian Church, Reidsville, N.C. October 23 to November 3. Number of Sermons 11, Number of Accessions 16. Amount received for service not including traveling expenses $35.00. M. L. Lamberth, Minister.

The main feature of the meeting was the excellent service rendered by the large and well trained choir that was present every service in large number. The Financial Committee were on the job every service. The chairman, Deacon Janis Mullins, knows how to raise money. Elder Lamberth had to be absent a night or so on account of a severe cold. Elders Robert Haith, J. S. Taylor, and Elder O. Zollar that strong New Testament preacher, acted in his stead. Elder Lamberth, is doing a great work in Reidsville and everybody esteems him highly. His wife is one of the front rank teachers in Rockingham County, N.C. The little Marcellers Lamberth, is growing to be a fine looking little fellow.

R. L. PETERS, NATIONAL EVANGELIST

More than half of the time. The several young preachers, members of the church and some of the men on the official board take care of the work during his absence.

Ninth Street Church, Winston-Salem, is making progress, notwithstanding their indebtedness. They need a good leader. Any real self-sacrificing preacher made according to the New Testament pattern could take charge of this flock and in a few months shelter them.

Elder Eugene Patterson, one of the most popular young preachers is putting the program over. He has charge of Midway Church, Tazewell, and Stuart, Va. Both churches clear of debt with nice flourishing bank account, membership and new members being added to the church.

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Piney Fork Christian Church, Leasville, Rockingham County, N.C. Revival, November 6-17. Number of sermons 11, Number of Accessions 16. Amount received for service not including traveling expenses $23.00. Elder J. C. Hairston, Minister.

This church has one of the largest number of Young People of any church in the Tri-State or Peninsula Area. The pastor is a powerful preacher. Sound in the Doctrine. He carries the crowds.


P.S.—The Christian Plea came as a welcome visitor in this section of the country. It has grown in size and filled with valuable news and inspiration. Please send the Plea to the following persons:

Mrs. Jennie Norman, Reidsville, N. C., Route 3, Box 155. One year subscription.
Rev. J. C. Hairston, Martinsville, Va. One year subscription.

Find enclosed money order for $2.00 to pay for the same.

Summary

Number of revivals held 3, number of sermons preached 58, number of accessions 43. New members added to home church 11, total 53. Amount received for service on the field not including pastors salary $118.00.

Number of miles traveled 1200.

NEWS FROM CENTRAL REGION

V. G. Smith

Since the Christian Plea started its summer vacation, many things of interest have occurred in the Central Region composed of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The first part of April was spent in the Magnolia Conference, a revival of the initial conference with a difference. This time the Conference was held during the school year and included all the people who were registered in the Junior College and High School of Southern Christian Institute. This experiment was so successful there are prospects of having two such conferences in 1940. The rest of April was spent in the office and in Ohio, making local church visits, attending conventions and performing whatever came to hand. A minister, H. Earl Jackson of Dayton, pastor at Oxford, Ohio, was ordained in the Christian ministry at an impressive service in which I was privileged to participate.

In May, after a couple of local church visits in western Kentucky, the dean’s meeting for conference deans was attended in St. Louis. Also, the National Association of State Secretaries was in session and the regional secretary-director attended those. Other local church visits were made in May in Ohio and Kentucky.

June afforded an experimental effort in local leadership training at Riner, Virginia, attended by the pastor and two at Eureka College in Illinois for white and Negro churches of the central part of the state were all attended and service rendered.

July is convention month for two of the states. Louisville, Central Church was host to the Kentucky Convention that carried into its second year its plan of local leadership training in a convention institute. Elder T. R. Everett had done a commendable job of preparing a beautiful and convenient place for the convention. Mt. Sterling is the next host. Youngstown, without a building, also did itself well in caring for the Ohio annual gathering. The institute program of the morning was helpful to some but not of sufficient worth to take the place of the other program used previously.

August was spent in another Young People’s Conference where a Laboratory School for workers with children was added with excellent results. The National Convention in St. Louis was attended and some leadership given to the youth group that is growing in interest and understanding at each annual gathering. Another appointment for a Young People’s Conference in Wilmington, Ohio shortened the visit of my wife and self at the convention.

September featured a visit to Illinois with the major part of the time spent at Bloomington, getting the church into shape for church program week. Elder F. T. Craggett, ordained in the National Convention in St. Louis, has been pastor of the church since December 1938. He is a student at Eureka College and spends his week-ends in Bloomington working with the church there.

October was spent in Kentucky State Board meetings, three of them, and in Ohio working among the local churches and in other capacities. One of the interesting features of this region is the variety of things that a field secretary must do. In a later article, mention of some of these things will doubtless be revealing to the readers of the Christian Plea.

November which is almost over has been a typical month of varied activities. The next news report will contain a detailed account of November as a sample of what is done by a regional secretary. I am sure that my good friend and former pastor, Elder R. W. Watson of Mid-West Region, can verify the general outline of duties performed.

I would not close this report without a word of commendation for the new dress of the Christian Plea. To me, the Plea has an unusual appeal as I was connected with it first as the Christian Plea. The form and excellence of the printing reminds me of the fine job turned out by the Christian Board of Publication when the paper began in St. Louis. The lack of space has lessened, the amount of space for news reporting about equal on the monthly basis as four pages of the eight weekly had to be picked up from Christian Board publications in 1926-27. The proof-reading, a little respected activity but a great difference, is vastly improved. With its revival in such attractive form, the news should come in an abundance and make it really the exchange for the brotherhood. My congratulations to the administrative committee and editor for its appearance.

COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE THEM

To the Central Region, the following announcements will be of interest.

December 15-17—Youth Meet for Fourth District of Kentucky, Louisville, Ky., 50 cents per person.

December 24—Missionary offering for National Benevolence, to be taken in all departments.

January 13-14, 1940—Sixth District Institute with Youth Sessions, Winchester, Ky., 75 cents for young people in youth session, 25 cents for each delegate.

January 20-21, 1940—Second District Institute with Youth Sessions, Georgetown, Ky. 75 cents for young people, 25 cents for each other delegate.

January 27-28, 1940—Third District Institute with Youth Sessions, Paris, Ky. 75 cents for young people, 25 cents for each other delegate.

February 7-8-9, 1940—Pastors and Elders Retreat, Nicholasville, Ky., approximate fee, $3.50.

March 8-9-10, 1940—Ohio Negro Youth Meet, Cincinnati, Ohio, Fifth Church, fee, $1.50 each.

March 3, 1940—National Convention Day in all departments of the church.

April 18-May 10, 1940—A tour of the local churches in Kentucky.

May 19, 1940—Institute in the Third District of Ohio.

May 25, 1940—Institute in First District of Ohio.

May 26, 1940—Institute in Second District of Ohio.
Lehman Hall, Boys' Dormitory $50,000 Building now under construction
Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
Edwards, Mississippi

Johnnie A. Howard

Calling all former students and friends of S.C.I! Lehman Hall is actually started! The first work was started on December 1, when the foundation was laid off, and now visible to all are upright lathes designating the corners of the edifice that is to house our young men in the year 1940. The buzz of the saw mill is a pleasant sound to all of us as we go about our daily activities. We can say with profound sincerity, "Thanks to all who have made this beginning possible" and pray that others will aid us in seeing it completed.

Thanksgiving Day began with a 6:15 a.m. service at which time Elder T. B. Frost delivered a Thanksgiving Sermon. Mr. Frost retires the first of the year after having served three of our missionary schools faithfully and well. S.I. will miss him as well as his garden produce. The Young Women’s Christian Association sponsored a fifteen minute Thanksgiving service just prior to the turkey dinner, and at 3:15 in the afternoon we witnessed a rather interesting intermural football game played between the “Skunks” and the “Minks.” The Skunks were skunked 12-0. The day came to an end with an amateur hour sponsored by the two matrons, Miss Anna Anderson and Mrs. J. M. Cowan. This type of entertainment was new to our campus, and was received in a grand way. James Rundles, as Major Bowes, found it necessary to give the gong only once — and that was to Willie Moore of Arkansas as he attempted to sing “Mr. Frog Went a Courting.” Thanksgiving Day would have been incomplete without the presence of President Emeritus and Mrs. Lehman as well as Professor and Mrs. Bebout. They spent the day with us and added much to the spirit of the day.

Mr. E. J. Jennings of Hermanville, Mississippi, and sixteen young men and women of his community were our guests on the 30th of November. Mr. Jennings and his wife have organized these young people into a Social Club in an effort to give them benefits that would not ordinarily be theirs. He brought them to our campus to interest them in attending S. C. I. Thanks to Mr. Jennings — may more of our ex-students “go forth and do likewise.”

Twenty-four persons, including seven staff members, attended the Mississippi Inter-racial Council that met at Utica Institute last first Sunday. This council is composed of Negro and white colleges in the state that are interested in improving race relations.

On the evening of December 3, the Senior Christian Endeavor Society presented the play, “Wings Over America.”

Coach Ratten is whipping his basketball material into shape for the coming season. With the exception of Killingsworth and Marshall most of his men are now.

Hosts to the faculty at our December Faculty Supper were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cousins, Mr. and Mrs. James Ratten, and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Frost. This monthly gathering answers the social problem of getting our staff members together for an evening of pleasure.

Our regular missionary meeting met with Mr. and Mrs. Frost on December 7 with Miss Naomi Legier as leader. Miss Irene Mahoney gave the report on our study book of the year, One Gospel for Mankind. The World Call review was given by Miss Ella Hobart.

This column announces the marriage of Miss Hertecene Turner to Mr. J. B. Coates of Jackson, Mississippi. Miss Turner completed her high school work at S.C.I. and is now a student at Alcorn College, Alcorn, Mississippi.

Word has been received of the marriage of Miss Cherry Lee Harris of Alabama who was enrolled in our school last year. The name of the groom is unknown to the reporter.

Visitors from headquarters since our last report include, Mr. Willard Wickizer and Mr. Plopper.

Greetings to all of you for the Christmas Season and Best Wishes for a Joyous New Year.

EUREKA COLLEGE NEWS

Mr. Foster Craggett, ministerial student at Eureka College attended a banquet given at the First Christian Church, Normal, Ill., Thursday, November 9, held in honor of Miss Muriel Lester of London, England. The banquet was given by the colored students of Illinois State Normal University. Miss Muriel Lester of England spoke on “Personal Discipline”, and also made a plea for Americans to promote peace.

Mr. Craggett is the student minister of the Third Christian Church of Bloomington, Ill. He preached the sermon at Union Thanksgiving services held co-operatively by the colored churches of the city.

NOTICE

All subscriptions solicited for the CHRISTIAN PLEA should be reported to Mrs. Preston Taylor, 449 Fourth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, Monday of each week.

It is very necessary that reports be made immediately upon solicitation that a record may be made in the office and prompt service be given to the public.

J. E. WALKER, M.D.
Chairman, Administrative Committee
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
HOME-COMING AT JARVIS COLLEGE

On November 25 the greatest homecoming in the history of the school was celebrated. There were great numbers of Jarvis Alumnae and ex-students and throngs of friends who came down to cheer the “Bulldogs” to victory over the Tillotson Eagles of Austin, Texas.

The greatest event of the whole affair perhaps was the strong zeal shown in the contest for “Miss Jarvis.” All classes were well represented. Everybody expected the freshman class of more than seventy to come out victorious, but the juniors with their slogan, “The strong takes it away from the weak and the smart takes it away from the strong” were victorious. The contest was waged on a vote selling basis. Each vote sold for five cents. The Juniors, sponsored by Coach Mosely, with Miss Cleopra Haynes as representative, sold one thousand votes. The total amount raised in this effort was one hundred and twenty-three dollars and thirteen cents. The Freshmen were next in line selling more than 800 votes. This program was sponsored by the Athletic Committee composed of E. W. Rand, Chairman; Miss H. M. Ware, Secretary; Mrs. T. C. Dickson, Treasurer; Coach C. C. Mosely, Mr. E. J. Dickson, Mr. J. C. McCoy and Miss Hill.

The Committee reserved seventy dollars of this amount as the Jarvis Band Fund. This will serve as the nucleus of the future Jarvis Band. The Committee will continue to work to that end during the remainder of the school year. Jarvis will have a band of its own for the year 1940-1941.

“Miss Jarvis,” Miss Cleopra Haynes of Texarkana, Texas, was crowned during the half by the present popular president, P. C. Washington, as he told all listeners that “we will crown her here now and move on to the Texas State Fair next year where she will be crowned as “Miss Texas.” Following the game at the dining hall a “Mock Funeral” was held for Tillotson College—Mr. Reed of Myott, delivered the funeral oration.

JARVIS BULLDOGS STOP TILLOTSON EAGLES IN HOME-COMING TILT — 19-6

Before a thronged crowd of Alumnae, Jarvis Boosters and friends the Bulldogs ran and passed their way to a 19-6 victory over the Tillotson Eagles. The Moseley men got off to a rough start making their first touchdown in the first two minutes of play. Jarvis kicked off to Tillotson, who received on about the 20 yard line. The ball was put in play and on the first play a fumble resulted in Jarvis taking over the ball and on the first play, on a pass from Smith to Parker a touchdown was made. From then on the “Bulldogs” were in charge of the field.

The teams were about equally matched in weight. Jarvis stood out on passes—completing most of their trials, two of which accounted for touchdowns. The other was made by “Runt” Smith from scrimmage. The Eagles’ lone touchdown came when Mathis, thir outstanding back, crashed off tackle for 60 yards. The “Bulldogs” were never in danger after the first two minutes of play.

Such men as E. Garmon, Flossie Parker, former center who is now on end, C. Dewberry, now in center, “Runt” Smith and “Scatcher” Wheeler, were the powers on the Jarvis team. Especially Garmon who plays “All American” guard for any man’s team. Mathis was the power for Tillotson.

—E. W. Rand

LITERARY SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

Under the sponsorship of Mr. J. C. McCoy, Professor of Chemistry, the Literary Society carried out the election of officers in a typical election by ballot style. The typical method was used, as is used in electing civil officers. There was much interest manifested in the campaign, with the staging of stump speeches for the various candidates.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mr. William Riley, Blains, Texas; Vice-President, Mr. Charles Sherman, Kansas City, Kansas; Secretary, Miss Mae E. Hygh, Hawkins, Texas; Assistant Secretary, Miss Perle Peoples, Indianapolis, Indiana; Treasurer, Mr. T. C. Campbell, Tennessie Colony, Texas; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. S. M. Marshall, Camden, Texas.

P. C. Washington, President

PREIDENT AND MRS. L. H. CRAWFORD HONORED

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Mrs. Crawford a handerchief shower. The citizens, white and colored, presented Rev. and Mrs. Crawford with a purse of $50.00. The white ministers of the Christian Church Missionary Society had a breakfast for Rev. Crawford at the White Y.M.C.A. The church and friends hated to give this good pastor and his wife up, but knowing that he can serve the Brotherhood in a much larger way, we are willing to share him with Nashville and the Brotherhood throughout the country.

Signed, Lloyd Guess, Clerk of 8th St. Christian Church

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS
Mrs. Ruth Eppse

Due to the proposed legislation sponsored by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, a nation-wide health program is being launched in which a federal appropriation of $80,000,000 the first year and larger sums thereafter was proposed as the portion needed for Negroes. The white ministers and the Brotherhood throughout the country.

The necessity for an intensive health program is made more justifiable when laws are being passed by which jobs may be secured only after passing examination for social diseases. Many employers and housewives have taken advantage of the education campaign to relieve Americans of these diseases, to exercise their prejudice against Negroes, thereby throwing thousands of Negroes out of work.

Kentucky has followed in the wake of many other states in providing for equal educational advantages for Negroes. It was decided that those courses not offered in the Kentucky State Teachers College at Frankfort for Negroes, may be taken at the University of Kentucky or scholarship aid may be received for the attendance in other schools.

Negro teachers have long had to subsist on a salary far below that of white teachers. The opinion handed down by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland in the suit filed by Walter Mills, a Negro principal in Anne Arundel Coun-

ty, Maryland, establishes a precedent which is hoped to be a far-reaching one for the Negro teacher. When Negro teachers meet all qualifications, inequalities of salary scales should not exist.

The Gavagan-Fish Anti-lynching bill will be called up in the House of Representatives, Monday, January 8, 1940. With proper support from organizations and individuals who have supported the bill in the past it is hoped this time victory will be the reward. It is imperative that voters and citizens urge their Congressmen to be on the floor that day.

The Newark Housing Authority unanimously approved the opening of the Pennington Housing project to white and Negro tenants alike. The project is located in a Negro section of the industrial area. Prior to November 9 the authority had received applicants from white persons only on that date during a meeting of the board a resolution, introduced by Harold Lett, Urban League Secretary, and passed by the group, made it mandatory for Negroes to be accepted for investigation as possible applicants.

Race relationship was concretely demonstrated in the International Convention of Disciples of America when attempts were made at segregation in such places as hotels, convention dinners, but were promptly checked.

January Week of Prayer from 8-14 has as its purpose, the spiritual mobilization of our Christian forces. It has as its theme, "The Acknowledgment of the Lordship of Jesus Christ over the Whole Life." Prayer is needed now if ever when the lights are going out all over the world. The darkness seems more impenetrable than ever before because it is a projection not only of a slaughter of war, but also of a world upheaval. Strange yeasting forces are disturbing the world order and bringing fear and insecurity to men's minds.

President Roosevelt now has six federal judgeships to which he may make appointments between now and the time when Congress convenes, January 1, 1940. Consideration by him of qualified Negro lawyers in the selection of nominees for vacancies now existing would establish another precedent for our President.

FROM THE NATIONS CAPITOL
Elder J. F. Whitfield

It was indeed a mark of distinction to the churches of the Eastern Seaboard Area to have as their guests the distinguished president of the National Convention, The Rev. L. H. Crawford, and the brilliant General Field Secretary, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracey. It was exceedingly gratifying to have these high church personalities visit us at this time, for not since the administration of the late President, Preston Taylor, had it been possible for our National President to visit the churches of this area.

In coming, they not only brought the spirit of brotherly love, goodwill, inspiration and encouragement, but they gave a reintroduction of a new and expanding National Convention with a program challenging the respectful attention of the best thought of our International Convention, and a revitalized Christian Plea with a highly progressive and universal appeal and outlook.

To the Twelfth Street Church this visit was of particularly gratifying significance. Mrs. Bracey was fulfilling a promise made by the Knoxville Convention and reaffirmed by
In these critical days the church can not be content to mark time. The enemies of the Kingdom encompass us. The church must mobilize and attack. This calls for strategy—a program of procedure that staggers. No small goal is worthy of a movement designed to bring in the Kingdom of God with such strength as to vanquish the kingdom of darkness. The Church of God must assert itself with unmistakable action. She must not mark time. She must have a worthy program and execute it.

The Home Missions Planning Council of Disciples of Christ is releasing plans for a far-reaching program of membership enlistment and evangelistic recruitment. Materials have been mailed to the various churches explaining the program in detail.

It is a local church program with a two-fold purpose; to revitalize the religious life of the membership of the local congregation and to evangelize the unreached. Every effort has been made to keep it simple in character and dynamic in its appeal. It is directed only to the two phases in the church’s life where there seems to be the most urgent need today to have something significant accomplished.

Materials including enlistment cards, ballots, posters, and booklets explaining the plan, may be secured by writing, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, The United Christian Missionary Society.

“All interested readers, please send your subscription to the Christian Plea office immediately. We need you—you need the Plea. Send it today.”