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TRUSTEES MEET

The Trustees of the National Convention met in Indianapolis at the 2nd Christian Church, December 16, and 17th. Many important matters relative to the program of the convention was discussed and a number of important decisions were made. 1. The trustees agreed to enter into a Sales-Promotion Contract with Mr. M. R. Eppse. It is expected that this new venture at Greenwood Cemetery, Nashville Tenn., will greatly increase the revenue from the Taylor Estate. 2. Eld. W. K. Fox was elected as Editor of the Christian Plea to succeed Eld. L. L. Dickerson who has served as editor for the last four years. The Plea will be printed at the Christian Board of Publication. The Plea was given a definite budget and the editor allowed a specific amount for services. Eld. E. W. Wilbert, Pastor of Summit Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio was appointed Chairman of Program Committee of the 1953 Convention by the President, and Eld. R. L. Jordan, Pastor of United Christian Church, Detroit, was appointed Chairman of the important committee on Social Action. 3. The dates of the 1953 National Convention were affirmed, August 17-24. The Registration fee will be $17.00. The attendance goal is 4000. The Piedmont Tri-State Area will be asked to furnish 1000 of the 4000 delegates and visitors that are expected to attend.

ELD. WILLIAM KAPPEN FOX SR.
ELECTED EDITOR

The newly elected editor to the Christian Plea has rendered a varied ministerial service to the Brotherhood for the last thirteen years. Before being called to his present pastorate in October of 1950, Elder Fox was the Associate Minister at South Side Christian Church in Chicago, Illinois for three years; Director of Religious Extension Among Rural Churches at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi for four years; pastor and organizer of the Gay-Lea Christian Fellowship Church project for three years (Nashville, Tennessee); Dean of Men and College Chaplain at Tennessee A. and I. State University.

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ELD. M. C. DICKSON RESIGNS

Eld. M. C. Dickson, Pastor of Boll St. Christian Church, Dallas, Tex. submitted his resignation to the Official Board December 8th. Eld. Dickson has been pastor of Boll St. for nine years during which time the church has made great progress. He has been active in the civic, social and religious life of the entire city, and has served several years as President of the Texas Christian Convention. Eld. Dickson is a member of the National Board of the National Convention and one of the leading pastors of the Brotherhood. Eld. Dickson has accepted a call to the Louden Ave. Christian Church, Roanoke Va., where he served several years before going to Boll St. The Louden Ave. Church will be host to the 1953 National Convention.

OUR
BEST WISHES
FOR
A PROSPEROUS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Rosa Page Welch
AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL

Dear Friends:

It's now 1:25 a.m., and I did my formal benefit concert tonight at the big Methodist Church. Had a beautifully large audience, and I think the young people's group made good. The proceeds from the concert are to help send their delegate to Trivancore. The Youth Council of the United Church work sponsored it.

Those two weeks in the Philippines were filled with experiences of fine Christian fellowship in the churches and schools, in hospitals and homes, and especially in intimate conversations with the Filipino people. I have never met or observed such great enthusiasm, zeal, and joy in just being a Protestant Christian as I observed in the women of the church here, and many of them are outstanding in the professions and in government. The influence of the Christian women in the Philippines is tremendous. One outstanding thing is that the men listen to and accept the counsel of these women. Right now I have a vivid picture of Attorney Phodaca, Dr. Ilano, and Mrs. Catli as they said, "Our men listen to us!" And the men seem always to be right there appreciating and backing them. The Christian women of Japan and the Philippines made a great contribution to my own life.

Presbyterians and Disciples are working beautifully on my schedule and we're all one grand, happy family. I'm greatly impressed with the unity and cooperation of the Evangelical Churches in Japan and the Philippines. So many great, sincere, enthusiastic Christians! Seems like I'm in heaven—only wish there was time to write back home!

Your friend and ambassador of good will,

Rosa Page Welch
(Rosa Pagina Uvas)
MISSIONARY INSTITUTE
HELD AT CROSS STREET
CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, OCT. 18, '52

Pictured above are the persons who attended the first in a series of Institutes set up by the Christian Women's Fellowship Department of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

All presidents of local societies within the state of Arkansas were invited as well as the state president. There were others in attendance who were officers and some members only.

The work in this state is growing rapidly and as was the purpose of the Institute we discussed the relationship of the state and local work to the program which we projected from a national scale. The long range program was discussed and objectives set up for each fellowship on a state wide basis. As Christian women we are beginning to see that the task of Kingdom building is a world wide task and that it must be brought to realization through the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere. With this thought in mind we looked at the program on a state level. It was unanimously agreed that our giving must be increased and some societies over stepped their suggested goal.

Everyone left the meeting feeling glad that they had come and that they could share in such a fine fellowship.

"God be merciful unto us and bless us
And cause Thy face to shine upon us
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Amen

NATIONAL YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST
Calling Attention to All Youth:
At the Fall Planning Conference and Commission held here in Indianapolis Thanksgiving week end it was voted that January 10th would be the deadline for you to get in your suggested subject to the National Office. I am very anxious that you send in your suggested subject in order that they might be given to the committee. Any youth group or any young person should feel free to send in their suggestions. Let the suggestions start coming in now. We are looking forward for yours in the next mail. I am

Sincerely yours,
Lorenzo J. Evans, Director
Christian Education

Elder Fox Elected Editor
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Nashville, Tennessee for three years and a field worker for the Committee on War Services of the United Christian Missionary Society during World War II.

As a college student he was a member of the Delta Phi Delta Journalistic Society and an active staff members of the campus paper. Since then he has been a contributor to various publications of professional interest and actively concerned with religious publications. His use of the monthly newsletter was a basic technique employed in the promotion of his religious extension work at Southern Christian Institute.

At present he is Vice-President of the Disciples Ministers Alliance of Greater St. Louis; Secretary to the Ministerial Alliance of Greater St. Louis (an affiliate of the Church Federation); Program Chairman for the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, member of the Executive Board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of St. Louis (Branch) and Chairman of the Christian Action Committee of the Disciples Council of Greater St. Louis.

He was the first Negro Fellow to graduate from the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois with the B. D. degree. He has his B. S degree from Tennessee A. and I. State University and has done further work at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.
ACHIEVEMENT CHART

Each year the Department of Christian Education of the National Christian Missionary Convention presents to the school that comes nearest to achieving the goals on the Achievement Chart a plaque. In a service in which the plaque is being presented to the Church School of Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, you will see a small portion of the thirty-three teachers and associate teachers. Reading from left to right, front row are: Mrs. Mary Wilson, Kindergarten; Mrs. Mary W. Washington, Superintendent and teacher of Senior Department; Mrs. Ruth G. Flowers, Intermediate teacher; Mrs. Rosie Property, Nursery teacher; Elder and Mrs. W. K. Fox, pastor and wife; Mrs. Onedia Reid, Superintendent of Junior Department; Mrs. Letha Howell, Nursery teacher; Mrs. Elizabeth Givens, Junior teacher; Vernon Hill, Senior teacher, Norman Ellington, young adult department superintendent and teacher; Miss Betty R. Carrington, primary teacher; L. C. Quin, adult teacher; Mrs. Leanetta Simms, Superintendent of Intermediate Department and Co-superintendent of the Church School; Mrs. Valiska H. Williams, Co-Superintendent; Samuel Ellsworth, Adult teacher; Mrs. Bessie C. Rey, local Director of Religious Education and Lorenzo J. Evans, National Director of Christian Education.

This is the second consecutive year Centennial Church has won the plaque and I am sure that it will continue to strive to be an outstanding school in the brotherhood in aims, performance and achievements. Your school too can do the same thing. Try it this year. I am

Sincerely yours,
Lorenzo J. Evans
Inexpensive Study Books on Church Membership...

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Six units of study material for pastors and teachers to use with Juniors and Intermediates prior to their making a profession of faith on Palm Sunday or Easter. The subjects include: what it means to follow Jesus, why we have a church, how you become a member, what church members do, what our Bible means, and a brief history of the Disciples of Christ together with an explanation of their beliefs. Throughout the study are thought-provoking questions and ample space for writing in the answers. Reproductions of famous religious paintings and other pictures add to the appeal of this material. 25 cents per copy

A new eight-page LEADER’S GUIDE by Mabel Metze has just been published for use with WE LEARN ABOUT THE CHURCH. 10 cents

The Art of Church Membership

An excellent book to give to new church members or to use as a text in classes for new members. Deals with the doctrine of Disciples of Christ, the nature of the church, the significance of church ordinances, church fellowship, sharing one’s self by being a worker, doing what the church expects, viewing branches of the church, and cooperating in the world program of the church. 50 cents per copy

NEW WORKERS JOIN HOME MISSIONS STAFFS

Several new teachers and office secretaries have recently joined the staffs of home missions institutions under sponsorship of The United Christian Missionary Society. Four new faculty members at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., are Miss Bernice Gilliam, dietetician from Weirton, W. Va., Vaughn Anderson, teacher of social studies from Sac City, Iowa, David Stewart, English and Speech teacher from Stockton, Kansas and John Bates, basketball coach and teacher of shop from Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs. Elsie Smith, of Potwin, Kansas went to Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky late last summer to become bookkeeper and office secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wolfe, graduate of Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon are serving a two-year internship at the Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington. Mr. Wolfe is assistant minister and boys’ worker and Mrs. Wolfe is older girls’ matron.

LONG RANGE PROGRAM

ANNUAL EMPHASES

The plan calls for implementation of the processes of the Long Range Program. A schedule of annual emphases is important. In the following schedule it is understood that beyond 1953-54 it is subject to change.

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SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF KENNETH HENRY IN USA — 1953

FEBRUARY
Arrive in Los Angeles, California
6-7 World Fellowship Youth Meet, First Christian, Burbank, Cal.
Sun. 8 28th St. Christian Church, C. B. Tarrence, Minister (Morn.)
Avalon Blvd. Church, B. C. Duke, Minister (Evening)
9-13 Open
13-14 World Fellowship Youth Meet—Southern California
Sun. 15-28 Home for rest.

MARCH

Sun. 1 Palestine, White Churches (Morning)
1 Jacksonville, Texas, N. Bolton Church (Afternoon and eve.)
2 Hawkins, Texas, Jarvis Christian College
3 Henderson, Texas, New Mt. Olive (District-Anadarko, Pine Hill, North Bolton, Corinth)
4-7 World Fellowship Youth Meet, White Churches

Sun. 8 Dallas, Texas, Romine Church (Morning)
Dallas, Texas, Boll St. with West Dallas youth, M. C. Dickson, minister (Evening)
9-10 Dallas, Texas, White Church
11 Ft. Worth, East Anne, Leonard Brown, Minister
12 Ft. Worth, TCU College of the Bible (Morning)
12 Waco, Clay St. Church, A. A. Henry, Minister (Evening)
13 Austin, 12th St. Church, I. Q. Hurdle, Minister (City colleges)

Sun. 15 Muskogee, Oklahoma, Second Church, F. H. Howard, Minis.
16 Tulsa, Oklahoma, Pine St. Church, E. W. James, Minister
17 Tulsa, Oklahoma (White Youth)
18 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, East Sixth St., T. J. Griffin, Minister
19 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (White church)
20 Kansas City, Missouri, West Paseo, S. S. Myers, Minister

Sun. 22 Jefferson City, Missouri, (White Church, Morning)
Fulton, Missouri, Second Church, A. H. Thomas, Minister (evening)

23 Open
24 St. Louis, Missouri, Centennial Christian, W. K. Fox, Minis. (Joint St. Louis Area)
25 Hannibal, Missouri, Second Church, Raymond Brown, Minis.
26 Springfield, Illinois (White group)
27-28 Youth Meet, Champagne, Illinois

Sun. 29 Chicago, Illinois, R. E. LaTouche, Southside (3:00 p.m.)
Chicago, Illinois, Indiana Ave., R. H. Davis, Min. (6:30 p.m.)
30 Open Date
31 Rockford, Second Church, W. D. Campbell, Minister

APRIL

1-5 Open
6 Indianapolis, Indiana
7 Indianapolis, Indiana
8 Indianapolis, Second Christian Church, R. H. Peoples, Minis.
9 Louisville, Kentucky, Central Church, R. E. Hancock, Jr. Minister (Joint meeting—Third and Hill St. Churches)

BOLL ST. DESIRES MINISTER

The Boll St. Christian Church, Dallas, Tex. was surprised on December 8, 1952 when their pastor, Eld. M. C. Dickson, who has been in charge of the church for the past nine years, presented his resignation to the Board. The resignation was accepted. The church is now looking for a capable, hard working, progressive man to shepherd the flock. Any minister interested may communicate with the Secretary, Mr. Bob Holland, 2815 Cochran St., Dallas, Tex. or Prof. T. W. Pratt, 2121 Leonard St., Dallas, Tex. Boll St. is a good church and fine people.

CHURCH BURNS

The Colored Christian Church of Oxford, Ohio, one of the oldest churches in the state was burned beyond repair Sunday morning, December 21st. Details of the circumstances were not available when this was written. Eld. C. E. Henry, 921 York St. Cincinnati, Ohio is the pastor.

NEW BOOK OF LENTEN MEDITATIONS PUBLISHED

A new series of daily Lenten meditations, entitled Forty Days With Jesus, has just been published by the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis. The author is Max E. Willcockson, a Disciple minister for 25 years who is now minister of education at the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles.

The brief messages, from Ash Wednesday to the Eve of Easter, are planned for individual, family or group worship. The meditations invite the reader to live imaginatively some of the great experiences in the life of Jesus and to
SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF KENNETH HENRY

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10 Louisville (White group)

Sun. 12 Lexington, East Second St. Church, O. B. Garner, Minister
(3:00 p.m.)

12 Mt. Sterling, East High St. Church, George Frazier, Minister
(6:30 p.m.)

13 West Virginia

14 West Virginia

15 Roanoke, Virginia, Louden Avenue Church

16 Martinsville, Va., Fayette St. Church, C. C. Griffin, Minister

17 Reidsville, N. C., First Church, M. L. Lambert, Minister

Sun. 19 Winston Salem, N. C., Cleveland Ave. Church, W. H. Brown, Minister
(All city churches in joint meeting)

20 Goldsboro, North Carolina, C. L. Parks

22 Fairfax, S. C., Mrs. Eunice Miller

23 Atlanta, Georgia Second Church, D. T. Williams, Minister

24 Montgomery, Alabama Ross St. Church

Sun. 26 Omoore, Macedonia Church; Lunell Henderson, Minister
(am)

26 Birmingham, Ala. 11th St. Church, A. J. Jeffries (pm)

27 Edwards, Miss., Southern Christian Institute (Morning)

27 Jackson, Miss., College Addition, B. L. Jacobs (Evening)

28 Little Rock, Ark., Cross St. Church, B. F. Fleemings, Minister
(Joint meeting with North Little Rock)

29 Memphis, Tennessee, Miss. Blvd., B. T. Hunt, Minister

30 Nashville, Tenn., Alameda Church, R. C. Maloy, Minister

MAY 1 Paducah, Kentucky, Clay St. Church, A. R. Rey, Minister

Sun. 3 Lockland, Ohio, Maple St. Church, Robert Brown (am)

3 Cincinnati, Ohio, Wehrman Ave., John Compton, Min. (pm)

4 Open

5 Detroit, Mich., United Church, R. L. Jordan, Minister

6-18 Michigan & Canada

19 Cleveland, Ohio Cedar Church, F. T. Barnett, Minister

20-27 Ohio State Society

28 Dayton, Ohio, Summit Ave. Church, E. W. Wilbert, Minis.

29 Columbus, Ohio, Monroe Ave. Church, L. L. Dickerson

30-31 Pennsylvania

JUNE 3 Kansas City, Kansas; 8th St. Church, R. L. Saunders

4-30 Kansas, Nebraska, Idaho, Colorado

JULY Commission

International Convention

Louden Ave. Christian Church, Host

reflect upon their meaning today. The readings, intended to serve as stimuli for creative and meditative contemplation, are grouped according to the following weekly themes: Jesus Begins His Work, The Sermon on the Mount, Stories Jesus Told, Persons Who Met Jesus, Groups Which Jesus Met, Disciples of Jesus, and Jesus Meets Death.

As additional aids to family worship Forty Days with Jesus contains a weekly hymn and a weekly mealtime prayer. The price of the book is $1.50.

RETIRE'D AFRICA

MISSIONARY DIES

Mrs. Herbert Smith, missionary to Africa for 36 years, passed away November 11 in Bloomington, Indiana where she had been making her home in retirement. She is survived by her husband and three grown daughters.

The Smiths went to the Belgian Congo in 1909. Stationed first at Longa, they later opened the new station at Mondombe in 1910 and worked with Dr. Royal J. Dye during their pioneering months. When Congo Christian Institute was established near Bolenge, in 1926, the Smiths headed the work of planning curriculum, construction of building and other arrangements necessary for starting a school.

After retirement in 1945, Mrs. Smith aided her husband in writing the history of the Congo Mission, Fifty Years in Congo, for the Golden Jubilee Observance of that work.

AFTER

FEBRUARY 1st

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CHRISTIAN PLEA

CORRESPONDENCE

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### ROSA PAGE WELCH SINGS ABROAD

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, now on an eight-month tour around the world, has been warmly received in Asia, according to reports from missionaries. Sponsored by several mission boards and other church groups, she is being sent as an "ambassador of Christian friendship" to the peoples of Asia, Africa and islands of the Pacific.

Mrs. George Earle Owen, Disciples of Christ missionary to the Philippines wrote from Manila recently that Mrs. Welch was an excellent goodwill ambassador while visiting there. She was honored in a public ceremony in which she was adopted as a "Daughter of the Philippines" by four ecumenical Protestant organizations. From Presbyterian missionaries in Japan came word that "there was such a clamor for her that we overworked her mercilessly . . . She was a wonderful inspiration everywhere she went."

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NATIONAL CONVENTION MONTH

The month of March has been designated "National Convention Month" by our National Convention. All of our churches have been asked to use some specific time during this month to place special emphasis upon the aims and objectives of this the greatest and most successful effort of Negro Disciples to cooperate in Kingdom Building around the world. During the past decade we have made tremendous progress, numerically, financially spiritually. Numerically, the attendance at our National Conventions have increased 400 per cent. Financially, direct giving to the support of the National Convention program has increased 600 per cent. Spiritually, we have gained a deeper insight as to our responsibilities as followers of Jesus Christ.

It is no longer a question of whether or not we should, we all know that our obligations are not just to ourselves and our own communities, but to all mankind. The great commissions says: "Into all the world." The only question before us now is "how much?" How much are we willing to share for Evangelism, Christian Education, church development and missions. There is no question as to when? The time in Now. Already the fields are white unto harvest. Already we need churches in Atlanta, Mobile and numerous other places. Already we need additional funds for the education of young men for the ministry.

This year our churches have been asked to give $20,000.00, Ten thousand dollars to the National Convention and Ten thousand dollars to Unified Promotion. Last year we the churches and Individuals cooperated to the extent that we reached our financial goal. This year we believe we will have the same kind of cooperation. We have already demonstrated that we can and that we will. The important thing now is that we begin immediately the raising of our appropriations. The National Convention is urgent need of money now to keep our program going. It is important that you send as much as possible to our National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Ave., Memphis, Tenn. Let's cooperate in making March of this year 1953 a banner month for our National Convention.

CHRISTIAN PLEA
SEND ALL NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA TO ELD. W. K. FOX, ED. 771 N. EUCLID AVE. ST. LOUIS, MO.

ROANOKE CONVENTION

There are many reasons to believe that the 1953 Convention in Roanoke Virginia will be the largest in our history. The trustees at their last meeting set a goal of 400. We feel confident that the Piedmont-Tristate area alone will give us at least 500 registered delegates. The Christian Men's Fellowship is endeavoring to have the largest attendance of Laymen that we have ever seen at one time at a meeting of the Christian church. The men of our churches across the country are being asked to take their vacations during the last half of the month of August, and spend the week of August 17-24 in Roanoke. Eld. E. W. Wilbert, of Dayton, Ohio, Chairman of the Program Committee has informed us that the Committee will endeavor to have the most interesting and inspiring program possible. The Registration fee will be the same as last year: $17.00, and we are sure that the Louden Ave. Church, its new Pastor, Officers and members will do everything possible in the way of entertainment.

Roanoke August 1953
EDITORIAL

The next issue of the Christian Plea will be published in St. Louis, Mo., under the editorship of Eld. W. K. Fox, who is also pastor of the Centennial Christian church of that city. During the four years we served as editor, we endeavored to convince our people that we need the Christian Plea, that it is a must. Scattered as we are across the entire country, in many instances only one Christian church within a state or area, we must have some “link” of fellowship, as well as a voice through which we can speak as one segment of our great Brotherhood. Unfortunately, many of the people including many of our leaders have not been willing to assume the necessary responsibility to make the Plea the force and influence in our church life that it should be. There have been two extremely difficult problems. 1. To collect the subscription fee each year from our subscribers. Because of this the Plea has had to drag along without sufficient funds to efficiently operate. Only those who have served as editor know what a problem this has been, even though we have had a number of our brethren who have been able to grasp the situation and have tried to help remedy it. But that still is our number 1 problem. Even though the Plea has been subsidized by the National Convention, the funds available have not been sufficient.

Problem number 2. It has been almost impossible to secure articles dealing with subjects of great interest to our readers from the ministers and leaders in our churches. The Plea has been too much of a “one man paper.” As we surrender the editorship to our successor, Eld. W. K. Fox, we not only sincerely hope, that these problems can be solved, but we pledge ourselves and all the powers invested in us as President of our National Convention, to work diligently for a better Plea. We are asking our entire brotherhood to give to Eld. Fox your wholehearted cooperation. You can begin now by sending your past due subscription fee of $1.50. We need the Plea, we must have the Plea, and we must pay for it.

LEADERSHIP

(By Eld. G. M. Dickerson)

Dar is many kinds o leaders
Dat’s perutin round dese days,
Tryin to show dat dey’s important
By de looks an what dey says.

Some is dotin’ on day color
Some is crazy bout dey clothes
Some is spoutin’ bout dey kinfolks
Some is braggin’ whut dey knows.

Some knows all about de lodges
All de grips an’ signs an’ tricks
Some is broke out wid religin
Some is wise in politics.
Eld. R. Wesley Watson

DIRECTOR OF EVANGELISM & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MISSOURI, KANSAS AND ARKANSAS

One of the most faithful of our ministers who has given some forty years of service to the Christian Ministry, is Eld. R. Wesley Watson of Kansas City, Mo. Eld Watson has served our churches in Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, where he served for a number of years as president of the Ohio State Convention, Tennessee and the Tri-state Area of Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas. He served two years as president of National Convention. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Convention, and was chairman of the recommendations committee of the 1952 Convention in Los Angeles.

JARVIS COLLEGE

Dr. Emory Ross, eminent authority on Africa and African affairs and Secretary of the African Committee of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States, was guest of Jarvis Christian College in December, 1952.

Dr. Ross spoke to the students and faculty on the subject “African Life and Culture in the Modern World.” He pointed out the significance of Africa in the present struggle for freedom among the undeveloped countries of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Triplet of Raymondville, Texas have donated a John Deere tractor to Jarvis Christian College. Mr. and Mrs. Triplet visited the campus during the month of December, 1952 and were impressed with the developments on the farm and at the College as a whole and decided they would like to do something to help the college.

Dr. Travis White, minister of the First Christian Church of Lubbock, Texas, and Mr. Ralph Keaton of Lubbock visited the Jarvis campus during the month of December, 1952.

The National Office of Alpha Kappa Mu honorary scholarship fraternity has granted a chapter to Jarvis College in recognition of the high standard of scholarship set and achieved among a good portion of the students. In recognition of this fact a charter establishing the chapter Alpha Xi was granted. Dr. Tillman Cothran, professor of Sociology at Arkansas Agricultural Mechanical and Normal College at Pine Bluff, Arkansas and regional director of Alpha Kappa Mu will present the charter and induct the new members on Friday, December 9.

Miss Robbie Williams and Miss Sara Hinson are the two students to be inducted into the chapter and Mr. William Pender and Mr. William Bennett are the two faculty persons who will be inducted at the same time.

Among the contributions and gifts to the school during 1952 was dormitory furniture donated by Texas Christian University through the kindness of Dr. M. E. Sadler. The deep fat fryer for the college dining hall was donated by the State C. W. F’s in addition to these gifts, numerous churches and C. W. F’s and other Disciples Church organizations have donated sheets, pillowcases, towels, tea towels, glasses, items for the nursery school and many other useful items to the college.

The general contributions to the college came both for general operating expenses and particularly to the scholarship fund to underwrite the expenses of needy students.

Mr. Henry P. Moye, Jr., a student at Jarvis, represented the College at the Southwide Conference for better race relations which was held at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina during the Christmas Holidays.

During the first quarter of the 1952-53 school year, the following students united with the College Church: Edward Rollins, Florence Rollins, Sara Hinson, Johnny Clemons, Andrew Claish, David Smiley, Juanita Greer, Cleopatra Johnson, Mary O. Williams, and Anita Paige. One faculty member, Mr. Winston W. Mays united with the Church.
KANG KOO RI—Korean Orphan Boy

Kang Koo Ri on the left as he was when brought to a Protestant Orphanage in Korea and on the right as he is today. He is a living symbol of what our churches accomplish in their great work of relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction. Gifts in the Week of Compassion will continue this work of Christ as Disciples of Christ share.

Christian sharing means physical existence for thousands upon thousands of people. But it means the bread of life, a new hope and a new interest in the future for them as it makes possible the religious ministry to spiritually hungry people in a confused and frustrated world.

Now is the time to share!

Week of Compassion—February 15-22.

NED ROBERTS REPORT

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Roberts, missionaries to the Belgian Congo, wrote to friends late in December telling of their past year's work. "Ned, with Ntange Timothe, our native pastor, has traveled over 6,000 miles on rough jungle roads," they wrote. "He has spent five months on these trips and baptized 4,774 inquirers taught and preached, talked and settled 'palavers' both on the station and wherever he went, kept two trucks in running order (which is something out here) and supervised station repairs."

The Roberts, who serve at Mondumbe under The United Christian Missionary Society, called attention to some of the critical needs of their station. "We desperately need added staff for our evangelistic work at Mondumbe," they wrote. "The people of the villages are most eager for preachers, and begging for evangelists. Ned cannot remain on the station and train preachers and evangelists and at the same time spend adequate time visiting the back-country villages, too, which are in a near mass movement and so desperately need guidance. We need a religious worker who will teach Bible and worship, write materials for evangelists, direct station church activities and assist in keeping the records of the 36,291 converts since the opening of Mondombe station in 1920."

Mrs. Roberts taught last year in the native school at Mondombe and supervised the first two primary grades as well as eight regional schools in the area and handled the station's treasury accounts besides running a household for five persons. This summary of one missionary family's activities make clear the Roberts' statement, "It is almost like a dream the way the year has sped by."

YAKIMA INDIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

Persons sending mail to the Yakima Indian Christian Mission should note that the correct address is White Swan, Wash. Many shipments and letters intended for the Mission have been delayed because they were incorrectly addressed in care of the First Christian Church in Yakima. The city of Yakima is 30 miles from the Mission at White Swan. First Church in Yakima has had to redirect mail to the Mission and has had to hold many packages at the church until the Mission staff could drive to the city to pick them up. The church has even received a piano and a cow, both intended for the Indian Mission. All mail and packages should be addressed: Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington.
Christianity is the faith of victory and triumphant living. Darkness has no power that cannot be dispelled, life no problems beyond solution, when met by the spirit and truth of Jesus Christ.

At the Easter season the reality of the Christian triumph reaches its highest peak of expression. For many years Churches and Sunday Schools have received a special offering on Easter Sunday for the support of our brotherhood, as represented in the causes participating in Unified Promotion. Included in the basic work of our brotherhood which receives support from the Easter offering are:

Ministerial Relief: More than 1,100 aged ministers and missionaries received assistance last year. The funds are administered by the Pension Fund.

New Churches: Funds provide for interest-free loans to new congregations from the Board of Church Extension.

Program Development: Many areas of church life are influenced by the work of the Department of Evangelism and Church Development of The United Christian Missionary Society. Included are Church administration, public worship, membership cultivation, ministerial services, Town and Country Church programs, Urban work.

Evangelism: The creating of plans, with supporting literature and enlistment of churches and leadership in productive evangelistic efforts.

Mission Churches: Throughout America many churches are given financial support in order to make possible their continued growth until a time of self-sufficiency is achieved.

Social Welfare: The concern of Christian people for local community, national, and world social problems with their Christian solutions, are presented through guidance literature, conferences, seminars and special service projects.

Institutional Missions: All People's Church and Community Center, Hazel Green Academy, Jarvis Christian College, Mexican Christian Institute, Southern Christian Institute, Yakima Indian Christian Mission.

Christian Unity: The historic plea of our church is consistently presented whenever and wherever possible by the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

Helpful materials, including descriptive leaflets, informative manuals for teachers, coin boxes and envelopes, etc. are obtainable free from either the State office or Unified Promotion, Box 5636, Indianapolis, Indiana.

I saw God. Do you doubt it? Do you dare to doubt it? I saw the Almighty Man. His Hand was resting on a mountain, and He looked upon the world and all about. I saw Him plainer than you see me now. You mustn't doubt it.

He was not satisfied. His look was all dissatisfied. His beard swung on a wind far out of sight. Behind the world's curve there was light.

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas is taking part in an educational experiment which is expected to affect people far beyond its campus and neighborhood. This is the plan for a program of fundamental education, in which not only Jarvis, but Flanner House, a community center in Indianapolis is also involved. Jarvis has entered into the new program by official action of The United Christian Missionary Society which sponsors the school.

A Board for Fundamental Education was formed in Dallas, Texas, in December with membership including Texas and Indianapolis business men and representatives of Flanner House and Jarvis, The United Society is represented by Dr. A. Dale Fiers. The proposed program of fundamental education will seek to educate children, young people and adults on a community-wide basis, helping families to raise their standard of living as they learn. Jarvis Christian College has taken first steps toward this type of self-help training by going into a small settlement near the campus with a weekly reading program and by conducting soil improvement projects on the campus farm.

Most fearful on His forehead and he sighed, "That star went always wrong, and from the start I was dissatisfied"

He lifted up His hand---
I say He heaved a dreadful hand Over the spinning Earth, then I said: "Stay---
You must not strike it, God; I'm in the way;
And I will never move from where I stand."
He said "Dear Child I feared that you were dead," And stayed His hand.
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“Oh wad some power the giftie gie us . . .”

LATE for an appointment one day, I rushed to a subway change booth and slapped a dime on the counter. I waited a long time (fully ten seconds), then looked up to see the cause of the delay. I stared squarely into a face bearing one of the ugliest expressions I've ever seen. I'd done nothing to warrant any nickel-changer looking at me like that and I said sharply: “Come on. Give me two nickels. Don't stare at me like that.” It was only after I had spoken that I became aware that the hostile countenance glaring at me was my OWN FACE, reflected in the glass front of the empty booth.

When the initial shock had worn off, I realized with a start that I had been privileged to see myself as I appeared to others. That incident was a turning point in my life. Many times since then, I've checked a hasty impulse to be unpleasant by recalling that face in the glass.

by Kenneth Collins in the Readers' Digest, Sep. 47

DISCIPLIANA NEWS SERVICE

New services for local churches are being offered by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Joint University Library, Nashville 4, Tennessee, according to Claude E. Spencer, Curator of the Society. These services include help in preparing church histories and in planning anniversary celebrations. Packets of local church histories and programs of anniversary celebrations may be borrowed from the Society.

Other services are the furnishing of reading lists on requested subjects and answering specific questions concerning brotherhood history and activities. Mail ques-

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FORTY DAYS WITH JESUS

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DISCIPLINA NEWS SERVICE
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Churches are urged to become congregational members of the Society at an annual fee of from $10 to $50, depending on the size of its membership. Representatives are wanted in each church who will be constantly on the alert for ways in which the church may use the facilities of the Society.

A brochure, Local Churches and the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, that describes more fully how the Society can help the local church, is available on request.
CALLING ALL CHURCHES

March

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Church Schools Lead Roanoke March
Local Churches Reveal Great Interest

Pressing the most vigorous promotional program among church schools yet attempted by the National Christian Missionary Convention, area leaders of the brotherhood met at the Mancoe Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, recently to review progress made.

Under the direction of Lorenzo J. Evans, field secretary, Edith Bristow, third vice-president of the National Convention, and A. C. Stone, chairman of the financial promotional committee, the eleven-member council called attention to recent efforts.

Mrs. Bristow challenged the leaders to quickly achieve the goals set and "Go on to Roanoke with 2,000 church school delegates."

Emmett J. Dickson, executive secretary of the National Convention, and Julian Stuart, director of special days for Unified Promotion, presented the needs for the Easter, Children's Day and Thanksgiving Day offerings. The area leaders pledged to achieve established goals.

Through the leadership of C. V. Hinson of Alabama and I. Q. Hurdle of Texas, the growing list of ministers supporting the effort are to be organized.

Attending the meeting were: C. J. Hinson of Alabama, representing the southeastern area; I. Q. Hurdle of Texas, representing the southwestern area; Agenora Millner of North Carolina, proxy for W. H. Brown of Winston-Salem, representing the Piedmont and Eastern Seaboard area; and Miss Odie Belle Lewis of Lexington, Ky., representing the midwestern area.

Also present were: John Compton, minister of Wehrman Church, Cincinnati; Robert Brown, minister of Maple Church, Lockland, Ohio; A. C. Stone of Cincinnati, Ohio, presided.

Indianapolis Church Inspires Brotherhood

Exciting reports of victories in visitation evangelism during February have come in from Second Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. According to R. H. Peoples, pastor, the church had 26 additions; thirteen joining on the first Sunday.

Capitalizing on the general impetus given by the city-wide visitation campaign which was being promoted by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Church Federation, a committee on evangelism at Second Church organized the membership into geographical areas.

"The spirit of God has never been so evident among us," said General Chairman Frank Ziegler. "Our church reflects a new power."

During the week of February 22, the church joined in the simultaneous city-wide crusade for souls. Leaving a mass meeting led by the nationally known evangelist, Charles Templeton, Second Church members went out to get 37 commitments to Christ in four consecutive nights of calling in his name.

Disciple Historian Dies

Paul W. L. Jones, widely known Negro historian and active layman in the Wehrman Avenue Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, died in February.

Mr. Jones was an elder and former treasurer of the church.

Professor Jones's life was a remarkable story of the progress of a child born to slave parents and rising to a distinguished and long professional service. He served Kentucky State College at Frankfort, Ky., for 24 years. He served as professor of history and dean of instruction. For the past 24 years he was superintendent of the Colored Industrial School of Cincinnati.

Mr. Jones was a recognized authority on Negro history. His collection of 365 volumes of books written by Negro authors has been a rich resource for interested persons.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ada Jones; three sons, Dr. R. Kenneth Jones, a Cincinnati physician, Paul A. Jones, a Cincinnati teacher, Captain William L. Jones, a former University of Cincinnati law student now in Korea; a sister Mrs. Laura McGowan of Chicago and four grandsons. Ed.

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If you have not paid your subscription fee, you will be hearing from us soon. We will appreciate your prompt response. If our paper is to have the respect and standing that similar publications have, we must be able to show a sizeable paid-up subscription list.

Do not send cash; send a money order or a check. Please make out the same to: The Christian Plea of the National Christian Missionary Convention. Mail all donations and subscription fees to: W. K. Fox, Editor, 771 North Euclid Avenue, St. Louis 8, Missouri.

Plea Building Staff

The Christian Plea is in the process of building a staff. Thus far the following persons have agreed to serve as special correspondents: M. E. Mitchell, Alfred Thomas, Olivia Wilbert, Lorenzo Evans, Charles E. Webb, Anna B. Jackson, John Long, John Enbanks, C. O. Hawley, and Merl R. Epsey. R. L. Saunders and A. J. Jeffries have indicated their desire to serve as associate editors. The services of interested persons are still being accepted.

The Editorial

The Meaning of Easter

Easter means rediscovery: an opportunity for the possession of life unlimited. It offers to each of us renewed spiritual power—a power which can make for an unforeseen realization of deep divine energies placed within our bosom by God Himself.

Easter means resurrection. It implies that as the life of the Master was able to break the bonds of death and decay, so can the lives of his followers who dare to live with the abandon of soul as he did.

Easter means recognition: a challenge to every man to make the best light within him outshine his lowest thought or desire. Easter suggests recommitment to the fellowship of Christ and the Lordship of His spirit. This is the meaning of Easter for every true believer in God.

Our New Look

The new look which you note in this issue of The Christian Plea is a reflection of a new life and power which has come to our Convention journal. Through the farseeing vision of a trustee board challenged by J. E. Walker of Memphis, the Plea is breasting a new frontier in Kingdom building.

With the editorship and publication now centered in St. Louis, it will be our purpose to develop an instrument of communication which will stimulate the thinking and program of our total brotherhood.

Creating a "new look" for the Plea is not to imply that progress made by editorships of the past was of little consequence or importance. The problems confronting The Christian Plea have been (and still are) manifold. The work of J. B. Lehman, P. A. Gray, M. R. Eppse, L. L. Dickerson and others cannot be discounted. They brought the Plea thus far through overwhelming circumstances. The merit of our present endeavor must be measured within the balance of time and effort even as theirs must be determined.

Our "new look" indicates new potentials for power and life, however. If anything is done for Christ through the Plea, it will not be the result of one man but of many who engage unselfishly in this labor of love.

In the new administration of The Christian Plea we will be constantly moving toward the following six major objectives:

1. To implement the program of the National Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ.
2. To encourage a tone of high quality churchmanship throughout our brotherhood.
3. To make constructive and critical evaluation of all Kingdom building efforts within (and without) the confines of Christendom.
4. To afford reasonable space for intelligent open forum on ideas pertinent to the welfare of the Church of Christ.
5. To serve faithfully and secure well the patronage of the concerned among all groups whether they are within or without membership in our convention.
6. To contend vigorously for the implementation of the Christ spirit as revealed in the New Testament Church as the most feasible solution to the world's problems.

The Christian Plea needs your patronage! If its seed is to fall upon fertile soil, you must subscribe and encourage others to do likewise. Let us make this our slogan: "It's reliable, if you saw it in the Plea." Send your subscription today. It is taking more money to do a larger job.
What can we do before Easter? What will we do for ourselves? What will we do to exalt Christ?

These are questions every minister and congregation must ponder as each church moves toward Easter. Not only must we ask these questions but we must also answer them. To do this the soldiers of Jesus' army must take advantage of the opportunities this holy period affords. It is a healthy time to launch the campaign for recommitment, for redefinition and for enlistment.

If there is ever a time during the year during which inspired people must make meaningful and Christian decisions, Lent is the time.

This is a season for planning. Our worship services, our teaching and preaching should be built around evangelism. Preparation for this hallowed campaign is a "must." Just as Jesus prepared himself in the Garden of Gethsemane to face Calvary, we must equip ourselves in the garden of consecration to face our task. Jesus prayed until His will was one with the Father's. We too must pray until our wills are blended in His.

Nothing significant happens in any aspect of life without hard work. The extent of our preparation determines whether we will meet with defeat or march on to victory. To become consecrated helpers with power, we must prepare.

What can we do before Easter? This question determines to a large degree our success or failure. If there is to be a great outpouring of the spirit and persons won for Christ, we must first prepare ourselves.

This requires self-examination and prayer. When this is accomplished we must make an analysis of the attendance record of the members; take a measurement of the spiritual life of our congregation and discover the needs of the communities it serves.

After this study has been completed we must acquaint the church with our discovery. This will stimulate all who care. The words of Jesus, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me," will challenge the faithful.

Last year our church appraised itself. We made a careful study of its membership and its potential. Then the situation was laid before God in prayer. That evening some of the elders, deacons and deaconesses committed themselves to going calling. God was certainly at work in their hearts. Before the meeting terminated, the board approved holding a week's preaching mission under the direction of the minister.

This evangelistic effort included three things: (1) instruction, (2) preaching, and (3) visitation. All members were asked to pray at noon each day. Each was asked to win someone for Christ. When the evangelist came, he and the pastor formed a special team and every day they went calling. It was a glorious experience. Names were drawn from our visitors' cards and others given to us by interested members. Everything was ready when Elder R. Wesley Watson arrived.

A preparation period is essential to prepare our hearts, our minds and our community before Easter. If there ever was a time the pastor should go calling it is during Lent when people's hearts are most receptive. This is the Jesus way. He trained and taught his disciples and then sent them out in pairs.

What will we do for ourselves? A campaign which benefits those who participate in it is worthy of any church's consideration. As workers we may call on people, seek to enlist them in the cause of Christ, try to win back the loyalty of indifferent members or pray for those who go calling.

Whatever our part is, be it small or great, we will receive power through participation in it. Life is a sharing, we must give to receive; we must share to have; every worker who goes out comes back stronger than before. Going out trusting God, increases one's devotion to Christ, bolsters his will and assures him of Christ's comradeship in each task.

Calling gives one poise and confidence. It deepens spiritual life and eliminates doubt from the mind. More than this, calling makes one aware of the church's influence in the community. You are humbled by the cry for help. You are made over in the process. Sympathy may be just a word before, but afterward it becomes a principle. We may have felt we understood patience, but we do not know its value fully until we talk with men and women about God's way. A new-found courage results. The impossible, "I can't," becomes the possible, "I can."

What will we do to exalt Christ? In our church a conference was held with the choirs and each was requested to make a careful selection of songs. A series of lectures were begun in the church school on "Why We Should Be Christians" and concluded with "How to Become a Christian." In the church proper, a series of sermons were developed using the following as themes: "If We Would Change the World," "Conquering With Prayer," "Conquering With Faith," and "Conquering With Christ." The results were gratifying. The spiritual tone of our church was lifted.
Spotlighting

Education Commission and Your Church

by Lorenzo J. Evans
National Director of Christian Education

For several years the idea of an organization to serve the local church more effectively was in the minds of some of the leaders in Christian Education.

After many conferences and exchanging of ideas, the dream became a reality in 1951. It was at the National Christian Missionary Convention assembly in Indianapolis that the Commission on Christian Education came into being. For the last two years we have been going through growing pains, and as yet we have not arrived but are beginning to see the direction we should be moving.

Developing out of the Commission was a promotional finance committee. This committee has had as its purpose the idea of making our church schools more aware of their responsibilities in the area of stewardship with a hope of leading them into a program of action. A good job has been done by this committee and yet the main sources remain untouched. This is a real challenge to the Commission. Another committee that has been organized by the Commission is a functional committee on Christian family life. It is our hope that this committee will serve as a springboard in preparing and guiding direction to a family life program.

The most recent committee appointed has been the one on promotion. This committee has as its responsibility the promoting of material available for the church school and youth groups with a hope of giving some guidance as to how it might best be used in carrying forth an adequate program. A real service can be rendered in this area to our local churches. There is a real possibility for the commission in the life of the local church. If it is to achieve its purpose and accomplish our dreams it is going to have to take hard work. Every church in the brotherhood has a contribution to make and we like to feel that we can count on you. As we work together in this tremendous task it is possible that God's will can be done through us, if we give to Him our very best.

Adult Workers School

Lorenzo Evans, field worker in Christian education, has announced plans for a National Training School for Adult Workers which will be held at the Butler University School of Religion, Indianapolis, Ind., April 14-23.

The approximate cost will be $50. The Christian Board of Publication is offering about twenty scholarships to qualified persons. Persons recommended to Mr. Evans' office should become able to "teach a leadership class; teach in or supervise an intermediate laboratory, ad-
Mission Project Plans

In a release from the office of Anna Belle Jackson, director of missionary organizations, concerning the national missionary project for 1952-1953, Christian Women's Fellowship groups and other missionary societies were advised to bring the price of garments to be sent to Africa to the National Christian Missionary Convention instead of the garments.

It has been discovered that the cost for mailing would nearly exceed the cost of the garments.

Societies and fellowships are asked to bring money sufficient to buy such articles as sun-back dresses for girls age seven, diapers, layettes for babies and gauze for bandages.

Miss Jackson urges all local groups to begin early in order to make a good showing by August 17, 1953.

Our Churches

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With the Staff in March

E. J. DICKSON, executive secretary

Date

1 Fifth Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

3 Spring Green Church, Plymouth, N. C.

7 Roper, N. C.

9 Goldsboro Christian Institute, Goldsboro, N. C.

15 Travel to Indianapolis, Ind.

28 Centennial Church, St. Louis, Mo.—Easter Week Service

LORENZO EVANS, director of Christian education

1 Mitchell, Ind.—staff meeting

2 Indianapolis, Ind.

6 Traveling to South Carolina—church visitation

21 Paducah, Ky.—retreat

27 Superintendents' retreat—Missouri

ANNABELLE B. JACKSON, director missionary education and CWF

1 Madison, Ind.—field staff

3 Oklahoma Missionary Institute

17 Indianapolis, Ind.

20 Kansas Missionary Institute

22 Detroit, Mich.

24 Arkansas Missionary Institute

28 Missouri Missionary Institute

31 Indianapolis, Ind.

WILLIAM K. FOX, editor, The Christian Plea

1 Cincinnati, Ohio, Fifth Church

3 Spring Green Church, Plymouth, N. C. —Ministers' Institute

Personalities

MRS. CARNELLA JAMISON BARNES of Los Angeles, Calif., is being considered for membership on the Public School Board of Los Angeles.

MEIEL R. EPPSE of Tennessee A. and I. University, Nashville, Tenn., was Brotherhood Week speaker at a city-wide sponsored program in Los Angeles, Calif., in February.

MRS. BESSIE CHANDLER REY will become the first of her race to be a program leader in an Association of Childhood Education International Conference next month. She will be a discussion leader for the kindergarten section during the annual meeting in Denver, Colo., April 5-10.

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Significant Anniversary

HALIFAX, N. S. (RNS)—Plans for a three-day celebration next August of its 100th anniversary are being made here by the African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia.

The association was founded in 1853 by Richard Preston, an American Negro who escaped from slavery in the southern United States and came to this province in 1825 by way of the "underground railway."

Mr. Preston later went to England to study theology and, with funds given him by well-wishers there, established the religious organization after returning to Nova Scotia.

Groundwork for the movement was laid some years earlier by the first Baptist preacher in this area, the Rev. David George, another escaped slave, who reached here in 1782 and began preaching in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The association's present membership comprises about two-thirds of the province's 15,000 Negroes.

Churchmen Press Equality

HELENA, MONT. (RNS)—Representatives of Montana church groups have urged the state legislature to outlaw racial and religious discrimination in all places of public accommodation and amusement.

The church spokesmen appeared at a House Judiciary Committee hearing on legislation which would guarantee all persons, regardless of race, color, nationality or creed, "full and equal rights in enjoyment of accommodation, advantages, facilities and privileges of hotels, restaurants, theaters, taverns, barber shops, stores and all means of public transportation."

The Montana Council of Churches threw its support behind the legislation in a circular letter which stated that members of certain races and creeds are not allowed full enjoyment of public facilities and transportation.

Meanwhile, another bill introduced in the Montana House would make Indian children eligible for admission into state institutions on the same basis as other children. This measure was sponsored by church leaders.

Urge Negro Admissions

DALLAS, TEX. (RNS)—A resolution favoring the admission of qualified students, "without racial restriction," to the theological school of the University of the South (Sewanee) was adopted by the Dallas Episcopalian diocese at its annual convention here. The resolution further urged that "this policy be implemented for the full term of 1952."

The Dallas diocese is one of the 22 dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in ten Southern states which own the University of the South.

Last November eight faculty members of the university resigned their academic positions, effective next June, because of a ruling by the university's board of trustees barring the admission of Negro students to the theology school.

Interracial Services

BAYOU ROUGE, LA. (RNS)—Members of two Baton Rouge white and Negro congregations are holding a series of joint services.

The congregations of the white Southside Baptist church and the Negro Mt. Zion Baptist church are visiting each other at evening services and the pastors are exchanging pulpits.

Commenting on the series, Dr. T. J. Jamison, pastor of Mt. Zion, said the joint services should have far-reaching effects.

The Rev. Bob Taylor is pastor of the Southside church.

Butler Students Travel

INDIANAPOLIS (RNS)—Students enrolling in a new two-month traveling seminar on "Church and Social Problems in Europe" announced here by Butler University's School of Religion will visit Paris, Geneva, Rome, Salzburg, Mainz, Amsterdam, London and Glasgow during the coming summer.

Dr. Walter Sikes, head of the school's department of philosophy and religion, said that "classes" will be held in such noted points of interest as St. Peter's in Rome, Westminster Abbey in London, and the World Council of Churches headquarters at Geneva.

The seminar group will be limited to between 30 and 45 persons, Dr. Sikes said, each of whom will pay $1,145 for the course. The group will leave the U.S. July 5 by ship and return by plane on Aug. 30.

Indecent Literature

A number of church groups have expressed a demand for tighter legislation against the national distribution of indecent literature.

Sponsored by Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.), the bill would provide a Federal penalty of not more than five years in prison or a $5,000 fine, or both, for any one who "knowingly transports" across a state line any book, picture, film, figure, or any other matter of indecent or immoral character with the intention of selling, distributing or exhibiting it.

At present, the U.S. criminal code bans obscene material only from the mails and common carriers. Distributors reportedly have been using private automobiles to transport questionable material.—RNS

Counting Active Members

Church statistics are compiled in July for the previous year. At the end of 1951, membership of all religious bodies in the United States was 88,675,005, or 2.12 per cent more than a year earlier. This is 5.8 per cent of the total population.

Protestants number 32 million, Roman Catholics 29 million, Jews 5 million. In estimating membership most Protestant bodies count only adult or confirmed members. Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and some Lutherans include also baptized infants.

A survey of numerical growth during the past 25 years shows that, since 1926, Protestant membership has increased 63 per cent; Roman Catholic, 57 per cent. In relation to total population, the Protestant communions have risen from 27 to 34 per cent; the Roman Catholic Church from 16 to 19 per cent.

These statistics are valid as showing the general pattern and extent of church growth, but they must not be taken too literally. There is a little exaggeration, apparently, fairly distributed. Every church has on its rolls some inactive or lost members. It was recently reported of one very large Protestant body that one-fourth of the members included in its count were not now resident members of any congregation. Roman Catholic statisticians have a similar problem in regard to marginal or "nonpracticing" members.—From The Christian Evangelist. Used by permission.

End of Segregation?

MONTGOMERY, ALA. (RNS).—Dr. Harry V. Richardson, Negro religious educator of Atlanta, told the Southern Regional Council at a meeting here that "we are hopeful the U. S. Supreme Court has the courage to say segregation in the schools is wrong."

At the same time, he called on the churches to prepare the minds of the people for the change, if and when it comes.

The Southern Regional Council is an interdenominational organization devoted to improving conditions of both races in the South.

Dr. Richardson outlined ways in which the churches can help combat racial prejudice.

First, he said, they can prepare the minds of the people for progress. Then they can promote contacts between the two races to further better understanding.

Dr. Richardson said that "walls of segregation are crumbling because a lot of good people are picking at them," and he credited the churches with contributing substantially to the progress.

For one thing, he explained, the churches have kept alive the ideal of human brotherhood.

Another speaker, Sam Douglass, a minister, student and former labor leader, predicted the end of segregation in the South and said the nation would in time come to look on the South as the "Cradle of Democracy."

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LAYMEN'S WORK

Men's Retreat Announced

A tentative outline of the first annual National Christian Men's Fellowship Retreat has been released from the office of Alfred M. Thomas, national president. The Retreat is to be held April 25-26, 1953, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A program of devotions, instruction and planning has been developed. William H. McKinney, executive secretary for Men's Work of the United Christian Missionary Society, has been invited to address the body.

Laymen's Program

The seven-point laymen's program for 1952-53 published in the November, 1952, issue of The Christian Plea and approved by the National Christian Missionary Convention December trustee board meeting, is being promoted widely throughout the brotherhood.

Ohio has taken the lead on the State level. Since the organizational meeting of March 16, 1952, several local councils have been formed and two regional group meetings have been held, one in the north at Cedar Church, Cleveland, and one in southern Ohio at Summit Church, Dayton.

A project called "Operation Get Acquainted" has been encouraged. It endeavors to get the men of Disciple churches to know the laymen in other churches in their respective communities.

A Reminder

The seven-point laymen's program for 1952-53 is:

1. Field staff worker.
   a. Evangelistic training program for laymen.
   b. Organizational promotion.
2. Library project for Taylor Memorial Fellowship House.
3. $10 national appropriation for each local group.
4. $10 representation for each state organization.
5. Special gifts from each local organization.
6. Special gifts from individuals.
7. Fellowship cup.

Reservations for Annual Fellowship Banquet at National Convention, $1. Reservations to be in by July 1.

The host church is not eligible to compete for the cup.

Laymen's Money

The laymen's organizations in the various local congregations are urged to send all contributions to T. W. Pratt, treasurer, National CMF, 2121 Leonald St., Dallas 4, Texas. Mr. Pratt will record and then forward all funds to J. E. Walker at Memphis, Tenn.

On to Roanoke! Prepare
Now! Send Money Today!

Yakima Reaches Indians

The Yakima Indian Christian Mission, at White Swan, Washington, is one of the many causes given support through the Easter offering.

The first objective of the mission has been to provide a Christian Home for needy Indian children. This service of Christian love has been given for more than 30 years and has resulted in an increasing willingness of the Indians to listen to the message of Christianity.

Recently the work of the Mission has been enlarged. An Indian church has been organized and at the present time a chapel is under construction. A health service, with Dr. Douglas Copron of Yakima in charge of the Mission clinic, supplements the health facilities offered the Indians by the government.

A further expanded program is that of home visitation among the Indians living within accessible radius to the Mission. The objective is to win the adults as well as children for Christ.

Yakima Mission is one of the six institutional missions serving minority groups in America, which receive support through the Easter offering.

Business Women Tours

Two interesting summer tours are planned for business women of the churches by the department of Christian Women's Fellowship of The United Christian Missionary Society.

Persons interested in taking the tours should write to Miss Katherine Schurz, CWF department, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Ind.

The home missions tour, June 25 to July 18, will take the group from Kansas City, Mo., to Los Angeles, Calif., for a visit at All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center. Traveling by bus and train, the tour group will see San Francisco and stop at Portland, Ore., for the International Convention of Disciples of Christ. There will be a trip along the Columbia River to see Indians fishing at Celilo Falls and a visit to the Yakima Indian Mission at White Swan, Wash.

Scene aspects of the tour will include a boat trip to Vancouver Island, stops at Banff and Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies and a restful ride through Canada to St. Paul, Minnesota, and back to Kansas City.

The second tour for business women will start from Miami, Fla., Aug. 9 and take the group by air to Jamaica for five days, Haiti for one day and Puerto Rico for seven days. Mission work of the Disciples of Christ will be visited in Jamaica and Puerto Rico. This tour closes in Miami, Aug. 24.

Youth Missions Tour

The second annual Christian Youth Fellowship Mexico Tour will be conducted July 29 to Aug. 20 by the youth work office of The United Christian Missionary Society. The young people will see Mexican Christian Institute at San Antonio, Tex., and will have a work project with Mexican youth at San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Disciples of Christ missions in the states of Aguascalientes and Zacatecas and union work in Mexico City also will be visited.

Information on travel costs and trip arrangements can be secured by writing Charles Mills in the youth work office, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Ind.

Deadline for News

The deadline for news articles and other printed matter to be used in The Christian Plea will be the 8th of each month. After the 8th there is no guarantee that it will appear in the forthcoming issue.

We welcome our readers to submit articles, features, cartoons and other materials.
A COLLEGE PRESIDENT DECLARES

Editor, The Christian Plea

I have not only accepted the assignment as special correspondent, but will push the subscription campaign for you here in Texas, beginning on Jarvis' campus. Here is my subscription check of $5 for the year 1953-54. I am in earnest in helping you, because I know you mean to do the thing in order and with credit to all.—J. A. EUBANKS, Hawkins, Texas

A LAYMAN SERVES

Editor, The Christian Plea

I will serve you with the best of my ability.—ALFRED THOMAS, Cincinnati, Ohio

AN EDITOR AFFIRMS

Editor, The Christian Plea

Mr. Dickson informs us that you have been elected to serve as the editor of The Christian Plea. It is my earnest conviction that this can very well be a significant step for the Plea. Although I recognize that the honor will entail a great deal of hard work, I hope you will be inspired to lift the journal through a far higher plane.—JAMES M. FLANAGAN, St. Louis, Mo.

A PIONEER ACCEPTS

Editor, The Christian Plea

I accept your invitation to serve on the advisory committee on publication of The Christian Plea. I am always happy to do anything I can to help in advancing the cause of our Church.—J. E. WALKER, Memphis, Tenn.

A PASTOR CONSENTS

Editor, The Christian Plea

I will be happy to serve on your staff representing the urban church and sending in monthly news items of interest. I will prepare notes in keeping with my new office in a few days and send it air-mail special.—M. FREDERICK MITCHELL, Los Angeles, Calif.

A STATE PRESIDENT DECLARES

Editor, The Christian Plea

I shall be happy to serve on your committee. Please feel free to call upon me for whatever assistance I can render.—GEORGE A. FRAZIER, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

A FELLOW EDITOR JOINS

Editor, The Christian Plea

I will be very glad to help make The Christian Plea serve its purpose.—R. H. PEOPLES, Indianapolis, Ind.

A MINISTER COOPERATES

Editor, The Christian Plea

I would like for you to send me thirty copies of the first issue. I will begin taking subscriptions.—R. L. SAUNDERS, Kansas City, Kan.

A BOARD PRESIDENT PLEDGES

Editor, The Christian Plea

We will be glad to extend to you the facilities of the Christian Board of Publication and to have our various staff mem-

ers counsel with you regarding layout and other matters, as they are able.—W. H. CRAMBLER, St. Louis, Mo.

AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SPEAKS

Editor, The Christian Plea

I am greatly interested in The Christian Plea. For this reason, even though I am already very heavily loaded, I will be glad to serve as a member of the advisory committee.—WILLARD M. WICKENS, Indianapolis, Ind.

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I will be glad to do what I can to assist in making The Christian Plea what it should be. We hope to promote a "CWF Page," keeping our work before our people.—BERNICE A. HOLMES, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Editor, The Christian Plea

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Rosa P. Welch to Return

After several months of travel in the Far East on an important experiment in international relations, Rosa Page Welch is expected to return to America sometime in May.

Known affectionately throughout Christendom as an "ambassador of goodwill," Mrs. Welch has been touring Christian mission fields in Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, India and Africa. Her trip has been under the joint sponsorship of Disciples of Christ and Presbyterian U. S. A. mission agencies.

Preparations for her return are being made by her husband, Mr. E. C. Welch. Mr. Welch is director of music and chairman of the church at the Southside Church in Chicago.

Elects Negro President

PORT ARTHUR, TEX. (RNS)—For the first time, the Port Arthur Ministerial Alliance has elected a Negro as its president. He is L. G. Gooden, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church here.

Mr. Gooden has served as the alliance's vice-president since last December, when he succeeded Winston R. Bryant, a Presbyterian pastor who moved away.

The alliance comprises some 40 members. Included are a rabbi and a Latin American minister who pastors a church for Mexicans here. The group has been interracial for several years.

Mr. Gooden said his appointment demonstrated that the alliance was "practicing what it had been preaching on brotherhood."

First Chaplain

DOVER, DEL. (RNS)—The first Negro chaplain in the history of the Delaware General Assembly took up his duties in Legislative Hall here.

C. W. Reid, pastor of the Dover African Methodist Episcopal Church, was named to succeed J. C. Hanby, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church in Wilmington.

His appointment was sponsored by a woman legislator, Rep. Vera G. Davis of Dover.

Convention Hearing

Last month before a special committee on membership of agencies in the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ, the National Christian Missionary trustee board representatives and officers presented credentials and formal application for admittance as a convention agency. Official action will be taken at the Portland Ore., Convention July 4-9.

Henry Tours Nation

Following an intensive speaking schedule which began in the churches of California, Kenneth Henry is moving eastward with the urgent message of the third annual World Conference of Christian Youth which was held last December in Travancore, India.

Mr. Henry was chosen from among several hundred young people to represent America and the United Christian Youth Movement at this annual gathering. (The United Christian Youth Movement consists of 31 cooperating Protestant bodies.) Kenneth is a sophomore student at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex.

Speaking to a city-wide meeting of the Christian Youth Fellowship in St. Louis, Mo., last month, Kenneth described the two-week conference in Travancore as "a venture in Christian fellowship." Out of his four-month tour of Europe and the Far East, he observed a longing on the part of church youth to make their Christian faith relevant to the problems of life today.

"Though 'Christ—the Answer' was the idealistic theme of the World Conference," he said, "Christian youth in France, Germany, Africa and India were concerned about the implications of Jesus' message for the solution of concrete human problems in a live and real world."

"During the afternoon 'under the tree' interest groups, delegates eagerly sought the counsel and wisdom of such resource leaders as W. A. Visser 't Hooft of the World Council of Churches, D. T. Niles of Ceylon, Paul Devanander of the India Y. M. C. A. and Martin Niemoeller of Germany."

The American way of life as it relates to the practice of Christian faith in the United States was an issue foremost in the minds of both Europeans and Asians, he said.

Mr. Henry was one of 50 American delegates attending the conference from the States.
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The Sounding Board

S.C.I. Club Secretary Challenges

Editor, The Christian Plea:

Recently a group of interested "S.C.I.ans" met with H. L. Smith, president of the Board of Higher Education of the Disciples of Christ. He is chairman of the committee which has been appointed to make a thorough study of problems confronting Southern Christian Institute.

It was the desire of Mr. Smith to have a conference with the S.C.I. club in Chicago before going to S.C.I. The meeting was informal and friendly and helpful to all present. President John C. Lewis was chairman of the conference.

We had an opportunity to express our desires and hopes for S.C.I. We made no demands and Mr. Smith made no promises. We were representing "S.C.I.ans" all over the nation but we felt ourselves in no position to make demands. We are not supporting S.C.I. sufficiently to demand anything.

However, Mr. Smith's willingness to confer with our club about S.C.I. made us realize the constructive counsel and work we could render our school. We understood more fully that no one or two of us could solve the problems involved. Each one in the group must become concerned and then movement taken through organization. Above all, we must back our words and feelings with money.

There are many "S.C.I.ans" living successful lives in all parts of our country. Each of us must admit that whether our stay at Southern Christian Institute was long or short, it has much to do with the success we now enjoy. If for no other reason, we ought to feel indebted to make a financial contribution toward its improvement.

Conditions at S.C.I. should be improved, but these conditions would have been better if we, the alumni and the churches, had given more tangible support.

If you attended S.C.I. it did your life a lot of good. S.C.I. needs you now. Will you give some dollars to improve it? S.C.I. needs both your prayers and financial help.

—Lesly Smith, Chicago, Ill.

REALIZES PAPER COSTS

Editor, The Christian Plea:

We are glad that the National Convention is to be near enough so that several of us from Winston-Salem Bible College will be able to come. We have been receiving a complimentary copy of the Christian Plea but I know that it costs money to get out our school paper and it must cost to publish the Plea. Here is a dollar and a half to cover our subscription.—Leland Tyrell, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Making Editors Smile

The life of an editor can be a happier one if those sending in articles understand some of the things that will make him smile.

First of all, he is happy to receive interesting news concerning the progress of churches and individuals.

Second, he is pleased to receive material written in accordance with good style. Such articles would feature things like the following:

1. Doublespaced typed copy or material written clearly in ink.
2. Brief and simple paragraphs used.
3. A minimum capitalization of nouns practiced.
4. The basic rules of punctuation observed.
5. Quotation marks around the direct words of people and the titles of addresses.
6. The titles "Reverend" and "Dr." not used.
7. The terms "Christian" and "Christ" not used when referring to names of brotherhood churches.

Such observances make an editor smile.
The Editorial

Sons of God?

SOME days ago a large body of Protestant ministers had a stimulating experience with Elton Trueblood of Earlham College in an enriching one-day retreat. All was moving according to schedule when suddenly the clerics were shocked out of their complacency by a striking story about a small church in Washington, D. C.

With the powerful strokes of simple but quiet words, Elton Trueblood related how the Church of the Savior, consisting of 100 per cent tithers, received $42,000 last year for the Lord’s work from its total membership of thirty-seven. He reported how each member not only tithed his money but his time and talents. “They were not merely following the consecrated pastor, Gordon Cosby,” he said, “but they had totally committed their lives and possessions to Christ.”

The writer of 1 John 3:2 strikes a magnificently prophetic note when he writes to the churches: Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be... we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. One begins to realize something of what the writer meant when we think of groups like the Church of the Savior. We blush with shame when we think of ourselves. Are we now truly sons of God?

The 1952 Year Book of Disciples of Christ is an inspiring compilation of historical reference. The rank and file of us are overwhelmed to read that three local churches gave nearly $200,000 to missions and benevolences last year. East Dallas Church of Texas gave $89,386.70; Country Club Church of Kansas City, Missouri, $55,392.41 and First Church of Canton, Ohio, $48,377.14. Many others follow with equally an impressive report. Yet no church can give to the Kingdom Cause for your church and mine. The stewardship of wealth for the extension of the Kingdom is an individual matter. God demands a response from every man and every church.

The ten churches within the National Christian Missionary Convention giving the most money to missions and benevolences gave a total of approximately $13,000. This does not begin to reveal our potential as sons of God. If we desire kinship to God we must become greater givers for the extension of his Kingdom.

A great potential for giving to extend the Kingdom of God rests in the town and country churches. Since one or two Sundays each month are set aside for the preaching service in most of our rural churches, we are suggesting that one Sunday every other month be set aside as Kingdom Extension Sunday. On such a Sunday interested women and men would promote efforts for the raising of funds to extend the Kingdom of God both at home and abroad. If Kingdom Extension Sunday was observed in every town and country church at least six times a year, we would soon begin to realize the power available to us as sons of God.

Every church should give something to our National Convention. Through its program the peculiar needs of our group are met and the major goals of our brotherhood pin-pointed.

Every church should give something to state convention (and/or city) work. Through such means home missions is made real for our people and unity developed among the churches.

Every church should give something to the United Christian Missionary Society. Through the society people at home and abroad are told the saving gospel of Jesus Christ and groups less able to achieve the Abundant Life for themselves are assisted.

Every church should give something to some wider fellowship like the International Convention of Disciples of Christ or the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Through such participation you show the world that we are one even as our Lord prayed that we should be one so that the world might know that we are his disciples.

Members of our churches as sons of God have a great power available to them. ... it doth not yet appear what we shall be...” We know we can become true sons of God if we lose our lives completely in his cause.

Elders and Deacons

The positions of elder and deacon still command the high respect of the majority of the people in our churches. The general outline of their work is found in the New Testament (elders—I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; deacons—Acts 6:23:1 Tim. 3:8-13).

In a recent ministers’ conference it was discovered that in our rural churches where there is part-time preaching, the elder and deacon may be called upon to perform the functions of a pastor in the absence of a resident minister. Over a period of time the minister coming in once or twice a month actually becomes a “visiting” preacher and the elder and deacon the pastor.

It is generally agreed by sincere followers of Jesus Christ—the first minister—that to effectively lead people into a knowledge of the God Way of life, a minister must live close to his people where he can be always available for giving instruction, exhortation and help in facing the day-to-day problems of living.

In some of our southern states there is not a single full-time pastor in one of our National Convention churches. Possibly the elder and the deacon can help us develop the fuller ordained ministry.

Realizing his own inadequacy to deal with the many problems he is called to solve in the absence of a pastor, an elder or deacon could render a real service to God by encouraging support of a full-time ministry.
Spotlighting

Rolle Leads Organization of New Church

Under the guidance of Winston-Salem Bible College, Nehemiah Rolle has organized a new church in Hodge town, an outlying community of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. Four congregations in that area are backing the work.

Services conducted by Mr. Rolle on Saturday nights and all day Sunday have had an average attendance of from 70 to 80. Thus far six have joined through primary obedience. A great number of others have pledged to support the project.

Elder Rolle, whose home is in the Bahamas Islands, is a first-year student in the college. President Leland Tyrrell reports that Mr. Rolle has shown unusual leadership abilities from the beginning of his school year.

At the UNO

The United Nations Seminar, recently held in New York City, under the sponsorship of the social welfare department of the United Christian Missionary Society, was a wonderful experience for each of the 130 or more persons attending. I have yet to experience anything equal to it. Barton Hunter, national director of social education, and James A. Crain, executive secretary of the social welfare department planned and conducted the seminar. News of the seminar, describing my presence there, was chronicled in our local Bluefield Daily Telegraph on the Woman's Page. The news story should be carried throughout the National Association as a dignify as well as to publicize the work of the Christian Church here.

I was joined in Roanoke, Va., by Mrs. Ruth Thomas Williams of Fayette Street Church of Martinsville, Va. We traveled together to New York City and were housed in the Prince George Hotel along with the other 130 delegates. We made several fine contacts, chief of which were keen-minded young people from Butler and Syrinx Universities, Bethany College, and The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky. There were delegates from 28 states.

On several occasions we were proud of our personal friend, Rosa Page Welch. Her round-the-world good-will tour was often mentioned as a praiseworthy venture in international relations on the part of Disciples of Christ and Presbyterians.

Our National Convention was also represented by Emmett Dickson of Indianapolis, Ind., and Charles Sherman of Chicago, Ill.

Our meeting was held in the beautiful and imposing United Nations building. Here we were addressed by United Nations delegates and representatives from many lands. Opportunities were given for questions and answers at the close of each address. Much was learned in this way of the aims, purposes and activities of the UN.

The closing address, and the most impressive presentation of the seminar was made on the last day by James H. Robinson, widely known Negro pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Master, New York City. Mr. Robinson has just returned from a trip around the world which was undertaken by the Presbyterians. At the close of his address he received a standing ovation.

The evening meetings and meals were taken in the historic Park Avenue Church which has the oldest continuous congregation in the brotherhood in America.—Cora Mae Carter.

Rural Life Sunday

"America Needs Strong Rural Churches" is the theme of Rural Life Sunday, to be observed across the nation April 26. On this special day attention of the churches will be centered on current trends in rural life, and the position of the rural church today.

It has been pointed out by Carl C. Taylor of the U. S. Department of Agriculture that there is a steadily diminishing percentage of people living on farms in America. There is also an increase in the mingling of agriculture and other occupations, and a drift from dependence on face-to-face, neighborhood types of association to non-local, impersonal types of organizations and contacts.

Dale Medearis, national director of town and country church under The United Christian Missionary Society, comments that "every one of those trends listed by Mr. Taylor is making it more difficult for rural communities to survive. The town and country church," Mr. Medearis declares, "with its contact with the people of rural areas, is in a strategic position to give spiritual motivation for conserving the values of community life. It must be a strong church, however, if it is going to make an effective impact. America needs strong churches in this day of change!"

From the Golden West

By M. Frederick Mitchell
Special Correspondent

The church life of our congregations in Los Angeles and vicinity was greatly enriched recently by the presence of Charles H. Webb, national director of church development and evangelism for the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Mr. Webb's schedule included such activities as: being guest minister at the Cosmopolitan Church, East 28th Street Church, the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, the Avalon Church, Western Avenue Church; guiding leadership training conferences at each church; and engaging in special consultation on our future program in Southern California.

Associated with Mr. Webb during several of the projects were Clifford A. Cole, state executive secretary for the Christian churches of Southern California, and F. L. Parnell, state director of church development and evangelism.

Local pastors cooperating with Mr. Webb's activity in Southern California were: M. Frederick Mitchell of Cosmopolitan, Baxter C. Duke of Avalon, Clarence B. Torrance of East 28th Street, and Howard E. Fowler of Western Avenue.

Alabama News

By A. J. Jeffries
Special Correspondent

The Alabama churches are engaged in striving toward the long-range program goals which have been established by the brotherhood.

In this connection a leadership training program for laymen is being emphasized this year. Recently a Christian Women's Fellowship Institute was held at the Ross Street Church at Montgomery, Ala., with Anna Belle Jackson, director of missionary education and Christian Women's Fellowships as leader. A large delegation attended from the Eleventh Street Church of Birmingham.

A special cooperative program in visitation evangelism with preaching will be carried on by the Eleventh Street Church and the Oxnond Church during the week of April 22-28.

New Elders

EAST TWENTY-EIGHTH Street Church of Los Angeles, Calif., has increased its board of elders according to a report from Frances V. Arnold, local church news correspondent. Two young men were recently ordained as serving elders.

The young elders were appointed upon the suggestion of Ginnie Patton, who was the oldest elder on the board. His faithfulness to church is revealed in the fact that he left $900 for his church in his will.

DON'T LET YOUR PLEA SUBSCRIPTION LAPSE!
I write of Preston Taylor as I knew him. In 1910 I first met him in our Louisville Bible College where he spoke to us on the theme: “Business in Religion.” He lifted our entire student body and was a frequent visitor and was greatly loved by all.

After finishing school I held a revival for the Gay Street Church of Nashville, Tennessee, and had several conferences with him in interest of Kingdom building.

Preston Taylor was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, November 7, 1849. His parents were Zed and Betty Taylor and he was taken to Kentucky when a year old. He heard his first sermon at the age of four years and afterwards told his mother he would be a preacher some day. So deep was the impression made on his young mind that time did not eradicate it. He was affectionately cared for, and grew up as Samuel of old, “ripe for the duties of life.”

Preston Taylor was born to be a “friend and helper of mankind.” During the Civil War he enlisted in company G, 116th U. S. Infantry in 1864 as a drummer and was at the siege of Richmond, Petersburg and the surrender of Lee. He mastered the stonecutter’s trade and became skillful in monument work and also in engraving. He went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he found many jobs, but men refused to work with him because of his race.

It was hard to keep one of his courage down. For four years he worked as a train porter for the L and C railroad and was classed as one of the best railroad men in the service. When he resigned he was requested to remain and be promoted to assistant baggage master. However, he could no longer be retained; the officers gave him a high recommendation and a pass over all the roads for an extensive trip, which he made throughout the north.

He was a man of great concern for everyone. He carried Nashville on his heart, always dreaming dreams of how to help Nashville develop and to uplift his people. To that end he gave himself. He was a member of both Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges and he did a great work in interest of their growth. Today he still lives enthroned in the hearts of his many fraternal brethren.

Preston Taylor had a warm heart of love for others. When men would form a circle and leave him out he would draw a larger circle and take them in. When the Big Sandy Railroad was under contract to be constructed from Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, to Richmond, Virginia, the contractors refused to hire colored men to work on it, preferring Irish labor. He at once placed a bid for sections three and four and it was accepted. He then erected a large commissary and quarters for his men, bought seventy-five head of mules and horses, carts, wagons, cans, and all necessary implements and tools and with one hundred fifty men of his group he led the way. In fourteen months he completed the two miles of the most difficult part of this great trunk line at a cost of about $75,000. The president of the road, C. P. Huntington, said he had built thousands of miles of road, but he had never seen a contractor who finished his contract in advance. He was requested by the chief engineer of the works to move his force to another county and help out some of the white contractors. This he did not do. He declined other contracts as it would take too much time from his ministry.

Preston Taylor was also a man of much prayer. Upon rising in the morning he would say, “Good morning, God,” then he could go out and say “Good morning men.” When he came to Nashville his great aim was to build a church and to have a business so that he could preach the gospel unhampered. After much prayer he engaged in the undertaking business. The sign in front of the establishment read “Taylor and Company.” When asked who his partner was, he would say, “The Lord.”

When Preston Taylor heard that Greenwood Park, in Nashville, was for sale he influenced eleven men to cooperate financially with him and buy it. The men were to meet at the dealer’s office on a designated day at 9 a.m. Brother Taylor went to the dealer’s office at 8:45 and waited until after 9. He became nervous and began moving about. The dealer said, “Your people have not learned to value time.” Brother Taylor replied, “They will be on.” However, none came and at 10 o’clock Brother Taylor arose to go. The dealer said, “Well, you did your part, you came so I am selling the property to you.” He paid the down payment and went away thankful to God.

Afterward the eleven men went to him and asked to buy a share of the land, but Preston Taylor said, “You had your chance, goodbye gentlemen.”

Things grew slow and it was rumored that the place would be lost, but Brother Taylor carried on, praying daily over it. Just before the zero hour the Southern Railroad bought the “right of way” through the park, paying $10,000, saving the day.

I remember Preston Taylor first and last as a minister of the gospel, a faithful preacher in our church for over fifty years. He believed that “religion plus work will bring success at all times.” When preaching at Mt. Sterling, Ky., he sponsored excursions, giving our people the opportunity of going to Cincinnati and being in fellowship with other Chris-

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Negro Fund Drive

MONTRÉAL, N. C. (RNS)—Thirty area meetings are being held by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) this month to organize a campaign to raise a minimum of $2,000,000 for the evangelization and education of Negroes in the South.

The campaign is scheduled for May 17-24, when the appeal will be carried to the denomination's more than 700,000 members.

Funds raised during the drive will be divided equally between Stillman College at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the denomination's Division of Negro Work, with offices in Atlanta, Ga.

The Negro work division will use the money to establish new Presbyterian churches throughout the South.

'Prophets' Exploit

MEMPHIS, TENN. (RNS)—Some Bibles sent to the Union of South Africa are being put to weird use by a growing tribe of self-proclaimed 'prophets.'

Morris Chalfant of Danville, Ill., Church of the Nazarene missionary to Johannesburg, disclosed the activities of the group in addressing the denomination's Memphis Zone Mission Convention.

The 'prophets' adopt such names as Moses, Aaron or Isaiah. They wear flowing patriarchal robes and bear Bibles and Old Testament-style rods, Mr. Chalfant said.

(Mr. Chalfant packed a rod himself—\textit{in the slang sense.} His life threatened at least 20 times in that land of inhumanity.

Many of the religious opportunists are prepared to serve as witch doctors with a quick change of garments, the missionary said. They find their prophetic role more profitable.

Relaying divine commands through 'visions,' they easily obtain money, fabrics, houses, livestock and wives, Mr. Chalfant said.

He quoted gains by Communism among South Africa's restless whites.

Promotes Equality

MONTGOMERY, ALA. (RNS)—An awakening of a 'powerful religious tone among Southerners' and demands from Negroes for better educational opportunities were credited by a leading state educator as the two most potent reasons for the progress of Southern Negroes during the last 15 years.

Dr. E. C. Blair, director of Negro education, Alabama State Department of Education, told several hundred members of the Montgomery Exchange Club that white people of the South had come to feel that better education for Negroes was 'the right thing.'

Predicting that the U.S. Supreme Court would announce its decision this spring on race segregation in schools, Dr. Blair said: 'If educational facilities remain separate, they must be equal.'

Crime on TV

CHICAGO (RNS)—Television's continued emphasis on liquor, crime and violence in many broadcasts was criticized here by ministers attending a radio and television institute sponsored by the Church Federation of Greater Chicago and the National Council of Churches.

A resolution adopted by the institute is 

'that the number of channels is limited, the public should have a more definite voice in determining program content and policies."

'The new age of mass communications, it is important for the broadcasting industry to remember that freedom of speech for the American people means access by all citizens to the information and cultural images necessary if their decisions are to be intelligent and our civilization healthy.'

Converts Prisoners

ASOM CITY, KOREA (RNS)—An unusual story of Christian conversion was related here by Navy Chaplain (Lt.) John Muller of Newport Beach, Calif.

Shortly before leaving Korea after nine months of service in this American-built port community, Chaplain Muller heard that prisoners in the local jail had no religious instruction, although an interest in Christianity had been expressed by several of the prisoners.

In his first service at the Buchan prison work house, the young chaplain converted 87 of the men present. The next Sunday the remaining 10 professed their faith, along with 10 guards.

'I thought my prayers for the warden to be in vain,' said Chaplain Muller, 'until he walked into our religious instruction class with a Bible in his hand and sat down with a group of his prisoners.'

The men at the prison are now seeking an enlargement for their crowded compound. They want to erect a small chapel.

Communist Camp

FLEMINGTON, N. J. (RNS)—A 120-acre camp near here formerly used by Communists and other leftists has been purchased by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey for a reported price of $35,000.

The synod said it will make the camp a center for year-round activities.

Known as Camp Wyandotte, it will be renamed Camp Beisler in honor of Henry Beisler, of Belleville, N. J., retired treasurer of the United Lutheran Church in America, who gave $25,000 as down payment on the site.

Georgia Hearing

ATLANTA, GA. (RNS)—Georgia's newly-created Literature Commission, aimed at cleaning up the state's magazine and book stands of indecent literature, received only one complaint—and that about a library book—at its first public hearing.

The only person in a group of about 25 attending the hearing was Mrs. Milton W. Davis, of Atlanta, who demanded that the commission remove from libraries here the book \textit{Southern Exposure}, by Stetson Kennedy.

The book attacks the Ku Klux Klan and racial prejudice.

Mrs. Davis said the commission was too filthy even to look at.

Rep. Chappell Matthews, of Clark County, a sponsor of the bill setting up the commission, promptly rose to point out that the purpose of the group was to clean up newspapers and that 'we did not mean to create any censorship whatsoever.'

Ask Probe

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Resolutions calling for a probe of juvenile delinquency in the United States have been introduced in the Senate by Senators Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) and Robert C. Hendrickson (R., N. J.).

The sponsors said that religious leaders, educators, and law enforcement officials are alarmed at the increasing number of serious crimes being committed by teen-agers.

They asked that a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee be empowered to determine the causes of such delinquency and steps which can be taken for correction.

Both Senators are members of the Judiciary Committee.

Communism in Africa

COUNCIL BLUFFS, I.A. (RNS)—A local minister just back from a tour of Africa believes Christianity has lost ground to Communism and Mohammedanism on that continent because of racial tensions.

Gerald E. Bisbee, pastor of Broadway Methodist Church, said that 'natives associate white supremacy with the Christian Church, which too often supports that policy. They remember that Prime Minister Daniel Malan was once an ordained Christian minister.'

(Dr. Malan was a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, which generally supports the government's racial policy.)

Mr. Bisbee said that the swing to Mohammedanism in South Africa 'has been tremendous' because the Moslem religion offers unity as contrasted with the 'many factions of the Christian Church, each telling the natives theirs is the only way.'
Builder and Trail Blazer (Continued from page 13.)

When he left Mt. Sterling they had a beautiful church. Not only was he a minister, preacher and pastor in such places as Kentucky and Tennessee, he was a "cosmopolitan Christian," not content to fellowship in Nashville alone. Like one of old "the care of all churches came upon him daily." After building Lea Avenue Church he visited and encouraged churches in Paducah, Baltimore, Washington, St. Louis, Fulton, Chicago, Kansas City, Cleveland, and many other places. Everywhere a church was found needing, Preston Taylor was found there sharing his time, services and money. In all of his endeavors he was greatly helped by his devoted wife "Little Sis." What a blessing she was to him and his church!

Preston Taylor was a great organizer. I heard Henry Allen Boyd say, "There are twelve organizations now living in Nashville that Preston Taylor organized." Preston Taylor contacted Henry L. Herod, and W. H. Dickerson and together on the highest point in Greenwood cemetery they agreed to send out a "call" for the organization of the National Convention of Christian Churches. Preston Taylor served as president for fourteen years until his death. Bro. Taylor was faithful in his stewardship. He used his money wisely in life and in death. He bequeathed all his estate to the National Christian Missionary Convention to be used for carrying on the work which he loved so dearly. Through this heritage our own Preston Taylor gives more each year for the support of church work than all of the Disciples of our group.

Such was the life of a builder and trail blazer for God.

World Affairs Confabs

New York (RNS)—Regional workshops on world affairs will be held in various parts of the country during the next few months under the auspices of the National Council of Churches, it was announced here.

Ernest W. Lefever, associate executive director of the Council's department of international justice and goodwill, said the area meetings were planned in preparation for the national-wide Study Conference on the Churches and World Order to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, next Oct. 27-30.

The national conference was called by the department to promote a better understanding of international issues in the light of Christian responsibility. A similar conclave was held in March, 1949.

Methodist Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., president of the National Council, called upon members of the Council's 30 constituent communions to cooperate in the preparatory workshops.

Noting that the Protestant and Orthodox Churches of this country with one accord have affirmed the mutual dependence of all nations and people under a God who is sovereign," Bishop Martin urged consideration of what "this central affirmation means in an hour like this" and "what the Churches can say to the people."

American Bishops Barred

New York (RNS)—Application for permanent residence in the Union of South Africa has been denied two American bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and their wives, L. L. Berry, the Church's secretary of missions, disclosed here.

The barred clergymen are Bishops Frederick D. Jordan of Los Angeles and Howard H. P. Prin of Nashville, Tenn. They were elected at the Church's General Conference in Chicago last May to head the Negro denomination's Fifteenth and Seventeenth Episcopal districts in South Africa.

The AME Church in South Africa has 400 clergymen and its membership is estimated at 150,000, Mr. Berry said.

The South African AME Church was established in 1896, and 12 of its bishops since that time have come from the United States, he added.

New Bethany Graded Curriculum for Your Primary and Junior Groups

Completely new Bethany Graded Lessons are now available for six-, seven-, eight-, and nine-year-old children. There are colorful reading books for the pupil to take home each quarter, detailed quarterly sets for the teachers, picture sets for class use, activity packets for each pupil to use in extended morning sessions, messages to parents informing them what the child is studying and telling parents how they can work more closely with the church school, as well as other materials. Examine these materials, and you will see that the new Bethany curriculum meets today's highest educational and pictorial standards.

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Bible Study Guide for pupils, 30 cents each per quarter ... Quarterly for the Teacher, 50 cents each ... Work and Study Packets, 25 cents each per quarterly set ... Junior Teaching Pictures for class use, $1.00 per quarterly set ... Junior Worship Pictures for the entire department, $3.00 per yearly set ... Message to Parents, 4 cents each per quarter.

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Primary Bible Stories for pupils, 30 cents each per quarter ... Teacher's Quarterly, 50 cents each ... Primary Superintendent's Quarterly, 75 cents ... Picture Set for class use, $1.25 per quarter ... Activity Materials for each child to use in class, 20 cents each per quarter ... Message to Parents, 4 cents each per quarter.

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FROM THE COLLEGES

Jarvis Christian College

The second quarter of the year ended with the final examinations given on March 4-5.

Registration for the third quarter began on March 6 and classes on March 9.

Student Field Trip

The students in economics and business at Jarvis recently visited Dallas Center as guests of the United States Department of Commerce. A tour, which included the Federal Reserve Bank, a newspaper plant and a bakery plant, was arranged by Ernest L. Tutt, director of the regional office of the department. Twenty-four students and three teachers made the field trip.

This is the first trip of this kind arranged as part of the program in fundamental education at Jarvis.

New Farmers of America District Meet at Jarvis

Seventy-five boys and 26 leaders assembled at Jarvis in March for a day of study, planning, competition, fun and fellowship. Directing the group was S. E. Palmer of this district.

This is the second year that NFA has met on the campus of Jarvis. This year they had the services of Cecil Clift, soil specialist of the college. The boys reported on projects now underway and proposed plans for this year.

Each leader is an agriculture and vocational teacher in the schools of East Texas. This meeting permits each of them to compare his program with others. It also helps them to receive a broad view of East Texas and the needs among the rural people who inhabit it.

Each year Jarvis is attempting to get a more vivid picture of the problems in East Texas and what can be done to solve them. The NFA is endeavoring to help the college achieve this end.

Brotherhood Team Presents . . .

Representing three segments of religious faith, Rabbi Wessel, Temple Emanuel, Tyler; Pastor Miller, Methodist minister of Greenville; Father Harrison, Roman Catholic of Greenville; and Pastor Haygood of Hawkins, Methodist minister, participated in a forum during brotherhood month. Pastor Haygood of Hawkins was instrumental in directing the team to Jarvis College. In introducing the guests to the students John B. Eubanks pointed out that the great need in America and the world today is a change of heart.

"People know what to do," he said, "but people are too mean and selfish to do what they know is right to do."

Speaking from his particular approach to the proposition of world brotherhood, each speaker in his turn confessed a seeming reluctance of people to live Christian lives. People tend to separate what they believe from what they do. They tend to "pray on Sunday and prey on Monday." This type of behavior leads away from brotherhood and toward war and destruction.

Traveling together, this brotherhood team, representing the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant religious views, confronts every congregation as a symbol of brotherhood and a ray of hope the world needs.

The conclusion of the forum was that America must learn that brotherhood is more than tolerance; it is acceptance. Brotherhood will come when man accepts men and their ideas and ideals as significant and God given.

Lufkin CYF Visitors

A group of 13 young people from the Christian Youth Fellowship of First Church, Lufkin, Tex., visited Jarvis last month. These young people were under the sponsorship of Mr. Youngblood, Mrs. Otis Skinner and Mr. Bourquein of the First Church. They visited the college farm, the youth meeting, and the various faculty homes on the campus. Later in the afternoon the young people were guests of M. L. Edwars of the college faculty. While on the campus the group discovered several projects on which they decided to work.

Christian Science Monitor Writer Visits Jarvis

Ricknell Eubanks, Southwest correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, spoke at Jarvis College in March.

Last year he visited Jarvis and gathered information from which he wrote a special feature on the "Point Four Program of the College" in fundamental education in East Texas.
Dora Gaston Builds

Speaking to a representative of the *Plea* last month, officials of Pleasant Ridge, Va., church termed the growth of the church as "phenomenal."

For the past eight years Mrs. Dora C. Gaston has served as pastor without pay.

The church was started in a living room with three members and has now grown to a congregation of seventy-five.

Pastor Gaston believes in young people starting early as leaders. A 15-year-old young man is superintendent of the church school.

Though Mrs. Gaston commutes from Norfolk, Va., to Pleasant Ridge, she is fostering a full-time program. Besides the church school, a Christian Women's Fellowship and Christian Youth Fellowship have been organized.

Within two years the congregation has completed the building of a recreation hall and a sanctuary. The church is now debt free.

The Pleasant Ridge church is a member of the Dunn and Wilmington Assembly of Disciples of Christ.

Alliances Merge

RICHMOND, VA. (RNS)—Three ministerial groups representing more than 250 Richmond area churches overcame racial barriers to merge into one organization.

Dissolving their previous units, the Richmond Ministerial Union, the Protestant Ministers' Association and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance came together at a meeting here and adopted a constitution and a new name, the Richmond Ministerial Association.

The Ministerial Union, organized in 1923, represented about 200 white churches and some 150 persons affiliated with denominational boards and schools; the Alliance was an all-Negro group representing about 50 churches; and the Protestant Association was an interracial organization made up of about 125 members.

G. Emerson Smith, chairman of Inter-

racial Work for the Virginia Council of Churches and head of the committee which drew up the constitution, described the merger as "the culmination of a long period of increasing fellowship and cooperation between the Negro and white ministers of Richmond."

"It is an expression of the Christian doctrine of the brotherhood of man," he added, "and it will make possible a greater effectiveness in working for the Kingdom of God in Richmond."

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McKinney to Speak

The principal speaker at the first midwest men's retreat to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 13 and 14, will be William H. McKinney, national director of men's work for the United Christian Missionary Society.

Director McKinney is a widely known speaker among men's groups. In addition to the brotherhood responsibilities, he is actively engaged in the promotion of men's work for the National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Charles Webb, national director of church development and evangelism for the National Christian Missionary Con-
The Plea Platform

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A SOLDIER'S FAITH

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I now have the opportunity of adding my name to the roster of Korean veterans. I am quite certain all America is hoping that with the recent death of one of the world's leaders, the hostilities will cease and men live as brothers.

I have become a member of the chapel choir. Even here in this land of mountains, hills and more mountains, it can easily be seen that music is the universal language through which people of all nationalities can praise God. Most of the choir members are Koreans who have studied music and have a thorough knowledge of the art.

—Charles H. Gladney, Jr.
Pusan, Korea.

SPIRIT IS GOOD

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I want to congratulate you on a vastly improved format and more interesting content than this paper has had in the years that I have been reading it.

The whole tone and spirit is splendid.

—Louis Moseley, Indianapolis, Ind.

NEW FACE INSPIRES

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I am inspired by the new face, format and content of the Plea.

If I can be of service to you in helping to keep it on a high journalistic level, do not hesitate to call on me.

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—Charles E. Sherman, Chicago, Ill.

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The packet also contains colorful birthday cards for the church to send the child on his first and on his second birthdays, a guidance leaflet for the minister or church home visitor, and a mailing envelope for each leaflet.

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Messages to Parents of Children

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Our Strongest Point

The concept of family is not only basic to the ongoing of human society, but also to the Church of Christ.

Many religious ideas which prevailed among ancient religious cults were founded upon the concept of family. There were male and female deities. Ideas about the fertility of soil and growth of plants were related to the function of motherhood through the worship of female gods.

With the coming of Jesus, the ideal of family received a new emphasis. Impetus was given the eternal truth that all men were members of one family and provided for by one God who was Father of all.

This was the emphasis found in the New Testament church. If your church and mine is to be a New Testament church it must do the same.

This is our strongest point of appeal to the non-believing world. The good news for the new member in your church should not be that he now possesses the right set of theological doctrines, but that he has joined the family of God and has become a child of God.

That is why the Disciples of Christ call themselves a brotherhood. The term implies that we are members of the family of God. This is the point which has been stressed historically in our crusade for Christian union. It is a point which needs stressing even more so in our day.

Most Christians have accepted our teaching on baptism and the Lord's Supper. Thousands of Methodist churches baptize by immersion. No Baptist church would do anything less. All Catholic churches accept people who have been baptized in our churches.

Catholics and Episcopalians outstrip us in making the Lord's Supper central and sacred in the act of worship.

Our strongest point now is our emphasis upon the Church as the family of God!

If Disciples of Christ are to proclaim God's will to today's world, they must earnestly seek ways to implement this emphasis all the way from the local church level to the realms of national and international organization.

Women Must Do It

Reports show that American women enjoy the highest status of womanhood anywhere in the world.

This status of womanhood has been achieved largely because of the Christian influence that has shaped the policies of our nation. In many countries where the Christian influence is lacking, women are regarded as less than human beings.

Jesus came into a man's world. Women were the slaves of men in Egypt, Persia, Greece and Rome.

They could not worship freely with men or be buried in the same tomb with their husbands.

Under the tutelage system in Rome, double standards of morality obtained. If a woman was found guilty of adultery, her husband could put her to death. However, the husband could be as immoral as he desired without receiving correction under law.

The life and teachings of Jesus brought into being a nobler place for women. The very conversation of Jesus with the woman at the well, for example, was a demonstration of the brotherhood emphasis he made in his gospel.

Wherever Jesus is accepted for what he is, men and women worship together. Wherever Christ enters a home, a marriage becomes sanctified. Wherever Christ enters the group, all inequality disappears.

The Bible is full of heroines of great religious faith who have helped shape the path of justice and human brotherhood in history. True oneness in Christ involves the equality of privilege for all members of his body to work for the building of his kingdom.

Women have been aggressive in improving their own lot. But most important in the rise of womanhood has been the influence of the ideals of Christianity with the major emphasis on the dignity of human personality.

Though the emancipation of womanhood has afforded women opportunities for wider civic responsibility, their most important role still remains that of mother and homemaker. Women may follow many careers but only one vocation—and that is motherhood.

If the daily job of molding character in children according to the life and teachings of Christ is to be done, women must do it!

The home is the peculiar center of every child's world. It is a distinct school of life based upon a knowledge of the Truth that makes all men free.

As wife, mother and teacher a woman's influence in the home is limitless. To this end she must give her life.

The challenge to the women of this age and all ages to come is to make the home the guardian of character, the custodian of morals, the seat of all happiness and the true altar of religion.

—Mrs. V. B. Horson, Martinsville, Virginia.

Urgent!

The life of The Christian Plea is at stake! We must have at least 1,000 paid up subscribers within the next few months to justify the tremendous expense and effort now being set forth. After June 15 all persons who have not renewed their subscriptions will be dropped from our list. We know that you agree that a Christian Plea worth receiving is worth paying for. RENEW YOURS TODAY!
has trained adult leaders for children and intermediates by making this training available to them.

If you do not know of a school being set up in your area where you can send your teachers, contact the state office or write to the National Conventions' office, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Ind. We will be happy to direct you to the nearest laboratory school in your area.

The date for the laboratory school at SCI is July 19-25. All churches in that area should contact J. J. Hawkins at the school, Edwards, Miss.

The date for the laboratory school at Jarvis has not been cleared as yet but should be forthcoming soon.

WORKSHOPS

In a number of the state conventions, workshops have been set up for the purpose of helping to prepare leaders for the local church. You will want to see that your leaders are made available for this experience when it is offered.

This year we are having a training course for superintendents for the first time. The superintendent is one of the key persons in our teaching program yet probably one of the most neglected. This is your chance now to begin to develop the kind of superintendent you want.

We are asking that each church begin now to make plans for having its superintendent in its first training experience at the National Convention, Aug. 17-25, Loudon Avenue Church, Roanoke, Va.

If we believe that teaching religion is the job of the church, then let us prepare people to do the job. Make these opportunities for growth available to your youth and adult leaders.

**Christian Family Week**

The 1953 observance of Christian Family Week has been set for May 3 to 10. Announcement from the National Council of Churches' Joint Department of Family Life states that the theme for this year's observance is "A Christian Foundation for Every Home."

Each year, the National Council of Churches sponsors the observance of Christian Family Week to give an opportunity for strengthening church programs of Christian family life education.

A statement from the Joint Department of Family Life points out that, "The home plays a tremendously important role in nurturing religious faith and in developing moral character. To help families work on their Christian foundations is a privilege of the church."

J. D. Montgomery, national director of adult work and Christian family life for Disciples of Christ, declares that, "No emphasis in the teaching ministry of the church is more vital to the religious development of children, youth, and adults than a program of Christian family life education. Christian Family Week," Mr. Montgomery continues, "offers an opportunity to strengthen this program in the church or to begin such a program if one is not active."

**Webb Views Churches**

Returning to his office in Indianapolis, Ind., last month after an extensive tour of brotherhood work, Charles Webb told the editor of *The Christian Plea*, "Great churches are not built on part-time service."

Mr. Webb is national director of church development and evangelism for the National Christian Missionary Convention.

He was impressed by the work being done in California. New church projects in Los Angeles and Oakland are pointing the way to the new day," he said.

Pastors M. Frederick Mitchell of the Cosmopolitan Church in Los Angeles and Peter C. Washington of Second Church, Oakland, plan to secure new buildings soon.

Through the cooperation of State Presidents E. L. Griffin of Mississippi and R. D. Johnson of South Carolina, successful visitation was made in those states.

Director Webb sees the main hope for our rural churches in the south as being an invigorated town and country church program with emphasis on the pastoral unity.

**Laymen's Leader Reports**

In a progress report to the Christian Men's Fellowship of the National Christian Missionary Convention last month, President Alfred Thomas observed a "genuine spirit of cooperation by the member groups in the local churches."

It was announced that travel difficulties had caused plans for the national laymen's retreat that month to be changed to a midwest area retreat June 13-14.

The conference will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Wehrman Avenue Church. John Compton is pastor.

(Continued on page 24.)
Human Rights Awards

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (RNS)—Ten national religious and social welfare organizations were given citations at the annual dinner of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission here in recognition of their service in promoting human rights.

The organizations receiving the awards, and the leaders who represented them at the ceremony, are:

American Civil Liberties Union, Patrick M. Malin, director; American Federation of International Institutes, Edward B. Curtis, president; American Jewish Committee, Dr. John Skillson, executive vice-president; American Jewish Congress, Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Henry Epstein, national program committee chairman.

Also the Catholic Interracial Council, George K. Huntington, executive secretary; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Walter White, executive secretary; National Conference of Christians and Jews, Dr. Everett R. Clinchey, president; National Council of Churches, Dr. Samuel McCreavy, general executive secretary; and National Urban League, R. Maurice Moss, executive secretary.

Clarence E. Pickett, president of the Fellowship, presided. Paul G. Hoffmann, chairman of the boards of the Studebaker Corporation and of the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic, spoke on "Advancing Human Rights in America."

Heads Church Unit

PORT ELIZABETH, S. AFRICA (RNS)—A native clergyman, G. B. Molefe, principal of Newell Bantu High School here, was inducted as Moderator of the East Cape Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in South Africa. He is the first member of his race to head a presbytery in this country.

A leader of the native community, Prof. Molefe is credited with having played a large part in restoring order and calm among its members during a recent riot here.

The new Moderator is a graduate of Fort Hare College, in South Africa, and Columbia University in the United States. He has for many years been a member of the Bantu Advisory Committee of the South African National Sunday School Association.

Telephone Pastor

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—The Studio City, Calif., minister whose recorded telephone messages have cheered thousands of persons in recent weeks has run into difficulties in his attempts to keep the service going.

Herbert J. Schneider, pastor of the Christ Memorial Church, has complained that the mechanical answering device used to relay his inspirational messages has been removed from one of his telephones. One telephone remains in service.

Telephone company officials say the service has been taken out "in the public interest" because the mounting number of calls coming through it is jamming the exchange.

Mr. Schneider has been plagued by troubles ever since he began the service. Several weeks ago he was forced to change the telephone numbers because teenagers were making a farce of the service. Word had spread among the youngsters that they could converse with one another on the circuit when several persons dialed the number simultaneously.

Prisoner's Book Builds

JACKSON, Mich. (RNS)—Rebuilding of the state prison chapel here, damaged in last April's four-day riot, will be aided by royalties from a new book written by a prison inmate who years ago led an Ohio State Prison riot that cost the lives of 320 of his mates.

Stephen J. Schmiel, 59-year-old convicted murderer whose book "Big House Bawler" will be published shortly, said he will turn over one-third of the royalties it brings toward rebuilding the chapel.

The Christian's Quiz

1. What is a Rule of Faith?
2. How often are Jews expected to pray?
3. Why do Roman Catholics burn incense at certain services?

(Answers on page 23.)

Church the Hope; Dickson

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (RNS)—In a message to the annual meeting of the National Catholic Family Life Conference here, President Eisenhower called the conference theme, "The Father, the Head of the Home," a "cardinal consideration in all efforts to build a strong and enduring family life.

"It is an old but unchanging truth," the President said, "that the father represents authority in the home."

He warned, however, that if such authority is to be really respected "it must be earned daily; it cannot be effective merely because it is traditional."

"It is no less true," General Eisenhower added, "that members of a family who learn and live by wholesome respect authority in the home qualify as citizens who know genuine respect for public authority.

"In this sense, the respect and authority deserved and commanded by the father are the source of respect for law itself in society at large."

"Church the Hope," Dickson

Speaking to the World Fellowship Forum group in St. Louis, Mo., last month Emmett J. Dickson said, "Too many people in the world are mistreating each other."

"The only hope for the world is the aroused conscience of a concerned Church."

Mr. Dickson, who is the executive secretary for the National Christian Missionary Convention, has recently returned from special conferences with United Nations officials.

"The UN is our most practical instrument for world peace," he continued, "but lasting peace can come only through a Christ-centered Church, with a new emphasis in missions."

Secretary Dickson used charts and materials secured from the UN throughout his presentation.
Family Fun Through Crafts

ENRICH your family life to a degree beyond your wildest dreams. Have a fun night at home once a week.

Since there is unique enjoyment in making things with your own hands, try family fun through craft activities.

Many happy families find that by working or playing together closer relationships with each other are developed. They have discovered that such social attitudes as patience, perseverance, self-control and cooperation also result.

In making things the family develops a taste and discrimination as well as an appreciation for the work done by themselves and others.

Among the questions that may be foremost in your mind might be the following:
1. What materials are used in crafts?
2. What tools should be used?
3. What can inexperienced people in the average family do with these tools and materials?

There are many materials used in home crafts. The most common are wood, metal, paper and leather, cork, plaster, raffia, reed, clay, plastic, linoleum and felt are also often used.

The tools used are simple and few. The knife, saw, drill, hammer, screw driver and clamp are among the most common.

For the average family with little or no experience in crafts, finger-painting is an easy operation to begin with. Commercial finger paints are sold in all art and craft shops and glazed paper can be secured which is designed especially for finger-painting. However, for beginners, heavy wrapping paper can be used with satisfying results.

A smooth hard surface like a tray or board should be supplied to work on. The paint is soluble in water so that baby sister and brother can do no permanent damage to their clothes or the furniture.

Assemble the family around the kitchen table or in some other informal setting and begin doing the following things together:
1. Wet the paper all over with a sponge.
2. Smooth out on the table or board.
3. Rub out all the wrinkles and air bubbles with the palm of your hand.
4. Put several daubs of paint on the paper. Cover the entire surface.
5. Begin to work with your fingers, the ball of the thumb, the side of the palm or even with your elbow and create a picture.

The paints do not dry very quickly, so you can change your picture often. The children will have fun doing this and you will discover many practical uses for your newly acquired skill.

If you are a housewife who likes an artistic environment, you will find ways to make pictures and wall decorations. An enterprising husband will use finger-painting technique on wood and beaverboard. A son or daughter interested in beautifying a bed room will create decorations for trays, coasters, book ends, furniture, lamp shades, glasses and book jackets. Grandmother will find ways to make greeting cards, invitations, party favors, screen covers and a way to decorate glazed chintz for curtains.

When you plan your next family fun night through crafts, try decorating textiles. Such material is often treated by plain dyeing, batik-dyeing with designs, tie-dyeing or colored with stencils.

For a more detailed instruction on textile work and other crafts, you can secure many books simply written. After having success with your finger-painting, you might find that browsing through helpful craft books will stimulate your creative powers.

The following is a brief listing of books from which you might make selections:

- General Leathercraft, Raymond Cherry, Mc Knight & McKnight, Bloomington, Ill., 1949.
- How to Make Pottery and Ceramic Sculpture, Julia Hamlin Duncan, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, N. Y.
- How to Make Modern Jewelry, War Veterans Art Center Committee, New York, N. Y.
- How to Make Objects of Wood, War Veterans Art Center Committee, New York, N. Y.
- How to Make Photographs, War Veterans Art Center Committee, New York, N. Y.
- How to Make Flowers With Dennison Crepe Paper, Published by Dennison.
- How to Make Flowers With Dennison Crepe Paper, Published by Dennison.
- Working in Plastics, M. Ikis, Barnamary Publishing Co., 508 W. 26th St., New York 1, N. Y.

Engaging in craft activities is not the only way to have fun on a weekly family night at home, but it will certainly provide a wholesome fellowship and arouse a continuing interest for many.
Sanctuary and Men's Day
High Lights at Memphis

Several notable successes characterize the program now being developed at the Mississippi Boulevard Church of Memphis, Tenn. The recent dedication of the new $6,543.35 sanctuary was a significant experience in the life of the congregation.

R. H. Davis, pastor of the Indiana Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill., and Charles E. Webb, national director of church development and evangelism from Indianapolis, Ind., were the dedicatory speakers.

When the Continental Land Company held groundbreaking ceremonies for the J. E. Walker homes recently, two of Mississippi Boulevard's most loyal members were being honored.

The $10,000.00 building project consisting of 1,500 homes was named after J. E. Walker because of his long interest in establishing economic security among his people.

Mrs. Lelia Walker shared in the honor when a bronze bust of Dr. Walker and his wife was unveiled during proceedings.

A. Maeo Walker was master of ceremonies. City, county and federal officials were present.

General church program activities have featured such things as the following:

1. A young people's Sunday with Alphonis Fields, president of the senior class at Booker Washington High School, as speaker.

2. A hymn's Sunday with Attorney A. A. Letting as principal speaker. On this day the men of the church raised $6,543.35. J. A. Swayze, superintendent of the church school, was chairman of the financial effort. An all-male chorus from the church rendered the music.

Bahn T. Hunt is pastor of the Mississippi Boulevard Church. He contributes a weekly sermon to the Memphis World.

-C. E. Rowan, reporter.

Youngstown Moves Upward

Under the leadership of Pastor H. E. Jackson, the Lincoln Avenue Church at Youngstown, Ohio, has accomplished much within the recent months.

The church school has held a successful leadership training class. Ten young men and women are enrolled. Five will graduate this year.

A feature of the Christian Youth Fellowship program has been a series of inter-denominational fellowship meetings with the CWF of the First Church.

New projects for children and young people include a church school choir and a Boy Scout troop.

The Christian Women's Fellowship gave over $450 to missions last year. A. L. Linder of the First Church and Robert Dickerson of Cleveland, Ohio, were among the several guest speakers presented.

The missions budget for the CWF this year is $906.90.

Matching steps of progress with the CWF is the Christian Men's Fellowship.

They have purchased a new water heater for the church and are now organizing to paint the church building.

The inspiring endeavor of the church seems to be patterned after the progressive ministry of the pastor. He is service-minded and community-concerned.

He belongs to the ministers' alliance; is secretary of the ministers' fellowship and a member of the Disciples' Union.

As a member of the Board of Managers of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society, chairman of the curriculum committee for the leadership school and vice-president of the state convention, he contributes to the larger work.

Lincoln Avenue Church has increased its budget from $4,450.72 less than five years ago to $6,885.57.

-A. L. Brabin, reporter.

Notes on South Carolina

DISTRICT NO. 1 of the South Carolina State Christian Missionary Convention met at the New Hope Church in Burton, S. C., last month. A high light of the reports was announcement of completion of a new church building in the district.

ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS coming from the recent planning meeting for state work held at Ehrhardt, S. C., was the provision of scholarship funds for any young persons desiring to prepare for Christian service in one of our brotherhood schools.

THE STATE CONVENTION has appointed a committee to explore possibilities for sponsoring a youth conference.

LEADERSHIP WITHIN the state is calling for a more productive program and wise stewardship of finances received.

-A. L. Brabin, reporter.

PERSONALITIES

DR. J. E. WALKER appeared on a program with the Secretary of the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., April 16.

PRESIDENT L. L. DICKERSON was honored with a banquet at the Blue Triangle Y. W. C. A. in Columbus, Ohio, April 17. The banquet was sponsored by the Monroe Ave. Church in recognition of his election to the office of president of the National Christian Missionary Convention. Mr. Dickerson is pastor of the church.

CHARLES H. WEBB was royally entertained in Los Angeles during a recent field visit. Cosmopolitan Church sponsored a "Get Acquainted" reception. The ladies of the church followed with an old-fashioned basket dinner, inviting guests from other churches in honor of Mr. Webb. Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Holt were his host and hostess.

McKinney to Speak

(Continued from page 17.)

The program for the retreat will be as follows:

A. M. Saturday—June 13, 1953
8:30 Breakfast
10:30 Devotions
11:00 Discussion
12:00 Lunch

P. M.
1:00 Welcome Address—Councilman Jesse D. Locker
1:15 Free time
2:00 Training Period—A. C. Stone—Leader
3:00 Touring—Walnut Hills, Playing Field
6:00 Supper
7:00 Devotions
7:15 Address—William H. McKinney
8:00 Group Discussion—"What Religion Means to Me"
9:00 Free time
10:00 Fellowship Circle

A. M. Sunday—June 14, 1953
7:00 Rising
7:30 Breakfast
8:30 Devotions—Bible School
9:30 Election of Officers for the Conference
11:00 Morning Worship Service—W. H. McKinney
12:30 Dinner

P. M.
2:30 Discussion Period
1. Permanent Area Conferences
2. "What the Retreat Has Meant to Me"
3:45 Closing Friendship Circle

THE CHRISTIAN QUIZ

(Questions on page 21.)

A. 1. A concise summary of the apostolic teaching as contained in the New Testament and in the tradition of the earliest churches.

A. 2. Tradition expects every member of the Jewish faith to pray at least three times a day—in the morning (shaharit); in the afternoon (minnah); and in the evening (ma'arib).

A. 3. Incense is burned because it is symbolic of a good Christian's prayer, which ascends on high to the throne of God and is pleasing in his sight.
He Chopped Wood

by W. K. Fox

Twenty years ago in Roper, N. C., most folks were trying to find a bread line but not Sir Walter Raleigh Keyes—he sought an ax and some wood.

While pastoring a small rural church, he chopped wood at five dollars a cord until his youngest daughter became the first of six children to finish college.

Most preachers are ready to retire after thirty-eight years of ministry but not Walter Keyes. He believes in the education of his children.

Herbert is a mechanic; Walter Jr., Lona and Carolyn are teaching school, but Novella and Vernita have not finished college as yet. Elder Keyes feels that his ministry will not be completed until all of his children have had four years of college.

Besides being a good tobacco farmer, Mr. Keyes preaches to 1,500 Disciples of Christ every month. One thousand are in the St. Peter's Church at Kingston, N. C.; 300 in the St. James Church at Bell Haven, N. C. and 200 in the Macedonia Church at Wilkerson, N. C.

He has been preaching in these churches for 10, 18 and 21 years respectively.

"The Lord has been good to me," he says. "I feel that faith in God and myself have been the key to our blessings."

He promoted building programs for all three churches. The congregations at Bell Haven and Wilkerson erected new structures and a $7,000 annex was built at Kingston.

Over 600 members have joined the Kingston church within the last ten years.

After 38 years, Walter Keyes is still "chopping wood." He is trying to hew out new trails of progress for eastern North Carolina Disciples of Christ.

As assistant chief of the Washington-Norfolk Assembly, he is now acting leader in the stead of the disabled Chief W. H. Peel.

Nearly 75 churches and 5,000 Disciples are under his direction.

"My people must have the vision of the Christ," he says. "If they do not they will stumble and fall."

The district sponsors a ministers' institute, home missions projects and a Sunday school convention. The building of churches is a major interest.

"We are anxious to organize our young people," says Assistant Chief Keyes. "We must also train them and the better leaders than we have been."

It is in the future plans of the Assembly to promote a youth conference and a six to eight weeks' leadership training school.

The district contributes over $10,000 per year to the promotion of the Assembly program.

CONVENTION OFFICIALS MEET

In a series of significant planning sessions administrative groups within the National Christian Missionary Convention met in Indianapolis, Ind., during the week of April 12.

The advisory committee for the publication of The Christian Plea met April 13 for the purpose of organization. During the session the editor made a progress report on the publication. Plans for promoting the growth of the paper were also discussed.

The 1953 program committee for the National Christian Missionary Convention met April 14 with Chairman Eli Wilbert of Dayton, Ohio, presiding. The proposed program will be released shortly.

President L. L. Dickerson and Executive Secretary E. J. Dickerson gave guidance to the Trustees Board which met April 14 and 15. The budget program of the convention was passed on and progress reports of staff members received.

The three meetings seemed to indicate an invigorated National Convention program for 1953-54.

LAYMEN'S LEADER REPORTS

(Continued from page 20.)

A. C. Stone will serve as director of the retreat.

President Thomas urged a "closer union" and "mutual understanding of the basic purposes" of the men's fellowship.

He reminded state organizations to have pictures of men's groups made at their state conventions.

These pictures are to be brought to the convention in Roanoke, Va., Aug. 17 and placed on exhibit.

Each local church was asked to send money to Treasurer T. W. Pratt for the support of the "Program of organizational promotion.

This report also indicated hopes for setting up permanent area conferences for Christian men's groups throughout the brotherhood.

F. D. R., JR., PROTESTS

(Continued from page 17.)

"Any interference with freedom of religion and freedom of religious thought and expression, or with the autonomy of our churches, synagogues, or other religious institutions," the resolution warned, "would not only constitute a violation of one of the fundamental precepts of the Constitution, but would threaten to destroy the time-honored guarantees of religious freedom which attracted our forebears to American shores."

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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ANY CHURCH CAN DO THE SAME

The following is an excerpt from a letter recently received from a minister's widow:

"I have tried in vain to find words to express my thankfulness and gratitude for the promptness with which you sent the $1,000 Death Benefit. It arrived on the day of the funeral and it did lighten the burden for I didn't have to look to others for any financial help and a load was lifted from my heart. Since then I have received the first monthly check for the Widow Pension and the Child Pension. I do wish to say this for the little .... Church that if a church with only 60 members can enroll in the Pension Plan any church can do the same. I love them for their deep insight and faith and courage. God bless them."

Subscriptions Not Renewed by June 15 Will Be Dropped.
EXPANDED PROGRAM PLANNED FOR SCI

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

A new expanded program for Southern Christian Institute is being planned by the United Christian Missionary Society.

Mrs. Alice G. Buckner, executive secretary of the department of institutional missions, U.C.M.S., has announced that the survey of the 78-year-old junior college and high school at Edwards, Miss., has been completed by a committee appointed by the United Society.

Following recommendations of the committee, the S.C.I. program is to be revamped and expanded in the light of changing educational and social conditions in Mississippi.

Academic work at S.C.I. was suspended following commencement on May 31.

The commencement speaker was Barton Hunter of the department of social welfare of the U.C.M.S. Also present was Mrs. Rosa Page Welch.

Blackburn Drafted

Cleo Blackburn, executive consultant of Jarvis Christian College, has been named president of that College by the board of trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society.

He will share his time between Jarvis and Planner House, Indianapolis, Ind. John Eubanks resigned recently as executive vice-president of Jarvis.

Bulletin—Reservations are being accepted now from delegates desiring good accommodations during the National Christian Missionary Convention August 17-23. Write to M. C. Dickson, 915 8th Avenue N. W., Roanoke, Va., for further particulars.

Trustees Petition

At the trustee board meeting of the National Christian Missionary Convention held recently in Indianapolis, Ind., the International Convention of Disciples of Christ was petitioned to reconsider plans made for housing delegates at the 1954 gathering in Miami, Fla.

A report was made that Negro delegates would not be housed with other representatives at the headquarter's hotel.

Within the last fifteen years the International Convention has passed two significant proclamations on race relations within the Church. It has also endorsed the stand of the National Council of Churches on such matters.

A spokesman for the sponsors of the petition said that "We are simply pointing out an area of opportunity and challenge which we feel the convention promotional committee in cooperation with the local committee might well reconsider."

The resolution will be carried to the assembly of the International Convention held July 4-9 in Portland, Ore.

NASHVILLE, TENN. (RNS)—Joseph A. Johnson, Jr., of Jackson, Tenn., has been admitted to Vanderbilt University's school of religion by action of the university trustees. He is the first Negro ever permitted to enroll at Vanderbilt.

Mr. Johnson, a member of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, is president of the Phillips School of Theology at Jackson.

In approving Mr. Johnson's application, Vanderbilt trustees said they were doing so because "no Negro graduate and accredited school in the field of religion ... exists in this city or state."

The board declared that it did not believe "that Vanderbilt University should admit Negro students to courses of study which are already available to them in this vicinity in institutions of strong resources and established reputations."

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The Plea Platform

1. The promotion of the National Christian Missionary Convention.
2. The promotion of a high quality churchmanship.
3. The promotion of open forum on relevant ideas to Kingdom Building.
4. The promotion of constructive proposal and evaluation.
5. The promotion of dutiful service to all patrons.

Deadline for News

The deadline for news is the 8th day of each month. News received after this date will be used in the next issue if it still has news value. Let us hear from you. Send all news to 771 N. Euclid Ave., St. Louis 8, Missouri.

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NOTHING SHORT

Editor, The Christian Plea:

Congratulations! I predict that the Christian Plea will have nothing short of success under the present program.

The style of the paper is graphic and accurate.—LENA B. WATSON, Nashville, Tenn.

PROUD OF IT

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I just received the Plea and I’m proud of it.

Its “face,” features and food for thought lift us to a high plane.

Please send copies to the following friends.—RUTH T. WILLIAMS, Martinsville, Va.

COUNT ON ME

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I am pleased with the Plea. The paper should reach greater heights than ever before.

You can count on me to do anything that I can to help make it the type of paper that the whole brotherhood can appreciate.

You will receive my renewal along with new subscriptions from Southern California.—P. C. WASHING'TON, Oakland, Calif.

FINE APPEARANCE

Editor, The Christian Plea:

Enclosed is a check for $1.50 to cover subscription cost for The Christian Plea for one year.

We have just received a complimentary copy and you are to be congratulated upon the fine appearance and content of the publication.—RUTH LOWEY, Board of Higher Education, Indianapolis, Ind.

RENEW

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I am sure my subscription is about up and I do not want to miss an issue.

I am enclosing a postal note for my renewal and three others.—MARY RAVITTEN, Okemayc, Okla.

WORKER COOPERATES

Editor, The Christian Plea:

Enclosed you will find an article for The Plea. I am leaving for the field and will do what I can to get some new subscriptions.

The Plea, in my opinion, is beginning to do the thing that I think any church paper should attempt.—LORENZO J. EVANS, Indianapolis, Ind.

WILL HELP

Editor, The Christian Plea:

Congratulations! The Plea reveals a new program. It is free of errors, has good headlines and format and contents well organized.

I will be very happy to cooperate with you in any way. Keep up the good work.—MERI. R. EFSE, Nashville, Tenn.

1000 PAID UP NOW!

Editor, The Christian Plea:

Please accept my heartiest congratulations on the fine way you are getting started with The Christian Plea.

We are happy to note the marked improvement in every way.

It is up to us to see that we get 1,000 paid up subscriptions immediately.

May I assure you of my wholehearted cooperation.—L. L. DICKERSON, Columbus, Ohio.

SAW A SAMPLE

Editor, The Christian Plea:

We have a sample copy of The Christian Plea which Mrs. Marjorie Parker has brought to us from the National Convention office. We would like to enter a subscription for one year beginning with the next issue.—GEORGE O. TAYLOR, Indianapolis, Ind.

FOR RENEWAL

Editor, The Christian Plea:

Enclosed please find a personal check for the renewal of my subscription.

I am also sending in some news.

The “new look” on The Plea is wonderful.—G. ELLISON LAKES, Parsons, Kansas.

BOOSTER FOR BOTH

Editor, The Christian Plea:

We are glad that The Christian Plea will be coming to all the congregations in the third district of the Missouri Convention.

An enlarged edition of the World Call will come out this month featuring Spanish-speaking Americans.

Every home should have a Plea and a Call.—MRS. LILLIAN L. WILLIOTT, Vandalia, Mo.

FOR TWO YEARS

Editor, The Christian Plea:

Enclosed please find a check for my subscription for two years.

I am enjoying The Plea and do not want to miss an issue.—MRS. WILMA E. ERIX, Knoxville, Tenn.

FROM JAMAICA

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I have noticed that The Christian Plea has undergone a change of administration and wish your efforts much success.

I do feel that you should know more about our work here so I will keep you posted from time to time.

You will be pleased to know that the churches, schools and minister’s residence which were destroyed by the hurricane in 1931 are now being rebuilt.

Mr. James Sugimoto of the UCMS spent some months with us last year making plans for rebuilding. Mr. Freeman Redding and family are now here carrying on the work.

We are always glad to welcome visitors to our land of perpetual sunshine.—E. A. EDWARDS, Kingston, Jamaica, BWI.

Don't make this your last Plea—Renew!
**Through Children**

The observance of Children’s Day on June 7 might well be the spring board for our Year in Evangelism program.

Children are the hope of the Church as well as the hope of the world. The Master encouraged them to approach him and advised his disciples to adopt the spirit and outlook of a child.

At the Parkway Gardens Disciple of Christ Mission Project, Chaplain Charles Sherman is reaching the unachieved through the children. An active church school has been organized in this new housing project.

In many of our churches classes in the meaning of church membership are conducted for children; information for prospect lists is obtained from children attending church schools; unachieved parents are brought into the fellowship of Christ through church activities that minister to children’s needs. Indeed, a little child leads many into the paths of righteousness.

In the Far East Mrs. Rosa Page Welch has been warmly welcomed by the children. Her message of goodwill in Christ has reached their hearts through the simple associations. These seeds have not fallen upon barren ground.

Children’s Day, therefore, can have added significance for us this month, if we are made to realize anew possible approaches for an intelligent evangelism through the children.

One minister reports that his frequent invitations to visit the primary department of his church school are deeply treasured experiences. The children get to know him as a person and he begins to know them as the children of God. Together they learn more about Christ.

He feels these visits have an effect on lessening the loss of youth to the church after they have completed the senior class in church school.

"**Whatsoever Things Are Pure**"

Reports come to us daily about states and communities which are launching crusades against the sale of obscene publications. The purity of our youth is at stake.

Recently, concrete procedures have been initiated in New York, Texas, Georgia, and Minnesota. Other actions have been considered in Louisville, Kentucky, and Toledo, Ohio.

Concern has been felt as far as West Germany. Citizens were aroused when the upper house of the West German parliament were not able to agree on a proposed “Filth and Trash Law.”

Solutions have been advanced. New York proposed broadening police powers; Texas considered bans and fines; and Georgia organized a literature commission. Minnesota has yet to take a definite action.

This literature, available at newspaper stands, is published in comic-book form, pocket-sized books, magazines, etc. The contents are alleged to contain “obscene, immoral, lewd or lascivious language, or detailed descriptions of scenes of sensual, lustful nature.”

The church has a solution to the problem. It gives an answer through its summer youth conference program.

"Whatsoever things are pure” are placed in the minds of youth at conference time. Wholesome reading, creative activity and enriching experiences centered in Christ and his Church form the framework of the program.

Any church desiring to provide its youth with “things” that “are pure” should not overlook the youth conference experience. Encourage them to attend.

Any sincere youngster who engages in a youth conference for one week will be inspired to develop new tastes. He will be encouraged to think as well as act on these things.

Convention Issue Next

Don’t let the deadline for renewal slip by (June 15) and miss the July convention preview issue.
Eppse Promotes

An unprecedented program of religion in business is being developed at Nashville, Tenn., through the Preston Taylor Estate.

Under the supervision of Manager Merle R. Eppse and the advisement of the trustees of the estate, Greenwood Cemetery is being redeveloped into one of the beauty spots of the south.

Cooperating with experts in the field of cemetery management, Professor Eppse has received the endorsement of the National Convention trustee board in the improvement of Greenwood Park.

The ground has been redistricted and a large staff of salesmen organized to market the lots.

A beautiful area will be "The Garden of Our Lord," a plot given a prominent place in the memorial park.

In a recent report, Professor Eppse indicated that the total estate is being renovated. Efficient personnel has been secured and other elements improved.

The new program is predicted to increase financial dividends to the National Convention over 100 per cent.

Missionary Award

In a special release from the Department of Missionary Education and the Christian Women's Fellowship, Director Anna Belle Jackson issued the following official regulations governing competition for the Missions Loving Cup:

1. The society should hold at least 12 regular meetings per year.
2. The society shall hold 12 executive meetings per year.
3. The president, or some other member of the society, shall participate in some meeting which gives opportunity for personal enrichment and leadership development.
4. Quarterly reports shall be sent to the state secretaries and to the national office.
5. The society shall be represented in its state or area and the National Christian Missionary Convention.
6. The society shall use the current study materials for the missionary year.
7. The society shall observe Women's Day and Easter Week of Prayer.
8. The society or members shall subscribe and use World Call.
9. The society MUST meet state and national requirements.
10. The society which gives the largest amount above the giving of last year, according to its membership, shall receive the award.

Every local church missions organization is urged to seek the realization of these goals and ultimately the Cup.

Leen Declares

In a major address before an assembly of the Home and State Missions Planning Council in St. Louis, Mo., Theodore Leen predicted the 1953-54 "Year of Evangelism" program would be our most successful evangelistic effort.

Mr. Leen is the national director of evangelism for the United Christian Missionary Society.

He urged brotherhood leadership to give members an awareness of values which can be gained through participation in the program.

Among the specific values cited were the following:
1. The fulfillment of the imperatives of Christ.
2. The personal satisfaction that each participant receives in being a co-laborer with God in building His Kingdom.
3. An increased Christian influence on the local community in the name of the Church.
4. An increased challenge to the departmental leaders in the local church to
   (Continued on page 31.)

"Assist Me to Proclaim"

Under the leadership of President L. L. Dickerson of Columbus, Ohio, and Program Chairman Eli Wilbert of Dayton, Ohio, the 1953 convention program at Roanoke, Va., Aug. 17-23 will have many unique features.

The theme of the meeting will be "Assist Me to Proclaim." The "Year in Evangelism" project will be emphasized throughout.

A new aspect will be the "program beamng" period at each afternoon session. At this time the functional departments of the local church will lift up their respective programs.

The fellowship groups have planned several attractions. The youth lead out with a rally on Monday afternoon. Rosa Page Welch will appear twice under the sponsorship of the Ministers' Wives' Fellowship and the Christian Women's Fellowship.

The Christian Men's Fellowship will climax the assembly with a laymen's banquet on Saturday evening.

Churches are urged to send in large offerings. The 1953-54 budget for the convention will be $34,550.00.

News and Views of Christian Education

By Lorenzo J. Evans

DO YOU KNOW?

The name and address of the young person representing your state or area at the International CYP Commission meeting near Portland, Ore., June 29-July 3 is due in the national office now?

The National Office helps to provide the expenses of each state or area representative up to about $20?

These young people plan the total program emphasis for the youth of our brotherhood?

The National Christian Missionary Convention will be meeting this year with the Louden Avenue Church, Roanoke, Va., August 17-23?

For the first time a leadership train-
(Continued on page 31.)
Presbyterians to Unite?

CINCINNATI (RNS).—Leaders of the nation’s three major Presbyterian denominations voted at a joint meeting here to submit a union plan to their churches.

The plan will go to the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) and United Presbyterian Church this spring. It will then be handed down to the local presbyteries of each body for study over the next year. Final action will be taken by the General Assemblies in 1954.

If accepted by the three denominations the union plan will create a new body of 3,500,000 members to be known as The Presbyterian Church of the United States.

A joint statement issued by the chairman of the union committees of the three denominations said the discussions here were “thorough, frank and friendly.”

“The agreements which have been reached here with such remarkable accord,” the chairman said, “indicate that the sentiment for union in all three Churches is growing in strength and definiteness.”

Congo Standards

GREENSBORO, N. C. (RNS).—A missionary who has just returned from a five-week preaching tour of the Belgian Congo says that Americans would have a rough time holding membership in the natives’ crudely built churches.

“The Congo natives have set such high standards that they just wouldn’t be met by the average churchgoer of the United States,” said H. P. Williams, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle here.

“To belong to the church—which is native-run throughout—a man must give up all his wives except the first one.

“If a native commits a crime, he is tried and disciplined by the church. If the crime is serious, he is put out of the church.”

Mr. Williams said that when a native is baptized, he is put on probation. When accepted, he gives up the use of tobacco and must give regularly to the church even though he is very poor.

Combat Prejudice

Morgantown, Pa. (RNS).—What do you say, or how do you react, when you hear a remark that is slurring to someone because of his religion or race?

Answers are being sought in a course to combat prejudice started at the William Penn Center here. It is the first project launched for the center by the newly-formed Friends Service Association of the Delaware Valley.

The association was founded by 12 Quaker Meetings in the lower Bucks County rural area that is the heart of a multi-million dollar industrial development, led by the new U. S. Steel (Fairless) plant.

Thirty-five persons of three races and six religious groups have enrolled for the anti-prejudice course. It is being taught by the director of the center, Kent R. Larrabee, and J. Leon Rabbon, a Philadelphia attorney.

Gandy Elected

PRINCETON, N. J. (RNS).—Samuel L. Gandy, chaplain of Virginia State College, was elected President of the National Association of College and University Chaplains at its sixth annual conference here.

More than 100 campus spiritual leaders from all parts of the country met for the three-day working conference which was devoted to the theme, “The Theological Basis of Christian Action.”

Mr. Gandy, 37, has been chaplain at Virginia State for nine years. He succeeds Edward R. Miller of the Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

H. Keith Beebe, assistant dean of the Princeton University Chapel, was elected vice-president of the association. H. LaMarr Rice of People University, Philadelphia, and Daniel G. Hill of Howard University, Washington, D. C., were re-elected executive secretary and treasurer, respectively.

A Child Returns

When Rosa Page Welch visited the Belgian Congo this year, one of the Congolese pastors said, “It is as if a child of ours has been lost and has finally come home.” The churches were overflowing and people stood outside to hear Mrs. Welch, according to Miss Beuna Stober, missionary nurse at Mombolo.

At one vespers service Mrs. Welch told the story of Negro spirituals and sang two songs in their native Lunkundo language. Everywhere she spoke, she told the people that it seemed like “coming home” to visit Africa.

Throngs followed Mrs. Welch from place to place on the Congo and some 30,000 persons, including a number of Belgian government leaders heard her sing in the stadium at Leopoldville, Miss Stober reported.

Mrs. Welch, who has been on an eight-month world tour of Protestant mission centers, returned to the United States late in April. She will be heard at the International Convention in Portland, Oregon, on one of the evening programs.

Million for Christ

NASHVILLE, TENN. (RNS).—Methodist leaders have set a goal of 550,000 new church members in a series of special campaigns scheduled for the rest of this year.

The figure was approved at the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Evangelism here.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, board president, said that more than 5,000 churches in eight southeastern states would conduct simultaneous special evangelistic campaigns which alone are expected to bring in over 100,000 new members.

“American towns are ready for mass evangelism,” Dr. Harry Deeman, executive secretary, told the board. He said his staff is working on a plan to “reach one million persons for Christ in 1954-55.”

GENEVA BROWN was married to Thomas Griffin in St. Louis, Mo., recently. Miss Brown is a graduate from Howard University with a major in music. She is from Wilmington, Del.
Many problems confront the work of the Church in a large city like Chicago. One of these problems is that of population shifts. A church in a residential area may in a very few years find itself surrounded by factories and the people having moved to the outer fringes of the city.

Frequently land previously used for manufacturing and commercial purposes may suddenly become a thriving residential community.

Dr. W. B. Blakemore has very well stated the problem of the city in his brochure entitled, *The Disciples of Christ in the Chicago Area*. In the course of treatment, he makes the following statement:

"What is a population shift? It is a 0 to 100% turnover of population within two or three years. Everybody moves—not just some folk, but everybody. If the church survives, it is only because some way is found of enabling it to start over again. . . . In Chicago a neighborhood can change from a good neighborhood to a slum within eighteen months.

"Another characteristic of Chicago life is that within a period of three years an area may change from an open prairie to a community of 30,000 people. In other words, in thirty-six months, an open field is converted into one of the largest cities in the state of Illinois!

"As churchmen, we have been acquainted with the experience of towns taking one hundred years to grow to a population of 30,000. When such a growth takes one hundred years, there is plenty of time for churching, and plenty of expectation that the church can grow up slowly with the community. But how do you church a city of 30,000 that comes into existence overnight?"

The new eight million dollar Parkway Garden Home Development, located between 63rd and 66th streets along Chicago's famous South Parkway, represents the kind of change population-wise which can occur in a large city. For many years this site was that of a commercial recreation center known as "White City." Today thirty-five fireproof ultramodern buildings are being constructed there. Twenty-four will be three-story buildings and eleven eight-story elevator buildings. The thirty-five structures will contain 694 homes, one-half of which are five rooms with two bedrooms and one-half six rooms with three bedrooms.

The financing and management of this development is being done under a modified cooperative plan called mutual ownership. The 694 owners share mutually in the actual cost of construction and management. Such a cooperative plan makes possible tremendous savings over what it would cost to build and maintain a similar home on a private basis.

Parkway Garden Homes when completed will be one of the largest mutual homeowners' communities in the country. It will be the largest owned by Negroes. The population of this community will be near 3,500 persons.

The Disciples of Christ in the Chicago area have accepted the challenge of building a religious program to serve the Parkway Garden Homes development. The Church Federation of Greater Chicago, representing the major Protestant denominations in the Chicago area, gave this assignment to the Chicago Disciples Union. This program is to be carried out in behalf of all the cooperating denominations.

The writer was called by the Chicago Disciples Union, in cooperation with the South Side Church and the Illinois Christian Missionary Society, to serve as Chaplain for Parkway Garden Homes. He began this work July 1, 1952, when at that time only 48 families had moved into the community.

A church school for children and a fellowship group for adults have been organized. Due to the lack of facilities, these groups have met in the home of the writer for study and worship.

Negotiations are now underway for the purchase of a tract of land adjacent to Parkway Garden Homes. A church and community building will be constructed upon a portion of this land. The South Side Church of which Robert E. LaTouche has been minister for thirty-two years, is helping to finance this new work. This congregation will move into the new building when it is built.

In addition, the Chicago Disciples Union, the Illinois Christian Missionary Society, and the Board of Church Extension are cooperating to meet the challenge of providing the only church in this community with a program designed to meet its needs.

The program will follow the line of traditional church functions and activities and will also feature new and creative ventures in religious education. The church which the Disciples of Christ propose to build in Parkway Garden Homes will be an experiment in churching redeveloped areas in the city.

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CHAPLAIN CHARLES SHERMAN greets prospects in the Parkway Garden Homes. Mr. Sherman is a former Fellow of the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago.
Reports from the Vineyard

Piedmont Youth
By Maxine Cardwell

The annual World Fellowship Youth Meet for the Piedmont area was held at the Cleveland Avenue Church in Winston-Salem, N. C.

The central theme was "That We Fail Not Man Nor Thee." The study emphasis was on Africa.

Fourteen churches were represented by 53 registered delegates.

The opening worship was conducted by the senior choir of the Fayette Street Church in Martinsville, Va. A film on "Challenge of Africa" and a message from Carl Strachn, minister from Nassau, N. C., highlighted the opening program.

The Charity and Bethlehem churches conducted a worship service on the theme "For the Living of These Days." Throughout the day various study groups listened to lectures, watched films or took part in "palavers" on Africa.

The meet closed with a "sing-spiration" hour which was followed by the consecration service and friendship circle.

Miss Pauline Staples was director of the meet. Officers elected were Hazel Dillard, president, and Anna Banks Harris, secretary.

Faculty members were: Mrs. Archie Allen, returned missionary from Jamaica; M. L. Lambert, K. D. Cole and W. H. Brown, ministers; Mesdames E. E. Byers, Daisy Roland, Annie Stockton, Annie Givings, Vaughan, Joyce Caldwell, and G. E. Starling.

Activity leaders were Mesdames Mae White, Agenora Millner, Thelma Lowery; Misses Ida Mae Reid, Betty Broadnax, Helen Douglas; and Mr. Thomas Lee.

W. H. Brown, host pastor, was assisted by Associate Minister A. T. Terrill.

All churches were asked to send gifts of money and of clothing for overseas relief of refugee children.

The Fayette Street Church delegation made the highest financial report.

House Banquet

The first annual Preston Taylor Memorial Fellowship House Banquet was recently held at Second Church of Indianapolis, Ind. Approximately 100 patrons attended.

After Charles H. Webb, dean of the house, presented the needs for a trained ministry, testimonials of appreciation were given by house residents William J. Barber of Roper, N. C., and Ronald J. Fowlis of Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Barber appealed for "the work and prayers of our friends." Student Fowlis felt the house program afforded limitless opportunities to serve God and man.

House Counselors Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith presented the entire roster of house residents. E. J. Dickson was master of ceremonies.

O. L. Shelton, Ephriam Lowe, Charles H. Webb, D. Ervin Sheets, Samuel F. Pugh and Emmett J. Dickson are the members of the administrative committee for the Taylor House.

New Brunswick

The Antioch Church, New Brunswick, N. J., was host to an annual Eastern Seaboard Youth Meet. Rose McCrean, widely known church leader, was director.

Among other activities at Antioch last month were a community Mother's Day project which featured a dinner, a novelty banquet and a musical program and ten.

S. E. Tillman is pastor of the Antioch Church.—LILLIAN H. FOAT, Reporter.

New Haven Disciples

Second Church, New Haven, Mo., reports progress in its program.

Under the leadership of Pastor Dudley Negley, the small congregation has achieved the cooperation of the community in the support of the general program.

Pastor Negley accepted the leadership in November, 1951, one week after his ordination. The New Haven church is his first charge.

Since that time the congregation has started a community benevolence fund, established a children's choir, organized a church school, replaced the old roof and guttering and beautified the church inside and out.

The church is studying ways to tie its work up with the wider program of extending Christ to others.

Work Offering

With every member giving to God the wages he receives for one day's labor, the congregation at Second Church, Midway, Ky., celebrated the opening of a new annuity.

Members had been spiritually prepared for the event through a series of services held under the leadership of O. B. Garner of Lexington, Ky.

The occasion was climaxd with a message of challenge by E. J. Dickson of Indianapolis, Ind.

T. R. Everett is the pastor of the Midway church.

Leen Declares (From page 28.)

nurture and assimilate newly won members by the congregation.

5. A new sense of added strength resulting from an increased membership and potential leadership.

6. A churchwide sense of fulfillment of the will and purpose of God.

Goals for Souls

Our evangelistic goals for the National Christian Missionary Convention during the pre-Easter period were set at 2000 souls for Christ.

In an effort to see that an accurate report on what happened during this period, our ministers were sent cards on which they could make quick reply.

The National office is still interested in knowing how many additions you had during the period of Palm Sunday to Easter. We also want you to count the number added since July 2, 1952.

The following is a listing of reports from seventeen of our churches:

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The total figure indicates the sum of all additions from July 1 through April 30 for each church. Mail your report to the office of the National Christian Missionary Convention today.

Do You Know? (From page 28.)

Your total goal to Unified Promotion for your church school and youth group is due in by June 30 if you are to get credit for this year's giving.

Your goal for the church school and youth group to the National Convention should be in the treasurer's office 480 Linden Ave., Memphis, Tenn., by July 31 if it is to appear in the general report of the treasurer given at the convention in session.

Your church school has a responsibility in supporting the total teaching program of our brotherhood.

We are counting on you and your school and youth group to come through in every way and we are sure that you will not fail us.

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Inman at MCI

In recognition of its fortieth year of community service, Mexican Christian Institute presented Dr. Samuel Guy Inman to a capacity audience at a dinner meeting in San Antonio, Tex.

Dr. Inman challenged over 200 guests and friends to the continued support of the Institute. He outlined its program of kindergarten, clinics, library, recreation, arts and crafts significant for Kingdom building.

MCI is under the cooperative sponsorship of Disciples of Christ, the United Christian Missionary Society, the local Community Chest and private patrons.

Fifty-four organized groups meet the needs of 2,034 families. The program at MCI is rated second in quality and development among the 33 community houses of this type operating in Texas.

E. G. Luna has been the executive director of the community house for several years.

Jarvis Christian College

Commencement exercises at Jarvis last month marked the end of the regular academic school year.

The administration reviewed the several achievements of the college in student activities, projects in fundamental education and general program expansion.

Under the guidance of Dr. Cleo Blackburn and an administrative committee, Jarvis Christian College began projecting plans for another year of progress.

An official spokesman reported that work done during the administration of Dr. John Enbanks had been executed so well that continuing programs can move forward with a minimum of difficulty.

Dr. Enbanks resigned in April for personal reasons. He has continued interest in the promotion of the general program.

Personalities

ODIE BELL LEWIS of the East Second Street Church of Lexington, Ky., attended the leadership training school for adult church leaders held at Butler University recently.

DR. W. H. CRAMBLETT, president of the Christian Board of Publication, attended the trustee board meeting of the National Convention. It was his first opportunity since being elected to the presidency of the Christian Board.

CLEO BLACKBURN delivered a major address in Houston, Texas, last month.

F. T. FLOYD reports one group in the Chestnut Street Church of Louisville, Ky., has already secured sufficient money to attend the Round Rock, Va., convention. They will attend in a body. Mr. Floyd has been pastor of the church for more than 20 years.

J. C. COWAN of Jarvis Christian College made a promotional visit for the school at the Summit Ave. Church in Dayton, Ohio.

EVELYN WATTS was married to Paul Overby in St. Louis, Mo., last month. Miss Watts and Mr. Overby are faculty members at Yashon High School. Both are active members in the Centennial Church. Miss Watts is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mr. Overby from Indianapolis, Ind.

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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Aug. 17-23 37th Annual Session—Ozark Avenue Church

Aug. 17-23 37th Annual Session—Romney, Virginia

Aug. 17-23 37th Annual Session—Lowden Avenue Church

Oct. 6-9 Washington and Norfolk District; Williamson, North Carolina; River Hill Disciple Church

Oct. 6-9 South Carolina; Holly Hill, Goldsboro and Raleigh Assembly; Goldsboro, North Carolina, Goldsboro Christian Institute

Oct. 21-25 Alabama; Ft. Deposit, Bethlehem Church

Nov. 6-9 Dunn and Wilmington District; Roseboro, North Carolina, Beulah Chapel Church
N a few more weeks our National Christian Missionary Convention will convene in Roanoke, Va. The importance of this annual gathering for the nurture and development of Negro Disciples cannot be overestimated.

This is one of the occasions when we realize that we are more than a few little isolated congregations but are a part of a great brotherhood. It is a time when we can pool our moral, spiritual and financial resources for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in the hearts and lives of men.

We had an impressive convention in Los Angeles last August. We left California full of inspiration, determined to make this year the greatest ever.

We have planned to climax our efforts with a successful convention at Roanoke! We have all pledged to undergird the program of evangelism, Christian education, missions and other brotherhood projects with our time, talents and money.

Reports received in our national office seem to indicate that most of our churches are trying hard to fulfill their commitments. We hope that the progressive energy reflected at the local level will manifest itself in the national realm through increased support of Unified Promotion and our National Convention.

The causes we have agreed to support are worthy! The need is great! The time is now!

The National Convention is in urgent need of money! All of us have promised to give something to support the work. If the names of our churches are to be recorded as being among those who have helped, we must give quickly!

We hope that a larger number of churches will give

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The Plea Platform

1. The promotion of the National Christian Missionary Convention.
2. The promotion of a high quality churchmanship.
3. The promotion of open forum on relevant ideas to Kingdom Building.
4. The promotion of constructive proposal and evaluation.
5. The promotion of dutiful service to all patrons.

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Editor, The Christian Plea:

I am keeping a file of The Plea through the years.

Some day it might be used by Christian scholars.

I would be glad if you would keep us on your mailing list.

W. J. Fraizer
Mt. Sterling, Ky.

RE-READ ISSUES

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I have read and re-read all of the issues of The Plea coming from your office. Each issue proved to be thought-provoking and inspirational.

You may enlist my cooperation to serve you and The Plea in any way in which my services may be needed.

W. O. GILL, Hawkins, Tex.

NOTICE APPRECIATED

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I received your card and was glad to be reminded about my debt to The Plea. I hope that you received my renewal in good order.

MRS. LUELLA GRAY, Wyoming, Ohio.

MARKED DEGREE

Editor, The Christian Plea:

The Plea is showing a very marked degree of excellence in news on varied subjects. Great satisfaction is derived from its content.

MRS. ARAH E. GARRETT, Taylor, Tex.

GRATITUDE

Editor, The Christian Plea:

Please accept my congratulations upon the excellent job you are doing on the Plea. I can now show it with pride. It is quite as good and as interesting as The Christian-Evangelist which I also take.

CORA MAE CARTER, Bluefield, W. Va.

NEW TWO-YEAR-OLD MATERIALS ready for home and church school use

MY FRIENDS. GOD'S OUTDOORS. MY HOME. MY CHURCH. Four 32-page books for parents and teachers to use with the two-year-old child at home and at church school. Each contains richly colored pictures, child-life and Bible stories, simple table graces and short verses to sing. The stories are to be read to the child when he is interested or needs them, rather than in any numerical sequence; and they may be used over and over again as the occasion suggests. $1.50 per set of four books.

THE TWOS AT CHURCH. A 160-page book for parents and teachers giving complete session plans and procedures for each of the 12 areas of experience under which the stories in the four pupil's books are grouped: My Church ... Thank You, God ... Christmas ... Fun with Playmates ... Big Enough ... Clothes to Wear ... Jesus, the Friend ... Friends Who Help Us ... Bird and Animal Friends ... Fun Outdoors ... My Family ... Food for All. Suggestions are also given on choosing space, furnishings and toys ... securing and training leaders ... objectives of nursery education ... home and church cooperation ... etc. 75 cents.

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS. Four 8-page, illustrated messages explaining how the nursery program is built around everyday experiences of the child ... specific suggestions for using the picture-story books ... what other things may be done at home to deepen learning begun at church school ... what help a two-year-old child is capable of giving around the house ... how to lead the child toward self-discipline ... how to inculcate the right attitudes in family living ... how to explain everyday happenings to children ... how to choose and train a baby sitter ... etc. 20 cents per set of four messages.

Write today for returnable samples

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION

The Bethany Press — St. Louis 3, Mo.
A Fearful Whistle?

THE official release from Indianapolis concerning the present dilemma at Southern Christian Institute began with a statement of hope. "The United Christian Missionary Society," it read, "envisages for Southern Christian Institute a future even more significant than that which characterized its service through the three-quarters of a century of its meaningful history."

When we realize the manifold problems confronting the best of educational institutions of our day, one wonders if this is not a fearful whistle in the dark by well-meaning people.

Have the findings presented by the recent study challenged the Society to mobilize sufficient human and material resources to meet the problems posed by such an institution as Southern Christian Institute?

Other denominational boards sponsoring similar type institutions have and are creatively facing primarily the same issues. The Southern Presbyterian churches are currently in a campaign to raise 2 million dollars for Negro work. One million is labeled for the only Negro school the communion sponsors.

If this is the sort of thing our Society has in mind, then surely the future of Southern Christian Institute will be "even more significant" than its past.

A copy of the recommendations made by the investigating committee has not come to our desk at this writing. However, our knowledge of the general condition of educational institutions available to Negro students in the South leads us to feel that the report could hardly leave out such observations as the following.

The development of education among Negroes in the South is synonymous with the interest of organized religion in the provision of educational opportunity for this one-time slave people.

The Church and the school have always gone hand in hand wherever Negroes were concerned. Fifty-seven of the 108 colleges maintained exclusively for the higher education of Negroes are controlled by the Church. Fourteen others are private schools which were organized by individuals strongly influenced by the Church.

Three of the 4 leading Negro colleges having the highest endowments were organized by the American Missionary Association. Of the 46 Negro colleges having endowments, Hampton Institute leads with an endowment of 10 million dollars; Tuskegee Institute, Atlanta University and Fisk University follow with $913,911.00, $6,635,200.00 and $4,485,000.00, respectively.

Jarvis Christian College is listed as having an endowment of $450,000.00. The name of Southern Christian Institute does not appear.

Hampton Institute started with as humble a beginning as any of our colleges. The American Missionary Association planted its seeds in Fortress Monroe, Va., in 1861 as a weekday school. It was chartered as a college in 1870 just five years before Southern Christian Institute had its beginning.

The American Missionary Association established Atlanta University and Fisk University in the same year—1867. It would seem that the AMA would have some important lessons to teach us and others.

The Negro student has grown with the rising educational standards set by regional and national accrediting agencies. In 1899 not one of the 2,624 Negro students listed as attending "college" were actually college students. In 1950 all of the 74,526 Negro students listed as being in college were really college quality.

To add one more dash of color to the educational picture, the integration of Negro students into previously totally white institutions is increasing. At least 14 southern states (i.e., Arkansas, Delaware, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, District of Columbia and Georgia) contain some twenty colleges which are open to Negro students.

A survey of 100 southern colleges in 1950 by the New York Times revealed over 1,000 Negro students attending classes.

Another factor pressing the struggling church-related school is the land-grant college. It is operated with state funds and is striving desperately to prove the validity of the principle of "separate but equal" program and facilities. Showers of taxpayers' money are poured into highly specialized facilities, student activity programs and building construction.

As the educational picture has improved, the cultural growth of our society has also unfolded. Significant in this evolution has been the rise in the economic status of the Negro, with a simultaneous widening of the stream of job opportunities. This socioeconomic phenomenon is found in all parts of our country in spite of the continuous political side show featuring the Fair Employment Practices Committee and starring infamous political demagogues.

All of these problems and more have weighed heavily upon the mind of the present administration. Several wise and worthy men have sought to sound the clarion call. Unfortunately, personalities were given more concern than the principles involved. Consequently, instead of a solution, we have had only an aggravation of the dilemma.

Which Way SCI?

THE writing on the wall seems to indicate that for "a future even more significant" than the past, Southern Christian Institute will need a tremendous lifting of the sights on the part of all concerned with her destiny.

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**Spotlighting**

**Loads to Carry**

by Mrs. Marjorie C. Parker

"The biggest handicap that can come to anyone is that of having no load to carry—no work to do."

Many people are handicapped because they have not assumed some kind of responsibility in the local church. Yet large numbers of Christian workers deserve an expression of gratitude for the Kingdom loads they have carried since the National Christian Missionary Convention session in Los Angeles, California, last year.

Those who come to Roanoke and view the broad program of the organized work of the brotherhood will certainly find new challenges for Kingdom building.

Loads are piled high all along the Christian Way. They await faithful hearts with strong wills to carry them.

There is the load of a shortage of ministerial students in training.

There is the load of a lack of funds to operate a program of recruitment for full-time Christian service.

There is the load of a large number of small churches in the process of physical and spiritual decay.

There is the load of inservice training for local church leaders.

There is the challenge of a call to organize new groups of Christian Women's and Men's Fellowships.

Our strength to carry the loads through these 37 years of organized work of the Convention has been in our belief that the power of God is best realized through cooperation. (The birth of the Church on Pentecost is a crowning example of that.)

Having this faith, we have applied our energies with zest in the whole-hearted support of the National Convention program.

We who believe that two can carry more than one have an appointment with the National Christian Missionary Convention which convenes August 17-23 at the Louden Avenue Church in Roanoke, Virginia.

Through the Convention seminar, book exhibits, worship, addresses, and fellowship, we will receive inspiration and strength to return and carry the Kingdom load.

Register now with $15.00 for room and board. Come and receive the strength needed.

**Workshops at Portland**

Service clinics to aid local church leaders in meeting their special problems are scheduled for Monday afternoon, July 6, at the International Convention of Disciples of Christ in Portland, Oregon.

Of seventeen clinics, eleven of the sessions will be conducted by state and national staff members of the United Christian Missionary Society. The clinics will follow the annual meeting of the United Society which will be held in the Portland Civic Auditorium.

The missionary education department will offer practical help to those who want to improve missionary education in their churches.

The department of church development and evangelism will offer suggestions for techniques and procedures in evangelism in a two-hour clinic for ministers. This department will also sponsor a clinic on special problems of town and country churches.

*(See page 39.)*

**BULLETIN—The Indiana Avenue Church of Chicago has just purchased a $150,000 church building in Park Manor community.**

MRS. MARJORIE PARKER carries the responsibilities of secretary to the staff of the National Christian Missionary Convention. With the workers overloaded with field responsibilities most of the time, Mrs. Parker's position often becomes the function of administrative assistant to Executive Secretary E. J. Dickson.

**Now Is the Time**

*By Bernice A. Holmes*

President of the National Christian Women's Fellowship

Now is the time when our churches across the country are gathering for state conventions.

Now is the time of year when we report our stewardship and make plans for another year's work.

Our churches seem to have responded fairly well to plans suggested by state and national programs. The workers have gone all out in most states to get the program across to the people.

Many good things have begun to develop in those states where institutes in missions have been held. The emphasis has helped us to grasp a better idea of what the Christian Women's Fellowship can do for the Church of Christ.

Every state convention, which desires to make progress under God, will make an effort to bring all of the churches into the Christian Women's Fellowship.

States which are supporting the Christian Women's Fellowship are moving forward. Rapid advances are being made in education, membership development, and stewardship of finance.

Each local church should be striving to meet the goals set by the state as well as the National Convention.

The national year will close June 30. Money which should be sent to Indianapolis, Indiana, must be sent by that time.

Help make the goal sheet show an increased participation in the support of spreading the gospel throughout the world.

Every state convention should encourage the churches to promote the reading of *The Plea*.

We are planning some interesting things for *The Plea*. With the editor's assistance, we hope to inform you about what more of our people are doing.

Send some of your cute and news stories in to *The Plea* so that our experiences can be shared with others.

Urge our people to attend the National Convention in Roanoke, Virginia. It will be an experience that they will never forget.

When women come to the National Convention in large numbers to participate in the work of the Christian Women's Fellowship, we have sufficient personnel to draw upon for the setting up of national committees.

The follow-through program for the year must be carried on by active functional committees.

Now is the time to prepare and plan. Prepare to report well to our organized work and plan to make this year's best a little better in 1953-54.

**DON'T LET YOUR PLEA SUBSCRIPTION LAPSE!**
Interracial Services

Trenton, N. J. (RNS)—Negro parishioners of Shiloh Baptist Church here entertained 36 members of First Baptist church, Fitchburg, Mass., in their homes for a weekend visit during which the two congregations joined in an interracial service.

S. Howard Woodson, Jr., pastor of Shiloh Church, and T. Marshall Thompson of Fitchburg, jointly officiated at the service.

It was the Fitchburg group's second annual visit to Trenton—the first having been last May—in what the two pastors have termed “an adventure in brotherhood.”

The exchange began in February, 1952, when 36 members of the Shiloh choir went to the Massachusetts town to worship with their white co-religionists and be guests at their homes. The Trenton group's second pilgrimage to Fitchburg, scheduled for last February, was postponed to next October because “Massachusetts is more beautiful in the fall” and a larger group can be expected to go then.

Interracial services are no novelty to the two pastors involved. Seven years ago, when Mr. Thompson was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church here, he and Mr. Woodson instituted an “experiment in Christian fellowship” with each church entertaining members of the other at an interracial service followed by a reception.

That custom has been continued annually by the two Trenton congregations despite Mr. Thompson's call to Fitchburg in 1949.

In addition, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Woodson for the next two years exchanged pulpits, with the latter going to preach at the Massachusetts church in February and Mr. Thompson coming to the Trenton Negro church in May.

Catholic Women Resolve

St. Louis, Mo. (RNS)—More than 1,100 Catholic women pledged themselves to work against discrimination based on race, color or creed, in a resolution adopted by the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The resolution said that discrimination should be eliminated in employment, housing, health care, education, public accommodations, and parish activities.

Another resolution urged revision of the McCarran-Walter immigration law to remove discrimination against certain groups by removing the quota basis of national origins.

Catholic women were urged, in another resolution, to support better public schools “to the end that all children may receive an education based on natural law whose author is God.”

The Council also supported United Nations and the elimination of foreign trade barriers.

Council Requests

Chicago (RNS)—The General Board of the National Council of Churches has called upon churches in South Africa to persuade the government there to admit representatives of the African Methodist Episcopal Church into the country.

A resolution adopted by the board at a meeting here noted that the Council of Bishops of the AME Church had reported that the South African government had denied applications for permanent residence to two of the church's American bishops and their wives.

The barred clergymen are Bishops Frederick D. Jordan of Los Angeles and Howard H. P. Prim of Nashville, Tenn.

They were elected by the Church's General Conference to head the African Methodist Episcopal Church's Fifteenth and Seventeenth Episcopal districts in South Africa.

Leaders Too Busy

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—American church leaders are kept too busy with administrative problems to do the creative thinking necessary for leadership of the Christian movement in a period of world crisis.

This belief was expressed by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Methodist clergy from 25 states attending a seminar here, at the fact that the Washington area over which he presides embraces 1,601 churches.

“I visited every one of those churches, 20 churches a day for 80 days,” the bishop said.

I never looked at so many furnaces in my life. If I am expected to participate in the administration of so many parishes, it leaves me little time for reflective thought on the larger problems our Church faces.”

Bishop Oxnam said that this problem of busy church leaders is a national one, and that both ministers and laymen need to consider possible solutions.

Candidates Approved

In the spring meeting of the board of trustees of The United Christian Missionary Society, 21 young men and women were accepted as candidates for mission work abroad. Mostly college students, they will continue their schooling later undertaking graduate study under the guidance of Dr. E. K. Higdon, executive secretary of the department of missionary selection and training.

Those who complete the required three to five years of training will again appear before the board for appointment to the mission field.

Dr. Higdon reported to the board that prospects are excellent for securing 250 additional missionaries during the next seven years, as outlined in Long Range Program goals of the Society's Foreign Division.
WHEN you've had experiences such as I have had, when you have felt and experienced the Presence and had such amazing revelations of God's guidance, you don't return with any sense of greatness or pride, or with a "Look-at-me, I've-been-around-the-world" feeling.

You don't come back knowing everything about everybody and the people you have met.

I return to you with a humbleness I have never known before.

I have had fellowship with people of all classes—all wonderful people with desires, ambitions and longings just like ours.

-Friendly, loving, warm, generous, appreciative people, grateful for the very least of kindness, love and compassion you could share—

-People weary and barely existing—

-People who have suffered from the devastation of war yet reveal an amazing energy to rebuild and rehabilitate.

When you've seen mission schools overflowing with children and parents begging tearfully to bring their babies in too;

When you've relayed pleas for forgiveness, friendship, Christian understanding and brotherlykindness;

When you've seen the wounded let that message of love and repentance heal their wounds;

When you've seen the light of love in the face and acts of the son of a native chief—a son who had beaten Christians with a lash;

When you've shaken hands with the beaten who had only rejoicing in their hearts and great love for their new brother in Christ;

When you've seen and walked the hills and valleys where Jesus walked;

When you've gone into the tomb where our Lord was buried, then walked out into the beautiful garden, looked up and out and felt the presence of our living Lord;

When you've seen missionaries with patience, diligently and tirelessly at work;

When you hear no complaint but only a plea for more hours and more hands, though they seem ready to drop;

When you've seen the pagan and the convert, the sinner and the saint side by side and observed the amazing difference Christianity can make;

When you see all this and more as I have, you will spend many sleepless hours at night wondering as I did.

-Wondering—how did it happen that God, working through organizations and groups of Christians, sent me on such a journey?

-Wondering—that I, a lowly child of His, was thought fit and worthy of such a frightening challenge?

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A New Humility

-Wondering—and then I remembered those who were praying for me and would always be praying for me.

When I realized that the number would increase, I could fall asleep.

I return with a new and greater appreciation for missionaries. I've discovered that they are human, too, and grow, even as you and I, in the service of our Lord.

I have a knowledge of God through Jesus Christ which I have never had before. Now I understand with greater clarity the meaning and purpose of His Church.

I really know what brotherhood is. I really know that all men everywhere are brothers, whether we like it or not, or whether we act like it or not.

I know that God through Jesus Christ can bind us together, if we are willing to let Him!

I was never more aware of the utter complacency, carelessness and superficiality of our own witness at home—our spiritual poverty and lack of genuine enthusiasm in our efforts to live Christian lives.

Seemingly we have lost the art of really enjoying our Christianity. Everywhere I went I found that the people take their Bibles and hymnbooks to church and follow the minister as he reads the scripture.

And how they all sing the hymns of the Church!

Because of the impact upon my life by the radiant Christian witness of countless individuals whom I met in every country, in villages, in the bush, in cities, in towns, in hospitals, in homes, in mud huts and in mansions, on the highway or on planes, or trains, jeeps or trucks—

I'm a better Christian. I've got to be! I'd better be! I return to you with a humbleness I have never known before.

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Ministers' Wives

The Ministers' Wives Fellowship will feature Mrs. Rosa Welch during the Convention at the annual Friday night reception.

Every minister's wife cooperating with the national fellowship has scholarship patron tickets available for interested persons.

When you purchase a patron ticket from your minister's wife, you will be contributing to the welfare of some boy or girl in training for the ministry or some type of social service.

Last year several young people attending colleges were helped through financial difficulties with funds from the Ministers' Wives Fellowship.

When the minister's wife approaches you, purchase several of the scholarship patron tickets.

While at the National Convention in Roanoke August 17-23, don't miss the grand reception featuring Mrs. Welch on Friday night.
Beaumont Reports

Under the ministerial leadership of Mrs. Maude Davis, the Forrest Street Church of Beaumont, Tex., is making improvements in the general church program.

The evangelistic activity of the church was highlighted by a revival service conducted by Melvin C. Dickson.

Twelve new members have joined the church during the year. From this number the church has received new lay leadership.

Financial stewardship has not been neglected. New equipment has been purchased for the church school, rooms in the church have been remodeled, the building debt is almost paid and sizeable funds remain in the bank for reserve.

Mindful of its missionary obligations, Forrest Street Church has sponsored such projects as sending a baby hyetee to our mission stations in Africa.

Challenges Parents

In an address before the annual third district meeting of the Missouri Christian Missionary Convention which was recently held in Frankfort, Mo., Mrs. Verle Brown challenged the parents of children being sent to our church schools to take more interest in the spiritual development of the child.

Speaking to a capacity audience she said, "If we could get the mothers of our children interested in spiritual nurture for their children, our church schools would be over-flowing and our detention homes empty."

"Often times," she continued, "our children are given more preparation to attend a Sunday movie than to attend church school."

Under the direction of Marjorie Hill, president of the church school department of the state convention, a workshop for teachers gave attention to the problem.

Mrs. Brown is president of church school work in the third district.

21 Years' Service

In an impressive program observing his twenty-first year as pastor of the Torrington Church in Kingston, Jamaica, members and civic leaders recently paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Edwards.

After many speakers had made expressions of appreciation, an address from the congregation was read to the Edwards family by Miss E. A. Wilson.

Pastor Edwards was then presented with two purses from the church.

In responding to these acts of appreciation, Mr. Edwards was deeply moved and at a loss for words.

When he started his ministry at Torrington he was inspired by the knowledge that "Our sufficiency is in God." Pastor Edwards and his wife have been promoting a substantial work in the Kingston Church.

Obituary

Hazel Acuff of Vandalia, Mo.

She was an outstanding worker in religious education, serving in several leadership training projects throughout the state.

She is survived by a husband, relatives and friends.

Ollie Sanford of Poplar Bluff, Mo., passed away after a brief illness.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ollie Sanford, and a daughter, Mrs. Annette Williams.

Mary Alice Elmore, widely known home missionary of Matthews, Ala., is dead.

For many years she promoted the general work of the church throughout the state of Alabama.

She is survived by her husband, A. G. Elmore.

Myles T. Johnson, treasurer of the Texas State Christian Missionary Convention, is dead.

He is survived by his wife, six children and a sister.

Portland

(From page 36.)

The student work office of the United Society will conduct a clinic for a student work directors and pastors who have large numbers of college students in their communities.

An audio-visual clinic is to be sponsored jointly by the Christian Board of Publication and the United Society's department of audio-visual services. Ways of putting films and recordings to best use in the churches will be considered in this session.

A panel of representatives from local, state, and national social education and action groups will discuss ways of getting churches interested in this phase of work. These resource people are being secured by the department of social welfare for a clinic on social action.

Christian family life programs in the churches will be considered in a clinic arranged by the department of religious education of the United Society. A "Family Festival" idea which succeeded in one church will be described.

The department of religious education will also be responsible for a clinic on the job of the church school superintendent. A panel of local superintendents will answer questions and explain how they conduct their own church schools.

Wheat State Notes

By G. Ellison Lakes

Second Church at Atchison has adopted a plan for the functional organization of the church.

With the guidance of Pastor A. H. Thomas, such age level groups as the Christian Youth Fellowship, Christian Women's Fellowship and Christian Men's Fellowship have been organized.

The new budget will include items for a building program. During the pre-Easter evangelism effort, 15 new members were added—13 by primary confession and 2 by transfer.

The Eighth Street Church at Kansas City continues its growing program. Pastor R. L. Saunders has led a cooperative congregation in the total re-decorating of the church.

Institutional Church of Kansas City is one of our few churches led by a lady pastor.

Mrs. Agnes H. Jones reports that all special days' offerings have been sent to the United Christian Missionary Society and United Promotion.

Institutional Church was host to the district convention.

Third Church of Kansas City is preparing to send youth delegates to the Bonner Springs Conference. The church will be remodeled soon.

The pastor's anniversary program will be observed soon.

When Elder Paul Sims accepted a call to go to Dallas, Tex., recently as pastor of the Boll Street Church, Second Church of Lawrence had to launch a leadership recruitment program of its own.

A minister, elder and deacon were ordained.

The parsonage has been repaired and enlarged.

The Morgan Avenue Church of Parsons was recently reconsecrated through an evangelistic program under the leadership of E. K. Burton, minister from Madison, Mo. Two persons were added through primary confession.

The church board reports a building program in progress.

Second Church of Topeka is now under the guidance of W. S. Sims, Jr., a recently ordained minister from Lawrence.

The parsonage has been repaired and new members added.

The Wichita church is purchasing new equipment. Among the new items added is an organ. W. E. Graves has been pastor of the Indiana Avenue Church for several years.
Workers Will Fellowship
Aug. 17-23 in Roanoke

The Challenge
(From page 33.)

direct financial support to the National Convention this year than ever before.

By supporting the National Convention we strengthen the entire brotherhood. The National Convention as an organization is only a means to an end. That end is to make Disciples of all nations.

One of our immediate objectives is to develop the local church. Through our field staff, we offer the local church experienced counsel. The services of our staff are available to all who will ask for assistance. The key to our effectiveness will depend upon our progressive ministry.

We must demonstrate to all that we can cooperate in a common cause for the common good. With an aroused laity undergirding our state and national work, we cannot fail.

Let the layman say to the minister, “You lead, we are at your side.” By working together we can prove ourselves worthy of the name that we wear.

A Fearful Whistle?
(From page 35.)

SCI needs a new philosophy of service based upon newly emerging needs. Church schools, as all other schools, no longer serve the culturally immature Negro youth of a nineteenth century world. The Negro student of our day takes his place alongside of any other. He seeks preparation to live a meaningful life in our throbbing atomic age.

This fact demands the adoption of new assumptions for a revitalized philosophy of home missions. Church-related institutions should not support processes that promote inequality. The validity of such a principle as “separate but equal” should be repudiated by Church-related institutions first. SCI might lead the way by becoming an institution for all students.

Few institutions remain which major in the art of wholesome and harmonious living. SCI might want to take a new look at what it has always felt to be her strongest point.

SCI needs the continuing influence of organized religion. Our people in the South are still church minded and church influenced. There was a spiritual quality about life on SCI’s campus that should be preserved no matter what the cost.

SCI needs large grants of money. A budget that runs into three figures must be the minimum asking. To develop the type of faculty, program and facilities which can meet the demands of our time, large sums of money must be available.

SCI needs an endowment. An SCI, under whatever circumstances, worth having now, is worth safeguarding and expanding for the future.

Finally, SCI needs creative guidance. It is hard to conceive that a brotherhood capable of finding the mentality and prospectus to create a Crusade for a Christian World or the Long Range Program for Disciples of Christ, cannot secure a similar genius within the same brotherhood to meet the challenge posed by Southern Christian Institute.

SCI may present a problem that needs the continuing attention of a specially organized administrative unit working apart from yet along with the department of institutional missions.

If such a group was granted freedom from some of the routine restrictions on securing funds outside the regular brotherhood channels, a promotional program might be developed for Southern Christian Institute that would actually make possible a more significant future.

The personnel of such a unit should be of the same caliber as the recent investigating committee. However, its cause would be greatly enhanced if some of our own men of the quality and spirit of a J. E. Walker, M. R. Eppse and C. C. Mosley were included.

We anxiously await the plan of action to be adopted.

Leaders to Plan in Roanoke
Supports the Ministry

Mrs. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tenn., has been an ardent supporter of the Christian ministry for years.

She has helped to organize two brotherhood churches in Memphis and one in Indianapolis, Miss.

She maintains an abiding interest in the recruitment of young men for the Christian ministry. She has given scholarships to Ernest Newborn each year during his preparation at Howard University.

Mrs. Walker speaks often to women's groups and churches, trying to encourage others to give liberally for the training of young men preparing for the Christian ministry.

Interracial Pulpits?

Boston (RNS)—Negro ministers should be installed in some “white or largely white congregations,” the Commission of Unitarian Inter-group Relations said here in its first report to the American Unitarian Association.

The special commission headed by Dr. Alfred McClung Lee, chairman of Brooklyn College's department of sociology and anthropology, also urged more non-whites (See page 47.)

Promotes Scholarships

Mrs. Reuben M. Fox, president of the Ministers' Wives and Widows Fellowship of the National Christian Missionary Convention, is leading a national scholarship fund effort.

A minister's wife, a tireless worker in her church, and product of one of our brotherhood institutions, she is well aware of the needs for a prepared leadership in the Church.

The Ministers' Wives Fellowship is distributing scholarship certificates. Our churches and delegates to the National Convention are being urged to purchase a sufficient quantity to guarantee help to an increasing number of worthy students.

Vermont Plan

New York (RNS)—Seventy-nine Negro children from New York's Harlem have gone to Vermont as guests for two weeks in the homes of 33 white farmers and townspeople in the 1953 operation of an inter-racial project begun ten years ago.

The "Vermont Plan," as it has become known, was inaugurated by the late A. Ritchie Low of the Federated Church of (See page 47.)

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DOUBTFUL

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I wish to congratulate you on your editorial, A Fearful Whistle! I have studied the problem of the church-related college.

It seems doubtful if such steps can be achieved behind closed doors and in secret chambers . . . We can not furnish light to the world by putting it under a bushel.

—E. W. Rand, Baton Rouge, La.

PLEA BOOSTED

Editor, The Christian Plea:

It has been a pleasure to sell The Christian Plea in this area. Keep up the good work.

We will do all we can to boost The Plea among our people here in eastern North Carolina.—Bessie L. Parks, Goldsboro, N. C.

NEW NAME

Editor, The Christian Plea:

You are hereby notified that beginning August 1, 1953, the present name and address of our church will be changed from Indiana Avenue Church, 4413 Indiana Avenue to Park Manor Church, Seventy-third Street at St. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago 19, Illinois.—R. H. Davis, Chicago, Ill.

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ROANOKE THEME: “ASSIST ME TO PROCLAIM”
Portland’s Challenge

THE walls of a segregated Christian Church are slowly tumbling down. The greatest danger is that they might fall upon the heads of the intended benefactors instead of upon the ground of bigotry and unwarranted prejudice.

When the recent meeting of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ convening at Portland, Oregon, adopted the policy of holding meetings “only where there are facilities in hotels and other places open to all participants without discrimination,” it presented a definite challenge to members of churches cooperating with the National Christian Missionary Convention.

(This policy is in keeping with a recent declaration of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. It will go into effect after the meeting in Miami, Florida, in 1954.)

The National Christian Missionary Convention has been accepted by the International Convention as a cooperating and supporting agency.

Through the assistance of the Department of Social Welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society and hundreds of sincere ministers and laymen, top-flight leadership of the National Convention secured the support of the Portland meeting for a more meaningful witness of Christian brotherhood.

The finger of challenge now points toward the man in the pew and our leadership in the pulpit! Negro Disciples must attend the Miami Convention! More Negro Disciples must attend more International Conventions! Negro churches must send some reasonable semblance of financial support to the International Convention!

To become a part of the wider fellowship, we must take a part in the promotion of its interests!

It is a long way from Columbus, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Indiana, to Portland, Oregon. Our leaders deserve our thanks for carrying the issue that far. However, it would be tragic for the walls to tumble on our own heads. The final vote is up to you. Plan now to attend, participate in and support an International Convention.

Questions on Jarvis

MOST men dream about themselves as a president of some institution, but few actually want those dreams to come true. It is more than idle notion to become the chief executive of any administrative unit.

Letters and queries come into The Christian Plea office weekly relative to Jarvis Christian College and the newly elected president. Thoughtful Disciples are asking questions like the following:

1. Why was Cleo Blackburn chosen as president?
2. Was his selection based upon a limited knowledge of available leadership within or outside of the Disciple brotherhood?
3. Are the interests supporting Jarvis Christian College sincerely concerned about its larger development?
4. Was Cleo Blackburn influenced to assume responsibilities contrary to his inner desires and aspirations?

We have not been able to fully answer these inquiries. However, we have a high respect for the sincerity of Dr. Blackburn.

The Roanoke Program

A significant feature of the National Christian Missionary Convention program will be an afternoon period called “Convention Emphases.”

If you want to know all about the most important program goals affecting ministers, women, men, youth and children, don’t miss this one-hour period.

Bringing the convention theme to sharp focus, each presentation will endeavor to assist you “to proclaim” the message of Christ at all age levels.

All local churches and organizational segments within our brotherhood must adapt Our Year of Evangelism emphasis to meet the peculiar local church or organizational needs.

The well-chosen theme Assist Me to Proclaim should raise the question of what to proclaim. To be sure we must declare the gospel as expressed in the New Testament Church first and last, but it is equally as important to set forth a revitalized philosophy of churchmanship on the local church level and raised program objectives and experiences on the National Convention level.

Possibly Our Year of Evangelism should begin in your church. In spite of the season of the year, it may not be a bad idea to build some fires under a lazy congregation too poor to support the ministry of a full-time program for Christ, but amply able to secure the latest television sets and high-powered automobiles.

Perhaps some heat could be applied to a faithless ministry, too lukewarm in spirit to inspire a weaker people to believe that all things can be done through Christ who will strengthen them.

“This Is Our Year of Evangelism” and that means you!
Fayette Street Church

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Laws of the Fayette Street Church of Martinsville, Virginia, recently celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Laws is minister emeritus of the congregation. He served as associate pastor under the late J. H. Thomas.

At the death of Mr. Thomas in 1940 he succeeded him as pastor until recent declining health has incapacitated him.

C. C. Griffin, newly elected minister of the church, conducted a special service of dedication for the Laws during a Sunday morning worship hour.

A Scroll of Memories inscribed in gold was read by Mrs. E. G. Starling and then presented to the couple.

Various auxiliaries of the church completed the anniversary observance by presenting a gold frame containing a fifty-dollar bill to the Laws.

New Organ

The worship services at Fayette Street Church are now enriched through the performances of a Wurlitzer organ. The instrument is a gift to the church given by Dr. Harry P. Williams in honor of his wife. Mrs. Ruth Williams has been pianist for the church choir since her early childhood.

Recently, the church and auxiliaries completed payments on the cost of installing tubular chimes. The organ and chimes will be formally dedicated in the near future.

Memphis Notes

The women of Mississippi Boulevard Church raised $5,500.00 in their annual spring drive. Mrs. Johnetta Walker Kelso was the chairman and Mrs. Eunice Snell the co-chairman.

Elder Blair T. Hunt delivered the commencement address at Jarvis Christian College.

The pastor preached at St. John Baptist Church (Memphis) recently. His choir and members attended in large numbers. He was one of the guest speakers following dedication of St. John's newly-built sanctuary.

The Life Underwriters' Association of Washington, D. C., recently presented a plaque to Dr. J. E. Walker for outstanding contribution to the Housing Development of Memphis, Tenn., and for distinguished accomplishment in Bank and Insurance.

Fourteen converts were recently baptized. The Foundation Center had its school opening recently in the educational building. The kids were entertained with a picnic on the spacious lawn of Mrs. Flora Cochran. Along with their kindergarten lessons they were taught the Bible through music by Mrs. Laura Cade. Eighteen pupils will be ready for entrance to public school in September.

Reporter: Mrs. C. E. Rowan.

--Program--

Reports—National Board, National Officers, State Presidents Committee Appointments

5:30 Dinner

Tuesday Evening

L. L. Dickerson, Presiding

7:30 Worship

7:45 Address on Stewardship

(To be announced)

8:15 Sermon and Invitation

S. J. Compton

8:45 Rally of the States

Wednesday Morning

7:00 Breakfast

M. F. Mitchell, Presiding

8:30 Worship and Inspirational Message

—S. Wilbur Hylton, Jr.

9:00 Guidance for the Day—L. L. Dickerson and E. J. Dickson

9:20 Educational Conferences

11:20 Music and Prayer

(See page 47.)

MEET KENNETH HENRY AT ROANOKE AUGUST 17
Men Can Work Too

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Interracial Mission

Norfolk, Va. (RNS)—Plans for an interracial preaching mission here next January 10-17 were approved by the Norfolk Ministerial Association.

The Association will lease the Norfolk Arena as a private organization, thus overcoming legal technicalities which earlier had blocked the mission. The ministers were assured by Commonwealth Attorney H. Lawrence Bullock, and City Attorney Jonathan W. Old, Jr., that such an arrangement will meet legal objections previously raised. These concern a segregation clause in the Arena contract which made it impossible for the lease to be executed for a public non-segregated assembly.

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Social Issues Divide

Lake Geneva, Wis. (RNS)—Protestant churches are divided more on the basis of political, social and educational experience than on deep doctrinal issues, a prominent theologian declared here.

Deen Walter G. Mueller of the Boston University School of Theology told the annual meeting of the Association of Council Secretaries that churchmen had become aware of this fact in the last 15 years.

The Association is an organization representing executives of 900 city, county and state councils of churches.

“Many have believed,” said Dr. Mueller, “that the basis of Christianity is doctrine. The primary level of religion is the worship experience. Doctrine makes explicit what unites men through worship. Common worship is often the first step toward union.”

He said councils of churches must deal with the social order as well as with the theological viewpoints of the many different churches in their attempt to bring about unity.

The Boston theologian spoke before the 250 council executives gathered here. At a training session preceding the regular meeting, new council secretaries were told that Protestantism could achieve real power in dealing with conflict over contemporary social issues.

Book Burning

Charlottesville, Va. (RNS).—The burning of books is an admission of fear, a Methodist minister said here. He added the warning that “it is not far from the burning of persons who might have in their minds the ideas in the books.”

The clergyman, Dr. Albert P. Shirley of Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., represented Protestantism on a panel on “Religion for Such a Time as This” at the University of Virginia’s Institute of Public Affairs.

The other speakers were Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum of New York, dean of students at Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Thomas A. Carlin, O.S.F.S., of Washington, executive secretary of the National Newman Club Foundations.

“We should not be afraid because we have nothing to be afraid of,” Dr. Shirley said, reminding his hearers that “freedom has never been easily won and it must be defended stoutly in speech and in writing.”

Rabbi Mandelbaum said that America is “being threatened by spiritual paralysis which will halt respect for the dignity of man, freedom of human expression and fundamental rights of diversity within the over-all purpose of unity.”

“The McCarthys, Jonnors, McCarrans and the like,” he said, “invoke the name of democracy but defy fundamental religious propositions. These propositions are that every man is sacred and that man can err but God always keeps open the door of repentance.”

Ushering Taught

Lafayette, Ind. (RNS)—Purdue University’s Extension Department is scheduling courses in church ushering.

The three-night session in ushering will be conducted Aug. 19-21 by the Indianapolis Extension Department of Purdue. Sessions are to include “Special Ushering Considerations,” including such problems as “long-time members, end-peg-sitters, loud talkers and wanderers.”

MEET YOU AT LOUDEN AVENUE CHURCH, ROANOKE, VA.
Commission Leader
Howard C. Smith, whose home is in Blue Island, Illinois, and who is a student at Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, is serving as special youth representative of The United Christian Missionary Society from September through November 1953. Each year an officer of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission is sent out under the auspices of the department of youth work of the United Society to interpret the brotherhood youth program to local and state groups.

Mr. Smith has been active in local, state and district C.Y.F. groups and work, and is now serving as associate president of the International C.Y.F. Commission. In 1952 he was one of the subsistence workers of the Interdenominational Call to United Christian Youth Action.

Through Russell F. Harrison, national director of youth work, arrangements have been made for Mr. Smith to visit state C.Y.F., planning meetings, local church youth groups, World Fellowship Meets, and rallies and conventions of youth. His field work will take him into Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York, New England, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

—Vermont (From page 41.)

Johnson, Vt. Since his death in 1948, the project has been carried on by Lilliam S. Gregory and Dortha Ann Weaver, co-pastors of the Congregational Church of Jericho, Vt. In recent years, the plan has been expanded into a two-way proposition with some of the Vermont hosts and their children spending an autumn weekend in the Harlem homes of their summer guests.

Projects similar to the "Vermont Plan" are now being conducted in 11 other states.

Transportation for the 79 youngsters, aged 7 to 12, who left by train for Burlington, Vt., was paid by Abyssinian Baptist Church here. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., pastor of the church and a U. S. Congressman, said that the fares and new clothing for some of the children comes to about $1,500 annually.

SCI Latest
Before the end of the school term at Southern Christian Institute, faculty members were instructed to find employment elsewhere.

The student body has been released to find instruction in other institutions.

The equipment at Southern Christian Institute is now being sold.

The Community School building has been torn down.

SCI devotes anxiously await announcement of the new and expanded plan.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL Plaque Award is a coveted prize presented to the best Church School.

—Program (From page 40.)

11:30 Sermon—Bishop J. F. McLaurin
Wednesday Afternoon
12:15 Lunch G. W. Mosley, Presiding

What Is the Program of Youth? Work Panel

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2:50 Christian Youth in Our World Today
3:15 Summary—Paul Sims
3:30 Christian Men’s Fellowship Forum—Alfred Thomas, President
4:30 General Business
5:30 Dinner

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7:30 Worship
7:45 Address—"Year of Evangelism"
—W. M. Wickizer
8:15 Sermon and Invitation—Thomas J. Griffin

Thursday Morning
7:00 Breakfast
Mrs. Berniece A. Holmes, Presiding
8:30 Worship and Inspirational Address
—Mrs. Marcella Smith
9:00 Guidance for the Day
9:20 Educational Conferences
11:30 Sermon—O. R. Garner

Thursday Afternoon
12:15 Luncheon
Mrs. Berniece A. Holmes, Presiding
2:10 Convention Emphasis—Miss Anna Belle Jackson, Director
3:10 Business—Report on Committee on Social Action
5:30 Dinner

Thursday Evening
Mrs. Berniece A. Holmes, Presiding
(See page 48.)

Osceola Dawson Sings
by Mrs. H. B. Rutter

In a recent concert in the Seventh Street Baptist Church of Paducah, Kentucky, Miss Osceola Aleese Dawson justified her claim to the title of "Little Miss Nightingale.

The singer was presented by the youth committee of the Seventh Street Church.

Miss Dawson’s opening selections included Brahms’ “Crude Song” in German and Giordano’s “Caro Mio Ben” in Italian. Each was rendered in a style both compelling and beautiful.

In another group of selections, Miss Dawson found “Lovely Flower Will Ye” from the opera “Faust” and “God Touched the Rose,” adequate vehicles for making music of tenderness and sympathy.

She proved a master of shading. Her tone painting and phrases were done with finesse and intuition.

To lovers of good singing, her performance was an inspiration and light.

Throughout the program, simplicity and beauty characterized her singing. She presented a well-balanced program. Each number, whether secular or sacred, proved to be a gem that will not soon be forgotten.

Maldon F. Wilson, a West Kentucky Vocational Training School student, accompanied Miss Dawson.

Miss Dawson was selected by the Louisville Defender in 1952 as one of the ten Negroes in Kentucky who had made the greatest contribution to the progress of her people.

Church Union Approved
Carlisle, Pa. (RNS)—The 95th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America decided here to proceed with a plan for union with two other Presbyterian bodies.

The Assembly commissioners (delegates) voted unanimously to send the plan down to the Church’s 66 presbyteries for study and revision. The union issue will be considered again by the General Assembly next year, at which time a decision will be reached on whether to send the plan back to the presbyteries for a vote.

Earlier, the two other denominations involved in the proposed union—the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) took similar actions at their national conventions.

Under the proposed plan a new Church would be created to be known as the Presbyterian Church of the United States with some 8,500,000 members.

—Pulpits (From page 41.)

In “denominational positions of responsibility and leadership,” it said that Unitarian churches and fellowships throughout the country, including those in the South, are opposed to the principle of segregation and that even in the deep South, Negroes and whites are integrated in the churches.

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Spotlighting

Will the World Wait?
by Anna Belle Jackson

Sometime ago while attending a youth meet I chanced to hear an instructor say: "The world won't wait for us to make up our minds about being Christian."

His words started a chain of thought in my mind. Continually burning on my conscience has been the question: "Will the world wait for Christian Women's Fellowships—

"If they are slow to see the many urgent needs?"

"If they reach only a small per cent of women in our churches?"

"If individual members are hesitant to respond when asked to fill positions in the group?"

The answer comes back to me through an eloquent silence—No! The world will not wait for us to be Christian! If we are to save it from the disaster we know can come to it, we must do our best for Christ now. The world does not wait; it keeps on with steady pace.

The annual session of our National Christian Missionary Convention is just around the corner. Every concerned woman should be planning to attend the workshop scheduled for the Christian Women's Fellowship.

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ." These words found in 1 John 1:3 are pointed directly at you and me.

Let us strive to go over our attendance goal this year. The world won't wait. May our large attendance at the convention reflect the passionate response: "Neither can we!"

Program (From page 47.)

7:45 Presentation of Speaker—Mrs. Bernicee A. Holmes
7:50 Address—Mrs. Rosa Pago Welch
8:05 Offering—Mrs. E. G. Titus
Presentation of National Project
—Mrs. J. E. Walker
Presentation of Loving Cup

Friday Morning

7:00 Breakfast
Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, Presiding
8:30 Worship and Inspirational Address
9:00 Guidance for the Day
9:30 Educational Conferences
11:30 Music and Prayer
11:50 Sermon. (To be announced.)

Friday Afternoon

12:15 Lunch
Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, Presiding
2:00 Worship
2:10 Convention Emphases—Christian Education Over-all
Commission—Mrs. Bessie Rey
Conference Program—Mrs. E. G. Starling
Chi-Rho Camp—Miss Pauline Staples
(See page 50.)

WEBB REPORTS

Charles H. Webb, National Director of Church Development and Evangelism for the National Christian Missionary Convention, recently released newsletters revealing a busy quarter of field work.

Work in Tennessee was highlighted by a week of program revitalization in the East Vine Avenue Church of Knoxville and special conferences with ministers of East Tennessee at Jonesboro.

Projects in the leadership development of ministerial students have been a feature of the department's summer program.

Ernest Newton, a third-year student at Howard University School of Religion, is currently under the supervision of the Centennial Church of St. Louis, Mo.

William J. Barber, a fellow of the Preston Taylor House and third-year student at the Butler School of Religion, is engaged in an internship under the supervision of the West Paseo Church of Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Webb reports that work with adults has included the first annual Midwest laymen's retreat held with the Wehrman Avenue Church of Cincinnati, Ohio. A committee, under the leadership of National CMF President Alfred Thomas, promoted the effort.

William H. McKinney, executive secretary of the men's work department of the United Christian Missionary Society, was one of the featured speakers.

Director Webb will promote a significant workshop for ministers at the National Convention, emphasizing "Our Year of Evangelism." Each church is expected to accept a goal for the twelve months' period equalling fifteen per cent of the resident membership.

Are You Ready?
by Lorenzo J. Evans

Plans for the greatest sessions in the history of our National Convention are complete.

All roads lead to the big meeting August 17-23 to be held at the Louden Avenue Church in Roanoke, Virginia.

Are you ready? Has your church school met its financial goals and selected delegates who have signed up for the workshop in Christian education?

Are you ready? Will your young people be attending the Youth Rally on Monday August 17 at 10:00 a.m.?

Young people should prepare for one of their greatest thrills of a lifetime during the Youth Rally. Kenneth Henry and Newton Fowler will be featured. They will bring the power and inspiration of the third world conference of Christian youth straight into our hearts.

Are you ready for the big lift you will receive in Roanoke, Virginia, August 17? I hope that you are.

DR. CLEO BLACKBURN of Jarvis College is a center of attraction for children.
Television Too High

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The nation's 268 television channels reserved for nonprofit educational use were opened to application from commercial stations here as the Federal Communications Commission reported a total of 44 applications on hand for educational channels.

Of the 44 not a single one came from a private or church-related college or university, an FCC spokesman said, presumably because privately-endowed groups have found the cost of television prohibitive.

All applications now pending have come from state or municipal boards of education or state-owned colleges or universities.

Several regional groups have been developed to apply for educational stations, however, and there is a possibility that nonprofit institutions will participate in these group applications.

Although the deadline for absolute reservation of the educational channels has passed, nonprofit groups still are free to apply for remaining reserved channels and will be given priority.

However, those not sought for educational purposes are now open to commercial applicants. As such applicants are successful in obtaining grants, the number of channels reserved for education will correspondingly be reduced.

Abbot Award Given

Chicago (RNS)—Auxiliary Roman Catholic Bishop Bernard J. Sheil of Chicago was given the annual Robert S. Abbot award here by The Chicago Defender, national Negro weekly.

Sharing in the award this year was Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and president-emeritus of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla. It was the first time the award, named in memory of the founder of the publication, was presented to two persons.

Bishop Sheil received a plaque from Defender Publisher John H. Sengstacke citing him for “giving American youth, regardless of color, greater opportunities to develop their minds and bodies and for a quarter of a century of unremitting struggle against racial bigotry.”

Baptist Stress Giving

Nashville, Tenn. (RNS)—Plans to hold a School of Stewardship in all 28,865 churches of the Southern Baptist Convention this fall were announced here by Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion of the Convention’s executive committee.

The schools will be held in connection with Christian Stewardship Week, Oct. 18-25. A goal of $34,000,000 has been set as an over-all mission target for 1954.

Classes for all ages, juniors through adults, will be set up on a graded basis. Books for study in the schools will be provided by the Training Union Depart-

THE LOCAL MINISTER can receive personal conferences with staff workers when he comes to Roanoke.

ment of the Convention’s Sunday School Board.

The schools will be promoted by various methods, including a series of six fifteen-minute radio transcriptions presenting in dramatic form a call for liberal Christian giving, Bible teachings on giving and the blessings of liberty.

Bomb Bill Signed

Tallahassee, Fla. (RNS)—Governor Dan McCarty signed into law a bill intended to minimize the chances of “terror bombings” of religious groups.

The bill requires persons who purchase explosives to register with the seller the purpose for which they are required. Possession of explosives without a purpose-of-purchase receipt will be prima facie evidence of intent to use them for destruction of life, limb or property under the new law.

The measure was introduced in the House by the Duke (Miami) County delegation as the result of a series of terror bombings in South Florida during the past year.

Organize to Protest

Defying a city ordinance which permits flexible seating in the buses of Baton Rouge, La., white bus drivers have been enforcing traditional practices of segregation. Such tactics have faced the organized protest of thousands of Negro citizens in Baton Rouge.

Negro patrons refused to ride. They pooled 125 of their own cars and rode passengers free. They raised $7,000 to defray costs until legal settlement is made.

Eighty per cent of the riders of city buses in this portion of Baton Rouge are Negroes. Experts estimate that the company loses $1,600 daily when Negro patronage is withdrawn.

Missions Appointed

Sixteen young people were recently appointed in Indianapolis, Ind., as missionaries of the Disciples of Christ. The group was commissioned by Dr. A. Dale Fiers, president of The United Christian Missionary Society.

Among the new missionaries are ten who will go to Latin America after engaging in Spanish language study. They are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Suenz, Puerto Rico; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Vaughn, Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tatlock and Mr. and Mrs. Don Rogers, Paraguay; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stone, Mexico.

Leaving this summer for Japan are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Troxell. Mrs. Troxell is the former Martha Hendricks whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hendricks are missionaries to Japan under the United Society. Others newly appointed are Miss Frauline Jarman, Africa; Miss Dorothy Martin, Philippines; and Mr. and Mrs. John Sams, India.

These new missionaries are going to their fields with excellent training and practical experience, it was reported to the trustees of the United Society. The new workers have had three to five years of graduate study and have served internships in hospitals, camps of agricultural migrants, community service centers or rural churches.

Elect Kleihauer

Portland, Ore. (RNS)—Dr. Cleveland Kleihauer of Hollywood, Calif., was elected president of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ at its annual meeting here. He succeeds Dr. Howard Thomas Wood of Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Kleihauer was called to California in 1953 after he had served for a number (See page 52.)
Across the Brotherhood

The Elm Street Church of Fulton, Mo., celebrated the fortieth anniversary of Pastor William Martin's service in the Christian ministry recently.

Kenneth Henry was warmly received by the youth of the Fayette Street Church of Martinsville, Va., when he made his report on the world youth meeting held in Trivandrum, India.

E. K. Burton, minister of the Madison, Mo., church, preached the annual union services for the Second Church and the African Methodist Episcopal church of Frankfort, Mo., recently.

R. H. Davis of Chicago, Ill., reports that the new Indiana Avenue Church building has a three-story fire proof educational plant. The congregation will occupy the new structure not later than August 1, 1953.

P. C. Washington of Oakland, Calif., is expecting to lead the Oakland church into its first new unit sometime this fall or early winter.

Several prominent brotherhood leaders have expressed concern over the appointment of Dr. Cleo Blackburn to the office of president of Jarvis Christian College. They want him as president but feel that he will be unfair to himself and his work if he attempts to spread himself too thinly. They hope that Jarvis will eventually become his major concern.

Mrs. J. B. Mosley, YWCA secretary and civic leader from Jackson, Miss., has been attending the University of Illinois this summer.

Mrs. Bessie O. Reo of the Centennial Church of St. Louis, Mo., recently returned from California where she helped promote a laboratory training project for church workers at the First Church of Whittier.

She engaged in a similar program in Minnesota.

A late report from SCI tells of a main building once used for summer school and vacation day Bible school now being filled with oats.

The Eli Wilberts of Dayton, O., recently visited relatives and friends in Kirkwood and Fulton, Mo.

Eld. Dudley Negley, minister at Second Church of New Haven, Mo., recently received eight new members by primary confession and two by transfer. A delegation from St. Louis joined the New Haven congregation in a beautiful open-air baptismal service.

L. L. Dickerson headed the delegation from the National Convention attending the annual assembly at Portland, Ore. Among the group were Mesdames Carne, Maloney, Elizabeth Barnes, Rose Page Welch, Margaret C. Parker and Elders E. J. Dickerson, R. H. Peoples, S. S. Myers and Youth Leader Eugene Mosley.

Plea Agent

In keeping with the expansion program of The Christian Plea, Elder Ernest Newborn has been appointed the official Plea representative for the Kentucky, Ohio and Mississippi state conventions.

This project has been made possible through the cooperation of Presidents George Frazier of Kentucky, John Compton of Ohio and Edward Griffln of Mississippi.

-Program (From page 48.)

Superintendent's Retreats
Stewardship—A. C. Stone
Summary—Lorenzo J. Evans
3:10 Ushers' Fellowship Union—Order in Worship, Miss Ruby Ramsey
4:10 General Business
5:30 Dinner

Friday Evening
Mrs. Edith W. Bristow, Presiding
7:45 Address—Kenneth Henry
8:15 Oratorical Contest
Presentation of Awards
MINISTERS' WIVES' RECEPTION
Mrs. R. M. Fox In-Charge

Saturday Morning
7:00 Breakfast
L. L. Dickerson, Presiding
8:45 Business and Reports
Report of Nominating Committee
11:30 Report of Necrology Committee
Memorial Service
Sermon. (To be announced.)

Saturday Afternoon
12:30 Lunch
2:00 Outing
Dinner

Saturday Evening
6:00 Christian Men's Fellowship Banquet
Address. (To be announced.)

Sunday Morning
8:00 Breakfast
Melvin C. Dickerson, Presiding
9:30 Church School
Mrs. Edith W. Bristow
Mrs. Frances Hancock, Local Superintendent
11:00 Morning Worship
Sermon—L. L. Dickerson
CONVENTION COMMUNION SERVICE—Elders and Deacons

Sunday Afternoon
1:30 Dinner

THE MINISTER AND THE CHURCH

If the church is to be strong, there must be vigorous leaders. If there are to be real leaders, the church must produce them. No organization but the church can provide the leaders the church must have.

Without the support of the church, no minister can serve to the limit of his ability. He needs to be supported in the days of his active service. He also needs to be provided for in the time of his old age or disability. His family must be provided for in case of his death.

To make this possible, the Pension Plan was instituted. It has been in operation for more than 22 years. The Plan is simple. The minister pays dues amounting to 2%/ of his salary, and the church pays an amount equal to 8%.

During the years of active service, the minister and church build up funds to care for the preacher and his widow in old age. While the minister is at work, his wife and family are protected should he die. If he should become permanently disabled before reaching age 65, he is cared for by a disability pension.

The minister alone cannot pay his expenses, protect himself and his loved ones, and lay aside funds on which to live when he can no longer work. The minister and the church, sharing together in the Pension Plan, are able to do so.

Is Your Minister Enrolled?
Is Your Church Enrolled?

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The Plea Goes to Press

EVERY day in the month somebody is doing something related to the publication of The Christian Plea.

Not counting the bookkeeping responsibilities of the editor, the estimated time for the processing of an issue of The Christian Plea is 28 days. During this period material is secured and edited. Copy is typed and submitted to the printer. The galley is developed and the paste-up dummy created.

The dummy or model copy is then made up in the composing room and proofs of the issue run off. Expert readers scan every word and punctuation mark before returning it to the editor.

After the editor has made his final check and changes, it is returned to the printer for the lock-up and run through the press and bindery.

Soon it lies in the mailing room where it is dispatched to its many patrons.

This all sounds very simple. However, it represents the work of many hands and several minds functioning as one. All are striving to place the best Christian Plea possible into your mailbox.

Two heads are always better than one. The editor has found it most helpful to call upon experienced and seasoned counsel. Through a directive of Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, president of the Christian Board of Publication, Mr. James A. Flanagan, assistant editor of The Christian-Evangelist, was appointed liaison officer for The Christian Board.

MRS. LEANETTA SIMMS, nearest camera, selects appropriate Christian Plea cuts.

EDITOR W. K. FOX and Counselor J. M. Flanagan confer over plans for another issue.

The editor and Mr. Flanagan confer several times during the month with reference to problems of format and other technical aspects which affect the beauty and dignity of the paper.

An Advisory Committee on Publication meets with the editor about twice per year to render evaluation and advice on policy and program.

The Christian Plea is striving to achieve live and fresh appeal. The Christian Board of Publication is helping in two ways. First, news releases from the Religious News Service are available to the editor and second, the cut morgue is also placed at his disposal.

An important person in this latter respect is Mrs. Leanetta Simms. She helps select and secure the many appropriate pictures you have seen in your recent issues of The Christian Plea.

The arrangements of materials in each issue receive the close scrutiny and suggestions of Superintendent Anton Schwamle of the composing room and make-up specialist Edward R. Brown. These men work tirelessly to make your journal one of the best eight-page publications available for any church group.

We are indeed grateful to the Christian Board of Publication for such invaluable services. Your vote of thanks can be best given through your subscription to The Christian Plea. Send in news and pictures and tell others about the help you receive from it.

Note: The first 500 subscriptions or subscription renewals to The Christian Plea taken during the Roanoke Convention will receive a pure pine wood lead pencil with the name and address of The Christian Plea stamped on it. Don't miss yours!
Dickson Predicts

Executive secretary E. J. Dickson has predicted that the Roanoke Convention will be one of the most significant in recent years.

Mr. Dickson is mobilizing a large staff to execute the expanded program of this year's assembly.

Kleihauer

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of years as pastor of University Christian church in Seattle, Wash. He has played the role of Peter in the Hollywood Pilgrimage Play for several years, and is a former president of the Los Angeles Church Federation, the Hollywood Ministerial Association, the Southern Convention of Christian Churches and the University Religious Conference.

Dr. O. L. Shelton, dean of the school of religion at Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., was chosen first vice-president; Mrs. J. Quinter Miller of Tulsa, Okla., second vice-president, and E. White of Jacksonville, Fla., third vice-president.

Oren D. Pritchard of Indianapolis was re-elected treasurer, and Gertrude Dimke of Indianapolis recording secretary.

Final tabulation of registered delegates at the convention here showed a total of 8,340, breaking the record of 8,303 set at Cincinnati in 1949.

The delegates decided to hold no international convention (U.S. and Canada) in 1955, but to hold regional conventions instead, because of the Disciples World Convention to be held at Toronto that year.

More than 7,500 persons attended the largest of two identical Communion services held in Portland's Civic Auditorium in connection with the Disciples gathering here.

Disciples Adopt

Portland, Ore. (ENS)—Delegates to the annual meeting of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ here voted to hold their 1954 meeting in Miami, Fla., as scheduled, after a heated debate over the issue of racial segregation.

At the same time they adopted a resolution calling upon denomination officials to "press unrelentingly" for elimination of segregation from all phases of the church's activities and committing it to

Host Church Ready

The Louden Avenue Church of Roanoke, Va., is fully prepared to accommodate the delegates to the 38th annual gathering of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Melvin C. Dickson is pastor.

Rally Leader

Highlight of the Christian Youth Fellowship activities will be the big youth rally on Monday, August 17.

Newton Fowler will join Kenneth Henry in bringing the challenge of the third world conference of Christian youth to our young people. Special arrangements will be made to accommodate all youth delegates arriving for the rally Sunday evening.

Negro delegates in official convention hotels and restaurants in the Florida city.

The debate arose when the convention began considering the policy resolution. At the time, another resolution directing denomination officials to reconsider Miami as the 1954 convention site was slated for later deliberation. Proponents of immediate application of a non-segregation policy moved that the second resolution be appended to the first as an amendment.

This move was defeated, eventually, by a majority of the delegates who argued that to stay out of the South because of discrimination would amount to discrimination against Disciples in the South.

They were supported by a report by Dr. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention, who said that tentative arrangements in Miami include use of its civic auditorium on "a completely non-segregated basis" and an understanding that no meetings will be held where there is racial segregation.

Dr. Cook added that Negro delegates will have available a hotel "equal in accommodations to any in Portland" and that "we've been trying to get better arrangements."

Negro delegates attending the convention here, meanwhile, praised Portland for its treatment of them. L. L. Dickerson of Columbus, O., president of the National Christian Missionary Convention comprising some 300 Negro congregations, said that he and his fellows had "never before been treated so well as we have in Portland."
Speaking last night in the Louden Avenue Christian Church to a body of some 1000 persons assembled for the opening session of the 37th Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention, President L. L. Dickerson of Columbus, Ohio challenged the delegates to a revitalized churchmanship.

Elder Dickerson stressed the importance of the evangelistic emphasis for the new church year. Implications inherent in the convention theme, "Assist Me To Proclaim," were also graphically presented.

Host Pastor Melvin Dickson, minister of the Louden Avenue Church was in charge of the welcome program. Mrs. Janis Hale presided.

Principals making up the welcome program included Dr. John Tate of the Sixth District, Mayor Webber of Roanoke, W. N. Hunter representing the Baptist Alliance, Harris representing the Interdenominational Alliance and Dr. H. T. Penn speaking for the business and professional men.

Institutes Begin

Under the direction of National Convention field staff workers, Anna Belle Jackson, Charles Webb, and Lorenzo Evans the institute program for adults and the leadership training observation experiences for church school workers will get fully under way this morning.

(See next column)

Miss Jackson will direct the institute program for the Christian Women's Fellowship. Program materials for the new year will be evaluated and made available. President Berniece A. Holmes will create functional committees to implement the national program.

Mr. Webb will supervise the conferences for ministers and laymen. The suggested program for "Our Year of Evangelism" will be given detailed treatment. President F. L. Floyd and Alfred Thomas of the ministers and laymen fellowships respectively, will use resource leaders in devising plans for follow-through.

(See Page 2)

State's Rally

Winner for the past two years, the state of Ohio leads the procession area conventions contending for the mythical "State's Rally Crown" tonight.

Several years ago, Dr. J. E. Walker advanced the idea of a state rally as a means for securing additional funds for the promotion of the convention.

The event has created an increased interest in the convention and friendly rivalry between the states. A special address on Christian stewardship will be presented by a layman at 7:45 p.m.

Hear Compton Tonight

S. J. Compton, pioneer minister of Ohio, will deliver major sermon
EDITORIAL

Everybody starts our 37th annual convention with a notebook full of blank sheets. This should not be the case at the end of the day.

A good delegate will attend one of the convention workshops or institutes. He will bring along his pencil or pen and notebook. He will listen attentively to what is being said.

He will retire to his place of abode with the essential truth of what he has heard preserved in his notebook.

Truly, he will kneel at his bedside tonight to sincerely recite, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Here To Serve

An efficient Christian Plea staff is present in office 105 to greet you and attend to your every need.

We will be happy to take your subscriptions. The fee is $1.50 per year. The paper comes out monthly with the exception of August and September when a combined issue is mailed.

We will be happy to make adjustments and hear complaints as well as compliments. We're at your service.

Thanks

We will have to beat the Resolutions Committee to the punch. We have received a royal welcome by the Louden Ave. Church and the citizenry of Roanoke. It is good to be here.!!

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

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Managing Editor Charles Sherman
News Editor Thomas Griffin
Circulation Man Joseph Wiley
Special Correspondents Appointed

OUR YEAR OF EVANGELISM

"We're calling on you in the name of Christ and His Church."

WEBB LEADS

"Our Year of Evangelism" will be presented to the total convention today at 2:10 PM by Charles Webb, National director of church development and evangelism for NCMC.

Mr. Webb has devised an abbreviation for the massive effort, which is understandable and usable for every church, large or small, rural, town or city.

Delegates are urged not to miss this important session at 2:10 PM.

TODAY'S BUSINESS

The staff of the National Christian Missionary Convention will make annual reports today. Several promising developments on the field are expected to be reported.

President L.L. Dickerson will make appointments relative to such important committees as: recommendations, resolutions, nominations, finance, and social action.

INSTITUTE PROGRAM

(continued)

Mr. Evans will direct the workshops in Christian Education and Christian Youth Fellowship. He will be assisted by such leaders as Mrs. Bessie Rey, resource person and President Gene Mosley of the Christian Youth Fellowship. Every delegate is expected to enroll in some aspect of the institute program.
PIEDMONT AREA WINS

DEPARTMENTAL DIGEST

C W F- The worship phase of the CWF program was highlighted by a discussion on the Christian's personal devotional life by Mrs. E. Groves of Jefferson City, Mo. It was concluded that worship could be made more meaningful through daily Bible reading, prayer for individuals and critical examination of our personal lives. G. M. G.

Ministers' Wives Fellowship- The first annual meeting under the leadership of President R. L. Fox of St. Louis, Mo. was highlighted by a stirring message from Mrs. E. G. Titus of Dallas, Tex. Her address was based on the story of the talents. The wives meet again today at lunch. M. S.

C Y F- Nearly forty young people under the leadership of Gene Mosley, president and Paul Sims, youth director, assembled to make plans for "Forgetting" themselves and following the master in the paths of service in their local communities. Following a get acquainted experience, Kenneth Henry and Newton Fowler, delegates to the 3rd World Conference in Travancore, India, brought messages emphasizing the life and customs of the people in the Far East.

- T. M. P.

The Piedmont Tri-State Area Convention won the State's Rally Crown for 1953-54 here last night with a total of $179.00. Ohio and Tennessee followed with $174.00 and $112.00 respectively.

The pace of the convention moved into high gear with this intriguing project.

Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tenn. was the master of ceremonies.

A worshipful atmosphere was created for the affair through a vocal rendition by Mrs. Geneva B. Griffin of Oklahoma City, Okla. and a sermon by James C. Hairston.

A unique feature of the evening was the presentation of the Certificate for Distinguished Service to Dr. Isaac Hathaway for achievements in the field of sculpture and ceramics. Dr. Hathaway is head of this department at Tuskegee Institute, Ala. and an ardent worker in the Montgomery, Ala. church.

BUCKNER TO REPORT

Mrs. Mary G. Buckner, director of institutional missions for the U C M S, is scheduled to make a significant report on Southern Christian Institute to the board of the National Convention today at 12 noon.

She is expected to comment on an unusual report on a new program of home missions for Negroes in the South. A special release of this document was recently sent to all ministers cooperating with the National Christian Missionary Convention.

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EDITORIAL

SERIOUSNESS

This convention is characterized by a seriousness of attention to all proceedings unlike many of our previous gatherings. It is commendable that in times like these, Disciples of Christ are giving grave consideration to the great issues that affect the whole life of man and the coming of the Kingdom.

The conference on social issues currently conducted by Dr. James A. Crain is a typical example of the quality of our 37th session. Yesterday Dr. Crain (director for the department of social welfare in the U C M S) presented a discussion on The Church's Profession Versus Practice. Mr. Crain stated that the "essence of Christianity is the struggle to achieve the next highest step." He continued by observing that "the Church still has her faults and this will be the case so long as it has in it the kind of people it has now." He was referring to those who have no uncompromising commitments to the Christian faith.

The discussion and enlightenment that followed was stimulating. Dr. Crain and his department have done much for us in the quest for the fuller realization of "the next highest step." He is one of the few of his group we feel qualified to lead such a discussion. This is his last year with the Society and our group along with the champions of human rights throughout Christendom, will miss his wisdom and courage very much.

COMING

1. ROSA PAGE WHICH tomorrow at 7:50 p.m. Our "Ambassador of Goodwill" returns.
2. KENNETH HENRY in one grand summary of a glorious experience Friday at 7:45.
3. ATTY. E. LOCKARD of Cincinnati, Ohio, newly appointed Ambassador to Liberia.
4. ANNUAL MINISTERS' WIVES Reception after the scheduled program Friday.
5. NATURAL BRIDGE outing Saturday. A rare experience of God in nature.

Our Youth Proclaims!!

YOUTH LEAD

Continuing today at 2:10 p.m. with the feature period of the program known as "Convention Emphasis," Youth Director Paul Sims and President Gene Mosley will conduct a panel entitled What is the Program of Christian Youth?

Mr. Mosley of Jackson, Miss., will preside and Mr. Paul Sims, minister of the Boll Street Church of Dallas, Tex., will make the summary.

The interest of youth attending this annual session has been unusual. A large number of laymen and ministers are expected to attend.

PIONEER SPEAKS

Willard M. Wickizer will bring a major address on Year of Evangelism tonight at 7:45.

The presence of Mr. Wickizer, executive secretary of the department of church development and evangelism of the U C M S, in our annual session is a familiar and welcome occurrence. Dr. Wickizer has proven himself to be a sincere friend concerned with the success of every worthy endeavor of our organized work.

A capacity audience is expected to hear this respected scholar and speaker.

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After warning against complacency in the Church in respect to concern for social progress, the annual report of the Committee on Social Action advocated the following resolutions be adopted by this convention:

1) That Pres. Eisenhower be commended for his pledge to remove racial discrimination in W. D. C.
2) That Congress and the President should be implored to use their influence to alleviate conditions in South and Central Africa where native inhabitants are being segregated and discriminated against.
3) That the convention express thanks to organized labor for bettering economic standards.
4) That the convention support the NAACP in efforts to end segregation.
5) That some effort be made to decrease the popularity of alcoholic beverages, gambling, etc.

Chairman R. L. Jordan of the United Church of Detroit read the report.

"And you belong to me," said Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, Ill. last night as she addressed the capacity audience assembled for the annual Christian Women's Fellowship missions night.

Relating in vivid fashion unusual experiences encountered while on her recent sojourn in Europe and the Far East in an ambassadorship for Christ for the Protestant Church of America, Rosa Welch re-won the admiration and respect of her admirers with her personable and affectionate presentation.

"You don't have to know a language," she said. "The language of the soul and spirit is universal." Wherever Mrs. Welch went, she was able to reach the hearts of the people with the message of the Christ.

Recounting the many needs of the mission field she said, "You don't know what happiness is until you share."

Mrs. Alice Buckner, director of institutional missions for the U.C.M.S., made a dramatic presentation of a citation to Mrs. Welch in behalf of the National Convention. Mrs. Margaret Lee followed by giving a necklace and engraved shield from the C W F.

Mrs. Marcetta Smith presented Taylor House with a $100 gift.
EDITORIAL --

TO THE PLAIN

The 37th session of the National Christian Missionary Convention is drawing to a close under the dynamic theme -- Assist Me to Proclaim. We are being led to great spiritual heights. But inspiration is not enough.

"This is Our Year of Evangelism."
The plans are laid; the task of proclaiming is ours. Assistance has been promised and assured. The balance rests in our hands.

Let us hope that the 1,000 or more delegates and friends who have been inspired and reconsecrated in this great convention, will go down from these mountains into the valleys, dales and plains of service in our brotherhood to proclaim our "Year of Evangelism."

There are fellowship groups to be strengthened, lost souls to be recruited, lifeless churches to be revitalized and functional units of our area, state and national work which must go into action.

The task is great but we can do all things through Him who has promised to give assistance, power and a way to secure all the facilities necessary to bring in the Kingdom for the children of men in this or any age.

-Raymond Brown, Missouri

EVALUATION

As we begin to evaluate our convention, several things stand out as indicative of progress:

1) The growing interest of state groups to support a program for the preparation of church leadership. Ohio gave $100 to Taylor House and Missouri gave $25 to the Ministers Wives effort.

2) Special features which center around the bringing in of mature churchmen of significant accomplishment.

3) An inkling of hope for a more mature and professional relation with the UCMS on all matters pertinent to the destiny of our people.

PROCLAIM EDUC.

Eld. Lorenzo Evans, director of Christian Education for the NCNC will close the convention emphasis period today at 2:10 with a presentation of the general goals, means and materials relative to proclaiming the cause of Christian Education.

DAILY DIGEST

MIN.-LAY. - Under the leadership of Chairman R. L. Jordan and stimulation of Resource Leader J. A. Crain the conference continued to stress a practical witness.

C Y F - Advisor Paul Sims led discussion on ways and means of affecting Christian unity.

C W F - Mesdames B. Holmes, M Smith, R. Fox, M. Groves, C. Webb and E. Saunders discussed the functional committees of the Fellowship program. Attendance was good.

RECM. COM. - In a partial report, the recommendations committee proposed that the convention be held in Dallas, Tex. in 1956 and Baltimore, Md. in 1957.
ROANOKE CONVENTION

Over 1,000 delegates attending the 37th annual session of the National Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ Churches held recently at the Louden Avenue Church in Roanoke, Va., dedicated themselves to a "Year of Evangelism."

President L. L. Dickerson of Columbus, Ohio, delivered the keynote address on the convention theme: "Assist Me to Proclaim." Melvin Dickson, pastor of the Louden Church, presided at the welcome program.

A high point in the convention program was an address by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Welch has recently returned from a seven and one-half months' good-will tour of the Far East and Africa. The trip was under the cooperative sponsorship of the Disciples of Christ, Presbyterians of the U. S. A., American Baptist women and the United Women of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Through the stimulus of Mrs. Welch the convention voted to establish a Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund for the provision of grants to worthy students preparing themselves for foreign missions work.

The daily agenda featured workshop type seminars in church program development, social problems and Christian action. The leadership of these seminars was shared between staff officers C. H. Webb, director of church development and evangelism; L. J. Evans, director of Christian education; and Miss A. B. Jackson, director of missionary education. Executive Secretary E. J. Dickson was administrator for the general program.

United Christian Missionary Society officials giving resource leadership in several areas were: Dr. W. M. Wickizer, executive secretary of the department of church development and evangelism; Dr. James A. Crain, executive secretary of the department of Christian action and social welfare; George O. Taylor, executive secretary of the department of Christian education; and Mrs. Alice G. Buckner, director of institutional missions.

Mr. D. Ervin Sheets appeared as a representative of the Pension Fund of the Disciples of Christ.

(See page 58.)

TO ASSURE PROCLAMATION

THIS year, during the annual Week of the Ministry emphasis directed by the Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ October 11-18, we are emphasizing an accepted plan for new protection benefits for "The Minister and His Family." It is on a ministry symbolized by the picture above, that major welfare of our Disciples of Christ Church and the cause of Christ depend.

The minister's wife and children do not sign the contract when he enters into a pastorate, but most certainly they must share heavily in the hardships and sacrifices as well as the joys and achievements that he will experience. If the minister is to do an effective work, his wife and children must feel reasonably secure, and security is fundamental to happiness.
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Editor, The Christian Plea:

It is my belief that The Christian Plea is now far superior in content than it has ever been before. It is attractive, and it is challenging. May I extend my best wishes to you as you continue your fine work as editor.

I have enjoyed very much in the past the spirit of your editorials, but I am somewhat worried about the reactions to the questions you have raised in your editorial Questions on Jabez in the August-September issue. The raising of such questions often suggests unintended implications and therefore such procedure is, in my mind, hazardous. I regret that the questions were posed in the way they were posed. THE SPIRIT OF THE QUESTIONS PLACED IN THAT WAY CAN EASILY BE MISINTERPRETED.—JAMES M. FLANAGAN, St. Louis, Mo.

MINISTER PRAISES MINISTER

Editor, The Christian Plea:

It is a pleasure for me to send you the following account of William D. Campbell, who is doing a most excellent work in Rockford, Ill., as pastor of the Second Church.

I have never seen this church as live as it is at the present time, including my own administration. Brother Campbell is doing a good community job. He is successful in getting people into the church and putting them to work on what I term a "cosmopolitan basis." He has members of both races actually working together with pleasure and harmony for the cause of Christ....

During the two years that he has been pastor, he has added more than 50 members and has put some of the older members to work who had become disheartened and stopped attending church services. Under Brother Campbell's administration, a children's choir has been organized; a church school bus has been purchased; and a "Brotherhood-in-Action Commission" which has city-wide membership has been organized.

Under the leadership of Mr. Campbell, the commission sponsored a Brotherhood dinner in February which was attended by over 500 persons. On Tag Day last May 1, thousands of citizens were tagged by commission volunteer workers in an effort to make the entire city more aware of practicing brotherhood daily.

Another significant achievement under Mr. Campbell's administration was made when he was privileged to ordain a woman of the opposite race as minister of the gospel. Under Brother Campbell's guidance, the young lady is pursuing ministry with the greatest enthusiasm. To the Christian Plea, what thrilled me as I watched the promotion of New Testament doctrine is outstanding.... It was a real treat to observe a "Brotherhood-in-Action Commission" which has city-wide membership has been organized.

I hope that the brotherhood will take note that here is a minister in a small town in a so-called "small church" with a mediocre congregation. Yet he is doing the job the Church was called to do. To my mind, if I know church administration, this minister should be chosen "Blue Ribbon Minister" of the year.—DANIEL W. HEATH, Rockford, Il.

CONVENTION SUPERIOR

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I wish to express my evaluation of the National Christian Missionary Convention and my sojourn in Indianapolis with Dr. Cleo Blackburn.

From the standpoint of program, the convention was superior to any other assembly I have had the pleasure to attend (with the exception of Los Angeles, Calif.). It seemed that each speaker was characterized with the spirit of the preacher on Sunday morning who emerged from his study to the pulpit a few minutes late.... The first words he uttered were in effect: "Brothers and sisters, I am just from Paradise."

Young ministers appearing on the program such as S. Wilbur Hilton, Jr., Thomas J. Griffin, Kenneth Henry, Robert Brown, R. A. Jordan and C. B. Torrence, exhibited thoroughness of preparation and earnestness of purpose....

"Our Year of Evangelism" was emphasized by the national staff and representatives from the U. C. M. S.... The convention secretary and his staff of workers were on the job the entire week....

We doff our hats to E. J. Dickson, executive secretary, and Mrs. Marjorie J. Parker, staff secretary, for the roles they played in the success of the convention....

I had an unusual treat en route home to enjoy the hospitality of Dr. Cleo Blackburn, director of the famed Plummer House of Indianapolis, Ind.... His program of self-help is outstanding.... It was really a treat to observe... a humanitarian program in progress....

Time will not permit me to speak of all the potentialities radiating from the Blackburn dream which has come true.

Dr. Blackburn has shown how to take a little to help people help themselves. This is what thrilled me as I watched the Blackburn dream in action.—M. FREDERICK MITCHELL, Los Angeles, Calif.

TWO MONTHS' SUCCESS

Editor, The Christian Plea:

We are sorry that we could not attend the convention session in Roanoke, Va., but our spirit and money were there.

In behalf of the South Third Church of Dallas, Tex., I wish to announce that the membership of 54 persons recently completed a two months' effort to liquidate the church debt.

Our church gave $800, enabling us to give the Joint Board of Christian Churches in Dallas County a check for $700 covering the balance due.

Our next project is an educational building.—LEONARD BROWN, Dallas, Tex.
Comes the Dawn

THE haze that has surrounded recent revolutionary developments at Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis Christian College is slowly clearing away. There is a gradual dawning of light on matters close to the hearts of many Disciples of Christ.

An unprecedented move in good public relations was made early last August by President Dale Fiers of the United Christian Missionary Society and Mrs. Ailee G. Buckner, director of institutional missions, when an official release of a progress report on the new plans for Southern Christian Institute was made to ministers cooperating with the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Further, mutual understanding was greatly increased when Mrs. Buckner attended the Board meeting of the National Convention assembled in Roanoke, Va., last August and openly and genuinely discussed all aspects of the SCI situation. This called for real sincerity and no small amount of courage. It was certainly mutually beneficial for both Mrs. Buckner and the National Board.

In a special meeting with Jarvis Christian College alumni, Mrs. Buckner announced that the appointment of Dr. Cleo Blackburn to the presidency of Jarvis was actually a tentative draft. In order that the expansive program contemplated for the institution to go on with reasonable smoothness, the trustees felt such action to be most practical. This statement threw much light on such questions as had been reported in an editorial which appeared in the August-September issue of The Christian Plea.

New Trends Indicated

The wholesome forum discussions participated in by Mrs. Buckner and National Convention leadership gave index to at least three trends which merit serious consideration.

First, the trend toward a more continuing concern on the part of National Convention leadership and churches in the general welfare of our institutional missions work. In the past such concern has been spasmodically expressed as particular crises emerged. However, a quick review of home missions' strategy current in Christendom today, reveals that the paternalistic philosophy is fast on its way out. Home missions should become the concern and responsibility of every Disciple of Christ, white or black. The membership of the National Convention must realize that the successes or failures of any home missions' endeavor among our group rests upon the extent of our continuing concern—a concern expressed in the contribution of more money to Unified Promotion and other practical witnesses of interest.

Second, the trend toward continuing cooperation between the United Christian Missionary Society and the National Christian Missionary Convention at the point of policy formation and program building. The general feeling of many ministers and laymen attending the Roanoke assembly was that though the problems discussed were of primary concern to the welfare of our people, we had been brought in at the end of the process of inquiry after the really basic decisions had been made.

Third, the trend toward more of our Disciples of Christ colleges opening their doors to all students regardless of race or color. This is a trend which members and friends of the National Christian Missionary Convention should help accelerate. It is the only Christian plan for providing wholesome educational opportunities for all people.

Scholarships for all students regardless of racial origin are now offered by such seminaries as Brite College of the Bible in Fort Worth, Texas; the College of the Bible in Lexington, Kentucky; Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa; the Disciples Divinity House affiliated with the federated seminary plan at the University of Chicago; and Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

For many years opportunities at the undergraduate level have been available for all students at such brotherhood schools as Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois; Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio; and Butler University. If the merger of Tougaloo College and Southern Christian Institute is officially made, there is a possibility that the new institution will be legally able to throw its doors open to all students.

Other brotherhood colleges are currently at work on plans to broaden the scope of their services so that all students desiring them can enter. If such a wholesome trend is seriously implemented and encouraged, the Disciples of Christ will have a large number of Church-related colleges with programs designed to train a leadership for the total Church as well as the total world.

Citations at Roanoke

THE Roanoke convention initiated a new element in our annual meeting when it gave citations to some of our outstanding ministers and laymen. Normally we are fast on condemnation and slow on commendation. We are more and more quickening the process of the latter.

Everybody knows the Rosa Page Welch citation was in order. In fact, it was long overdue. Yet equally as deserving were all the others, especially W. M. Wickizer's and J. A. Crain's.

Dr. Wickizer generally supports a cause because he deems it rational in his own mind and significant to the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. He is seldom swayed by emotion and usually expresses a sound judgment even though it isn't always sweet music to his listener's ears. He apparently values individuals for what he feels they are and not because of social (See page 59.)
An Informal Note
BY BERNIECE HOLMES

Words cannot express my appreciation for the fine manner in which all of you entered into the spirit and program of our convention.

I am especially grateful for your cooperation with the committees in helping to plan our next year's work. Since the whole planned the work together, I hope that we can all sell it to our friends at home.

I am sure that by now you have been given a chance to share the convention experiences with the local church. Do hope that the leadership in your church has caught the inspiration and is endeavoring to make 1953-54 the best year for Christ yet.

Our record of sharing at the convention is commendable. The Christian Women's Fellowship was responsible for more than $2000.00 of the registration money; including the $100.00 gift to the President Taylor House by Ohio women, the Thursday night offering was $227.01 and, counting giving to the National Project and Unified Promotion, the total sharing was more than $4,000.00. I am sure that this money was given by Christian people for the advancement of the Church and its mission around the world.

It is our responsibility to give money and to offer prayer that the churches throughout the world might grow stronger. Your local church is the place where you can best make this possible.

We must set our hearts now on raising our goals for next year. There will not be a national project just for women, but instead, we are joining all departments in the National Convention in an effort to give $5,000.00 for the remodeling of the parsonage attached to the All Peoples Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

Let us start now to recruit more women for attendance at the National Christian Missionary Convention next year in St. Louis, Mo., than ever before. We have a great work to do for Christ and his Church that only you and I can do.

Responsibility and Time
BY MRS. LENORA ROLLA

A railroad worker who has seen 35 years of service says that it takes two things to make a railroad man. One is the sense of responsibility and the other is a sense of time. The term 'responsibility' has the same implication for the women of the Church as it does for the railroad man. It means loyalty and concern to the great cause to which one's life is dedicated. Most certainly 'time' is a factor equally as important to the women of the Christian Women's Fellowship. The extent to which we observe time determines the effectiveness of our efforts.

Here it is October and we supposedly have been on our new year's work for three months—the hardest three months in the missionary year. We have been trying to keep the attendance up, study programs and projects alive during these summer months. We have been hampered by 'creationists' and the general summer slump.

One society to our knowledge has disbanded. A big gap of 'time' has been left unaccounted for while urgent needs still existed. Yet many faithful societies labor on in season and out of season.

As a Disciple of Christ, it is the responsibility of every church woman to make further inquiry about the Fellowship. She should read the material, attend the group meetings and workshops at local and district levels and become more appreciative and understanding of the work promoted by the Christian Women's Fellowship. Then it remains her responsibility to find her place in the local Fellowship.

Every woman now active in the Christian Women's Fellowship should 'proclaim' the aims and purposes of the Fellowship in such a challenging way that every other woman will catch the vision and grasp the opportunity to participate. This year can then become our year of greatest achievement.

If you are interested, write to the state president of your Christian Women's Fellowship, your state missionary society office, the national field secretary of missionary education or the president of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the National Christian Missionary Convention. They will all be happy to give you assistance.

The responsibility is yours and the time is now.

[EN: Mrs. Rolla is field secretary for women's work in the state convention of Texas. This is the first in a series of articles under the sponsorship of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the National Christian Missionary Convention.]

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Peace Through a World Church

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Thus far, we as Christians have failed to fulfill our obligations toward achieving international peace. The world community today has compelling motives toward unity. Scientific advancements and technical feats have created one world economically interdependent.

Exclusive of material culture, there is a sense of culture—a philosophical and spiritual sense of world community lying fallow in the hearts of men. The Christian world has been slow in actualizing this spiritual sense of “oneness.”

We have found special ways of expressing the communal sense of religion. Many of the established modes of expression have been limited to a select social group. They have been hardened into obligatory rites and imposed upon the individual as conditions of salvation.

Religion has lost itself in many cults, dogmas and myths. Thus the place of religion as a sense of community expressing the spiritual mode of “Oneness” has been lost and with it a vast positive source for securing international peace.

We have been prone to distort religion into a possession—a possession of a particular sect or cult, supervised by a certain group of priests or saints and carried on in an individual church. Thus, we tend to limit the “oneness” of faith by finding no way to universalizing religion except through imposing our own dogmas, ceremonies and beliefs upon others.

Instead of making religion the epitome of freedom and peace for the individual as a part of an infinite whole—as a member of a world church—we have put religion into a compartment and conditioned it with a slavery of thought and sentiment. We have substituted a blind faith for a working faith.

Today there has been a breakdown in international morality. There is also clearly evident a break in our domestic moral fissure. This is obvious when we observe many notions and concepts of morality. The Christian world seems to give positive and clear assistance in such matters. Through our hysteria and our inertia we have ignored our obligations as Christians to “exemplify a working faith,” and thus permitted a “godless” communism to rear its ugly head.

Our hysteria means that we have not heretofore faced the facts of life; our inertia means that we have not done anything about it. We hysterically accept communism as a problem of government, oblivious to the fact that while communism is a social disease, it also supplies a fundamental spiritual need. Because of our inertia, we fail to recognize that communism is the problem of the Christian and if we are to combat it we must work and act like Christians. We must have a working faith.

In failing to act like Christians, we have lost the admiration of other peoples and have not commanded the imitation of the world.

What about a world church as a means to international peace? Should it be centralized or arranged in an hierarchial fashion? What should be the relation of the members of this church to the different governments and extant states? What about church sanctions, problems of autonomy and authority? Such problems baffle many and they therefore deem such a vision impossible.

Yet a world church conceived essentially as a spirit of oneness in Christ is possible. Such a spirit would motivate a universal faith in action. Such a conception of a world church would not require one minister, one building, one choir, one pulpit, one ceremony, or a certain congregation. Such a church would be erected in the hearts of men.

The truly world church would recognize that there is a difference between men and animals; that the moral and spiritual qualities of men are the factors that make them men regardless of national or racial origin. The influence of such a spirit would prevent us from dealing with men regardless of national or racial origin. The influence of such a spirit would prevent us from dealing with men as elements in a game of chance for survival.

We can achieve international peace through a world church which is founded upon the oneness of man and activated by a love for all mankind. A world church is the spirit of oneness which emanates from the teachings of Jesus Christ.

[Ed. Note: Attorney Hylton delivered this message to the first annual laymen’s banquet held at the Roanoke Convention. Mr. Hylton has a Master’s Degree in International Law. He is a member of the Louden Avenue Church in Roanoke, Va.]

THE CENTENNIAL CHURCH of St. Louis, Mo., will be host to next year’s National Christian Missionary Convention.
"I am partial to the Christian Church because of its contribution to Christian unity... and its divine origin. It was not conceived in the mind of any man but in the mind of God. It has seniority... it was the first church. It has superiority... it was founded by Christ and not by man."

—L. L. DICKERSON, Columbus, Ohio.

"You must get enough faith to share it with others..."

—E. J. DICKSON, Indianapolis, Ind.

"It takes grit, grace and greenbacks to really make the Church go..."

—T. W. FRATT, Dallas, Tex.

"We advertise everything else in our daily life, why not advertise the Church?"

—J. E. CHANDLER, Memphis, Tenn.

"War threatens to destroy civilization and will do so unless civilized men destroy war. This is a task that challenges every Christian to work for peace."

—from REPORT OF SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

"The Church must try to recapture the Holy Spirit in terms of faith, hope and love... If I were a layman, I would try to learn... how I might become again just one of the royal priesthood in the Kingdom of God on this earth..."

—J. F. WHITFIELD, Washington, D. C.

"We must be able to return to our convention next year with a personal testimony."

—A. E. STONE, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"If I were a minister, I would believe that God would take care of me."

—ALFRED THOMAS, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"In all of my recent travel in the Far East, I have never been made to feel happier than I am tonight. I have always had a deep love for you, but tonight I love you more than ever before. You belong to me and I belong to you."

—ROSA PAGE WELCH, Chicago, Ill.

"It takes 20 Disciples of Christ an entire year to win one new member to the Christian Church. We must do much better than that in Our Year of Evangelism."

—W. M. WICKIZER, Indianapolis, Ind.

"We have the assurance from the Master that he would 'Assist Us to Proclaim' when he said, 'No, I will be with you always.'"

—ROBERT BROWN, Lockland, Ohio.

THE ROANOKE RECORD — WORDS OF WISDOM

THE ROANOKE RECORD — ACTIONS OF FAITH

• M. C. Knowles, minister at Macon, Ga., reported that through the interest of Mr. M. G. Aldrick, a layman in the First Church, a new congregation is being established in that city. The group will be known as the Mosley Avenue Church.

• Christian Women's Fellowship President Berndisee Holmes appointed the following as national chairman of three functional committees: Mrs. Zella Peoples of Indianapolis, Ind.—Worship; Mrs. Daisy Dean of Little Rock, Ark.—Publicity; and Mrs. Katie Yarbrough of Roanoke, Va.—Service.

• The convention adopted a project to establish a Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund to provide grants to worthy students preparing themselves for foreign missions work. During the presentation of the recommendation, a spontaneous appeal realized $810.00 in cash and $3,000.00 in pledges.

• The convention adopted a $34,000 budget for 1953-54.

• A recommendation was passed to establish a "Commission on the Ministry" charged with the task of studying the recruitment, training, placement and support of the same.

• Through the efforts of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship four students preparing for Christian service will receive $100 scholarships. The drive realized $518.47. Ohio led with $224.48; Missouri next with $77.29; and Indiana third with $53.23.

• The convention committed itself to convening at Centennial Church in St. Louis, Mo., in 1954; the Summit Avenue Church of Dayton, Ohio in 1955; the Bell Street Church of Dallas, Tex., in 1956; and the Mt. Olivet Church of Baltimore, Md., in 1957.

• The Ohio Christian Women's Fellowship presented Taylor Memorial Fellowship House with $100 to be used as the House administration saw fit. President Marcetta Smith of Ohio made the presentation to Director Charles Webb of the House.

• The convention gave citations for meritorious churchmanship to Mrs. Rosa Page Welch for achievement in the fields of music and human relations; Isaac Hathaway for work in the esthetic arts; Kenneth Henry and Newton Fowler for representation in the ecumenical church movement; James A. Cram for long years of service in the field of social action; and Willard M. Wickizer for the loyal support of the National Convention work in general.

• The first annual presentation of the Christian Men's Fellowship loving cup to the church having the most men attending the banquet, was made to the Fellowship of the Wehrman Avenue Church of Cincinnati, Ohio.

• The Missionary Loving Cup went to the West Paseo Church of Kansas City, Mo.

• The Christian Men's Fellowship created a lapel pin to be worn by all men interested in the promotion of men's work. The pin can be secured for a fee of $1.75 from the office of the national president.

• The Church School Plaque Award went to Second Church of Indianapolis, Ind.

• The convention recommended that a committee of five be appointed by the president to consult with appropriate officials from the United Christian Missionary Society on a joint consideration of the new approach to institutional missions recently announced.

• A recommendation was passed that the executive secretary of the convention give increased "time to business effects and promotion" basic to the success of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

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The convention body enthusiastically accepted the official announcement that the assembly was now an official cooperating and reporting agency of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

Officers elected for the year 1953-1954 were: L. L. Dickerson of Columbus, Ohio, president; M. F. Mitchell of Los Angeles, Calif., first vice-president; Mrs. Bernice A. Holmes of Oklahoma City, Okla., second vice-president; Mrs. Edith Bristow of Louisville, Ky., third vice-president; Gene Moseley of Jackson, Miss., fourth vice-president; Alfred Thomas of Cincinnati, Ohio, fifth vice-president; R. L. Saunders of Kansas City, Kan., secretary; Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tenn., treasurer; and L. Q. Hurst of Austin, Texas, parliamentarian.

The convention voted to hold the 1954 assembly at the Centennial Church in St. Louis, Mo.

DON'T LET YOUR PLEA SUBSCRIPTION LAPSE!
Church Growing

(NYCC)—Church membership in the U.S. reached a new all-time high last year, setting a record figure of 92,277,129. The new figures for 1952, revealed by the National Council of Churches, indicate that 59 per cent of the American population belong to religious bodies. In 1940, only one out of two Americans had religious affiliation.

The statistics for 1952 represent a gain of 3,694,124 church members over the previous year, and an unprecedented growth rate of 4.1 per cent—outstripping the population increase by two and a half times. In 1952 the number of local U.S. churches also reached a new peak of 280,277 as compared to 284,362, and the number of clergymen having charges rose from 181,123 to 183,899.

"Statistically there is one church for about every 325 members," stated Dr. Benson Y. Landis, associate director of the Council's department of research and survey. "But the ratio between clergy-members and members is only one to every 500. This points up a continuing shortage of pastors and a lag in efforts to fill thousands of vacant pulpits."

Dr. Landis, editor of the National Council's Yearbook of American Churches—which is the only source of statistical data on all the nation's religious bodies—said that the figures are based on information from 251 religious bodies. The over-all 1952 gain in church membership—twice that of the previous year—is partly attributable to greatly increased birth rates of the 1940's, Dr. Landis pointed out. Other factors have been the widespread, systematic evangelistic programs carried on by the churches and the generally felt need for guidance in times of international tension and upheaval.

Psychologist Claims

Nashville, Tenn. (RNS)—Churchgoers who experience a genuine "interior illumination" from their religion display a sharp reduction in any racial or cultural prejudices they may have had, a noted psychologist said here.

He is Dr. Gordon W. Allport, professor of psychology at Harvard University and former president of the American Psychological Association.

Dr. Allport spoke at the 10th annual Institute of Race Relations at Fisk University.

He warned that an important distinction must be made between the "institutionalized" churchgoer and one who experiences "interior revelation" from the "great truths of religion."

"Public opinion polls and social study tests have shown that churchgoers on the average are more prejudiced than are non-churchgoers," said Dr. Allport.

"We find that the largest bigots are often the greatest churchgoers, that such persons tend to an excessive moralism, an excessive conventionalism."

But, the professor added, the really important discovery made in such tests was that there is a big difference between the "institutionalized" churchgoer and the "interiorized."

"It is here that we see the true value of religious teaching," he said.

"The institutionalized churchgoer is like a super-patriot or a super-fraternal member. He attends church to find a safety island from which he can define the 'outgroup' and buttress his prejudices in a world of personal frustrations.

"But the churchgoer who personally absorbs the great truths of religion, who gets that magnificent interior illumination, exhibits a sharp reduction in prejudice and in him we find brotherhood that becomes woven into the very heart muscle, nerve and gland."

Wilkins Elected

Philadelphia, Pa. (RNS)—J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago attorney, was elected secretary of The Methodist Church's Judicial Council at a meeting here.

The only Negro member of the nine-man "Supreme Court of Methodism," Mr. Wilkins succeeds the late Dr. Charles B. Ketcham of Alliance, Ohio.

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or racial background or other superficial criteria. He puts this philosophy to work in his department as well as in the State and Home Missions Planning Council, for which he has been the guiding spirit for many years. His relationship with the National Christian Missionary Convention has consistently been in the light of the foregoing outline of thought and action.

Dr. Crain is a similar spirit. However, "Jim," as he is often affectionately called, has always been admired for his consistent crusade against injustice wherever he found it. Few can say that Jim Crain was never swayed by emotion. Yet an equally small number can remember a time when Jim's position on an issue was unsound.

Dr. Crain still loves the rough and tumble wherever the "haves" are attempting to exploit the "have-nots." That is why he'll always have a warm spot in the hearts of the masses and deep admiration even in the souls of those with whom he disagrees. If it were not for such rare spirits as Jim Crain, the cause of the underdog and the traditionally misused would receive adequate consideration every other century. We'll miss him as executive secretary of the department of social welfare but we thank God he belongs to us.
S C I Progress Report

A progress report on new plans for Southern Christian Institute, recently released from the office of Mrs. Alice G. Buckner, director of institutional missions, indicates that a proposal for the merger of SCI with Tougaloo College of Tougaloo, Miss. is receiving primary consideration.

President A. Dale Fiers of the United Christian Missionary Society has appointed the following trustees to serve on a committee which is to meet this month with a committee from The American Christian Missionary Association to begin the process of working out details: John Rogers, attorney, Tulsa, Okla.; Lewis McAdow, minister, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. H. I. Ruddick, South Bend, Ind. Serving as ex-officio members will be Dr. Harlie L. Smith, president of the board of higher education for the Disciples of Christ and Mrs. Alice Gadd Buckner.

This progress report stated that "among the conditions of the merger are the following significant points:

1. That the identity of SCI should be retained through the new name of the merged institution.
2. That the SCI alumni should be accepted into the total alumni program of the college.
3. That the present SCI plantation be operated for a self-help program for students, with the farm giving agricultural and vocational training while the students are also benefitting from the liberal arts curriculum of the college.
4. That there should be an excellent guidance program.
5. That undergirding the total program would be a strong religious, moral and spiritual experience, and that the extracurricular experiences should have religious implications."

Another consideration of the Society is reported to be that of Bible chairs in colleges of strategic location.

Across the Brotherhood

- Six ministers were ordained and four others licensed in the Texas state convention. Prof. T. W. Pratt became the first layman to become chairman of the state board. Lloyd L. Brown of Bay City was elected president.
- Cradle Roll Superintendent A. E. Willis of the United Church in Detroit, Mich., reports that the department has twelve babies enrolled with six regular in attendance. The department is one year old this month.
- An extended report from delegate Cletus M. Wilson of Vandalia, Mo., to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ held this summer in Portland, Ore., reflects the inspiration of the grand assembly. He comments that being one of the 16,000 participating in the communion service "was the most wonderful experience I have ever had." Mr. Wilson is a consistent convention supporter.

- Lt. Lawrence E. Hall, formerly pastor of churches in Dallas, Texas, and Nashville, Tenn., reports evidences of fine work being done by our missionaries in Japan. Mr. Hall was recently appointed associate instructor for the post information and education center at Camp Chitore, Japan. An application for release has been approved and he will be available for full-time service in the ministry within the next quarter.
- Miss J. K. Spencer, noted church worker and educator in Virginia, has retired from teaching in the public school system of Roanoke, Va., after 31 years of service. As a gesture of the genuine appreciation of Miss Spencer's long years of service, The Tribune, a weekly newspaper in Roanoke, devoted the entire second page of a recent number to testimonials from noted educators and civic leaders across the nation.

Heath Appointed

Daniel H. Heath, former pastor of Disciple churches in Illinois, Mississippi and Virginia, recently became the first Negro male teacher to receive an appointment in the public school system of Winnebago County, Ill. Mr. Heath will teach the social sciences and elementary mathematics at the Boys' Farm School in Durand, Ill.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr. Heath said, "I have always wanted to settle in Rockford since my first sojourn here. Now that I have found employment in keeping with my background and training, I will be able to realize that desire."

The Heath appointment is reported in keeping with a new trend in this area.

From the head of United Church Women . . .

CHURCH WOMEN in the SCHEME OF THINGS

By Mossie Allman Wyker

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Facing some of the most difficult challenges to the National Christian Missionary Convention, President L. L. Dickerson will convene the trustee board of the National Convention this month in Indianapolis, Ind., for the first official meeting of the fiscal year.

High on the agenda will appear the reports of new projects by the field staff workers; recent developments in the current program at the Taylor Estate in Nashville, Tenn.; implementation of the Rosa Page Welch Scholarship program; plans for the 1954 convention; and the appointment of new functional committees.

Special attention will be given to proposals made in the Roanoke Convention relative to "Our Year of Evangelism" and the matter of ministerial recruitment, training and placement.

Another feature expected will be a progress report on the plans for program expansion at Southern Christian Institute.

**Chaplains Honored**

Washington, D. C. (ENS)—United States Army chaplains have won 332 decorations for gallantry while ministering to troops in the front lines in Korea, Chaplain (Major General) Ivan L. Bennett, Army chief of Chaplains, announced here.

Thirteen chaplains were killed or are missing during the first three years of war in that theater, Chaplain Bennett said, while 20 were wounded. This casualty rate among the 300 Army chaplains who have served in Korea is almost as high as for the Army as a whole. Unarmed, the chaplains have constantly persisted in remaining with their units even in the most hazardous operations, and most of those killed or wounded were ministering to the injured, Chaplain Bennett reported.

Six chaplains were killed in action, two killed in accidents, and three died in the hands of enemy captors, Chaplain Bennett said, while two are missing in action and unreported on enemy prisoner lists.

Two chaplains have won the Distinguished Service Cross, 12 the Legion of Merit, 28 the Silver Star and 225 have received the Bronze Star. In addition, three have been decorated with the Soldier's Medal, 36 have won Commendation Ribbons, and 20 have received the Purple Heart. About 60 chaplains have been decorated twice for Korean action.

**Ministers' Salaries**

New Brunswick, N. J. (ENS)—Ministers of the 42 congregations in the New Brunswick Presbytery were assured an annual salary of at least $3,600, plus manse or living accommodations, when the Presbytery adopted that figure as a minimum at its annual meeting here.

(The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. had earlier recommended a minimum figure of $3,000 to its Presbyteries throughout the country. Average cash ministerial salary in the denomination was reported to be $3,470 in 1950.)

The New Brunswick Presbytery also urged that churches provide their pastors with a "reasonable" expense account to cover automobile operation costs, purchase of books and special supplies.

A mandatory assessment of 70 cents a year upon members of all congregations was voted to assure support of the Presbytery's new Home for the Aged at Haddonfield, N. J.
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I received the sample copies and plan to distribute them through the Bible Study class on Wednesday night. I have several who have promised to subscribe.—J. O. Bowles, Springfield, Ill.

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I have taken it upon myself to secure subscriptions. Enclosed please find a money order for 23 Christian Plea subscriptions and two World Cell sub-

What Is News?
The following items are good potentials; new ideas and methods of church work, unique or significant church services, experiments in cooperation, evidences of interest on social issues, noteworthy lay leadership, state convention results, speeches by Disciples which express concern for Christian Unity, church ordinances, ordinations and other activities of wide interest.

Seven out of ten churches of the brotherhood are "town and country" churches. Correspondents should report progress of rural churches as well as accomplishments of city churches with greater individual constituencies.

Outstanding interdenominational news in which Disciples participate should be reported. The Disciples of Christ have in recent years taken a firm stand for the unity of Christians.

Although local church news is of interest, it must be acknowledged that a national publication cannot devote great space to commonplace occurrences. "Two additions at Podunk Center" is not news, vital as it is. Local items should include news of unique, interesting, timely, historical, record-breaking or outstanding events. —James M. Flanagan.

ONLY A START
Editor, The Christian Plea:
Please send The Christian Plea to the following people. This is just a start. It is merely one day's work. They are all anxious to get their first copy.—Agenora Millner, Reidsville, N. C.

EVANSTON IMPORTANT
Editor, The Christian Plea:
The World Council of Churches will meet in Evanston, Ill., August 15-31, 1954. This is a great meeting and may not again come to the United States during our lifetime.

I think it wise that we move up the usual dates of our National Convention at least one week so that we will avoid conflict with the date of beginning for the World Council assembly.

Some of our people should find a way to attend this meeting.—Charles E. Sherman, Chicago, Ill.

THE SOUTH THIRD CHURCH officers of Dallas, Tex., pay off their church indebtedness to the executive secretary of the Dallas Council of Christian Churches.
What About Evanston?

Those seriously concerned about the implications and proceedings that are to take place at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, next summer, are troubled over the conflict in dates with the 1954 meeting of the National Christian Missionary Convention in St. Louis. Both events begin the same week in August. It is almost certain that this historic gathering (World Council of Churches) will not return to this country for nearly fifty years.

Many of the program participants in the National Christian Missionary Convention as well as many supporting ministers and laymen, will choose to go to Evanston under some type of official or unofficial capacity. If such would occur, the problem of the program committee for the National Convention would become most difficult. (Already the local church in St. Louis which is acting host to the convention has come face to face with this matter. In most cases the steering committee has received negative responses from persons asked to appear on the welcome night program.)

Along with these practical aspects, there should be an urgency on the part of every true churchman to find some way to attend one or two of the public programs that will be promoted in connection with the Evanston meeting. It will be a privilege to be near where significant history is in the making. What comes out of Evanston will undoubtedly further the current process of rediscovering the salient emphases in the New Testament message.

There is also the possibility that the theme and subthemes of the Evanston meeting might become an important part of the National Convention program, using our own official delegates or some other denomination's as keynote speakers. However, if this is done, we would have to set the National Convention meeting at least one week before the two-week assembly in Evanston.

It is the hope of many that the trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention will give careful consideration to this matter in the first official meeting which takes place this month.

Thankfulness

By Alfred Edward Spencer

Roanoke, Virginia

Gratitude is one of the noblest sentiments of the human heart. To be appreciative of the blessings which one has received is an emotion much to be commended. He who is devoid of the allimportant habit of thinking on the things which have contributed to his happiness and his eternal welfare, is lurking on the brink of an evil that is despicable indeed.

Our existence is dependent on the goodness and mercy of an all-wise Providence. This alone should be ample cause for thankfulness of every heart. He it is who grants us health, strength, home, friends and loved ones. We should recognize Him as the source of every good and perfect gift.

Often men are selfish enough to accept the praise which others are eager to bestow. It may be for service of wise leadership, or it may be for only a few words of cheer fitly spoken. While we may bestow honor where it is due, we should acknowledge finally, the real source from which all blessings flow, and say, "Praise not us."

We stand, as it were, in the place of the little flower which almost perished for lack of rain until at last rain came—dependent upon the goodness of an all-wise Providence. Tears of gratitude should be found upon our cheeks as we solemnly pray with reverence: "Father, we thank thee."
**The Churchman's World**

**Women Ministers**

Lake Winnipesaukee, N. H. (RNS)—A sermon contest, intended to prove that female pastors can preach just as expertly as men, was announced by the American Association of Women Ministers at its 34th annual assembly here.

The contest will be conducted by the *Woman's Pulpit*, the Association’s publication, according to Florence Jardine of Lette, La., its editor.

Mrs. Jardine said the aim of the contest was to call attention to the fact that many women excel in pulpit eloquence and profundity. She said that frequently even these denominations which permit the ordination of women regard lady ministers as second best.

Seldom, said Mrs. Jardine, are they chosen as conference speakers or as contributors of theological articles for denominational papers. The Association, she added, would like to prove to the religious world that sermons by women ministers rank with the best efforts of their brothers.

Mrs. Jardine said there will be three cash awards and an honorable mention.

The women ministers adopted resolutions supporting the United Nations, advocating passage of the Equal Rights constitutional amendment, and urging the removal, in all Christian denominations, of bars to the ordination of women as quickly as possible.

**Tyrrell Elected Head**

Lincoln, Ill. (RNS)—Representatives of Disciples of Christ congregations that maintain a missionary setup separate from that of the parent denomination held their sixth annual conference here.

The annual gathering is known as the National Missionary Convention. Officials said that 2,500 persons attending it came from “nearly every state in the Union, Canada, Mexico and many countries overseas.”

Ben Schiller of India, retiring chairman, reported that during the past six years the number of missionaries put into the field by the Convention had risen “from 90 to more than 350.”

Dr. Leland Tyrrell, president of Winston-Salem (N. C.) Bible College, was elected to succeed Mr. Schiller as chairman.

Convention delegates selected Toledo, O., as the site of their 1954 meeting.

**Interracial Project**

North Conway, N. H. (RNS)—Thirty Negroes from New York City’s Harlem were guests for periods of a week or two each this summer of North Conway’s 90-member Christ Church in what was a pioneering interracial project for this New England state.

The New Yorkers belong to St. Philip’s church whose more than 3,700 members constitute the largest Protestant Episcopal congregation in the nation. The local congregation is one of the Church’s smallest.

Leaders of the two groups said the experiment was so successful that they are working on plans to conduct it on a much larger scale next year.

A 150-year-old farmhouse at Freedom, a village 15 miles south of here, owned by David A. Works, rector of Christ Church, was utilized to house the New Yorkers. The Harlemites participated in various phases of the daily life of their country hosts, attended services at the church and sang in its choir.

The project was conceived by Mr. Works and worked out in cooperation with his long-time friend, Sheldon Hale, Bishop and rector of St. Philip’s since 1933.

**Chaplain Appointed**

St. Louis, Mo. (RNS)—The Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis has appointed Gay D. Outlaw as chaplain of Homer G. Phillips Hospital here.

He is the first Negro to become a Federation staff member. The organization has employed Negroes in minor posts for several years, but none has been a full-time staff member.

Mr. Outlaw, who came here from a chapluntry post at Boston (Mass.) City Hospital, will conduct regular services and a bedside ministry at the Negro institution.

The Federation plans to build a chapel at the hospital, as it did for the Protestant chaplain at City Hospital here.

**Baptist Petition**

Miami, Fla. (RNS)—A petition calling upon Congress and the Supreme Court to “outlaw” racial segregation was circulated at the 73rd annual meeting here of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., the world’s largest Negro religious body.

Edgar G. Brown of Washington, D. C., director of the National Negro Council who supervised circulation of the petition, said that more than 2,300 women delegates alone had signed it on the conference’s opening day.

The council hopes to get a million signatures on the document by December when the high court is scheduled to hear cases bearing upon the issue of segregation in public schools, Mr. Brown said.

Despite pre-convention difficulties arising from the “inability” of civic authorities and local hotel officials to solve the problem of housing delegates and visitors, denominational leaders said satisfactory lodgings had been found for the record-breaking attendance of 20,000.

Emergency committees set up by conference officials in mid-August found accommodations for the visitors in private homes and churches all over Duval County from Hollywood, 20 miles north, to Homestead, 30 miles south of Miami. Delegates to another Negro church convention here last May were forced to cancel plans to stay in a Miami Beach ocean-front hotel, exclusive use of which had been offered 500 of its delegates by the manager, after the hotel executive was threatened with violence.

Members of the denomination’s women’s auxiliary met in the 4,000-seat Duval County Auditorium here while the men delegates and visitors overflowed the 12,000-seat civic convention hall on Dinner Key.

Both groups heard a message of greeting telegraphed to the conference by President Eisenhower.
A Venture of Faith

By Ernest Newborn
Ministerial Student at Howard University
Washington, D.C.

The place was St. Louis, Missouri; the setting in a home of a member of the Centennial Church; the occasion, the annual every-member canvass for the underwriting of the new church budget. The pastor and I were warming up to a tactful presentation of the needs of the Church and the importance of liberal commitment, when suddenly the lady turned on us with an air of righteous indignation and said: “I have always been determined never to make a pledge to the church!”

I am happy to report that this dear lady was one of the few exceptions, for the teams went on to a very successful campaign. However, this incident is typical of some of the problematic situations I was privileged to experience this summer as I was guided personally by the pastor of the Centennial Church in an “on the spot” type of ministerial internship.

As regard to the origin of this project, suffice it to say that it was conceived in the mind of Pastor Fox and came into fruition as the result of the excellent cooperation of the Young Adult Fellowship of Centennial which became the official sponsor, the congregation at large and other persons and groups too numerous to mention here.

No one knew at the start what the outcome would be. It was purely a venture of faith. I am happy to say that I did complete more than three months of an intense, fascinating and enriching experience in a ministerial internship.

In general my activities fell in the following three categories: first, pastoral work experiences; second, administrative experiences, and third, field work experiences. My preaching engagements carried me into many of our churches in Ohio, Kansas, Missouri and Kentucky. Included in such speaking engagements were the state conventions of Ohio and Kentucky, a youth conference in Kansas and a youth planning retreat in Missouri.

I regard the administrative phase of the internship to be among the most valuable of all of my experiences. It gave me an opportunity to actively participate in the policy making and program development areas of church administration. This included first, attending functional committee meetings where problems of program planning were considered; second, working with auxiliaries in the sponsorship of activities and third, assisting the pastor in routine office procedures.

The field work experience gave me the valuable opportunity to get acquainted with a large number of persons in the brotherhood. This scope of activity included being on the faculty of the Mid-West Youth Conference and functioning in the dual capacity as official field representative for The Christian Plea as well as The Christian Board of Publication. The work with The Plea pertained to promotion and the responsibility for The Board entailed supervising a literature exhibit worth more than $1,000. Another phase of the field experience was participation in meetings with a group in East St. Louis, Illinois, endeavoring to re-establish a church there.

This unusual experience for a seminary student was climax ed toward the end by a surprise clothing shower under the sponsorship of the Young Adult Fellowship of the Centennial Church. At an appropriate time during the fellowship I was led before a table completely covered with beautifully wrapped gifts. It seemed like Christmas had come early. For several seconds I was speechless. I stood there in sincere humility and offered a silent prayer that I may be deserving of this expression of abundant generosity in the near future.

It seems to me that there is an acute need for a greater expansion of such projects throughout our brotherhood. The great demand for leadership in our church seems to make this imperative. Having just concluded a summer as a “ministerial internee,” I know of no experience as a seminary student that could equal its significance.

Unforeseen Help

A standing offer to return to a migrant worker position in the east might have given greater assurance of financial gain. However, trying my belief that all things are possible with God’s help, I returned to the seminary this fall from the great adventure with sufficient funds to continue my work. The minister and wife at Centennial provided for my food and lodging. They were ably assisted by contributions from Mrs. J. M. Baker and Mr. Oreon E. Scott, both of St. Louis, Missouri. The former provided a portion of the lodging free and the latter gave a liberal donation to underwrite my school expenses. For all of this, I was more than grateful.
Thanksgiving and Children

By Mrs. Dorothy Willard
National Volunteer Director of Children's Work
Dayton, Ohio

In order to have Thanksgiving mean more to our children than just "lots of good food to eat," we must plan well any sharing project we desire them to experience.

Suppose your church school class has decided to help a family. The children should find out the kinds of food the family most needs. If clothing is to be given, the ages and approximate stature of the children should be known.

Such a project can become a wonderful experience for children. As you plan for this sharing experience with the children at Thanksgiving, it is important to help them associate the goodness of God with all of the bounty which they enjoy.

Perhaps you prefer not to have a sharing project for your children's class or group, but want to bring happiness to others in another way. If there is a hospital near, the children may choose to make pretty cards to be placed on dinner trays stressing the thanksgiving idea in design. Projects of this sort should be given careful planning and thought.

Working with clay is fun. While children are in the process of manipulation, the teacher might suggest that they "fill a basket with food." It is good practice to chat with the children as they mold their clay into various shapes of food-stuffs and relate how God has planned food for every one. If you are using clay that hardens, the "food" should be set aside to dry until the next Sunday when it can be painted.

Maybe your class will not decide to make "food" but will desire to bring food for a good-will basket. If so, a basket should be provided, covered with orange crepe paper and placed on a table.

Whether your project involves real or artificial food, the objective of the educational process should be to help the children understand that many people work with God to make it possible for us to have food to eat.

The good teacher will gather the children around the table where the food basket or articles are and discuss the items there. She will develop a game dramatizing the farmer's steps in preparing the ground, planting the seed and reaping the harvest. A story can be told found in the Fall kindergarten teacher's quarterly entitled, "A Time of Thanksgiving."

To add to the enjoyment of such an experience, why don't you make your own clay? Secure 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of salt, 1 teaspoon of powdered alum, ½ cup of cold water (more or less), a few drops of vegetable coloring added to the water, and then mix, adding water cautiously until the mixture can be handled. The clay can be stored in a mason jar with a tightly screwed top. If it is left open it will harden.

Providing experiences like these for children can make Thanksgiving much more than just "lots of food to eat."

Piedmont Youth Conference

The twenty-second annual Piedmont Christian Youth Conference held this year at Winston-Salem Teachers' College, Winston-Salem, N.C., closed after a most successful week rich in spiritual experience. The conference theme, "Forget Thyself—Follow Me" was carried out in the Morning Watch, the daily vespers services, and the beautiful consecration service, all of which were held out of doors.

The conference opened this year, as in several former years, with a musical concert by the youth choir of the Jones Street Church of Bluefield, W. Va. directed by Mrs. Corn Mae Carter. In the group were Arzola Brown, Azell Brown, Mary Alice Reid, Sylvin Reid, Sylvester Reid, and Thomas Edward Carter.

The conference was directed by Mrs. E. G. Starling of Martinsville, Va., with ten faculty members and a business manager. A Chi Rho camp of about thirty-five young people was held simultaneously and directed by W. H. Brown, pastor of the Cleveland Avenue Church, Winston-

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Carter Chairman

Making an implementation of experiences received at the United Nations Seminar on World Affairs, sponsored by the department of social welfare of the U.C.M.S. in New York last winter, Mrs. C. C. Carter of Bluefield, W. Va., was chairman of an interracial citizens' committee which recently sponsored a tour of that vicinity for one American and four foreign students.

The project was in cooperation with the Association for World Travel Exchange.

Mrs. Carter directed the work of a committee which included administrative officials from the Girl Scout office, churches, the Chamber of Commerce and Bluefield State Teachers' College.

The committee planned cultural experiences for American Bryna Milberg, 20, leader of the tour and professional social worker; Mohamed Hassan El-Gamal, 37-year-old Egyptian Moslem with a doctorate degree from the University of Paris, now doing graduate work in public administration at Harvard University; Liliana Zacharelli, 28, a Roman Catholic and student in American literature; Daniel Francois-Wachter, 23, a Roman Catholic from France who was interested in books; and Irene Krojanker, 27, a Jewess from Israel though born in Germany. Miss Krojanker was studying psychiatry and two children.

Because of Mrs. Carter's abiding interest in civic betterment, an interracial committee recently awarded her "Woman of the Week" honors. This is regarded as significant recognition for a woman of color in this particular area of the nation.

What Now?

BY LORENZO EVANS

The 37th annual session of the National Christian Missionary Convention is over. What now? Where do we go from here?

At Roanoke representatives from our total organized work shared mountain-top experiences but God's work cannot be done on the mountain top, it must be done back home where you and I now find ourselves.

Our responsibility to do God's work is greater than ever because we have had this week of fellowship, inspiration and information at Roanoke. This can be a banner year for us. One in which I hope you will put forth every effort to reach all of your goals. Since this is "Our Year of Evaluation" you and your church school staff should teach for decisions as never before.

The following are the church schools which met their asking goal as set for the National Convention and for Unified Promotion:

The schools are listed in the following manner: designated church, city and state, asking goal and giving—Whehrman Ave., Dayton, Ohio, $106,316. Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill., $200,00, $200.00. Second, Indianapolis, Ind., $200.00, $200.00. Market St., Carthage, Ind., $20.00, $20.00. High St., Mt. Sterling, Ky., $100.00, $100.00. Almeda St., Nashville, Tenn., $32.50. Second, Frankfort, Mo., $10.00, $20.92. Second, Fulton, Mo., $30.00, $30.00. Osage, Okmulgee, Okla., $20.00, $20.00. 12th St., Austin, Tex., $20.00, $20.00. Grove St., Houston, Tex., $30.00, $42.40. Maple St., Lackland, Ohio, $20.00, $20.00. Fayette St., Martinsville, Va., $30.00, $60.00. 11th St., Durham, N. C., $100.00, $100.00. Macedonia, Birmingham, Ala., $20.00, $20.00. Ross St., Montgomery, Ala., $50.00, $50.00. East 28th St., Los Angeles, Calif., $35.00, $30.00. Fairview, Sharpsburg, Ky., $50.00, $50.00. Cross St., Little Rock, Ark., $50.00, $54.50. What is your record? We're counting on you to improve.

Youth

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Salem, N. C. Misses Arzola Brown and Miss Alice Red of Bluefield served as camp counselors. Conference recreation classes and activities were conducted by John Broadman, a student in Lynchburg College. Mrs. N. J. Dickerson of Bluefield had charge of the graduation exercises and the class in enlistment. Mrs. C. C. Carter, also of Bluefield, conducted the class in Warship. Other staff and faculty members were Mrs. E. E. Byers, Concord, N. C., Business Manager; Mrs. Thelma Lowry of Reidsville, World Relations; Miss Nannie Mae Mitchell, Martinsville, Va., Service; M. L. Lambert, pastor First Christian Church, Reidsville, N. C., Church Membership; Mrs. Mabel Fraizer, Mrs. Daisy Roland, and Mrs. Joyce Williams of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Mrs. Lucy Bannister, Martinsville, Dean of Women.

FOREIGN STUDENTS fellowship under the Carter committee supervision. Left to right: Mohamed Hassan El-Gamal, Moslem from Egypt; Bryna Milberg, American Jewish girl and group leader; Irene Krojanker, Israel; Mrs. Cora Mae Carter, Chairman; Daniel Francois-Wachter, Catholic, France (in white shirt).

Across the Brotherhood

Mrs. H. L. Herod of Indianapolis, Ind., died recently. She was the wife of the late Henry L. Herod, pioneer minister in the Disciples of Christ brotherhood. Mrs. Herod was an active church woman at both local and national levels. At the time of her death she was a Y.W.C.A. secretary in Indianapolis.

R. Wesley Watson, tri-state secretary for Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas will celebrate his fortieth year in the Christian ministry this month. The churches in the area are cooperating in the observances.

Dr. John B. Eubanks is now serving in an administrative and consultative capacity on a program of general education at Albany State College, Albany, Ga.

Participating in a program in honor of Miss Margaret McCray, churches of the Eastern Seaboard association gathered in the Friendly Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. recently to wish her well as she made ready to depart for Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Tex. Miss McCray received a purse of $66.50 plus a $50 gift from her church. Mrs. Daisy Williams, mistress of ceremonies, was assisted by Mrs. Rosa McCrea, C. R. Murdough and S. E. Tillman.

Highlights of the Eastern Seaboard Convention which met recently in Hagers-town, Md., was the adoption of a new constitution and the provision of student scholarships. Officers for the new year are: President, D. L. Kimard; Vice-President, S. E. Tillman; Secretary, E. B. Bradley; Treasurer, D. M. Orr; President of the CWG, Mrs. Queen Miley; President of the Church School, C. R. Mundaugh; President of the CYF, Mrs. R. McCarthy.
Jarvis' Forty-First Year

By WILLIAM W. BENNETT

Hawkins, Texas. Jarvis Christian College has begun its forty-first year of education. The program is strengthened this year with the services of several new faculty and staff persons and with increased enrollment. New persons were added in three divisions: Humanities, Social Sciences, and Vocational Education.

Joining the faculty in the Division of Humanities is Mark Francis. He holds the Master of Arts degree in music from Columbia University, and he has teaching experience at Southern University and Bishop College. Mr. Francis serves as Head of the Department of Music. Also in the Department of Music this year is Mr. J. C. Hayes, formerly of the Claflin College faculty. Mr. Hayes holds the Bachelor of Music degree in composition from the School of Music of Boston University. He studied in the New England Conservatory of Music for three years after receiving an honorable discharge from the United States Navy where he taught instruments and band direction. Mr. Hayes has several compositions to his credit and he will be responsible for building a band at Jarvis. Mr. Vergil G. Wright is the third person to join the faculty in the Division of the Humanities this year. Mr. Wright is a graduate of New York University and will teach modern languages in the place of Assistant professor R. E. Jones who is on Sabbatical leave at Columbia University this year. While Mr. Jones is away, Mr. Walter Bingham will serve as chairman of the Humanities Division at Jarvis. C. E. Tellis, former head of the Department of Economics at Wiley College, is joining the faculty as head of the Division of Social Sciences. Mr. Tellis has recently completed residential requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

In the Division of Vocational Education, the Business Education and Agricultural Departments are strengthened. Walter Dozier, a graduate of Hampton Institute with additional study at Ohio State and New York University, will teach Business Education. Mr. Dozier was employed at Hampton before World War II. He spent five years in the United States Army and worked for the Federal Government before he came to Texas College, Tyler, Texas, last year.

This year, Mr. Cecil W. Clift, Head of the Department of Agriculture will conduct courses in agriculture, thus adding to the offerings in this field. These courses are designed to introduce further the program in Fundamental Education at Jarvis. Miss Lois Faye Dillard, 1953 graduate of Butler College, has been employed as Secretary to the Director of Agriculture at Jarvis.

This year, in addition to the new personnel added to the faculty, the students will have the services of Miss Sylvester Bell, Chairman of the Division of Physical and Natural Sciences. Miss Bell returns after one year of Sabbatical leave during which time she studied toward the Doctorate degree at Columbia University.

The office of the Registrar announced that the enrollment has increased this year.

New Brunswick Proclaims

In a recent baptismal service at the Antioch Church of New Brunswick, N. J., Assistant Pastor T. T. Taylor baptized new members Cleveland Font, Nellie Grey, Beatrice Font, Bobby Bentley and Zebedee Smith.

A service of dedication was held for Baby Jenaro Mendez and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jenaro Mendez, Sr. Miss Ernestine Edwards of Jersey City, N. J., was appointed Jenaro Jr.'s godmother.

The church has just closed a two-week evangelistic effort. One week was spent in prayer and one week in preaching. The preaching services were led by Elder Eugene Patterson, pastor of the Fellowship Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

The revival resulted in four members joining by primary confession and three by transfer.

LILIAN H. FOAT, Reporter

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Oratorical Contest

The National Christian Missionary Convention under the Department of Christian Education sponsored the fifth National Youth Oratorical Contest at Roanoke, Virginia. The following young ladies appeared in the contest finals: Miss Annie Pearl Daniels, member of the Riverview Christian Church of Memphis, Tennessee, received the first award of $100.00 scholarship. Miss Daniels is sixteen years old and is a senior in high school.

The second winner of $50.00 scholarship was Miss Eddie Loe Evans, daughter of Elder Lorenzo J. Evans. She is a member of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Eddie Loe is seventeen years old and a freshman in college at Butler University.

The third recipient of recognition was Miss Ida Ruth Kelly, member of Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, Mississippi. Miss Kelly is seventeen years old and a senior in high school.

The fourth and last contestant was Miss Velma Marie Crosslyn, member of Romine Christian Church, Dallas, Texas. Miss Crosslyn is seventeen years old and a senior in high school.

Each contestant presented a different approach to the subject, "Christianity, Not a Hobby—A Positive Way of Life." (Pictures of the contestants appear on the pages of the current issue of The Christian Plea.)

Luther Still Reforms

Washington, D. C. (ENS)—Refusal of Lutheran pastors in the nation's capital to permit the national premiere of the film "Martin Luther" to be held here last summer if members of colored races were barred from attending may have helped crack the century-old "color bar" in Washington's amusement places.

The premiere was not held in Washington but in New York City instead. When the film opened its run here recently it was not at a large downtown theater, but in a small uptown movie house, the Dupont, which in 1947 pioneered in opening its doors to members of all races.

Shortly before the Luther film opened at the Dupont, Washington's largest downtown theater used the showing of another religious picture, "The Robe," to (See page 76.)

MISS ANNIE PEARL DANIELS of Memphis, Tenn., winner of National Oratorical Contest.

Goes on Air

Baxter Carroll Duke, pastor of Avalon Christian Church of Los Angeles, Calif., reports that since Sunday, November 8, 1953, the church has a weekly broadcast from the auditorium of the church on station KBLA from 12:30 to 1:00 P.M. A feature of the service is the Lord's Supper which is designed to be a service to the sick and shut-ins.

Each week, the dedication emblems are mailed to all who send in requests for them, and prayer is offered for all who ask for them. Because of the fact that it takes a few Sundays to get a list accumulated, the emblems are not sent until the week following the last Sunday in each month.

Another feature of the service is the meditation which is offered for those who wish prayer and consolation, for those who feel the need for prayer for reasons all their own, and prayer for the sick and the afflicted.

The music features are furnished by the a cappella choir of the church under the direction of Mrs. A. C. Harris Billbrew with Mrs. Vonnie Matthews at the organ, and Mrs. Bernice Lawson at the piano. The gospel choir, under the direction of Mrs. Louanna Wiley, does a feature number at each broadcast.

The whole program is so designed as to bring out the beautiful features of the worship of this church, and to glorify the Lord's Supper. It is expected that this broadcast will be a blessing to the sick and shut-ins who cannot get out to their own church for the most sacred rite of the church.

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The Plea Platform

1. The promotion of the National Christian Missionary Convention.
2. The promotion of a high quality churchmanship.
3. The promotion of open forum on ideas relevant to Kingdom Building.
4. The promotion of constructive proposal and evaluation.
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IDA RUTH KELLY, of Port Gibson, Miss., won third in oratorical contest.

Pastor Goes Back

Editor, The Christian Plea:

I am wondering if all of our pastors went back to their local churches from the Roanoke convention and prepared sermons based on some of the information received there? Our pastor, R. L. Jordan, has. It has done wonders for our congregation.

We recently had a minister from the Church of Christ to visit us. He assisted the pastor in the worship service. After hearing our pastor preach, he joined our church.—A. E. WILLIS, Detroit, Mich.

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Editor, The Christian Plea:

I’m enclosing a check for the subscriptions of the persons listed below for one year each. Our goal here at the East Sixth Street Church is “Every Family a Subscriber to The Plea.”

I would appreciate it if you would send me another lot of The Christian Plea so that our drive can be pushed ahead.—THOMAS J. GRIFFIN, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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A Christmas Thought

This is the season of the year when all thoughts and efforts seem to center around one word Giving. Many of us make special or advanced preparation for the giving of gifts to our friends and relatives at Christmas time. As we enter into the spirit of Christmas, let us look at what we have contributed to the lives of people about us. Then in comparison look at the gifts that our Master gave to those with whom he came in contact.

If we take into consideration the word Give, we find that it means to "deliver freely." We, of necessity, must give just as freely as we receive.

Gifts do not always consist of packages wrapped in bright paper and tinsel. Ofttimes that which we give of ourselves is the most valuable to some people, the simple things that we ordinarily take for granted such as a smile in the midst of loneliness; a cheery greeting; a visit to a shut-in; a word of consolation amid despair; a song sung with meaning and expression; and numerous other things that we can do for and with others.

The shepherds on the hillside many years ago, and the Wise Men who traveled afar to see their King delivered freely the gifts they had brought for the Christ Child. Oh, may we, as we live from day to day, thank and praise our Father who does so freely give to us.

Anna Belle Jackson

Weighed in Balances

(WRR) Religious leaders—of all three major faiths—who study carefully and observe closely the words and movements of our elected leaders are more-than-somewhat perturbed at the seeming lack of direction of the huge federal establishment.

George Bernard Shaw once said that he had the advantage of other people because he "stopped to think at least twice a week." But if a man stops to think only once a week in Washington, he is more liable to go crazy than to be in a position to take advantage of a situation.

Perhaps the underlying difficulty these days, in judging the approximate "rightness" or "wrongness" of any policy is that there seems to be no clear, clean indications of what the administration might do next, particularly in relation to peace and/or war. Instead of guideposts, the closer one observes, the more he realizes that nothing is here but a blur. A blur might have meaning—in an art gallery, or to individual politicians who want to be all things to all men—but it hasn't much place in international planning, or should not have.

The "mess" so many voters wanted cleaned up in Washington was not just a few per centers, or four per centers. They wanted the mess in international affairs that has characterized our high-level thinkers so long to be cleaned up, or at least, clarified so that somebody could tell what the nation was planning, in the face of immense challenges. This international mess has been decorated up with some brave new words, and has joined the country club, but intrinsically it's the same mess, or blur.

Religion in Politics

(NCCC) With local elections scheduled all over the country in a few weeks, it was noteworthy that a number of church leaders are carrying their Christian convictions into the rough-and-tumble of political campaigning.

In New York City, James H. Robinson, pastor of the Church of the Master and nationally known for his round-the-world tour for the Presbyterian U.S.A., Board of Foreign Missions, is a candidate for Borough President of Manhattan. Don Benedict, a Congregationalist minister in the interdenominational East Harlem Protestant Parish, is campaigning for a seat on the New York City Council.

Although the Parish ministers do not believe in "bringing politics into the pulpit," Mr. Benedict commented, "they do hold that men of integrity and conscience, whatever their calling, must be willing to take a share in city government."

The statement might be extended to include women in Cincinnati, O., where Mrs. James M. Dobey, a Methodist who is a former president of the Cincinnati Council of Church Women, is running for city council in that city.

One clergyman who has gone from local to international affairs is Archibald J. Carey, Jr., pastor of Quinn Chapel (African Methodist Episcopal) in Chicago, and a member of the Chicago City Council. He is now an alternate on the U.S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.
Spotlighting

The Challenge of C. W. F.

BY MRS. A. L. MARTIN
CHICAGO, I.I.L.

It is fortunate indeed that the Christian Women's Fellowship was born. It must thrill you when you think of its great purpose to "develop all women in Christian living and Christian service."

Then it has a preambule which goes further out and deeper down. It says: "To develop a deeper understanding of Christ's love and salvation for ourselves and others, and to provide channels of service to the church, the community, and the world." This offers guidance and a deep concern for all mankind.

As Christian women we have been given an added responsibility which challenges us to a larger service, and if we would meet this challenge successfully we must make it our business. That thing is the life of eternal in the midst of time. We cannot rest, but must "fight on until death." As we go our works must reflect our Christianity.

When we think of the upheavels in the world at such a time as this, and remember that we are approaching the season and time when our Jesus came that we might have life abundantly—life full and free—we sense a feeling of great joy, knowing that a great Spirit came to bring peace and good-will to the earth. Let us make this season a beginning for casting our all on that same Jesus and make our religion vital. That thing which makes our religion vital is the life of eternal in the midst of time.

Women Recommend

The Christian Women's Fellowship of the National Christian Missionary Society has made the following release of recommendations for all local missionary groups in the cooperating churches. Suggestions for the implementation of the four basic functions of publicity, worship, study, and service are made as follows:

Publicity
1. That an editorial be sent to The Christian Plea each month from the C. W. F.
2. That news be sent into The Christian Plea each month from the states and that much news be sent directly to the editor on or before the 8th of each month.
3. That the heading of the page be The Voice of Christian Women's Fellowship.
5. That Mrs. Geneva Griffin be appointed to secure subscriptions for The Christian Plea and World Call.
6. That each person on the Publicity Committee be asked to send in news from your local church and state to The Christian Plea.

Worship
1. That the C. W. F. publish three model worship services in The Christian Plea during the year and that the following persons be chosen to write the services:

(Kansas, Mrs. H. L. Saunders; Indiana, Mrs. C. H. Webb; and Texas, Mrs. Esma Edkins.
2. That the following prepare services for the 1954 convention: Tuesday, Miss Margaret Lee, Ohio; Wednesday, Miss M. Alcorn, Kentucky; Thursday, Miss A. W. Davis, Kansas; Friday, Mrs. F. T. Barnett, Ohio; and Saturday, Mrs. E. J. Dickson of Indiana.
3. That worship services also be written by Mesdames Minnie Greenwade, Ohio; M. E. Lee, California; Ethel Bass, Ohio; R. L. Jordan, Michigan; Thomas Calhoun, Ohio; J. O. Bowles, Illinois; and Lorraine Groves of Missouri.

Study (Local Level)
1. That where possible Christian Women's Fellowships have a Sunday mission study class during the regular church school hour.
2. That greater use be made of the free materials available and that such material be given to the total membership of a church.
3. That efforts be made to interest all women in reading for personal enrichment.
4. That local news of study significance for publication be sent to The Christian Plea.

Study (National Level)
1. That each national chairman make contact with the convention membership throughout the year via mail and wherever possible, visits, to inform women as to the aims of the convention.
2. That a study period to teach women how to set up local study groups be provided. Such a class go through the process of planning and delegates have the privilege of going from one class to another, if so desired.
3. That if the class project idea is not feasible, a model committee be set up and function throughout the convention.
4. That a comprehensive program be planned so that the delegates will be given specific and workable ideas to bring back to local C. W. F. groups.

Service (Local and State Project)
1. That each local society or fellowship promote a service project sometime during the year for a local institution, or the shut-ins and/or physically handicapped of the respective community.

Service (State Project)
1. That the states supply soap, cleanser, bath, room tissue and washing powder to the Preston Taylor Memorial House throughout the year. Further, that the service committee, delegating with the national worker be responsible for notifying each state or area when they are to

(See page 76.)
What sweeter songs can we find to sing than the lovely carols which announce the birth of a heavenly king? The angels sang the first carols to the shepherds as they were watching their sheep on the hillside near Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago. They sang of peace and good will to all men.

As we hear the carols sung this year, let us breathe a prayer that peace may come into the hearts of all people the world round. Pray also for love; for the kind of love that caused our heavenly Father to give his only begotten Son to a sinful world that its people might have eternal life. Pray that the people of the world will accept his wonderful gift. Help your children’s worker to plan ways of using the carols with children and their parents.

An excellent project for teachers to use with children during the Christmas season is that of making dioramas of the Christmas carols. Examples of carols well adapted for this purpose are: “Away in a Manger,” “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” “Silent Night,” and “We Three Kings of Orient Are.”

Children will enjoy painting their own background and numerous patterns for the stand-up figures may be found in the Primary and Junior Activity Packets for fall. These materials come along with the Bethany Graded Lessons. Dioramas will make lovely gifts for children who are ill or for elderly people who are shut in.

Another means of making Christmas Christian is through a well-planned Christmas party designed to include the families represented in the church school. A “potluck supper” should be provided for all in the church dining room. Tables and room should be decorated appropriately.

Following the supper the children can have great sport if daddys, mothers, older brothers and sisters join them in playing jolly games. This can be followed by an extemporaneous program and closed with the singing of Christmas carols and a prayer.

The party idea can be varied in many ways. One church set a small pine tree at the end of the dining room undecorated. The families brought gifts for the children to put on the tree. As people arrived, they were given popcorn and cranberries to string. Some of the children made colored paper chains and paper ornaments. Later the families put these trimmings on the tree. At the conclusion of the party the entire tree with the gifts and trimmings was brought to a near-by orphan’s home.

Audio visual aids can help you make Christmas Christian. Families might be called together to witness the showing of such film strips as: “Holy Child of Bethlehem,” “When the Littlest Camel Knelt,” “Christmas Around the World,” and many others. All can be secured from the United Christian Missionary Society, 222 S. Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

Most families are at home as a unit during the Christmas season. It should be a time of joyous activity as well as a period affording space for quiet and wholesome reading. Such books as the following would be helpful for any family to have on its bookshelf at this time: The Family Celebrates Christmas, by Dorothy Carol; Roads to Christmas, and Christmas in the Home, by Elizabeth C. Allstrom. Such books as these can be secured from the Bethany Press, Beaumont and Pine Boulevard, Box 179, St. Louis 3, Missouri.

There are many ways in which you can try to make Christmas Christian. These might be suggestive. As Christians we must make every effort to put Christ back into Christmas.

Jesus

Christ took our nature on Him, not that He ‘Bove all things lov’d it, for the purity:
No, but He drest Him with our human trim, Because our flesh stood most in need of Him.

HERRICK, CHRIST’S INCARNATION
MRS. AGENORA MILLNER of Reidsville, N. C., receives new appointment. (See below.)

Members Added
By Lorenzo J. Evans

Mrs. Agenora Millner, a member of the financial promotion committee, has been added by Chairman A. C. Stone. She will take over the area formerly promoted by W. H. Brown. Mrs. Millner will promote the church school giving to the National Convention and Unified Promotion in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The latest member added to the committee is F. B. Bradley, minister of the church at Hagerstown, Maryland. He will promote the church school giving in the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and New Jersey, May 1 urge you to give your full support to your area promoter by trying to reach your financial goal. I am counting on you to get your reports in the offices of our treasurer and Unified Promotion.

Smith's at Fort Worth

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith have given up their work as counselors at the Preston Taylor Fellowship House in Indianapolis where they have served for the last two years. Elder Smith has been called to a full-time pastorate at the Annie Street Church of Fort Worth, Texas.

The Smith's were counselors and managers of the house during its first two years of operation. They did an outstanding job in orientation for the young men who came to Butler University and lived in the Taylor House.

Taylor House exists for the purpose of serving young men aspiring for the ministry. The residents are men attending Butler University and pursuing undergraduate or graduate courses leading to preparation for full-time Christian service.

Church Reopened
BY S. E. TILLMAN

The St. Phillips Church at 561 Green Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was re-opened recently. The service was sponsored by several churches in the Eastern Seaboard area and D. L. Kinard was the presiding elder.

Elder Kinard discussed the development and growth of the Disciples of Christ churches on the Eastern Seaboard. He attributed their progress to great and constant effort. He advised that he was not in favor of starting new churches until those already organized were in a flourishing state and the opening of new churches was proved to be necessary.

Thirty persons responded to the initial invitation to become members of the new fellowship. Twenty of these were charter members of the first St. Phillips Church.

Roger Williams, pastor of the Williamsburg Church, preached the inaugural sermon.

District Evangelist S. E. Tillman also made some pertinent remarks in the interest of ministerial recruitment and the support of The Christian Plea.

W. C. Kinard, the founder and first minister of the church, was present in his wheel chair. (He was disabled by a stroke four years ago.) He spoke of his love and devotion to the church he had organized in 1836 and his feeling of assurance that the ministry of the present day would carry it on.

Guest Writer Announced

Mrs. Daisy Dean, national chairman of the publicity committee of the Christian Women's Fellowship, recently announced that the following persons are being asked to write special articles for the woman's page in The Christian Plea: January, Mrs. Bernice Holmes, Oklahoma; February, Mrs. Annie Vaughn, Virginia; March, Mrs. A. Garrett, Texas; April, Mrs. Orone Cole, Arkansas; May, Mrs. Cornelia Barnes, California; June, Mrs. J. Moeby, Mississippi; July, Mrs. J. Townes, Indianapolis; and August, Mrs. Pearl Craggett of Ohio.

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This program is a part of the evangelism activity of the church, to help create public sentiment that will bring the unchurched to the services and to help them to make decisions for Christ and his church.

Across the Brotherhood

- P. C. Washington, minister of the Second Church of Oakland, Calif., indicates that interesting things will be happening soon there in respect to a new church building.
- President E. E. Byers of the Piedmont Area W. F. F. reports that among several recent field visits was one to the Little Salem church where unusual interest in the Christian Women's Fellowship program is being made manifest.
- A missions class has been organized at the South Side Church in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Gertrude F. Gilmore is teacher and Mrs. R. E. LaTouche the resource person.
- The Commission on this Ministry which met just prior to the Trustee Board meeting in Indianapolis last month consists of the following persons appointed by the National Convention president: D. Ervin Sheets, W. K. Fox, Thomas Griffin, R. L. Saunders, C. H. Webb, C. C. Moseley, Jason Cowan, O. L. Shelton, L. L. Dickerson, Samuel Pugh, R. H. Peoples and S. W. Hylton.
- The construction of the new building for the Tulsa, Okla., church is well under way. An enterprising congregation has joined hands with benevolent forces to provide a full-time ministry for the expanded program. Eugene W. James has been minister at the church for the past eight years.
- The Eighth Street Church of Kansas City, Kansas, recently conducted a workshop for church workers. Lorenzo Evans and R. Wesley Watson were among the faculty members. R. L. Saunders is minister there.

MISS VELMA CROSSLYN of Dallas, Tex., won the fourth award in the national oratorical contest.
The Negro Church College
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First Installment

SINCe depression days in the early 1930's Church Colleges of all groups and faiths have experienced some trying times in their struggle to remain open and operating on a high level of efficiency. This situation has developed as a result of several interrelated factors. In the first place, during this period, students became less and less able to pay their way in school. Secondly, there was a tremendous decrease in the number and amount of philanthropic gifts. In the third place, the struggle of these colleges along with people for bare existence accentuated the importance of the public institution which because of its support by the public was able to operate at a much cheaper rate to the student. As a result during and since World War II, the trend has been more and more toward the public institutions of the various types.

The above factors have provoked thought by many educational leaders to the extent that they raise serious questions in their own thinking if not vocally, as to 'What will happen to the Church-Related College?'

The purpose of this paper is to present and examine some data as a basis for suggesting a new orientation for the development of a program of financial support for Negro Church Colleges. These data were collected in 1951 during a personal visit to twelve Negro Church-Related institutions located at various points throughout the United States. The presidents of the colleges were the chief sources of information for this report.

The basic data are reported below, followed by an analysis and appraisal thereof. The final section of the paper will furnish the author's interpretation of the data reported.

Establishment and Sources of Support

A descriptive analysis of the establishment, sources of support and the per cent of income for operational purposes coming from each source follows:

It was noted that only one of the institutions included in the study was established during the twentieth century while eleven were established during the second half of the nineteenth century. The latter group was established between 1856 and 1882, a period of 25 years' time.

A breakdown of the institutions included in the study shows the following church fellowship relationships: (1) one African Methodist Episcopal, (2) two Baptist, (3) two Colored Methodist, (4) three Congregational (American Missionary Association), (5) one Episcopalian, and (6) three Methodist Episcopal.

It was also revealed that the major sources of support for the eleven institutions reporting were as follows: (1) tuition and fees, (2) church donations, (3) organized missions, (4) United Negro College Fund, (5) endowment, and (6) miscellaneous sources. The greatest single source of support was found to come from tuition and fees, followed by church donations, organized missions, and the United Negro College Fund respectively. Three institutions reported the receipt of more than five per cent of their operational support from endowment. On further analysis the following was revealed:

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It may be noted further that the eleven institutions reported in only one of the sources of support tuition and fees. From this source the median per cent was 51. However, further analysis reveals that 70 per cent or more was received by three institutions from this one source. In fact, one institution reported as much as 75 per cent of the operating funds as coming from tuition and fees. The lowest percentage reported from this one source was 13 (reported by three colleges).

It may be further noted that the four colleges reporting 70 per cent or more of their income from tuition and fees also reported from 1 to 5 per cent as coming from endowment. On the other hand, two of those institutions reporting 31 per cent from tuition and fees show 13 and 19 per cent respectively as coming from endowment.

(To be continued in next issue.)
Women Support Rights

(NGCC) Representatives of the nation’s largest church women’s organization have declared themselves opposed to any form of racial segregation in the U.S. public schools. Meeting recently in Atlantic City, N. J., approximately 2,500 delegates of United Church Women also unanimously dedicated themselves to “eternal vigilance” against any abrogation of the U.S. Constitution or Bill of Rights, either by totalitarian governments or by “certain undemocratic activities on the part of some of our own lawmakers.” A resolution asserting that this nation has “to an alarming degree” tended to ignore the principles of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, expressed grave concern at “the extent to which the United States has become a vast whispering gallery of charges and counter-charges.”

In other resolutions the church women urged the U.S. government to separate the Point Four Program from U.S. military programs, adopt the United Nations Covenants on Human Rights, fully support the United Nations and the UN International Children’s Emergency Fund, and strive to secure international reduction and regulation of armaments. In addition, the national delegation—representing 2,000 local and state councils of church women throughout the U.S. and Hawaii—adopted statements calling on the entire membership of United Church Women to work urgently toward racially inclusive councils of church women throughout the nation, and undertake programs to provide personal assurances and financial support for new citizens emigrating to the United States under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

United Church Women, which represents 10,000,000 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church women in the U.S., Hawaii and Canada, is the lay women’s arm of the National Council of Churches.

Presbyteries Lower Bars

In Albuquerque, N. M. (ENS)—James Otttopoby of Laguna, N. M., a full-blooded Indian, was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of New Mexico at a meeting here. He is the first Indian ever to head the Synod.

Mr. Otttopoby, a Comanche, is a native of Oklahoma. He has been pastor of three churches in the Laguna area for the past five years.

In Washington, D. C. (ENS)—The Washington City Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., has elected a Negro minister as its moderator for 1954.

He is Robert L. Jeans, who has been pastor of Tabor Presbyterian church here since 1942. The Washington City Presbytery has 43 churches of which three are predominantly Negro in membership.

And Philadelphia (ENS)—The Philadelphia Presbytery has elected the first Negro moderator in its 247-year history.

He is Dr. Benjamin F. Glasco, minister of the Berean church, a congregation he has built up in 13 years from 35 to more than 600 members.

Dr. Glasco was born at Dover, Del., and reared by a white Quaker family. Ordained in 1911, he has served as a vice-moderator of the presbytery and on several of its committees. He will be formally installed in January.

Drinking Increases

Washington, D. C. (ENS)—American consumption of alcoholic beverages reached an all-time high in 1952, the National Temperance League reported here.

The consumption amounted to 18.86 gallons per capita, the temperance group said, about one pint per person higher than the previous record set in 1951.

Compiled from statistics on tax collections, the consumption was estimated at 131 pints of beer, seven pints of wine, and approximately six “fifths” of whiskey, per man, woman, and child in the United States.

Since the temperance agency believes that 40 per cent of Americans never drink, it says the consumption rate of those who do is proportionately higher.

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serve. The states are to serve alphabetically.

Service (National Project)
1. That the C. W. F. assist the National Christian Missionary Convention in helping to raise funds for the remodeling of the parsonage for the All Peoples Church of Los Angeles, California.—MRS. MARCETTA SMITH, C. W. F. Secretary.