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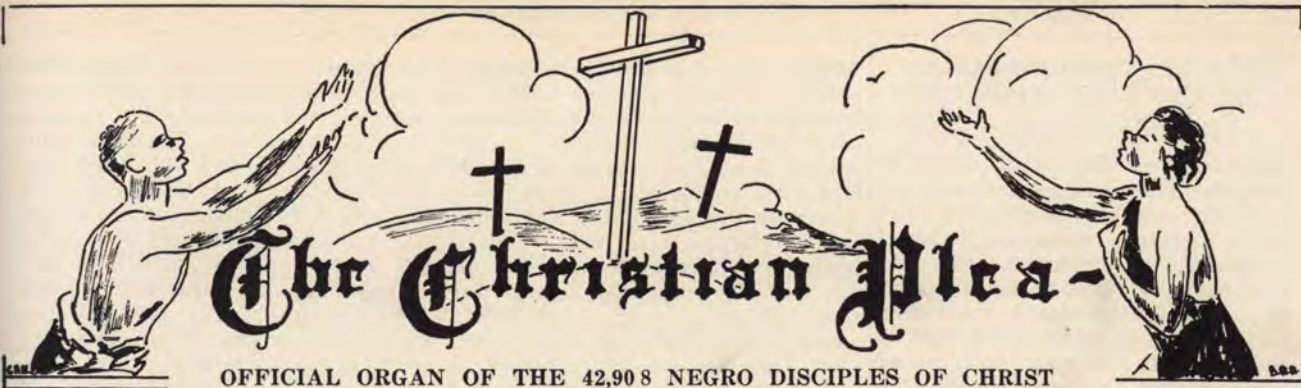
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Missouri President Challenges Radio Audience

MARION ANDERSON HONORED



Marion Anderson
Indianapolis, Ind.

It is significant that among the twenty-three Disciples who were mentioned on the Honor Roll for 1939, should be our very own Marion Anderson. The basis of selection stated "rendered conspicuous, if not, unheralded service to the brotherhood or larger Christian interests."

Miss Anderson is sighted for her work as "president of the national youth organization of Negro Disciples, for furthering Christian fellowship to and from as well as during the Amsterdam Conference, and for extra-ordinary expression as a reader in the worship at the youth session of the Richmond International Convention."

As one reads the list we find our illustrious Nashville spiritual leader, Dr. Roger T. Nooe who distinguished himself as President of the International Convention. Dr. Kenneth Irving Brown, President of Hiram College, Mrs. L. N. D. Wells of Texas,

Rev. S. S. Myers, President of Missouri Christian Convention Delivered a Challenging Yuletide Message to the American People, December 10, 1939 Over the Radio Station at Kansas City, Mo.

THE PRICE OF SEEING JESUS

Good Morning Friends: Our theme today is, "The Price of Seeing Jesus." Let us pray!

Our Father, Who art in heaven, we come to thee with thanksgivings in our hearts for the blessings of life, for our homes and loved ones, but most of all for thy son, Jesus Christ, and for the nearness of the Holy Spirit, Our Guide in all that is worthy and true. Sanctify us through thy spirit we beseech thee, that we may so love thee and our neighbors as to live in harmony with thy laws and at peace with all men.

Deliver us O God from secret sins, from shallow fears, bitter hate, sullen mood, rebellious state, from harshness of the cynic's ways.

Give us a noble purpose to live for, a heart of sympathy for all thy children, a passion for thy Kingdom, that when life is over we can truthfully say that we strove, and gave ourselves to make thy kingdom come. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, thy Son. Amen!

Our text is found in the 19th chapter of Luke, fifth verse and reads as

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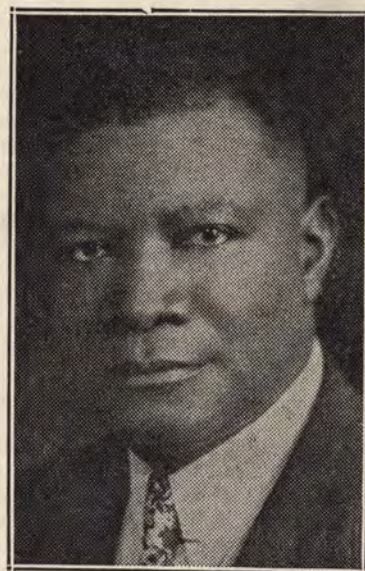
January is Christian Plea Month

This is your last copy

Forest Royzell and Ralph Jones of Arkansas, Virgil Sly of Indianapolis, and many others.

—The Christian Evangelist,
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DR. J. E. WALKER SPEAKER



Dr. J. E. Walker

President, Universal Life Insurance Co.; President, National Negro Business League; Treasurer, National Convention.

The Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee has launched a Mass Meeting to be held at the church, Sunday afternoon, January 21st, at three o'clock. Invitations have been extended to all the business and professional people as well as all the citizens. The purpose of this meetings is to acquaint the citizens of Nashville with the Pastor and his wife, Dr. L. H. Crawford and Mrs. Crawford. Dr. Walker will deliver the principal address. He is well known to Nashville citizens as he has been a frequent visitor to the city in the interest of his insurance business here.

MISSOURI PRESIDENT CHALLENGES RADIO AUDIENCE

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follows: "And when Jesus, came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down, for today, I must abide at thy house." Our text takes us to Jericho, during the days of Jesus, Jericho was a great city, noted for its balm of Gilead, and its custom house. It was the home of many priests, and Zacchaeus, the superintendent of taxes. It was in Jericho that Jesus came to know Zacchaeus, and choose to lodge, in the chief publican's house, where lay his Father's business. It was here he uttered the language of our text, which put public opinion on edge, and filled Zacchaeus' heart with joy.

Zacchaeus is to be admired, and praised, because he did something to get the eye and favor of Jesus. There were many obstacles which stood in his way of seeing the Savior. He was a sinner, chief among the publicans, he was rich, and small of stature. There was the eager crowd representing all classes of folks, who gathered by the wayside to witness the coming of Jesus to Jericho.

Zacchaeus was possessed with a noble purpose, that surmounted every barrier. It is always a glorious thing, when a lofty and worthy purpose enters into the heart of a man, especially when he resolves to see Jesus. The woman with an issue of blood said, "If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." The ten lepers standing afar off, cried, Jesus Master, have mercy on us. They were cleansed. The young man with infirmity waited thirty eight long years at the pool of Bethesda to hear Jesus say, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." Jesus will speak peace to any sin sick soul who will pay the price.

Zacchaeus was small in religion and morals, he stood high in the circle of society, and the rich Roman government. But the religious people of the town hated him, because he was a tax collector. His dealings with the people had been so unjust, until his sins stood before him like a mountain. He debated in his mind the question what shall I do to be saved from this curse? The devil might have advised him as he did Job, curse God and die, or he might have urged him to end it all. But he turned a deaf ear to the devil and sought the counsel of Jesus. He knew of the coming of Jesus to Jericho. He had learned of his wondrous works. And said to himself that he has power to free me of this sin and make me whole again. His passion, plus his faith impelled him to run, and climb up into a sycamore tree to see him. The moment Zacchaeus recognized his insignificance, and his need of

God he exposed himself to the master.

Before a man can come to God he must climb up out of his littleness, petty things, such as envy, malice, hatred, deceit, false pride. It is said that a big man is too big to be small. Zacchaeus was a big, little man. Little men will hate, quarrel and tear down, while big men love, discuss and build up. The kingdom of God is suffering from the smallness of Christians, whose circles leave out their neighbors. They are like Peter before he had his house top vision, and learned that God is no respecter of persons, and accepts all that feareth him and worketh righteousness. The disciples of Christ have too long followed the examples of the priest and Levite on the Jericho road. The disciples of Christ are guilty of joining the world, in passing up the underprivileged of the community, state and nation, who are suffering from malediction, of an unmerciful economic order that seeks to enslave men rather than free them, an order that robs them of shelter, food, health, education, and ambition, and are driving them into crime and immorality. The people of God must free themselves of hypocrisy, covetousness and ingratitude which clogs the stream of salvation. The same stream that brings salvation to one group, brings salvation to all groups. God has made every christian his brother's keeper and except he brings his brother with him he cannot see God's face. In the light of the conduct of the church, Jesus is saying to the members, "Woe unto you hypocrites, for ye shut the kingdom against men for neither go in your selves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." The church cannot save herself without saving the world.

Zacchaeus was determined to see Jesus, he said, "I shall see his face, not only shall I see his face, but I must see it today." Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem the last time. And as he passed through Jericho, he looked up and beheld the man of small stature, among the green leaves, looking down with eager, wishful eyes of the Man of Galilee. Jesus saw in his eyes his faith, and desire to come one of his disciples and said unto him, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down, for today I must abide at thy house." Jesus is on the outlook waiting for eager souls to come to him. His invitation is, whosoever will, let him come, if any man thirst, let him come, if any man pay the price he will in no wise cast out.

Zacchaeus was bold. We have too many timid souls in the kingdom of God. Too many cave men when great issues are at stake. Zacchaeus sought Jesus in the day, in the open. He did not falter under the criticisms of men and public opinion. He was not ashamed for he climbed a tree, and became

the object of the multitude. They heard Jesus when he invited him from the tree, and expressed his pleasure to go home with him. The crowd murmured, they always do when men break customs and traditions. They said: He is going home with a sinner, why not with the priests? They hated this man but Jesus loved him, they excluded him, but Jesus included him. Love always includes even her enemies, while hatred excludes and murders. In the house of the chief publican, lays the Father's business in Jericho. Truly in the house of sinners lay the Master's work today, Jesus said: For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which is lost."

The church has inherited this legacy of The Kings of business.

Zacchaeus made a confession, his words and actions are proof enough. He gave us an example of true confession. He stood, he took a stand, and said unto the Lord, "Behold Lord, the half of my goods, I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore four fold. Here is the proof that Zacchaeus triumphed over love for riches. Love for riches tempts men to forsake the fountain of "Living Waters" and to quench their thirst in the lower streams. Love for riches leads to luxury, to indulgences, and spiritual indifference. But Zacchaeus was able to triumph over his demoralizing business.

The things that gripped Zacchaeus were his business, his richness, his chief seat among the publicans false pride. But the must of his soul, sent him in search of Jesus. The "Must of his soul" forced him thru the crowd, and impelled him to climb a sycamore tree. The everlasting haunting of the must of his soul always pressing, drove him to surrender all and he became the object of salvation. His thoughts were the same as today, I must see Jesus, who the spirit prompted him to meet, one in the Divine Love of God, in His Son, the other in the soul sick sinner. Jesus said I must abide at that house and Zacchaeus said I must see thee, and came down out of the tree quickly and received the blessings of Jesus.

The great lesson for us today is, that Jesus went out far beyond the narrow circle of the Religious Leaders of that day. He included in His Program the "All of humanity." The Federal Council of Churches of Christ is engaged in a task which offers the religious forces of our community an opportunity to widen their circle of service. Edwin Maikham puts it well when he says: "He drew a circle that shut me out—Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout. But love and I had the wit to win, We drew a circle that took him in."

May the love of God abide with you now and forever.

NEGROES ASKED TO CARRY BROTHERHOOD SPIRIT TO WHITES

New York, Nov. 1—Announcing the 18th annual observance of **Race Relations Sunday**, February 11, 1940, which will be one feature of **Inter-racial Brotherhood Month**, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America issued today through its Department of Race Relations a message to the churches of America emphasizing their obligation to make the United States of America a nation in which brotherhood prevails.

The Message, drafted by the Rev. Philip C. Jones, Associate Pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, challenges the churches in a time of world conflict, suffering and wreck of war, to be aware of the "lack of social justice in our own country," and "to purify herself of the great modern heresy of racial discrimination within her own walls."

Christians are called upon "to give themselves to the exposition of and opposition to every cruelty and injustice which greed, bigotry and prejudice create." Specific suggestions are given which show the responsibility devolving upon American churchmen in bringing about community changes in fields where there is discrimination in industry, unequal educational opportunities for minority races, inequitable administration of public benefits of social security and the like, the withholding of civic privileges and rights from citizens because of color, and an unbrotherly conduct in the daily life of people of different racial groups. Concrete suggestions are given to the local church for stimulating activity toward these results, and a note of penitence is sounded for the indifference, greed and injustices which infest our American society.

In reference to the extension of the observance from a day to Interracial Brotherhood Month the Message continued: "No day or week or month, however, will suffice. Education in brotherhood is a continuing process. We must emphasize Brotherhood Years, Brotherhood Decades, Brotherhood Centuries, until, in the grace of God, it is Brotherhood Now." The Message in full follows:

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace who has made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. Eph. 2: 13-14.

"Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was like to give offense.

Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That wants it down."

—Robert Frost

While bugles call millions to arms, to suffering and death, Christians still hear the "still small voice" of God telling them again and again that Brotherhood and Peace shall prevail. Deus Vult! But God does not will it to come to pass by any kind of dictatorship. He reveals it in the hearts of the faithful as a shining goal to be achieved through effort and sacrifice. In the face of ignorance, hypocrisy, prejudice and disillusionment, all true Christians persist in their efforts to make the spirit of Christ warm in the hearts of all men. With penitence for racial bitterness and the lack of social justice in our country, we must begin by eliminating indifference, greed and injustice from our individual lives; then we shall be able to help make the Church more representative of our Lord's attitude and purpose. And if our churches are truly Christian they can fulfill their obligation to make the United States of America a nation in which brotherhood prevails.

Church Strategy

Churches which have been identified with majority groups in this country should recognize on all suitable occasions and in all possible ways significant advances made by minority groups which are striving valiantly to achieve their rightful destinies. Respect for the personality of individuals irrespective of race or color is basic to brotherhood. Efforts to bring tolerance and understanding into areas where hostile feelings now exist should receive the approval of all right-thinking people.

Christians must give themselves to the exposition of and opposition to every cruelty and injustice which greed, bigotry and prejudice create. Their efforts should find expression in changing our social attitudes and practices in the following ways:

The Church is called upon to purify herself of the great modern heresy of racial discrimination within her own walls.

Christians must urge the state to furnish equal educational opportunities to all races.

Discrimination in industry based on color, creed or national heritage must end.

Inequitable administration of all forms of social security on the basis of racial differences must be prevented.

Hospitals, libraries, parks and all public facilities should be available to persons of all races.

Lynching and mob violence must be wiped out.

Justice before the courts, so frequently denied minority groups, must be guaranteed to all.

The friendly pattern of Christian social life must replace unbrotherly conduct in city and country.

As Christians we must conquer hate with love. In the spirit of Christ, the world's Redeemer, we are to build lasting highways of understanding and bridges of brotherhood. We have heretofore observed Race Relations Sunday. This year we recognize also Interracial Brotherhood Month. No day or week or month, however, will suffice. Education in brotherhood is a continuing process. We must emphasize Brotherhood Years, Brotherhood Decades, Brotherhood Centuries, until, in the grace of God, it is Brotherhood Now.

Some Practical Church Activities

For the life and work of the local church the following activities are commended:

Arrange worship services with other racial and cultural groups.

Hold music festivals, emphasizing the artistic contributions of different peoples.

Organize classes and institutes for the study of others' needs and achievements.

Arrange "halls of fame" in which great personalities of minority races are emphasized and their achievements recognized.

Invite persons of other races to teach in Church Schools or to take part leadership of church services.

Create and present dramas relating to the problems which minorities face, with participants from different groups.

Encourage interracial cooperation in community enterprises.

Devise ways to keep young minds from acquiring adult prejudices.

Emphasize persistently the fact that our Gospel exalts the worth of the individual and that our form of government has the same basis.

Relate the Christian conviction about prayer to interracial understanding.

The Department issues for the observance an attractive poster and helpful program suggestions for various departments of the church and for community groups. Among the authors of the programs are Dr. G. Glenn Atkins formerly of Auburn Theological Seminary, Miss Mary Esther Reese of the Brooklyn Church Federation, Miss Marjorie Penny of the Friends Interracial Committee, Philadelphia; Miss Katharine Terrill of the Council for Social Action, Congregational-Christian Churches; and the late Miss Nancy Longenecker of the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn.

Noteworthy in this annual observance is the increasing activity on college campuses both north and south, and the cooperation of radio station managers.

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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.

—1 John, 1-7

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EDITORIAL

PROGRESSION

by Dean Jason M. Cowan

However much we would like to see our preachments of Christian brotherhood objectified in our great conventions and assemblies, experience indicates that many changes of heart must occur before men of good will but different complexions can meet without prior arrangements.

While the Negro group affiliates, studies relationships between, and co-operates with the agencies of the brotherhood the barriers of section, tradition and race are too deeply rooted in our National consciousness to hope for any radical change in our present relationship for generations, if ever.

Because of certain inherent sociological tendencies, people of similar origins, customs, and beliefs find it necessary to do the things which will best promote their interests. This is universally true, and indicates the foresight and wisdom of the pioneers who planned and launched the institutions for the preservation of our cultural heritages.

Institutions, however sacred and revered, must be guided by policies which permit growth, the supplanting of that which is good with that which is better, and the exchanging even of the better for the best. Building upon the foundations laid by our fathers, we make it possible for our sons to build. So we criticize, suggest, request and contend for that which seems to be conducive to growth. Since necessity makes the existence of group institutions an established fact, necessity also demands that these institutions be representative of, or strive to be representative of, the best practices within its constituency.

In this spirit some criticisms of our last National Convention are presented. For convenience; they appear under the headings "Good Points" and "Negative Points," with the best first.

"Good Points"

1. The chief presiding officer of the convention, the president, was unusually effective in maintaining order. While there were times when it was difficult for those in the extreme sides or rear of the building to hear distinctly, this fault was due more to architecture and acoustics rather than to other causes. Appeals to the audience for quiet were responded to quickly and courteously. Similar courtesies were also shown to the other departmental heads.

2. The lofty spiritual tone given the offertory period of the W. M. S. program by Mrs. Herod was wisely copied by succeeding presiding offi-

cers. The dignity and spiritual background thus associated with the taking of money could well be copied by all ministers whose congregations have made this a brazen departure from the worshipful tone of Christian service. The music for the entire W. M. S. program was excellent.

3. The convention program as a whole showed evidences of careful planning. The theme of the convention was quite appropriate and was the focal point around which the planned activities of the program were centered. The increasing use of Negroes to furnish the inspiration and challenges for the program of the church is commendable.

4. While I question the advisability of bringing a candidate for baptism before a National gathering, this unusual procedure could be justified if done only to provide a lesson in baptismal decorum for ministers lacking finesse in the art of planning a baptismal worship program, as such, it was informative. Baptism, it seems to me, is an ordinance reserved for local congregations and local ministers. The person is "baptized into Christ" rather than into the church. Someone might assume "baptism into the convention."

The ordination service was excellently planned and executed. It, too should have been an object lesson to all who needed an example to assist them in dignifying one of the great commitments to Christian service.

The convention, however, should not commit itself to the theory that every candidate for the ministry should be ordained at the National Convention, or that the convention should have a model ordination each year. Such would become the most revolting type of exhibitionism.

5. By far the most sensible of convention innovations in recent years and one that should be adopted until the need passes, were the Institutes of Church Life. Here was a chance for experience to share with inexperience, the expert with the inexperienced, and common sense with speculative theory. Out of such exchanges should come some permanent improvements in church life based upon inspiration flavored with intelligence.

"Negative Points"

1. The sessions began on time, especially in the evening, were so rare they could not be counted. Along with tardiness in beginning was his first cousin, tardiness in closing. True, so true, is the observation that the one and only purpose for coming to a convention should be to attend the sessions. One goes to the dinner table to eat, not to over-eat. The observance of "beginnings" and "endings" might keep larger numbers of dele-

gates in sessions rather than in refreshing relaxations beyond convention confines.

2. With the preliminaries and post-ludes, i.e., the devotions, announcements, introductions, offerings, and music, one major address on the evening program ought to suffice. While there are those who enjoy marathon programs there are others whose enjoyment turns either to tolerant endurance or absence. The combination of heat, poor ventilation, a late start, a long-drawn-out program, two long-winded speakers usually results in a restless, weary, sleepy audience after the first ninety minutes have gone.

3. Taken as a whole, the convention music was the weakest item on the entire program. With its other progressive innovations, the convention could wisely, and profitably remove the element of chance by employing a pianist and a song-leader for the entire week. The person or persons employed could easily correlate their plans with the local musical director prior to the convention. A wealth of musical talent, capable and experienced, is within our fold. Mrs. Goldie Guy, of Chicago, Mrs. Bowen, Jarvis Christian College, Mrs. Welch, Chicago, Dr. Quin, Kansas City, Othello Tanner, Indianapolis, are all worthy vocalists and organists. There are many others who might become as well known if the opportunity to serve were allowed.

That these capable persons should have been side-tracked for a "gospel blues-singer" is an oversight that should not occur again. True, there were those enthusiastic approvers present who were probably unfamiliar with the type of music which would have been more representative of the Negro Disciples of Christ. On the other hand there was also a surprising number present who felt that the accompaniment of gospel songs with jazz-tempo, shoulder-shaking, hand clapping, etc., was quite out of place and a reflection upon the convention.

4. For many years the convention has very properly recognized the contribution of our two schools to brotherhood life. Their alumni's worth to the church is unquestioned, and the schools themselves have passed through the apologetic period. Both institutions are accredited by state departments of education and are known and recognized in select educational circles.

If these institutions are to represent the educational philosophy of the brotherhood at our national gatherings, it seems reasonable that the evening designated for them should be exclusively theirs.

Perhaps it is my stupidity, but I have wondered for years about the relation between the Bible School Department and Jarvis and S.C.I. Are

we tacked to it, or is it tacked on to us?

The Bible School has its designated place on the program, and its presiding officer is excellent at that session. At the one designated for our educational institutions, time and a printed program, appear to be necessary evils, and as such need not be followed. If we are to have a presiding officer, other than a representative of one of our schools, it ought to be by all means to be someone who will adhere strictly to a previously planned program.

I am therefore, suggesting that a complete severance be made between the Bible School and the program given to presenting the work and workers of our schools; and secondly, session, or a bona-fide representative that either the National Convention president preside at this important of one of the institutions.

Our training institutions for ministers, not only emphasize a profound, spiritual commitment to the ministry, but also order, reverence, dignity, humility and related virtues. From this standpoint, it would not be amiss to let the school, with the approval of the Program Committee plan and conduct its entire evening program. It would then be exclusively representative of that institution.

Paul found it necessary to admonish his brethren to "Let all things be done decently and in order." This excellent advice forms the objective background for the foregoing observations. It is my earnest wish that each succeeding year shall bring us nearer to this ideal.

—Jason M. Cowan

ARTICLE II By "Quit"

FIVE AMERICAN IDEALS PEACE, EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITIES, EDUCATION, UNION AND LIBERTY

Peace of mind, in the home, in any group, requires a careful consideration of the rights of others. Equality of opportunities is usually denied the minority groups. This should not be. The leaders of our substantial groups should observe with care the plight of unfortunates and help educate them.

We have a small unfortunate group in our leadership. It is that small number of men who are not prepared. Men, may I urge you to study. Steal away to some place where you can find some one to help you. You need more inspiration. You need the kind of education that will liberate your spirit. Wake up! Find something new. It is all in the Bible. Your methods should be new. Methods change, principles do not. Will you take a hint? Will you go to Tuskegee on April 7th and hear Post Mas-

ter General Farley when he places the United States postage stamp of Booker T. Washington in the hands of the American Public?

You will be helped when you contact people in some other way than with your long sermon. Yes, I say long. Too long, most of the time. Meet me in Tuskegee. Meet me in some other place where you can find something else beneficial beside your small ideals.

I am earnest, men. What have you to show that you have helped your community? I am watching you. I am with you. You do not know why I say what I do, but you know it is true. (Believe me, I am not speaking to the real progressive men of our group). If you are not building, I mean you.

With these things in mind, will you keep a close record of the work you do this year and report it in your State meeting and in our National Convention at Little Rock next August?

I will be there with you. Are you wasting your time? You should not, if you are.

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Answer "Quit" in next issue. The Christian Plea columns are open to you, write today.

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The CHRISTIAN PLEA office is most grateful for the fine cooperation manifested by the Brotherhood as shown by the above report. We hope others will respond immediately as January is CHRISTIAN PLEA month. Send your subscription now so you will not miss a single issue. We need you now. Let us hear from you at once. A Happy New Year to all and many thanks.

MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR, Treasurer
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LETTERS TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Dear Editor:

Several free copies of the NEW and Improved CHRISTIAN PLEA have created in me the very deepest admiration for every feature of the journal, as well as, an unusually high re-

gard for an efficient editorial staff which makes the constituent matter of the paper so attractive and so genuinely interesting. It is my opinion that our official journal and our "BROTHERHOOD" churches should work desperately to keep each other alive. You will be hearing from the PINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH of Tulsa frequently.

Please place my name on your list of new subscribers and bill me later.

Gratefully yours,

C. H. WEBB,
Pastor, Pine St. Christian Church,
1416 N. Kenosha St., Tulsa, Okla.

GLAD TO EXCHANGE

We are glad to put you on our exchange list to receive ADVANCE each month. ADVANCE continues the publication of The CONGREGATIONALIST, and is the only national organ of the Congregational and Christian Churches.

—William E. Gilroy, 14 Beacon St., Boston

"PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES"

Allow me to congratulate you upon the splendid beginning of the CHRISTIAN PLEA. We would like to enter our subscription for same and give you an advertisement of the college.

—W. J. Hale, President, Tenn. A. and I. State College.

HOPES FOR SUCCESS

Enclosed please find fifty cents for a year's subscription. Hope you will have success in every way.

—Rev. William Walker, Box 176, London, Ky.

THANKS IN ADVANCE

Thanking you in advance and with best wishes for the success of the PLEA.

—Mary E. Graves, 1048 Pavine St., Benton Harbor, Mich.

GLAD TO GET GOOD NEWS

I am very much interested in your national paper and since reading it once and learning of the good things about the many other churches in our group and the fine things they are doing, I wish to share by sending my subscription.

—Rev. Charles H. Mitchell, 108 Sutter St., Montgomery, Ala.

DELIGHTED

I was delighted to read the PLEA. Enclosed please find one dollar for my subscription.

—Mrs. Grant K. Lewis, 4019 Washtenaw Rd. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

CHURCH BURNED

Old Union Hill Church burned. Here is one dollar to keep us informed about other churches. Happy New Year.

—E. J. Jennings, Box 70, Hermanville, Mississippi.

BEST WISHES

With best wishes for a successful year for you and the PLEA, I am,

—Jason M. Covan, Dean S. C. I., Edwards, Mississippi.

THANKS FOR THE CALENDAR

Just to thank you "twice over" for the lovely calendar, most unique I have seen. Want one more for up-stairs of the church. Thanks for the good PLEA.

—Elder C. H. Dickerson, "Ole Kentuck"

PLEASED

I was most pleased to receive the PLEA. Read each and passed them on. Gave them my subscription for the year.

—Rev. R. L. Jordon, 11331 Oakland Ave., Detroit, Mich.

APPRECIATION FOR HOSPITALITY

Again let me express my appreciation for your kind hospitality while I was in your city. Again let me commend you on the CHRISTIAN PLEA. I am still hearing very fine comments everywhere I go.

—R. H. Peoples, General Secretary of Negro Churches.

APPRECIATED FOR BEING INCLUDED

May I congratulate you on the very fine work of the CHRISTIAN PLEA. We have enjoyed reading it very much, I shall try to contribute as much material as possible.

—Bessie E. Chandler, 4167 Enright Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

THANKS TO THE MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT

A one year's subscription to the Interracial News Service was received January 2nd. The PLEA staff is very grateful to the Missionary Organizations Department of the United Christian Missionary Society.

—Merl R. Eppse, Editor.

TEN DOLLARS FOR FOURTEEN

I am taking time to get clubs of five and tens for the PLEA. I want to thank you for the sample copies. They were just fine. I am a member of Avalon but I visit all the sister churches.

—Mrs. W. J. Sharp, VCCT Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

Editor's Note:—This is the finest report received yet, Mrs. Sharp, please accept the unstinted thanks of the CHRISTIAN PLEA Staff.

PRESIDENT COMPLIMENTS

We want to compliment you upon the aristocratic appearance of our Brotherhood paper and also for the promptness with which it is mailed each month. May you have continued success with this project. Enclosed please find two dollars for subscribers.

—President P. C. Washington, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

EIGHTY-FOUR YEAR OLD SUBSCRIBER

I am sending a dollar for one year. This is bad writing but I want to do it myself. I went to church when Elder Preston Taylor was here in 1886. I am sorry that more people do not know about his great work.

—Mrs. Alice B. Glover, 10 Wilson St., Mt. Sterling, Ky.

DR. WICKIZER HAPPY

I want to write just a word to say how happy I was to have the opportunity of having such an extensive conference with you. I believed we cleared up a number of matters. I am sure the CHRISTIAN PLEA will go forward in a fine way.

—Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, Department of Church Development and Evangelism.

DR. PLOPPER'S BEST WISHES

Needless to say the United Society and all of its workers are deeply interested in our Negro Brotherhood and wish to cooperate in every way possible in making splendid development in the coming year.

—C. W. Plopper, Treasurer, United Christian Missionary Society.

ON ITS WAY

The PLEA is on its way. You can count on me. Thirty members have taken subscriptions. They will renew.

—Rev. S. S. Myers, President, Missouri Christian Convention.

EXCUSE ME—I AM BLIND

Dear Sister Taylor:

You will have to excuse me for not sending my subscription sooner but I am blind and did not know it was time to send the money. I am renewing my subscription to help the CHRISTIAN PLEA. I have it read to me each month. I knew Elder Taylor very well.

—Brother John Gray, 202 Court St., Lawrenceburg, Ky.

OKLAHOMA GREETINGS

We are delighted with the PLEA.

—E. M. Barrett, R. 3, Box 273, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

TEXAS SPEAKS

Enclosed herewith please find my subscription for one year.

—Rev. Daniel L. Truscott, 4210 New Orleans St., Houston, Texas.

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Keep the PLEA coming to me. Here is my dollar.

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You have my whole-hearted cooperation. Is one dollar enough.

—Rosa V. Brown, 140 Elm St., New Castle, Pa.

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Please find enclosed four dollars and twenty five cents. Send the PLEA to the following subscribers.

—Mrs. Clara Fowler, 1180 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio.

TEXAS THANKS

Thanks for the PLEA. Here is my dollar.

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Mrs. Taylor, here is my dollar.

—Mrs. Mary Anderson, 915 Jefferson St., Nashville, Tenn.

GREAT MISSIONARY RESPONDS

Enclosed please find one dollar for which I would like for you to send your splendid PLEA to the following: Prof. James, Eureka,

Illinois; Prof. T. M. Burgess, Box 875, Grayson, Ky.; Mrs. Lula Townsend, R. 3, Box 38, Franklin, Ind.; Mrs. Mae Potts, 426, Stouze Trail, Chattanooga, Tenn. Wishing the new Editor and his staff uninterrupted success in the publishing of this valuable paper.

—Mrs. J. E. Lehman, 2623 Clinton Ave., Jackson, Miss.

SPIRIT MOVES PASTOR

The spirit moves me and I decided to make the money order two dollars instead of one fifty. The fifty cents is for my personal subscription.

—Rev. J. O. Bowles, 612 N. 13th St., Paducah, Ky.

THANKS FROM WYOMING, OHIO

Thank you very much for sending me the CHRISTIAN PLEA. It is a very fine magazine. I enjoy it very much and do not want to be without. It has so much good news. I want to try and get some subscribers. Wishing you all success.

—Mrs. M. V. Roberts, 627 Vine St., Wyoming, Ohio.

FROM LELA E. TAYLOR

To Mrs. Taylor:

"Our Mail Box"

The loveliness and wonder

Of each snowflake as it falls

Add a silent benediction

To your greeting from these halls.

Merry Xmas, Lela E. Taylor,

Missions Building.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Out from twelve happy years of joyous service in Chattanooga we turn gratefully to you who have contributed to our happiness and enriched our lives and wish you—A Merry Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lin D. Cartwright, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

OLD FRIEND

Dear Sister Taylor:

You will find enclosed one dollar for a subscription.

—Amanda Davis, 2217 W. 5th St., Kansas City, Kansas.

TEXAS URGES

Enclosed please find check for one dollar. A subscription to the CHRISTIAN PLEA. I shall urge the Texas people to support the PLEA.

—I. Q. Hurdle, 1416 E. 12th St., Austin, Texas.

GREATEST CONGRATULATIONS

Accept my greatest congratulations on the splendid beginning you have made as editor of the PLEA. The Brotherhood looks to you for the continued leadership which you have so well begun.

—Cleo W. Blackburn, Flanner House, Indianapolis, Ind.

TANGIBLE EXPRESSION

I wish Mrs. Taylor and the Editor of the new CHRISTIAN PLEA, the most phenomenal success that this paper has ever had, during the present year. Please accept the following eleven subscriptions as a tangible expression of my best wishes.

—Richard H. Davis, 218 E. 44th St., Chicago, Ill.

NOTICE

All subscriptions solicited for the CHRISTIAN PLEA should be reported to Mrs. Preston Taylor, 449 Fourth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, Monday of each week.

It is very necessary that reports be made immediately upon solicitation that a record may be made in the office and prompt service be given to the public.

J. E. WALKER, M.D.

Chairman, Administrative Committee

CARNELLA L. JAMISON'S COLUMN



Carnella L. Jamison

RESULTS OF THE FIRST HALF-YEAR

We are happy to report that total missionary organizations' offerings showed a slight increase for the first six months. While we rejoice over this achievement we must remember that our expenses for this year of war and world-strife will increase too. Missionaries going to the foreign field or coming home on furlough must pay from thirty-three and one-third to forty per cent more for their travel expense. It is so important that we have a still larger increase at the end of the year.

A number of societies are well started toward reaching their goal for the year. The following groups sent in one-half or more of their goal by December 31:

- Guild, Second Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
- WMS, Second Church, Atchison, Kansas.
- WMS, Indiana Ave. Church, Wichita, Kansas.
- WMS, Second Church, Georgetown, Kentucky.
- Council, Clay Street Church, Paducah, Kentucky.
- WMS, Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, Mississippi.
- Council, Christian Church, Chamois, Missouri.
- Council, Second Church, Columbia, Missouri.
- Council, Second Church, Fulton, Missouri.
- Council, Centennial Church, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Triangle, Centennial Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

CMO, Centennial Church, St. Louis, Missouri.
 WMS, Federal Street Church of Christ, Youngstown, Ohio.
 WMS, Main Street Church, Xenia, Ohio.
 WMS, Pine Street Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
 WMS, Three Mills Church, Ehrhardt, South Carolina.
 WMS, Mt. Olive Church, Martinsville, Virginia.

A few societies almost reached one-half of their goal by December 31, a little added effort in this next six months will mean achievement for them too at the end of the year. They are:

WMS, Indiana Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois.
 WMS, Christian Church, Mound Bayou, Mississippi.
 WMS, S.C.I., Edwards, Mississippi.
 Council, Woodland Church, Kansas City, Missouri.
 WMS, First Christian Church, Concord, North Carolina.

ABOUT REPORTS

Reports and records often seem dry and uninteresting when compared with our mission studies of the World Community, and yet they are so important to the work. We need to know about the things you are doing, the number of members you have, the books you are reading, so that we may be of better service to you and also know at the end of the year just how much has been accomplished. We are printing below the list of those missionary groups which have furnished us with their reports for the second quarter ending December 31. If your group has not sent in their report will you urge them to do so at once. If you do not have the blank sent you write to the national office, Miss Carnella Jamison, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, and we will send you another.

WMS, Mt. Sinai Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.
 WMS, Second Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.
 WMS, Eighth Street Church, Kansas City, Kansas.
 WMS, Hancock Hill Church, Louisville, Kentucky.
 Council, Second Church, Chamois, Missouri.
 Council, Centennial Church, St. Louis, Missouri.
 Triangle, Centennial Church, St. Louis, Missouri.
 CMO, Centennial Church, St. Louis, Missouri.
 Council, Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.
 Council, Second Church, Fulton, Missouri.
 WMS, Cleveland Avenue, Winston-

Salem, North Carolina.
 WMS, Norwood Church, Dayton, Ohio.
 WMS, Federal Street Church of Christ, Youngstown, Ohio.
 WMS, Main Street Church, Xenia, Ohio.
 WMS, Gay Street Church, Nashville, Tennessee.
 WMS, Roxine Street Church, Dallas, Texas.
 WMS, Ninth Avenue Church, Martinsville, Virginia.
 WMS, Mt. Olive Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This date in the missionary calendar is of world-wide significance interdenominationally. The World Day of Prayer was first observed in 1920 and participation has increased each year until now Christians of more than fifty countries keep the day together.

The theme for this year is "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" and the program has been prepared by Muriel Lester and her sister, Doris Lester, of London, England. Those who know Muriel Lester either personally or through her writing will know that this is a theme for worship which she could develop supremely well. The service, we believe will help those who participate to attain a spiritual poise and power which is much needed by every Christian in these days. The program is for the use of both adults and young people. (Price, 2 cents each; \$2.00 per 100.)

This year a Handbook for the leader of the service is available. It contains suggestions as to methods of presenting the four interdenominational missionary projects supported by the World Day of Prayer offerings, promotion and publicity ideas, suggestions for children's programs (no new service is being offered for children this year), radio programs, and an expanded ritual of offering for those desiring a longer or special service. (Price, 10 cents.)

The call to Prayer leaflet is free in limited quantities, and the poster (11x17) is 5 cents. All materials may be ordered through The United Christian Missionary Society, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

It is hoped that every missionary organization will have fellowship in the observance of the World Day of Prayer.

MRS. JULIA GAMBY THANKS

Mrs. Julia Gamby wishes to announce that Master Buchner Gamby is planning on leaving Cleveland for Boston where he will study at the New England Conservatory of Music. She wishes to express thanks to all who helped him.

MRS. MARY LEDIARD DOAN SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Invitations were issued for the installation of Mrs. Mary Lediard Doan, recently elected vice-president of The United Christian Missionary Society. The services took place at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, January 7, at Central Christian Church, Delaware and Walnut Streets, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, president of The United Society, presided at the service and gave the induction into office. Dr. W. F. Rothenburger, chairman of the board of trustees, gave the charge.

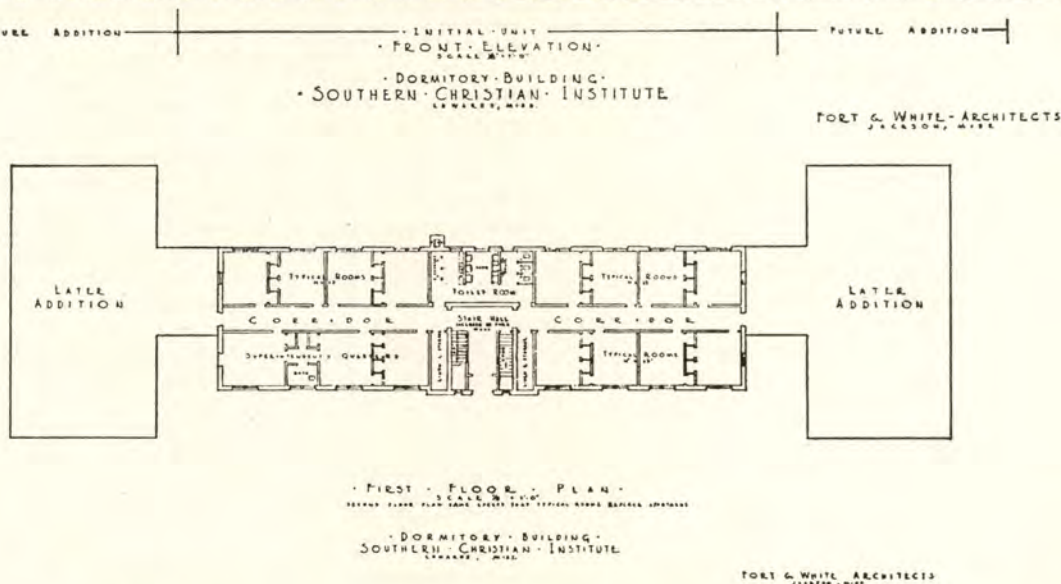
Others who took part on the program were Mrs. Effie L. Cunningham, the prayer of dedication; Dr. Toyozo W. Nakari, the invocation; and Miss Lela E. Taylor, the benediction. Miss Marion Royce of Toronto, Canada, brought a message, "Canada's Contribution," and Mrs. W. A. Shullenberger spoke for the United Society. Greetings were brought from the home and world mission fields of Disciples of Christ. The chorus of Central Christian Church sang.

Following the services, a reception honoring Mrs. Doan was held in the church parlors.

Mrs. Doan sailed from Japan November 27 on the *Kamakura Maru*, and reached San Francisco, December 11. After a short visit with her brother at Los Altos, she went to Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, for Christmas. After a short New Year's visit in Columbus, O., she returned to Indianapolis, January 5.

Mrs. Doan was elected vice-president of The United Christian Missionary Society in International Convention at Richmond, Va., Oct. 20. The Canadian born church leader began her career as a teacher, then went to Japan in 1906 where she taught in the Margaret K. Long Girls' School at Tokio. In 1920 she went to Akita to do general evangelistic work for the churches of Disciples of Christ. Three years later she married Mr. R. A. Doan of Columbus, Ohio. From that time, with the exception of trips to the mission fields, when she and her husband were doing some special work, she resided in Columbus. Upon his recent death, she returned to Japan, again as a missionary of The United Christian Missionary Society. In her work she has been associated with Toyohiko Kagawa.

OUR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES



Lehman Hall, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., A \$50,000 building being erected for Negro boys. Let us help by sending a substantial amount to help. It is for our boys. Do it today.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE NEWS

by Julia Flowers

Greetings and a very happy and prosperous New Year to all former students of S.C.I. May the Gods of fortune visit you and make this year the greatest of all-past and future years.

The peal of the 5:30 A.M. rising bell brought to a close the holiday vacation on Wednesday, January 3rd. Rising was quite a task to most of us after bathing in lazy luxury for thirteen days. Now we are back to the mill to continue the grinding of everflowing knowledge.

The week preceeding the Christmas holidays was rich with music for all music lovers. The appearance of Irma Margaret Allen, contralto, winner of first place among singers in the Chicagoland Music Festival in 1939 on Friday Night, December 15th was the outstanding event. The performance of Irma Allen was an event well worth its weight in gold. Her voice was like magic, holding the audience in a semi-trance, soon removed at the close of each selection in deep gratitude as the wild applause literally lifted the roof from the auditorium. Her accompanist, Mrs. L. E. Cousins performed equally well, each artist taking her cue at the appropriate moment. A lovely reception was given to the guest artist and visiting friends at the close of the recital, with Miss Allen, Mrs. Cousins and Dean Cowan in the receiving line. Miss Hazel Bacon assisted by other-faculty members

served very graciously as hostesses at a midnight supper to Miss Allen.

The Christmas musical on Monday, December 18th presented by representatives from all grades was a unique feature. The elementary pupils sang as only children could sing their Christmas stories set to music. The choir and the glee clubs sang beautifully. "And There Were Shepherds" was featured by the glee clubs on the stage, while the group up in the balcony came in with "Silent Night." The occasion was of a very serious nature and one could hardly refrain from shedding an occasional tear.

The Annual Christmas Party was given the following night and Prof. T. B. Frost and his family were guests of honor. Prof. Frost, who has spent nearly thirty years of his life in Home Mission Work, and many of those years superintending the garden at S.C.I. retired from active service. The school feels a great loss at his leaving. He and his family have moved to their little farm down in Texas near Jarvis Christian College, where it has been said by many that there is still many a task that Prof. Frost will undertake before it is believed that he will become completely inactive. Prof. Frost has won a place in the hearts of his many friends who knew and loved him.

In spite of the fact that he was a faithful worker, setting the precedent for the young men who worked under his leadership, he was never too preoccupied to stop and chat, or to relate one of his famous stories for

which he was so popular over the entire campus.

Although there was quite a bit of humor in the incidents mentioned of Prof. Frost's early life on the campus as a student, reality brought one back to the seriousness of the affair in plain facts that we were losing a kind-hearted, loving and faithful friend. Dean Cowan presented Prof. Frost with a beautiful leather bound Bible from the members of the staff. On the first page were the autographs of each member of the faculty.

James Killingsworth, a high school senior and a former industrial student who worked under Prof. Frost spoke in behalf of his fellow students, as to the valuable training they had received under their very competent and able instructor and how they along with others would certainly miss that strong little figure from whistling his gay tunes up and down S.C.I. campus.

Former President and Mrs. Lehman and Mr. and Mrs. Bebout were among the guest present and Mrs. Lehman who was one of Prof. Frost's teachers and Mr. Bebout spoke of Prof. Frost and the untiring tasks under which he labored while one of us.

Dean Cowan quotes current happenings pertaining to the new dormitory for the young men—Lehman Hall:

"There was no vacation in the Industrial Department during the holidays. The log truck was busy as long as the weather permitted. Several thousand feet of lumber were sawn and stacked for drying. The concrete

mixer and power unit were moved into position. New wheelbarrows have appeared and await the sand, gravel, cement and manpower which will give form and substance to Lehman Hall."

"Miss Carnella Jamison, National Secretary of W.M.S. was campus guest during the holidays and added her name to the Lehman Hall Honor Roll by paying her \$10.00 pledge made at the National Convention. Other contributions in December came from Mrs. Tamar McClain Webster, class of 1938, now a senior at Tugaloo College, and Prof. G. W. Washington, principal of the high school at Shaw, Miss. R. H. Peoples check for \$5.00 makes a total of \$18.00 for December. We appreciate these sacrificial gifts for they express more than many words the loyalty and appreciation of the givers."

"President John Long will join a Missionary team in Indianapolis, January 8th for an extensive tour. The team, or teams will visit churches in Ohio, West Virginia, and in the Maryland-Virginia areas. He expects to return about February 15th.

George E. Lakes, graduate of S.C. I. in 1937 has been employed to fill the vacancy left by Prof. T. B. Frost. Mr. Lakes was presented with a son on Christmas day. His wife and family will join him in the near future.

—Julia Flowers

1940 PLANS AT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Nineteen hundred and forty promises new wonders for our Southern Christian Institute, for ground has already been broken for the men's new dormitory.

The new dormitory is planned so that two wings can be added later. The central section, which will be ready for occupancy by the fall of 1940, will house fifty-six students and a supervisor. The exterior walls and the stair walls will be of brick and tile construction, while the interior will be of frame. In architectural design the building will harmonize with the Golden Jubile Administration Building adjacent to it.

Many of the young people of Christian Institute must have financial assistance, so employment is provided on the institute farm, in the dairy, laundry, kitchen, etc., under the direction of the teachers. Many students work one year and attend school the next. In this way they are not only given financial assistance, but are taught better methods of farming and are able to serve in a very definite way when they go out as teachers and other leaders.

This same plan of student labor, as far as possible, will be used in constructing the building. All the lumber will come from the school's

own timber tract and will be sawed at the campus sawmill. By using student labor under adequate supervision, a three-fold purpose is accomplished: Young men are assisted in working their way through school; students are taught practical trades; and the building will be constructed for not more than two-thirds of what it would cost if regularly contracted.

Student labor has been used almost entirely for the erection of the institute buildings. Southern Christian Institute is built on a plantation of 1,265 acres, and has twelve buildings. A fine tract of timber and a sawmill provide all the wood for fuel and lumber for building. Sand, gravel and lumber have been secured on the plantation.

EVANGELISM

KENTUCKY STATE PRESIDENT SENDS MESSAGE TO CHURCHES by Rev. L. L. Dickerson

TO THE PASTORS, OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF KENTUCKY:

Greetings, last July we closed our 67th Annual State Convention in Louisville, and returned to our homes full of information, enthusiasm, and determination to make this one of the greatest years in the history of the Kentucky Convention.

I shall not attempt to state the causes of this zeal and determination. They were many and, no doubt, each of the 150 delegates present made his or her contribution. However, I do want to call your attention to the fact that the first half of our convention year has passed, and so far as I have been able to ascertain through a number of contacts I have had with the leaders in our local Churches, much of that zeal and determination with which we began with this year has remained with us. There is a determined effort on the part of all to show progress this year in both the local and state work.

True enough, many of us face many problems and handicaps, but there seems ever to be that determination to succeed. We have had splendid cooperation from our State and District Officers and the pastors of our local churches.

Now in our zeal to carry out the program of the State Convention, let us not forget two other things of great importance. First, the **Christian Plea**. I am sure all of us are proud of the Plea and feel keenly our responsibility to help make it a success by first, sending in our subscription now. Second, we must not neglect our obligations to the world-wide Mis-

sionary program of our Brotherhood carried on under the supervision of the United Christian Missionary Society.

No church can claim to be truly the Church of Christ in Spirit and in deed until it shares a part of the financial responsibility of Evangelizing the world. Unfortunately, the record of our Kentucky Churches as a whole has not been as good as it should have been in this respect. We are, therefore, urging every Church to try and pay its apportionment to the U. C. M. S. or the Unified Promotion, in order that our State may continue to hold its rightful place among the States in our Brotherhood.

Thanking you again for your co-operation with our State program and wishing you all a Happy New Year, I am yours in the service.

AFRICAN LIFE TOUCHED THE WORK OF JEROME E. FREEMAN

by Bessie E. Chandler, St. Louis, Mo. Promotional Director of the Midwest Young Peoples' Conference

A Christian missionary, namely, Jacob Kennoly, sent three of his boys to Southern Christian Institute to prepare themselves to return to their native land and serve the people there. The last of these boys that was sent was Jerome E. Freeman, who came to the school in about 1912. Jerome entered the eighth grade and continued to study at this Institution until he completed their Normal Course. These years were spent in work and study in order to adequately prepare himself for his future work and continued education. After graduation he went to Paris, Texas to serve as pastor for the church. Through the interest and kindness of one of his classmates, it was made possible for him to enter Drake University in the fall of 1922. For several years he studied here completing his college work and work in law receiving his A.B. and LL.B. degrees.

The University Christian Church became deeply interested in him and his future work to the extent that they helped him during his school career. The Big Brothers Club of this church pledged themselves to support his work in Africa to the extent of twenty-five dollars per month and continued to do so until the club was abandoned about three years ago.

After graduation from Drake University he travelled among our churches preaching and lecturing on his anticipated work. By this means he received some financial aid to help re-establish the work of Jacob Kennoly which was Jerome Freeman's greatest desire.

He returned to his home land about 1927 and began to revive the work of Jacob Kennoly and has continued

without support, to a large extent. Because of the lack of needed support within the last year he has been forced to give up the work of Jacob Kennoly and affiliated himself with the work of a nearby station, but his deepest and greatest desire is to return to his original work. Jerome Freeman has expressed a hope that some day our Negro brotherhood would take an interest in his work to the extent that they would help to support it.

The workers and children of Centennial Christian Church have been exchanging letters and other materials with Mr. Freeman, the same of which we are passing on to you.

CHILDREN TAUGHT MISSIONARY IDEA

by Bessie E. Chandler, St. Louis, Mo.

The children's workers of Centennial Christian Church have, for a number of years, endeavored to lead the boys and girls into interesting missionary experiences through their special Vacation Church School and Church School mission study and projects.

Through stories and letter-writing an interest has been aroused in the work of Jerome Freeman to the extent that the Vacation Church School and Church School have assumed the responsibility of sending a small Love Gift each year for that work. This is carried out by the children bringing a small gift, weekly, to the Vacation School. At the end of the term they ask their parents to share with them in this special Love Gift. The Church School assumes the responsibility of supplementing the Love Gift of the children in the Vacation School by having a special missionary day known as "Freeman Day." This year on the special day stories are to be used that were written by the children of the Freeman Mission School. An unusual effort is being made to plan an interesting, as well as meaningful, study and program for this day.

Because of the deep interest in this work there are individuals who have decided to share in the work to the extent of supporting a living link of the Freeman School. The challenge goes out from these workers to other workers of the brotherhood to support the Freeman work as a whole or to take a living link.

ARKANSAS STATE EVANGELIST REPORTS

By William Martin
2024 Howard Street
Little Rock, Ark.

The work of Arkansas moves along with some degree of encouragement. On the 11th of December we closed a deal for a beautiful Church site in Russelville, Ark. The faithful membership there feels very

much encouraged. Very soon now we will have a comfortable place in which to worship that has long been desired by the good people there. We hope to put on a worthwhile program which will claim the attention of the people of that town.

This church will be the host for our State Convention the first week in August.

On December 17, we held our District Convention at Pearidge Church. The convention was very inspiring. Elder T. R. Moore is pastor of Pearidge and the work there is moving along very well under his leadership.

I have been asked to serve on the advertising committee to keep before the National Brotherhood the National Convention which meets with our Cross Street Church in Little Rock. The committees are working now to make this the greatest Convention ever held. All must begin now to get ready to come this way. We will be glad to hear from anyone who may wish to write us about it. Begin now to send in your notices of your expectation to be present.

EDITOR VISITS NORTH CAROLINA

Merl R. Eppse, Editor of the *Christian Plea*, and Chairman of the Division of Social Studies of Tennessee A. & I. State College, visited the churches in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, December 31 to January 2. He was the main speaker at a city-wide mass meeting celebrating the Emancipation of the Negro. This meeting was held at the First Baptist Church, Monday Evening, January 1st. The house was crowded and praise was expressed concerning the message.

He spoke Sunday morning, December 31, at the Spencer Memorial Christian Church to a large audience. Rev. R. L. Peters, Pastor and National Evangelist, spared nothing in hospitality and service. Large delegations of Disciples came from Virginia and other churches. It was a great day in Zion.

Sunday afternoon he spoke at the Cleveland Church. Here he found a large and enthusiastic congregation of Disciples. All that the Editor could say was that they are a loyal, enthusiastic people.

Rev. Eugene Patterson, Pastor of the Christian Church at Stewart, Virginia and his good wife were constantly with the editor. Dr. Peters made arrangements for the editor to stay with Prof. and Mrs. U. S. Reynolds. The citizens of Winston-Salem spared no pains in seeing that the best was none too good. The editor visited Prof. A. I. Terrel, Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Gill, Brother E. C.

Williams, Brother G. F. Ragsdale, Brother E. Graves, Rev. Garthea Rowland and many others. The churches were responsive and the citizens were universally courteous. The trip was fruitful.

NEWS FROM THE S. C. I. CLUB OF CHICAGO

The S.C.I. Club meets the first Sunday of each month at the C.N.D.A. Club House, 4941 South Parkway from 5 to 6:30 P.M.

Mr. John C. Lewis is the very enthusiastic and capable president. We are very fortunate in having him as our leader.

One very interesting feature which has been injected into our regular program is the "Forum" conducted by the chairman of the program committee, Mr. Cyril Robertson. For the past two meetings, we have had as our guest speaker — Miss Deborah Smith, a popular young city teacher, who has brought information concerning conditions as they exist in the schools on the South Side and what we can do to correct these conditions.

The committee on the "Lehman Hall" Fund is busy getting additional pledges and collecting those already made that we might be able to send a substantial gift to the S.C.I. in the very near future. Mr. Frederick D. Perkins is chairman of the committee.

Our newly organized Choral Group under the direction of Mrs. Rose Page Welch, sang Christmas carols for Atty. N. S. Taylor one of the first graduates of S. C. I. Mr. Taylor is a very outstanding lawyer of this city, but for the past three years has been practically a shut-in. At the time the group visited him, another of the older graduates, Mr. James L. Brooks was visiting Mr. Taylor and we had a wonderful reunion.

On the 27th of this month the club is sponsoring a "Dinner Party" at the home of Mr. John Claiborne, our efficient secretary. All financial efforts are directed toward our Annual Program which will be held the 24th of March.

Prof. Merl R. Eppse is going to deliver the address. We appreciate the honor of having Prof. Eppse address us and wish every reader of the *Plea* could be here on that date.

Our program committee is to be commended for having secured such an outstanding speaker for the occasion.

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Peoples and Miss Carnella Jamison are studying at the University this quarter. We are happy to have them with us.

At this writing, Mrs. Lula Perkins and Atty. N. S. Taylor are on the sick list.

ACTIVITIES OF BROTHERHOOD CHURCHES

AVALON CHURCH AWARDED PRIZE

OTHER ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED

Los Angeles, Dec. 21. (ANP)—At the recent annual conference of the Los Angeles County Coordinating Councils, the Avalon Christian Church of which the Rev. Baxter Carrol Duke is pastor, received the distinguished service award for being the church and community center which has contributed most during the past year to prevent juvenile delinquency.

The award assumes larger proportions when one takes into consideration that Avalon and its work is comparatively new as an institution and last year the award was given to one of the largest Catholic churches in the city. This is the first time that a Negro church has won this recognition and too much cannot be said about Mrs. Zelma Watson Duke, guiding spirit behind many of the worthwhile projects at Avalon. Many racial groups use the recreational and vocational facilities of the church, all groups cooperating to the greatest extent.

Judge W. Turney Fox of the juvenile court made the award and Mayor Fletcher Bowron who was present at the meeting spoke very highly of the work being done at Avalon Christian Church.

INDIA STUDENT OFFICIAL TO SPEAK SUNDAY

At the Avalon Christian Church, Sunday at 3:30 p.m., Rajni Patel, 24 year old secretary of the India Student Federation, executive member of the All India National Congress, will analyze the European crisis and relate India's and Africa's struggle for freedom and democracy.

The meeting is being sponsored by the following community youths:

Beulah Terry, Avalon Christian Church; Louise Skanks, Business and Professional Girls Club; Peggy Smith, Federated Women's Club; Carl Johnson, Young Republicans; Albert Patrick, Young Democrats; Mercier Reese, Southside Youth Council; Aaron Johnson, Young Communist League.

The public is invited.

GEORGE CARVER CLUB SETS ANNIVERSARY

The George Carver Fellowship Club calls the public's attention to its Fifth Annual Anniversary Program, Sunday, January 21, at the Avalon Christian Church, 43rd and Avalon Blvd. The feature of the program will be an inter-racial symposium and exhibition having representatives from the Oriental, Negro, Caucasian and

Filipino races. The topic will be, "Solution to Youth's Problems in a Democratic Community." There will be selected musical numbers and refreshments.

OLD UNION HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS INTERESTING HISTORY

by E. J. Jennings
Hermanville, Miss.

TO THE MANY READERS OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA:

Some will be very much surprised to know that the last night in the year 1939 carried with it THE OLD UNION HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST. This Church marked the early years of services of the late K. R. Brown, Myles Smothers, Elder John Lomax, Walter R. Sneed and many others I do not recall just at this time.

Brother Alfred Jennings whose entire Christian life was spent in this Church and for more than 40 years served faithfully on the official board. The Church building stands in the Southeast corner of the plantation owned by the late Elder K. A. Brown to whose credit goes the dedication of one acre of land to the Christian Church.

The best of materials having been used in the building of this church, the only general repairs for the past 40 years has been a new roof, 10 or 12 years ago. We hope to be able to erect a new church in 1940.

We must commend the good work of our beloved pastor, Elder Y. H. Hughes for the past six years.

With best wishes to the Brotherhood for a most Prosperous New Year. I am enclosing one dollar for my subscription to the CHRISTIAN PLEA.

PERSONNEL OF THRIVING SUNDAY SCHOOL

United Christian Church
5631 30th St., Detroit, Mich.
by T. R. Rouse

We have planned much activity for 1940 but will make a report of that when it shall have matured. This report will deal only with the Sunday School, which is the fastest growing department of the church.

Officers and teachers are as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Joneva Saunders, a former member of the Lea Ave. Christian Church of Nashville, Tenn. Primary Teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Blakwell; Junior Class Teacher, Miss Gladys Hall; Intermediate Class Teacher, Miss Goldie Brown; Adult Class Teacher, Thomas K. Rouse.

The average attendance for December, 1939 was 45.

STATISTICS OF NEGRO BROTHERHOOD

by Elder C. H. Dickerson
Lexington, Ky.

Just to keep the record straight I wish to quote the following:

"Reading maketh a full man
Speaking maketh a ready man,
and

Writing maketh an exact man." Because writing gives permanency to statements, we call attention to the attempted exactness of the headline of the *Christian Plea*, the official organ of the 42908 Negro Disciples of Christ. Statistics have never been exacting with the Negro Christian and it is my suggestion that these figures are hardly official.

For many years it was my lot to work with the *Christian Plea*. Each year I was convinced the reports were incorrect and could not be relied upon. This fault, I found, was directly due to the ministers, officials, who failed to impart exact information.

Personally, I am sure that the 42,908, is far below our number. Let us grow both in spirit and in numbers.

In speaking of those who had the spirit let us remember the Late Elder Preston Taylor, a beloved patriot and pioneer in the Christian Brotherhood and his dear wife, Mrs. Ida Taylor who through her loyalty to the Brotherhood has given space at 449 4th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. for the housing of the *Christian Plea*.

A Happy New Year to all old and new *Plea* readers who are enjoying this beautiful, bigger and better *Christian Plea*.

MONROE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH STARTS COMMUNITY PROGRAM FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE BUCKEYE STATE

by Mrs. Clara D. Fowler

To the Editor and Brotherhood. We greet you on behalf of the Monroe Avenue Church of Christ. It is with joy we report the success of our church since the coming of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Arnold in July. The church has taken on new life and also added some new features. One is the Employment Department which has already sent out over one hundred persons on jobs. It is meeting a much needed demand in our city and making many friends for the church and pastor, many are expressing themselves as "The Christian Church is interested in the unemployed—as well as the employed." To date nineteen new members have been taken in and

many of these by baptism. The prayer meetings on Wednesday nights have increased from five or six to as many as thirty. The Bible is being taught as the only authority for the Christian Religion and the Plea of The Disciples of Christ being proclaimed weekly from the Pulpit. The pastor is active in the affairs of the city and has been named by the Minister's Alliance to arrange The Easter Evangelistic meetings to be held in the heart of the Negro Business Section. Mrs. Arnold is in much demand also and has spoken to many of the city clubs. The Church is open seven days each week and the Pastor's study has been beautifully furnished. The Missionary Society gave the rug, the Young People, lead by Miss Christine Gilbert and Miss Loraine Mays, gave the curtains and the desk and table were given by the church. We are still using the tithing plan, which the pastor calls God's System, and our offerings have more than doubled. During the month of November Miss Dorothy Napper and Miss Louise Hairston lead the church—\$170.79 was raised in all departments. The Christian Plea has been placed in the budget for 1940 to the sum of \$15.00 and The National Convention for the sum of \$10.00. The church will start making the basement into a dining room and recreation department within the next few weeks. A report of our Women's Day will be given soon.

I am also sending five subscriptions and more will be coming from the Monroe Church.

EAST VINE AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH, KNOXVILLE, TENN., SENDS GREETINGS

by Mrs. Wilma E. Ervin, Reporter

Four of our leading members have passed within the last few weeks, in the persons of: Bro. Dixie Lyons, who was chairman of the Official Board for a number of years; Bro. Frank Owens, a laymember; Bro. Charles Bob Cain, a deacon and Rev. C. A. Garner.

The church has lost four valuable members, but our loss is heaven's gain.

On December 18th a Fellowship dinner was given in the basement of the church. This event also marked the first anniversary of our pastor, Rev. E. A. Daniels. The basement was beautifully decorated and the well prepared dinner served was enjoyed by all present. The purpose of the dinner was to welcome the many new members who have joined the church within the last twelve months, as well as showing our appreciation of the very fine piece of work being done by Rev. Daniels and his good wife.

Plans are being made for the Bro-

therhood Dinner to be given January 17th.

Bro. A. D. Grisby, one of our leading members and a deacon, who is known throughout the brotherhood for his outstanding work as a churchman, has been on the sick list for several months. We are happy to say he is improving and back at his post most of the time.

The Missionary Society under the leadership of Mrs. Anna Brown as president, is doing an outstanding piece of work. Our Sunday School is moving along nicely and is growing in numbers as well as in service for the Master, under the leadership of Mrs. Dora Grey, Acting Superintendent.

Little Hugena, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Watkins is on the sick list.

On December 31st the ten-five Rally closed. The amount raised was \$51.67. Mrs. E. A. Daniels was crowned queen for raising the largest amount of money over \$5.00. Mr. W. G. King was crowned King for raising the largest amount of money over \$5.00 among the men.

Our new parsonage is nearing completion.

33rd and HOOPER AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH WAKES UP

M. Frederick Mitchell, Pastor
Los Angeles, Calif.

It has only been a few days that I was cognizant of the fact that our wonderful little paper was alive again. Sister Nellie Sharp gave me an inkling of it, having received a copy of the same. It was December 10 when I had the pleasure of actually perusing its interesting columns. Took a flying trip to Santa Barbara, California, where we have two sainted disciples, Elder Henry (Hal) Mitchell and his devoted wife, Sister Lizzie. Besides administering the Lord's Supper we had a feast of Bible reading, prayers, and deliberation, I came back home, thrilled over the prolific effort of our own Professor Merle R. Eppse, editor and his staff of contributing editors.

Sunday Night, December 17, Sister Nellie Sharp assisted the writer with an appeal for subscribers. We asked for ten and in less than five minutes the ten subscribers were secured.

May I give a resume of activities since leaving St. Louis' great convention?

Took a flying trip to Little Rock, Ark., delivered sermons for the Interdenominational Alliance, Little Rock; Cross Street Church, and Pearidge (Elder Henry Martin's funeral) where I preached my first sermon thirty-four years ago. Also where I was ordained as an Evangelist.

Came back to St. Louis, had a day conference with our National Promotional Secretary Sister Rosa Brown Bracy. Then took a flying trip to Chicago as guest of the parents of my son in the gospel, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant. I was royally entertained by these substantial Chicago citizens. Preached for both Elder R. E. Latouche and Elder Davis. These two sons of thunder are making good in the "Windy City." Winding up my days in Chicago I made a "B" line for the "Angel City," nestling by the sea-side, in company with our associate Pastor, Elder Walter J. Bryant. Stopped over in Kansas City two days, enjoyed the hospitality and fellowship of Elder S. S. Myers, Elder Nelson and their good people. Last but not least my old classmate Evangelist Watson and President L. H. Crawford. Preached for these good brethren once.

I reached home Saturday, September 9. Even though it was nearing twelve o'clock a host of members and friends were at the station to greet us. The next day which was Sunday we utilized services both morning and evening bringing echoes of the convention. Next Sunday Miss Lessie Boatright arrived in time to give more of convention news. The writer was given ten minutes to bring echoes, before the ministers of Southern California (white) and finally at the Birch Street Church on invitation of Elder and Sister Jacobs with delegates of all three of the churches participating. On the eve of said meeting our beloved Brother Bryant was summoned to Chicago on account of the passing of his father.

Just a word about our local activities. I was absent from my post twenty days. Fell right into accumulated work. Took to my bed three or four weeks. Now that I have completely regained my strength sleeves are rolled up to put across a great work in His name, both locally and nationally. The Plea will help us much in educating our people upon conventional requirements. We expect to come to Little Rock with more delegates and much more money. We have deferred our anniversary services till Easter Sunday of 1940, at which time we expect our own Sister Rosa Brown Bracy to grace the occasion. Then the following August we expect to observe our twenty-ninth year in the ministry of the gospel. The service of my old classmate Elder Ralph Watson has been secured to deliver the anniversary sermon. I have pledged myself each year to have one or two of our great ministers or Church leaders to visit us. Next in line after the above will be President Crawford and Editor Eppse.

Pray for the evangelization of the fertile field of California, brethren!

NORTH-EASTERN CHURCHES ORGANIZE FOR NEW YEAR

By S. E. Tillman

The states of New York and New Jersey have just closed their annual united session for the year 1939, held at the Williamburg Christian Church at South First Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., Rev. W. F. Keys, pastor. Ninety dollars and seven cents was reported in the treasury. Officers for the forthcoming year are as follows: President, Rev. W. C. Kinard, replacing Rev. W. F. Keys; Secretary, Deacon Hasten Miley; Treasurer, Deacon Pageart; General Field Evangelist, Rev. S. E. Tillman; District Evangelist, Rev. John L. Hudhalt.

Rev. S. E. Tillman Re-appointed Director of the Christian Churches in East

Rev. Tillman in his travels urges the pastors and officers to support the Christian Plea and the National Convention. Rev. Tillman is an able man for this position being a graduate of the Union Theological Seminary of Philadelphia. His services to the Christian Church are given wholeheartedly. At the present time he is engaged in a campaign to build a church. The foundation of the Church has been completed. When completed the church will cost around \$2,800. Rev. Tillman is asking for the help of interested Christians as he would like to have a suitable place in which to serve his congregation.

The Antioch Christian Church of New Brunswick has great plans for the First Sunday in February. Mrs. J. B. Massey, wife of Dr. J. B. Massey will be the principal speaker. Many people are expected at the home of Mrs. Tillman from 2 to 6 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE

By Alexander Craggett
Cleveland, Ohio

The Cedar Ave. Christian Church of Cleveland, Ohio closes out its most successful year since the beginning of the depression. Rev. C. E. Craggett, the new pastor since April 1, 1939, has brought new life into all the departments. With the aid of his efficient official board, under the leadership of Mr. Walter Harrison and the Finance committee, lead by Mr. W. E. Shumate, Rev. Craggett has all the possibilities of a great ensuing year.

Forty-two new members have been added to the membership of the church, nine of which number are old members returning who left when the church split, nine by baptism, and twenty-four by letter and statement. The New Year also shows a financial beginning of \$21.00 and \$200.00 in the building fund. The attendance reported by the ushers was far greater than previous years.

The annual church meeting was held on the fourth of January and was believed to have been the best in the history of the church. New officers were elected for the year, three elders, nine deacons, five deaconesses, nine members of the building fund committee, seven on the financial committee. Reports from each department were heard, each showing a balance from 1939.

The finance committee met and plans were laid for three months which will close with each member tithing for the month of March.

Plans have been made through the Missionary Society for a local institute to be held leading up to the church institute which will be held in May under the leadership of Mr. Vance G. Smith and National officers.

The guest speaker for Women's Day was Mrs. H. B. McCormick, wife of Rev. H. B. McCormick, President of the International Convention and pastor of the Lakewood Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. McCormick also made remarks.

The church choir closed a great year under the leadership of Professor M. G. Lawson. They have started on an Easter Cantata, entitled "The Seven Last Words of Christ." They will render a local program each fourth Sunday Evening. Their next big recital will be held at the Canton, Ohio church.

The Sunday School under the leadership of its Superintendent, Mr. Eugene Burris, rendered a fine Christian program. The entire church and bible school was appreciative.

Mr. Anthony Thomas and Miss Dorothy Dickerson have built up a very fine Christian Endeavor and according to the State President, Cedar Avenue has one of the best young people's societies in the whole state.

The church plans to have a central treasury where all auxiliaries will report all money.

During their time at the Cedar Avenue Christian Church, the pastor and his family have been accorded many courtesies by the members and friends.

LEA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH COMES TO LIFE

By Merl R. Eppse
Nashville, Tennessee

Our church life has become warm and friendly because our new pastor, Dr. L. H. Crawford and his wife are devout Christians. They have begun to exemplify the life of Christ on earth. He has spent much time in visiting the sick, praying for the unfortunate, helping the weak and burying the dead.

He has busied himself in going after the lost or strayed sheep and

they are now returning to the fold. He preaches a good gospel sermon and his wife is a happy addition to the choir.

Mrs. Preston Taylor is helping in every way possible. She donated a load of coal to the pastor's home and one to the church.

There has been at least one addition to the church each Sunday since he has been in Nashville. Elder Cothran and Deacons White and Anderson are working hard to help him revitalize the church.

The Sunday School has been re-organized and Mrs. Preston Taylor is the Superintendent, Brother Chandler, Assistant Superintendent. Miss Chandler is teacher for the primary department.

We plan to have our Brotherhood dinner on the 17th of January.

PRESIDENT CRAWFORD'S MESSAGE

TO THE READERS OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA:

I wish to extend to you all a Happy New Year. Four months of this year have now passed since the meeting of the National Convention in St. Louis. I am praying that the churches throughout our Brotherhood are growing in Grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Last year we put before the Brotherhood a great program and with the cooperation of all concerned a splendid work can be accomplished. I want to compliment you on the cooperation you gave and the pledges you made to carry on our Nation work. Two objectives were put over in a big way. The first, the Taylor monument and the second, the housing and reorganization of the Christian Plea. You who are reading the Plea, I know, you feel as I do, that it takes its place among the leading church journals of this day and time. The Administrative body and Prof. Merl R. Eppse, the editor, need to be congratulated on giving to the Brotherhood this wonderful journal. Also, please remember that this was brought about by the subscriptions that have been made and the fine articles that are being sent in from interested peoples from month to month.

Now the thing at hand and which is attracting the attention of the Executive Committee along with other things is the Ida D. Taylor Home. Our field secretary, Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy, in making her report to the National Convention, stated that \$11,000 was made in pledges in the year 1938-39. For the National Convention we know that these pledges were made in good faith and we believe that every individual that made them will pay them. If we had this money in the treasury

we would be ready to start the home at once.

The National Convention that convened in St. Louis asked the churches to observe the First Sunday in March as National Convention Sunday. We are making this urgent appeal to all the churches to please observe this day and for this one time let us roll up with \$5,000. This is possible if all of our pastors and official boards will get back of this and push it forward. We will go over the top 100%. We should not wait until that Sunday but should begin now by planning a program which will reach every member in our various churches.

Brethern be ye doers of the word and remember him who said 'Ye that giveth sparingly shall reap sparingly but he that gives bountifully shall reap bountifully.'

We are also looking forward now toward the convening of the National Convention with the Cross Street Christian Church at Little Rock, Ark. The committee has assured your President of the National Convention that all things are now ready. They have secured one of the best buildings that we have ever had for the convention meetings. The ministers of the Interdenominational Alliance of Little Rock, have promised so far, to use between 90 and 100 ministers in the various churches the Sunday of the Convention to preach. An outing is planned in which we will go to Hot Springs, one of the best health resorts in the world. The citizens of the city are planning to give a big banquet in honor of all the delegates that attend this meeting. The ministers wives are planning a great surprise for the delegates. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch and Mrs. Bowen are bringing new features to us on the musical side of the Convention. Booths will be available at a small cost for display purposes, in which works of art advertisement etc. may be brought before the people.

The program committee of the National Convention will convene the 1st and 2nd of February in Chicago. If you have a request to make in regard to the Convention please write to the National Headquarters address.

To all appearances, we are headed for a great step forward in kingdom building. If you will only cooperate with us in these trying times when it requires men of God to be loyal and true and faithful to that great commission we have all indications of making great strides in all the things we have set out to accomplish. We call especial attention to the latter part of the commission that says that "Low I am with thee always even unto the end of the world."

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President of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ

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NEGRO REPRESENTATIVE AT TORONTO MEETING

Foster Craggett spent two weeks with his parents during the Christmas holidays. During this visit he went to Toronto, Ontario as a representative of the United Society. He was the only Negro Disciple present. While in Cleveland he and his family were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Starns, State Director of religious Education. Rev. Craggett is the student Pastor of the church at Bloomington, Illinois.

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Lawrenceburg, Ky.: Brother John Gray writes the Christian Plea office that his community has had no pastor for 14 years. The last one they had was Brother E. H. Allen. Since the time of Brother Preston Taylor who baptized him into the Brotherhood, he has lost his sight but desires to hear from all the old veterans of the Cross who remember him. He is especially requesting to hear from Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, who visited him four years ago.

The Christian Plea office feels that this is the most deserving letter it has received this year because Brother Gray sent his dollar subscription though he is blind. He says he will have some one read the news to him. Those who have eyes to see let them do likewise.

—ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN—

WOMEN'S WORK OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Mrs. Pearl Craggett
6708 Belvidere, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Co-Workers:

The Missionary year is half gone and we bring you the plans for the future work of the Women's Division. This report has been in the hands of our recording secretary and just turned over to me. Not many changes were made from the year just closing. The Field Secretary, Mrs. Carnella Jamison, has already given you the work of the U.C.M.S. A twenty-four hour, 365 days program for the year is the goal for doing constructive Christian work. The challenge is before us. How many hours do you accept? If you have failed to accept a goal the following pieces of literature are recommended: "The Call of the Kingdom"; or the pamphlet "Today's Work."

As a representative of the Board of Managers of the U.C.M.S., I am in a position to know of the great needs today. The thought strikes me that our women are doing very little to answer the call of Kingdom Building. Think of Europe and its great

burden of war and destruction. In our own country and Brotherhood, places in the ministry are being vacated with the little hopes of filling them with strong, consecrated, young men willing to face the pressing problems of today.

I am grateful that I was blessed with two sons, one of whom is now ordained for the ministry and the other waiting to enter school to answer this challenging need.

I am appealing to the women of the Christian Churches to teach Christ just one hour around the world. Begin now, read your Future work and start to help the President, Mrs. H. L. Herod, reach her goal.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

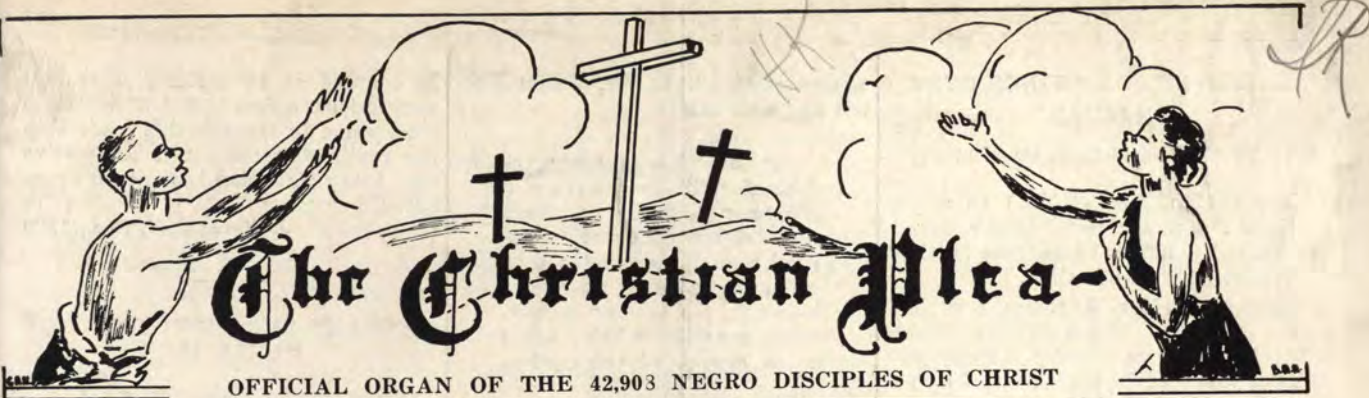
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Dean William H. Hastie of Howard University Law School was honored by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, when he was awarded a gold plaque for his achievement in being the first Negro named to a Federal Judgeship.

The House Committee under the chairmanship of Representative Martin Dies of Texas has been conducting hearings for un-American activities. The N.A.A.C.P. has asked Congress to consider the investigation of the Ku Klux Klan, the Black Legion, mob violence and lynching.

Investigations are being conducted in the case of Jim Crow practices brought about by the A.F. of L. shipbuilders unions in Tampa, Florida, which resulted in the loss of 500 jobs to the Negro union men.

Social Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt stated in a recent interview that the States are now in the process of formulating their rules and regulations and that local representatives will make contacts with the appropriate state officials. Any discriminatory practices governing the employment of Negroes in the personnel administration of social security benefits in the States directly up to state officials. The chief weapon against this discrimination is the power of Washington.



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Disciples on "Wings Over Jordan"



Prof. Merl R. Eppse, B.A., M.A.

The Disciples of Christ in America will be presented on the "Wings Over Jordan" program, Sunday morning, (Continued on Page 2)

Rosa Page Welch Thrills St. Louis Audience

By Bessie E. Chandler

St. Louis was again the recipient of an evening in music, long to be remembered when Rosa Page Welch, mezzo soprano of Chicago, Illinois, captivated a representative group of St. Louisians in song at the Vashon High School, Thursday evening, December 7, 1939. From the artist's first utterance, her listeners portrayed the depth of their emotions, individually and collectively. The mixed audience called for more after she had finished, cheered and thronged the stage to pay tribute to the artist.

Mrs. Welch, whose voice showed quality, depth of feeling, color, breath control and mastery, received her college education at the Southern Christian Institute, studied under G. Magnus Shuetze of Chicago Musical College and Alexander Nakutin, Kimball Hall, Chicago. She was a member of the Chicago University Choir and appeared as guest soloist in Bond Chapel on the University campus.

Rosa Page Welch made her debut recital in 1936 at Recital Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Rosa Page Welch was presented in the recital by the Centennial Christian Church Choristers.

Through the League of One Hundred Thousand, which was so widely used throughout the brotherhood last year, the effort was made to enlist one hundred thousand men and women who would each pledge to do his best to win one person to Christ and



Dr. Willard M. Wickizer
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the church before the end of the year. The League proved to be a great stimulus to evangelism in our churches and was a fine thing as far as it went—but it did not go far enough! It left 1,530,393 members of Christian churches in the United States and Canada unchallenged and unenrolled in an organized evangelistic endeavor.

In the FORWARD THE CHURCH program, which is the special evangelistic emphasis of the current missionary year, a much broader base is laid however. In this program the effort is not to enlist a limited num-

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MARCH THIRD

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DISCIPLES ON "WINGS OVER JORDAN"

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March 17th, 8:30 (C.T.S.) on a National hook-up of the Columbia Broadcasting Company from the WGAR Station, Cleveland, Ohio.

Professor Merl R. Eppse, a nephew of the first Negro United States Senator, Hiram Rhodes Revels, who took his seat in the Senate in February 1870, will deliver the message. His subject is "The Disciples of Christ and the Negro."

Prof. Eppse is at the present time editor of the *Christian Plea*, the National organ of the Negro Disciples, chairman of the Social Studies division and professor of history, Tennessee State College, Nashville, and, the author of three widely used and authentic books on the Negro. He was valedictorian of his high school, attended Wilberforce University, New York University, Ohio State University and received his Bachelors degree from Drake University, his Masters degree from Columbia University, N. Y. He attended Tennessee State College where he now heads the department of history. He is a member of the National Council of Social Studies; The American Academy of Political and Social Science; National Association of Authors and Journalist; Tennessee Negro Education Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; member of the Lea Avenue Christian Church.

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EVERY CHRISTIAN AN EVANGELIST—WICKIZER

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ber of Christians in special evangelistic endeavor but rather to challenge all professing Christians to recognize and assume their evangelistic responsibility. This challenge to all Christians to become evangelists is grounded in a three-fold imperative:

- (1) The Christian needs to be an evangelist for his own sake.
- (2) The Christian needs to be an evangelist for the sake of the church of which he is a part.
- (3) The Christian needs to be an evangelist for the sake of the world in which he lives.

Christian revelation and human experience combine to witness to the fact that life and personality are molded not so much by what one possesses but by what one shares. Even redemption does not lie in the act of being loved, even though the lover is God himself. Redemption lies in the act of loving, in the capacity

to love as God loves. Dr. Walter Horton has well said:

But no man is truly redeemed until he becomes a redeemer — until he finds some object of devotion beyond himself, for the sake of which he is ready to forget himself . . . Loving is infinitely superior to being loved as an agency of redemption.

Yes, "loving is infinitely superior to being loved as an agency of redemption," and it is for this reason that every Christian must become an evangelist—for the redemption of his own soul.

And for the sake of the church the Christian must become an evangelist. In each generation the church stands next door to extinction! If replacements do not come the church dies with the passing of the generation and its gracious ministry ceases. And ministers cannot keep the church alive. Nor can professional evangelists, nor missionaries, nor small groups of selected laymen. The church can thrive and prosper only as each professing Christian turns evangelist! There is grim reality in the challenge of those words which lie at the heart of the FORWARD THE CHURCH program: "If I win no one to Christ I vote for adying church. If I win one person to Christ I vote for a static church. If I win two or more people to Christ I vote for a growing church." For the sake of the future witness and ministry of the church, then, we must keep it alive and growing as every last member seeks to bring into its life and fellowship an ever increasing number of people.

And for the sake of the world! Does not the present chaotic world situation witness to the world's need of Christ? Does it not demonstrate beyond doubt how without him men live only a half life and finally perish by the violence of their own unrestrained passions and appetites? If there ever was a time in the long history of the world when it needed the witness of every Christian man and woman to the fact that the gospel is "the power of God unto salvation," both for individuals and for society, it is at the present instant.

As our churches approach the period lying between January 1 and Easter it is our earnest hope that they will diligently seek to lay upon the hearts of all Christians their duty and privilege of personally witnessing for Christ. Definite suggestions will be found in the FORWARD THE CHURCH materials as to how a local church can so challenge its entire membership to evangelistic activity. In addition, local initiative can

be counted on to enrich the general suggestions offered. But first there must come to the church's leadership the realization that it is imperative that every Christian become an evangelist!

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LETTERS TO CHRISTIAN PLEA "GAULT THINKS"

I wish the PLEA much success. I think it has much to do with the building up of the work of the church.
—A. D. Gault, Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.

"THANKS FOR FREE COPIES OF PLEA"
I want to thank you for the free copies of the CHRISTIAN PLEA, which I have read with great pleasure. Enclosed please find one dollar for my subscription.
—Mrs. Elizabeth F. Bowen, Mayslick, Ky.

"HOWARD CONGRATULATES"
I wish to add my congratulations to those of others for the fine PLEA that is ours.
—Miss Johnnie A. Howard, S.C.I., Edwards, Miss.

"WISH TO SUBSCRIBE"
The following eleven people wish to subscribe to the PLEA. Pleas start with the February issue.
—Mrs. Ida Clark, 2339 E. 76th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

"COMPLIMENTS"
When I see the new paper I feel that my own pastor Elder C. H. Dickerson did a fine job keeping the PLEA in circulation up until the time it became the paper it is today.
—Elizabeth M. Harden, Dorchester Academy, McIntosh, Ga.

"THANKS"
Thanks for the fine free copies of the PLEA. We feel very happy over the growing list of subscribers. Ours comes to 804 State St., Fulton, Mo.
Mrs. Z. H. Howard, 2305 Denison St., Muskogee, Okla.

"SORRY"
Dear Sister Taylor: I am so sorry that I have neglected to send my subscription before now. Herewith is my dollar.
—Mrs. James Adkins, 1408 N. Wabash Ave., Wichita, Kan.

"OTHERS DELAYED ME"
Dear Sister Taylor: I was delayed in sending in my subscription because many promised me that they would pay but have not. However here is my dollar.
—Mrs. A. C. William, 3701 Crescent Ave., Dallas, Texas

"ENJOYED PLEAS"
Dear Sister Taylor: I have received four copies of the Christian Plea and really enjoyed each one. It is my desire that you will have a very successful year. I am enclosing \$1.00 to pay for my subscription.
—Mrs. J. P. Brayboy, 4 St. John St., Montgomery, Alabama

"LITTLE 'SIS' CONGRATULATED"
Enclosed please find one dollar for the PLEA. I have a committee working on subscriptions and hope to make a report soon.
—Evangelist Watson, 2400 Paseo St., Kansas City, Mo.

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I always enjoy reading the PLEA. It gets better all the time. I am enclosing a check for one dollar for my subscription.
—Mrs. L. J. Wilson, 1013 W. Pascagoula St., Jackson, Miss.

"PEOPLES GRATEFUL"
Thanks a great deal for the display you gave my International Convention address. It was so kind of you to give me this display.
—T. H. Peoples, General Secretary

"FRANKLIN GIVES CREDIT"
I think the CHRISTIAN PLEA is a credit to the Brotherhood. I would have written sooner but Mrs. Franklin has been confined to her bed since October 20, and is no better. Enclosed please find \$2.50 for subscription to the Plea.
—I. C. Franklin, Secretary, Port Gibson, Miss.

"SANTA BARBARA WISHES"
Enclosed please find one dollar. I wish for the PLEA every success.
—Mrs. Lizzie Mitchell, 119½ W. Mission St., Santa Barbara, Calif.

"PLEA A LIFE SAVER"
Dear Mrs. Taylor: The CHRISTIAN PLEA has served the High Street Christian Church as a life saver. I have appointed Prof. J. E. Bean as the reporter. Yours with best wishes.
—Elder J. E. Blair, 405 E. High St., Mt. Sterling, Ky.
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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.

—1 John, 1-7

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All news must be in by
7th of each month.

GUEST EDITORIAL

THINKING OUT ALOUD by Paul and Peter

A Conversation Between Two Christian Ministers. Brother Paul and Brother Peter.

Brother Paul: You have had a rather lengthy ministry in various parts of our Brotherhood and if you were called upon to put your fingers on the greatest need of our Brotherhood, what you say?

Brother Peter: I realize that we have many needs but to my mind, the one great need of our Brotherhood today is Gospel Preachers.

Brother Paul: In the light of your answer, what do you base your reason upon?

Brother Peter: I base my reason upon the fact that before Christ found or established the church He CALLED, TRAINED and ORDAINED the ministry. The church was not to create the ministry but the ministry was to be used as instruments in the building of the church and for the salvation of the world. "For it pleased God to save through the foolishness of preaching (Not through foolish preaching) to save them who believe," "And How Shall they hear without a PREACHER?"

Brother Paul: Your answer seems feasible, but what do you say to some of our Official Boards who say that they can get along much better without a preacher.

Brother Peter: My observation teaches me that the church which follows this procedure is on its way to the cemetery because it is not a growing church but is dying daily.

Brother Paul: I know that there are schools where our group can go such as Drake, Butler, Eureka, Hiram and receive Ministerial Training but are they meeting the needs of the Brotherhood?

No Brother Peter. It is true that some of our Christian Colleges are open to our group, but they do not appeal to the masses of our ministers. There are so many men who are not able to go to schools of higher learning who would take advantage of a Bible Seminary. I am looking forward to the day when our Brotherhood will convert one of our schools into a Bible Seminary that will train men for the ministry and offer short courses to the older men in the ministry. Through this method I believe that we will be able to strengthen the ministry and build a greater church. This was the vision of Preston Taylor, the First President of Our National Convention. Preston Taylor in his annual address at Pa-

ducah, Kentucky seeing that the field was ripe unto harvest, knowing that there was a dearth of ministers, and knowing quite well that there was no institution in our Brotherhood was majoring in the field of the ministry. He recommended that we open a Bible Seminary in Greenwood Park at Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother Paul: I agree with you, but do we have men who can give leadership to such an institution?

Yes Brother Peter, we do have men who are thoroughly prepared, both literary and have had long experience. For instance, Professor James H. Thomas, Virginia; Dr. George Colvin Campbell, Illinois; among the younger men, President P. C. Washington, Dean Jason Cowan, R. H. Peoples, Dean Emmet Dixon and a host of coming young men, and we also have white men whose love for the work would commend them to us.

Brother Paul: I think that you have been very clear in your answers and I agree with you. But there is one or two other questions that I would like to ask you before you go.

All right Brother Peter: Proceed, let's have it.

Brother Paul: I noticed in the last issue of the Christian Plea that Dean Cowan evaluated the National Convention's program, which was quite helpful. What do you think of his observation of the Convention Music, Ordination and Baptism?

Brother Peter: I think that Dean Cowan was exactly right, on the music question there was no time for the lowering of standards and I think that the Ordination Service was very impressive and was one of the high points of the convention and I further agree with him that every candidate to be ordained, should not be a subject of the National Convention. I was only at the baptismal services, therefore cannot answer that question but since you were present, Brother Peter. Let me ask you. What did you think of the baptism?

Brother Paul: I have no objections to a baptismal service in a National Convention if it is carried out in the proper manner. Dean Cowan should have been just as drastic in his criticism of the baptismal service as he was of the music. To me it was ridiculous and did not represent a New Testament baptism.

My final question, Brother Paul, is what do you think of Christian Plea under its new set up?

Brother Peter: Editor Eppse is doing a marvelous job, the mechanism is unique, contents informing, appealing and very broad. Mr. Eppse needs to be congratulated for this very fine beginning and the Brotherhood should undergird the ongoing of the Christian Plea. We find that the spirit of our great leader, Preston Taylor still

lives in the heart of his lovely wife and the Brotherhood's Big Sister, who so graciously gives headquarters to the Plea.

Brother Paul: I appreciate having this conference with you and agree with you in your statement about the Plea and its Editor and The Brotherhood's Big Sister. Hoping to see you again soon and think out aloud.

Editor's Note: Paul and Peter are guest editorial writers for this issue. We are appreciative of their interest.

EDITORIAL

"HIGH SPOTS HERE AND THERE" ARTICLE III—BY "QUIT"

You read where the prophet said "His name shall be called WONDERFUL, COUNCELLOR, ALMIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER the PRINCE OF PEACE." Yes and the question is, "Are you trying to be like Him?" There is so much for you to do; begin to do and then so much for you to stop doing. If you try, you can be like Him. I mean in your field. Yes, I mean YOU. I mean anyone who reads this article. Note: The editor told you last month, he would allow space for any questions you wish to ask me. Just ask, "Quit" the author of this article.

I hope you heard the address by Dr. Francis M. Wood of Baltimore, as he spoke over Wings Over Jordan last Sunday. It will help you to listen to some of these programs. I seldom miss them. I like them all. I like the mannerism of Dr. Settle. I wish to call your attention to the words of Our National President, Dr. L. H. Crawford. I wish you knew him as I do. Hear him. He is as great as any man I know in his profession. He is a man of God. A preacher of firmer conviction has not been found in the nation. You may differ with him, but follow his ideas and see if he is not driving in the right direction. He is following in the footsteps of his father, who was a trail blazer. I hope we can pave these trails and make great highways of them. Did you take part in the Fellowship Dinner on January 17? You should have. I did. I enjoyed it. Our donation has gone in. Are you finding fault?

—"Quit"

Editor's Note: Why don't you answer "Quit." The Christian Plea office thinks you do not read his articles. Speak up and express yourself.

LETTERS TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA (Continued from Page 3)

"JAMISON FINDS TIME"
School is going nicely. Only wish that I had more time. I do find time to read the CHRISTIAN PLEA.
—Carnella Jamison, 5757 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill.

"NELSON HAPPY"
I am so very happy to note the great work of the PLEA. It is very informing about the great work of the Brotherhood.
—R. A. Y. Nelson, 1921 E. 24th St., Kansas City, Mo.

"LOUISVILLE PASTOR PLEASED"
All who received the PLEA were highly pleased. I will send another list soon.
—Rev. T. R. Everett, 2613 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.

"WHIRLWIND EVANGELIST SERCY WRITES"
I am sending an article and a list of names as subscribers to the PLEA. Expect more from me next time.
—Elder R. L. Sercoy, Henderson, Texas

"MRS. LESLY CLARK HOPES"
I had some difficulty getting my subscriptions together in time for this issue. I hope to have more next time.
—Mrs. Lesly Clark, 3315 Giles Ave., Chicago, Illinois

"ROBERTS ENJOYS PLEA"
I am enjoying the CHRISTIAN PLEA very much. Please send it every month.
—Mrs. Ella T. Roberts, 627 Vine St., Wyoming, Ohio

"MRS. MAE POTTS RESPONDS TO MRS. J. B. LEHMAN'S REQUEST"
Dear Mrs. Taylor: Mrs. J. B. Lehman had you send me some copies of the CHRISTIAN PLEA for which I thank her and you. I think it is a fine thing you are doing and I want to help by enclosing my subscription.
—Mrs. Mae Potts, 426 Sioux Trail, Chattanooga, Tenn.

"PRATT WORKS"
Mrs. Preston Taylor: I am sending \$8.50 for some more subscribers.
—T. M. Pratt, 3612 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas

"WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT"
Enclosed please find two dollars for the CHRISTIAN PLEA. It is indeed a fine publication. Accept my hearty congratulations and remember you have my whole-hearted cooperation.
—Mrs. Ella Martin Sherrill, 408 W. Market St., Johnson City, Tenn.

"CONTINUE"
Mrs. Preston Taylor: I am enclosing money order for one dollar. Please accept my thanks for the PLEA. You and Prof Eyppe are making a fine paper. Continue to send it.
—J. W. Miller, R. 1, Box 143, Moreland, Ky.

"COOPERATION"
You have my whole-hearted cooperation. Please find one dollar and fifty cents. With best wishes.
—Elder J. M. Baker, 615 E. Espenchild St., St. Louis, Mo.

"DOUBLE HAPPY"
Enclosed you will find two dollars. Send one to Rev. W. M. Wilson, Route 1, Box 264, Big Sandy, Texas, the other is my renewal.
—Mrs. Maude Davis, Box 462, Granger, Texas

"FAITH"
Enclosed please find a list of subscribers. If they will not pay for them I will. You bill me for three dollars and seventy-five cents on the first of March.
—Edith M. Wilson 2216 Cestnut St., Louisville, Ky.

"COMPLIMENTS"
I want to compliment the PLEA. We have thirty-one subscriptions for which we will send the money soon.
—Elder C. B. Fisher, Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark.

"ALL OUTDOOR BISHOP SPEAKS"
Enclosed please find my subscription. I have read the paper for a number of years but it seems now to step forth and take its place.
—Rev. E. H. Burton, Madison, Mo.

EVANGELISM

CENTRAL REGION NOTES

V. G. Smith, Secretary-Director

Warren, Ohio was visited but due to an oversight on the part of the church clerk who was to cancel the visit no meeting was held. The failure of church people to write is quite characteristic and known by any field work. Elder A. D. Little is pastor there and was engaged in a tremendous effort to pay off the church debt. A fine conference was held with him and some of the officers of the church were seen. Elder Little has everything moving in this church.

The Christian Youth Fellowship Council of Ohio convened in Newark and was attended by three Negro young people and the writer. This was its first meeting and it proved very satisfactory in all matters for a beginning.

A flying visit was made to Columbus where Elder C. W. Arnold has been since last August. The Sunday evening services were attended.

A visit to Cleveland brought a meeting with the Church board which at that time was planning a revival meeting.

Oxford, Ohio with Elder H. Earl Jackson was visited for a leadership conference and a conference on young peoples work. This church is taking on a very ambitious program of local improvement and community service.

Another youth service was attended at Fifth Church, Cincinnati on the second Sunday of the month.

A local church visit was made to Covington, Kentucky with State President L. L. Dickerson as pastor followed by local church visits to Little Rock Church, I. H. Moore, pastor; and a youth rally at Fairview, Elder C. B. Gentry, pastor.

Near the end of the month an inter-denominational meeting of state directors in cooperation with the International Council of Religious Education leaders was attended.

Numerous letters and cards were written to foster the arrangements for youth sessions in the district meetings in Kentucky, the Pastors and Elders Retreat for Kentucky, the Youth Meet in Ohio and for December appointments.

December was divided among local church visits, the Religious Education Departmental Staff meeting, the National Association of State Secretaries, a Youth Meet in Louisville, Kentucky. A part of the month was used as vacation period.

When reduced to statistics the two months showed:

Sermons preached	8
Addresses delivered	2
Conferences with individuals	20
Conferences with church leadership	8
Other conferences attended	4
Miscellaneous groups attended	7

Items for the Future in Central Region

January 13-14, 1940—Sixth District Institute with Youth Sessions, Winchester, Ky. Fee 75c for young people. Others 25 cents.

January 17, 1940—National Brotherhood Dinner, local church observance.

January 19-20, 1940—Second District Institute with Youth Sessions, Place, undetermined. Fee 75 cents for young people, 25 cents for other delegates.

January 27-28, 1940—Third District Institute with Youth Sessions, Paris, Ky. Fee 75 cents for young people, 25 cents others.

February 7-8-9, 1940—Pastors and Elders Retreat, Nicholasville, Ky. Fee \$3.25.

March 8-9-10, 1940—Ohio Youth Meet, Fifth Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. Fee \$1.50.

March 3, 1940—National Convention Day, all departments of the church.

March 24, 1940—Easter Sunday, offerings in all departments for Unified Promotion.

FIRE FROM THE ANVIL OF EVANGELIST R. L. PETERS

REPORT FROM VIRGINIA — WEST VIRGINIA NORTH CAROLINA

By Rev. R. L. Peters, National Evangelist

"Thine Ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, this is the way." Isa. 30-21.

To the Disciples of Christ everywhere.

Greetings:

The churches in the Tri-State Area are a militant body. The Angels of every congregation keep vigilant over them day and night. Elder I. H. Smith, Chatman, Virginia, is president of the district and is holding up fine in health. He and wife have lived together fifty years. They live on their farm of three or four acres adjacent to the city limits of Chatman, Virginia.

Elder G. M. Dickerson, Corresponding Secretary of Tri-State Conven-

tion is a great help to Elder Eugene Patterson, the young Minister who succeeded him a year ago as pastor of the Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Virginia, in putting over his program.

Elder Ivory L. Buie of Richmond, Virginia, is pastor of Philippi Christian Church, Louisa County, Virginia. He is a student in Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. Philippi which is the mother church of the Piedmont and Tri-State Area.

First Christian Church, Stuart, Virginia, is progressing nicely under the pastorate of Elder Eugene Patterson. They plan to begin building a strictly modern up-to-date church in the early spring.

The National Evangelist, visited the church Sunday night, January 21. Notwithstanding the zero weather a large crowd turned out to hear the Evangelist. The message resulted in to Eight Confessions, all candidates for baptism.

Spencer Memorial Christian Church the mother of them all. Having zero weather, splendid success, still the people keep coming. The old year closed with climax service. Just before the clock struck 12 o'clock midnight two candidates walked down into the pool and put on Christ by baptism, arose to walk in Newness of life.

Dr. Merl R. Eppse, of Nashville, Tenn., Editor of the Christian Plea was guest speaker at Spencer Memorial Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N.C. Sunday, December 21, 11:00 A.M. and at Cleveland Avenue Christian Church at 3:00 P.M. in a Mass Meeting of all disciples in the city. Members of the Christian Churches from the Rural Districts, nearby towns, and across state lines, in Virginia were present. Dr. Eppse was also the guest speaker for the celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation at First Baptist Church, January 1. Dr. Eppse seemed to have been at his best at the churches on Sunday, but on Monday at the First Baptist Church, in the Emancipation Address he beat his best. Truly it was a master piece. His visit was a great help to our work. The Sunday following his visit a very fine young man who is aspiring for the ministry united with Spencer Memorial Church, said that he was inspired by Dr. Eppse message and saw the Christian Church as he had never seen it before. Mr. Brown is now city Missionary under the auspices of Spencer Memorial Christian Church. The Business and Professional men of the city say they are going to have Dr. Eppse come back sometime in the near future.

Evangelism

The National Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ in

America, met in an Annual Session at St. Louis Mo., August, 1939. They resolved to encourage evangelism by appointing one of their group as National Evangelist, to do Evangelistic Work.

Who is an Evangelist?

An Evangelist is one who publishes good news, or declares happy tidings. They were next in order to the Apostles, and were sent out by them, not to settle anywhere, but to travel through the Primitive Churches and build up what the Apostles had begun.

Evangelists of the Early Church

Philip, (the Deacon) Timothy, Mark, Silas, and others were Evangelists. Their chief calling was to save souls and to build up churches, and congregations by spiritual arguments and bible doctrine, presented forcibly, grandly and eloquently.

The Office of Evangelist

The office of Evangelist is recognized by the people known as disciples (Christians) everywhere. And they are glad to see and welcome an Evangelist in their midst at all times and on all occasions. He is an Ambassador for God. No man made him, nobody can make an Evangelist but God. And all Christians made by the book recognizes such an office (Evangelist) in the church, not abstractly but concretely.

Their Power Under the Law

Evangelists are the chief pastors and have power under the law and must use their judgement, when not in contravention to specific law; in promoting the interest of the church and the glory of God. All churches and pastors made according to the New Testament pattern will be glad and rejoice to have a soul stirring and a soul winning Evangelist come in their midst.

Manner of Speaking

Someone said most Evangelists are sentimental (create too much excitement) loud speakers. I don't believe they can scare anyone into the church, this is not an age of timidity no one is afraid today: Men and Women will take chances, walk up to one another with guns in hand, it loaded, the trigger pulled ready to shoot; they are not afraid of guns, switch blade knives, ice picks, etc., neither are they afraid of any man's loud speaking.

Testament or Christian Dispensation

The Christian Dispensation was introduced by John the Baptist in a great revival. He was the most eloquent, forcible, soul stirring preacher that ever lived up to that time.

What Advantage had John the Baptist over the Preachers of today?

John the Baptist had no advantage over the preachers of today. Preachers of today have a thousand advantages over John the Baptist. Christ said so, "The least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than John." Said Christ. Why? Because John never became a member of the New Testament church nor did he receive the Holy Spirit since it came on the Day of Pentecost. I need not say more that's enough to establish the fact. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit as given at Pentecost to guide us into all truth. John the Baptist did not have it, yet he called possibly a million of people to listen to his burning words.

Brother Ministers, I would exhort you to cry aloud. Let the book speak. Isa. 58-1.

P.S.—Find enclosed money order for \$1.00. Send *Christian Plea* one year to Rev. Eugene Patterson, 1226 Ogburn Street, Winston-Salem, N. C. and for copies of *Christian Plea*.

EVANGELIST WILLIAM MARTIN REPORTS

2024 Howard St., Little Rock, Ark.

The work of Arkansas moves along with some degree of encouragement. On the 11th of December we closed a deal for a beautiful church site in Russellville, Arkansas. The faithful membership there feels very much encouraged. Very soon now, we will have a comfortable place to worship, which has been a desire of our good people for some time. On December 17, we held our District Convention at Pearidge Church. The Convention was very inspiring.

The committees working on the National Convention are busy and as things are going now this meeting will be one of the greatest in its history. Begin now to send in your notices that you will be present. Address all mail to Mrs. Daisy Dean, 2024 Howard St., Little Rock, Ark.

ACTIVITIES AMONG YOUTH

MID-WEST CONFERENCE REPORTS THE MORNING WATCH AT CONFERENCE

By B. E. Chandler

Promotional Director, Mid-West Young People's Conference

Conference was very inspiring to me and also an unusual experience. Of the many sections of the confer-

ence schedule, I enjoyed the "Morning Watch" most.

The Morning Watch is really an experience. When one wakes up in the early morn and goes out-of-doors, the birds are singing their morning songs; the dew is on the grass and everyone sees the birds flitting about enjoying nature. One feels so near to God he can talk to God and dedicate himself to God's service. Meditation and the power of concentrating on His works are keenly developed.

Conference is an outstanding experience never to be forgotten.

Margaret Gladney
4345 Aldine Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

THE SECOND DISTRICT CONVENTION IN MISSOURI

This October at Fulton, Missouri the Second District Convention was held. St. Louis led the youth meet and we were able to make several observations. Everyone had a good time during the fun program; especially the adults who were reluctantly led up stairs to the worship program. We played games and sang songs that everyone could enjoy and still remember that they were still in God's house. In other words, they weren't of the inappropriate type.

After the fun period we left for worship. Conference echoes were given after the worship. The new director of the Midwest Conference, Mr. William J. Alphin, was introduced. Miss Bessie E. Chandler was presented and our conference co-president, Miss Evelyn Dunn gave talks for conference.

For the business period the report of the youth committee was made.

Notice!

The Second District Convention of Missouri is setting aside a scholarship fund for all of its churches except St. Louis. It will enable some worthy young man or woman to go to conference. This means that conference workers must get to work in earnest; competition is keen. Someone has been waiting for this opportunity. We are hoping that other district conventions and State conventions as well, will do the same. Such a scholarship is needed. The requirements will be given later.

Evelyn Dunn
Co-President, Mid-West Conference

WHAT CONFERENCE MEANS AT HOME

During the last few months we have been turning our eyes to the conference trail. While our eyes are in that direction let us not forget that

the week spent there must be of some value in the local church, in our daily life as a citizen, in our home surroundings. We don't expect a student to come home with a great change in views but gradually he is going to work in the church, serve the community and make a finer citizen. It means he is going to be more deeply interested in church affairs. He is going to work about his Father's kingdom. In community life he is going to be a fine example of a good conferee.

Evelyn Dunn
St. Louis, Missouri

DISTRICT YOUTH MEET HELD AT PARIS, KENTUCKY

By A. D. Gault

District Secretary of the Bible School

District three held a youth session January 27-28 at Paris, Kentucky. They had as their theme 'launch out.' Although the weather prevented the number expected those who did attend were exposed to some very inspiring discussions. Miss Elizabeth Jones of Mt. Sterling made a large contribution to the meet. Elder J. A. Johnson of Germantown, President of the Bible School Work of this district brought before the people an address on Christian Service. Elder Vance G. Smith lead the discussion periods. Training periods were held for the adults by Rev. I. H. Moore, his theme being stewardship. Mr. Carlton Finch led a discussion at luncheon.

Each division in the church conducted discussions and forums. These various discussions were directed by the following people, Rev. R. T. Wilson, Rev. I. H. Moore, Miss Mary Butler, President of the Sunday School of District Six, Elder J. A. Johnson, Elder Vance G. Smith, Elder Stafford Campbell preached the sermon for the Sunday morning bible school.

The writer believes that this meeting was a move forward for the work in Kentucky. Mr. Smith is doing a fine piece of work in the State. Let us all stand behind him. I am looking for the day when more of our pastors, officers and church leaders will attend these District meetings. I think it will mean much to the local churches. I am for the work from the local to the National. Let everyone do his part to make 1940 a banner year.

SEND SUBSCRIPTION TODAY

January was *Christian Plea* Month

This is your last copy

JAMISON'S COLUMN



By Miss Carnella Jamison

EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER March 18-22

"Is It Nothing to You, All Ye Who Pass By?" is the title of the very splendid and effective Easter Week of Prayer Services which have been prepared for us by Mrs. B. W. Griffin, a former state secretary of missionary organizations and education in New York and New Jersey. Five services of inspiration, self-searching, and sacrificial giving are provided in the one booklet. Sample copies have been sent to the president of all adult missionary groups, together with an order blank for convenience in ordering. Suggestions for the leader and additional source materials will be sent with each order. Time creeps upon us, and there are but few days left to plan for the observance in your church of this week of recreation and rededication. Order your copies of the services without further delay, from the Sales Literature Department at the following prices: 30c for 12; \$1.00 for 50; \$1.75 for 100.

LAUNCH OUT

By Miss Carnella Jamison

Jesus said to Simon after he had toiled all night and caught nothing, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." Simon followed the command of Jesus and he and his friends had great success.

Today this command is especially meaningful to the youth of our Bro-

therhood as these words shall echo as the theme of our youth meetings. Youth will discuss ways by which they may launch out into the deep of problems which confront youth and society today.

At the World Conference of Christian youth in Amsterdam last summer the majority of the young people were interested in the discussions, The Church—Its Nature and Mission, and Christian Youth in a World of Nations. Delegates from this conference are being contacted for their attendance at our meets to give first-hand experiences.

A consideration of these and other areas will be given in our youth meets this spring. These things will be emphasized through discussions, inspirations from Missionaries, leaders and through the fellowship with other youth.

An effort will also be made to meet the needs of the adults who are invited to come. Let there be a fine representation of youth from your area this year. Ambitious attendance goals were set by several meets for this year. Start now making plans to "Launch Out." The Meet program is planned for young people 15 to 24 years of age and their adult advisers. Each meet begins on Friday night, continuing through Saturday, some of the Meet closing on Saturday night, others on Sunday afternoon.

The Louisville, Kentucky Meet convened December 15-17, 1939. The attendance of youths was not very large, but the inspiration of our Missionary, Miss Goldie Wells was helpful and we feel will count in the lives of those who heard her.

Date and locations of other Meets are:

February 23-25, Bonner Springs, Kansas.

March 8-10, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

March 8-10, Cincinnati, Ohio.

April, Texas (tentative)

May 10-12, Little Rock, Arkansas.

May 17-19, Lum, Alabama (tentative)

May 31-June 2, Port Gibson, Mississippi (Pine Grove)

OBSERVATION OF BROTHERHOOD DAY

By L. H. Crawford

President National Convention Disciples of Christ

Before we had the church or the school we had the home. In the home we got our first conception of the meaning of God for, before the altar on Sunday mornings, each member of the family knelt to hold sacred communion with Him. Scripture reading was a part of this service in which the parents read and explained the passages to the children.

If we are to accomplish the great tasks that are before us today, we must again go back to the home altar. As an initial start in this simple but nevertheless very effective form of worship, the brotherhood is asked to tune in on the radio Sunday morning, 8:30, (C.S.T.), March 17, 1940, Columbia National network when Prof. Merl R. Eppse will deliver an address over the "Wings Over Jordan" program.

As the President of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ I am asking that you will observe this morning, March 17. Let us gather in our various homes and ask God to invoke a Divine blessing upon us while Brother Eppse speaks to us out of his heart.

Dear Christians:

Don't forget the First Sunday in March, National Convention Sunday. Please make your check payable to Dr. J. E. Walker, 243 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn. Send a copy of the amount to the National Headquarters office.

L. H. Crawford,

President, National Convention, Disciples of Christ, 449, 4th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

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AROUND JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

By E. M. Rand, Reporter

The Brotherhood Dinner, which was attended by more than two-hundred students, faculty members and friends was a great success.

Professor E. J. Dickson, instructor in Religious Education had a very interesting program. Professor Dickson through his program enlightened the audience with the works of the Brotherhood.

The Annual Sunday School rally was held Sunday morning, February 11, 1940. Everyone contributed very liberally.

SOCIETY SLANTS

"Football Banquet"

The annual football banquet will be held Friday night, February 16, at eight o'clock in the Jarvis College Dining Hall.

This will be one of the outstanding social affairs of the school year, honoring the accomplishments of the football team and Coach Mosley and Band.

"Y.M.C.A." Program

The Jarvis Christian College Y.M.C.A. is alive, developing the mind, body and spirit of the young men.

Saturday night, February 10, 1940, the Y.M.C.A. presented the Musical

Comedy of Nineteen Forty.

The scenario of the play was written by a Y.M.C.A. member, Mr. G. T. Red, a member of the Freshman Class.

Education

The second semester has begun and the students have settled down to serious study.

The "Tidy Teen Club" had charge of chapel exercises during the week of February 6th through the 10th.

A preview of National Negro History Week was the concluding theme.

The Y.M. and Y.W.C.A.'s had charge of Young Peoples' Day, Sunday, February 4, 1940.

The speaker for the occasion was Miss Henry of Waco, Texas, a worker in young peoples' development throughout the state of Texas.

Miss Henry exemplified that she was well qualified for the occasion by a very splendid sermon and address.

If at any time Miss Henry appears in your community, avail yourself with an opportunity to hear her lecture.

Jarvis Christian College to Honor Founders Day

Saturday, March 30th has been voted as Founders Day for Jarvis.

This will truly be a momentous occasion. Everyone will be invited to attend.

A program will be planned. It is interesting to note that the founders are yet alive.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE NEWS

Johnnie A. Howard

To our friends and readers who live "North of the Border up Canada Way" we give a knowing handshake for we, too know something about that sub-zero weather that we have read about, heard about, and dreamed about. As this article is prepared for the press we see several snow-capped mounds and level stretches where the sun has failed to send its rays. Of the ten and one-half inches of snow that covered the ground from January 22-29 only these few stretches of snow remain; the rest is slush and slosh, and slosh and slush. To the "Show Me" Missourians and other "Doubting Thomases" we have news-

paper clippings, landscape pictures, and best of all bursted thermometers to prove our point. At one of the teachers cottages the weather became so severe that the mercury in the porch thermometer "got out of bounds," and on a sub-zero morning that thermometer registered 38 degrees above zero. As each teacher left her room for breakfast feeling that Alaska had moved into the deep South we paused to read the thermometer. Upon seeing 38 degrees we threw back our heads and felt quite warm. An hour later we began to feel the cold again for we discovered that the thermometer was broken and the actual reading was 3 degrees below zero. It is strange how the reading of a mere thermometer can affect the degree of heat in ones body, but such is true.

As a result of spending too much time out in the snow several cases of influenza were treated in the girl's dormitory, boy's dormitory, the Mansion and other cottages on the campus.

Sunday, January 25, found two convalescent wards in Smith Hall: mumps and influenza. For the first time since Christmas Miss Anderson, as matron of the girls has no patient. Other than one frozen ear and several frost bitten feet the extreme cold has become history.

The 12th grade class presented the dramatic and soul-stirring play, "Lord, Do You Understand?" The story portrayed is that of a typical lynching in the deep South. Mr. L. E. Cousins and this class are to be commended for this fine production.

President Long is away from the campus on an extended trip having to do with promotional work of the United Society. During his absence the members of the Ministerial Association are taking charge of the Sunday morning services. Dean Jason Cowan is sponsor of this group of young men who meet each Wednesday night for practical experience and valuable information. Under the tutorship of Dean Cowan these young ministers should prove of great value to the local churches in the days to come.

It was the privilege of some of our group to hear Etta Moten in Vicksburg where she appeared in a concert, February 6. Miss Moten is a Negro artist of which the Negro race is justly proud.

Mrs. L. E. Cousins presented her piano pupils in a recital that showed thorough training and much talent. The numbers played were varied and beautiful, bringing to the audience

great compositions from some great composers, also on this program appeared three girl's quartettes and three young men's quartettes taking part in the annual quartette contest. The young ladies' quartette composed of Misses Marjorie Thomas, Willie Grays, Ruth Cobbins and Maria Collins won first place, and the young men: Messrs Thomas Lee, Fred Matthews, George McFarland, and Sam Chapman, who were dressed in "frock tailed" coats and sang, "Four and Twenty Elders" placed second. It was an evening of entertainment!

Misses R. C. Powell and J. A. Howard were hostesses to the monthly missionary meeting.

The faculty was entertained at the February Sunday night supper by Mrs. Hobart, the Misses Wrights, and Anderson.

On February 4, a group of our students and faculty went to Millsap College, Jackson, Miss., to attend the regular Inter-racial meeting. This council serves as an outlet for the Negro as well as the Caucasian in Mississippi who feels the need of practiced Christianity. It is the hope of this council that through it, race relations will improve. Millsap is the one white college in the state that has actively co-operated in this organization since its beginning more than five years ago. This group met with Piney Woods School for its January meeting, and from S.C.I. we had two staff members present and four representatives from the Y.W.C.A. and the Y.M.C.A.

HENRIETTA LOUISE HEROD

Contributing Editor of Plea

Miss Henrietta Louise Herod, the daughter of the Late Henry Herod, has accepted the position as Contributing Editor of the *Christian Plea*. Miss Herod is one of the best prepared ladies of the entire Brotherhood. She is a graduate of Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana; with a Bachelor of Arts Degree; a Master of Arts from Radcliffe College, Boston, Massachusetts, and has studied at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago University, Chicago, Ill.

Miss Herod has taught at Louisville Municipal College and is now on leave from this college teaching in the Atlanta University system at Spelman and Morehouse College.

Her special field is English and Dramatics. We are happy to welcome Miss Herod to the Editorial Staff. Her mother, Mrs. Henry Herod is the President of the Woman's National Convention.

—WOMEN'S PAGE—

THE MINISTER'S WIFE AS A LEADER

By Mrs. Pearl Craggett

Secretary of Ministers Wives

The real problem is not how we can be leaders within the present conception of that role. It is rather how can we all, as leaders, bring to the situations we confront as much as possible, or the kind of power and glory that leadership at its best has contributed.

In what ways do inspiring examples of Christian leadership inspire the minister's wife to meet the situations we confront today? We are inspired by such leaders as: Mary Lyons, Mary Bethune, and our own beloved Sister Alphin and a great host of others.

Members and ministers of churches have been often heard to say the church called the minister not his wife. Whether she realizes it or not, the minister's wife is in a place of leadership. Does she lead? What should be said concerning her unconscious influence of what she is, of what she stands for, and her outlook upon the life of the church.

How may the minister's wife achieve leadership within the limits of her home? Is more expected of her children than of others? Give the child a normal home life.

The minister is the king of the manse, the wife the queen and we are judged by our lives and our looks. The manse should be lighted at night to light and brighten the passerby who may be lost in the dark.

Through religious books, periodicals, and a wide range of personal contacts, the minister's wife has the opportunity to know just what is going on in the religious world.

Discovery of Leadership

An awareness on the part of the minister's wife, of potential leaders, his ability to guide them to their place of responsibility in the church and mission work.

The ministers' wives reception has for many years been a highlight in the National Convention. The plans for this year is a big banquet, the proceeds to go for the Ida Taylor Home. We are asking each minister's wife to set aside her dues now, which is fifty cents a year. The committee for next years banquet arrangement: Mrs. Fisher, and Mrs. Walker, program committee, Mrs. A. Daniels, Mrs. Walker of Kentucky, recreation, Mrs. Arnold, decorations, Mrs. Jessie

Myers, tickets, Mrs. L. H. Crawford, Mrs. P. Craggett, Mrs. L. Devine. Hostess, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Herod, Mrs. Peoples, and Mrs. Martin.

To you preachers who come to the convention and leave your wives, we say, bring her this year.

Mrs. Pearl Craggett

Sec. of Ministers' Wives

CHILDREN WORKER SOUNDS

CALL

FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE BUCKEYE STATE

By Mrs. D. C. Fowler

1180 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio

Dear Editor and Co-workers, I wish to bring you greetings for a happy and prosperous New Year with more souls brought to Christ and a great increase in Missionary Organization, especially among the young people and children. It is to this end I am asking each local president to organize the children in his church into a Children Missionary Society according to ages to suit the local needs, in order that, the Missionary Spirit in our churches may be increased and continue to grow and send its light around the world. As your children worker, I will appreciate your help in making this a great year.

Now may I turn to the Monroe Ave. Church here in Columbus. I failed to get an article in the December issue as I was called to Knoxville, Tennessee because of the passing of my brother and surely it was a sad trip as his going was so sudden. But we must bow to the will of Almighty God.

Elder C. W. Arnold continues to lead the church in a fine way. The members gave him many gifts during the Christmas Season and also many lovely gifts were given to Mrs. Arnold. The Christmas Program was under the direction of Miss Christine Gilbert and Superintendent Cherry. A very impressive Ordination service was held for the deacons and Elders and also Mrs. C. W. Arnold, Mrs. D. C. Fowler and Mrs. Celesis Clement were ordained for Missionary work. Over twenty-one new members have been taken in and over \$1000 has been raised since the coming of Elder Arnold. We are praying that a great soul saving campaign shall spread over the whole Brotherhood.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE

**FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH
NATIONAL CONVENTION
SUNDAY
OBSERVE IT
WITH
PROGRAM AND OFFERING**



Rosa Brown Bracy

Every church in the Brotherhood of Disciples of Christ of America who appreciate the National Convention and its program and who desire to see it develop into a LIFE GIVING SERVICE INSTITUTION is urged to observe THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH with program and offering. On this day it is hoped that every member of the church will make a gift in proportion to his or her ability of ONE DOLLAR or MORE to support the National Convention program.

The National Convention budget for 1939 and 40 is \$6000.00.

The items within the budget are as follows:

- \$1800.00 for Office and promotion
- 1000.00 for Christian Plea
- 2200.00 for Home for Aged
- 500.00 for Henry Herod Ministerial Scholarship Fund
- 500.00 for Patrick Henry Moss, Religious Education Fund

WANTED:

To secure this program and Budget.

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2. 200 Sponsors. A sponsor is one who gives \$5.00 per year to the support of the National program.
3. 100 Sustaining members. A sustaining member is one who will give \$1.00 per month for 10 months of the year or its equivalent to support the National Program.

4. 50 Special Gifts of \$25 each.
5. 25 Special Gifts of \$50 each.
6. 10 Special Gifts of \$100 each.
7. 5 Larger Gifts.

All gifts may be designated to the special interest of the giver.

All special gifts will be held sacred for the cause designated.

Undesignated gifts will be prorated according to the voted plan of the convention.

Send all funds by check or Money Order made payable to the treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 243 Hernando St., Memphis, Tennessee.

The National Convention Program

In 1938 when the National Convention decided that it could no longer exist as simply a meeting place where mental faculties were exploded and plans were made which were laid on the shelf there to remain until the next convention. We found a number of things of such importance resting on the shelf that we listed them carefully and determined that these things we must do. We realize that all cannot be done in a day. We are however sure that they are worthy and that by beginning and working at them conscientiously and consistently they will be achieved.

The Preston Taylor Monument debt was listed as number one. We shall ever be grateful to all who cooperated with the first year program of activity which paid in full the debt for the beautiful monument which marks the grave of Preston Taylor in beautiful Greenwood Cemetery.

Every objective within the 1939 and 40 program is worthy and needs our support

1. A Headquarter's office must be maintained if a successful promotional program is to be carried out.

2. A National Religious Journal is essential to an informed laity. This bit of advice for which Mrs. Madge Smith, former World Call Circulation Manager is responsible is surely worth heeding.

"If you don't read, you don't know
If you don't know you don't care
If you don't care you don't share
If you don't share you don't receive

So you'd better read."

2. It is our hope that our ministers will follow this council and see to it that a Christian Plea Secretary is appointed in every church in our brotherhood. Note the special rate and send in 5 or 10 subscriptions at 75 cents each. Remember for 10 subscriptions sent in at the same time at 75 cents each one free subscription will be given. One thousand paid up subscriptions will heal the

financial disease of the Christian Plea.

3. The Henry Herod and P. H. Moss Scholarship Funds are our accepted obligations. The lives of these great men should be emulated. These scholarship Funds fully established will serve to challenge and prepare young men and women to accept the ideals which made these men outstanding for Christ and His Church.

4. The Home for Aged and Orphans particularly the Aged challenge us. As we grow spiritually and culturally the need to do this service within our group as it is being done by and for the other group is apparent. The physical hunger of our aged ministers for whom the church has not prepared and the government does not provide lures us. We must not turn them aside in the time of old age. They must have light in the evening tide.

5. The National Convention accepts as its avenue, "Into All World the United Christian Missionary Society. Not only must we do the things which we have so long neglected to do but we must continue and increase our participation in the work of the church around the world.

Financing the National Convention Program

The one great revival needed in the CHURCH of Christ today is the revival of its finances.

If the members of the church would become Christian Stewards and give to advance the kingdom of God each in proportion to His ability, the kingdom of God would soon be ushered in.

"Tis not what we give but what we share

For the gift without the giver is bare."

The National Convention is attempting to establish a system of financing its program by enlisting every member of the church to give \$1.00 or more according to his or her ability. Those who give \$1.00 will be known as dollar donors, those who give \$5.00 per year will be known as Sponsors. Those who give \$10.00 per year or \$1.00 per month for at least 10 months of the year will be known as Sustaining Members of the National Convention program.



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ACTIVITIES OF BROTHERHOOD CHURCHES



Dr. Baxter Carroll Duke
Minister

AVALON CHRISTIAN CHURCH MARCHES ON

by Mrs. Wylma Windsor

As we are about to celebrate our third year at the Avalon Christian Church of Los Angeles, California I wish to send greetings to our brotherhood and to also send our subscription to our **Christian Plea**. We enjoyed reading last issue and feel yours is for a greater success.

We would also like to acquaint you with some of our activities.

With Rev. B. C. Duke as our capable minister we feel the church will continue its forward church program.

Our worship service lifts up the high purpose of the church to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and Man. Our membership has now grown to over 300.

Our music department is unquestionable the finest in the brotherhood. Mrs. Zelma Duke, wife of our minister and guiding spirit behind many worth while activities, is director of music of the entire church. The adult choirs numbers about 50 which has rendered entire programs for various groups as well—music for all worship services. The junior choir of 49 voices is also receiving remarkable training. Both choirs are entirely vested and have accepted regular 3rd Sunday appointments at our various churches. The senior choir also presents a very special musical every fourth Sunday evening.

Our missions department is composed of both men and women of our church. They are attempting to fill their program and are having their regular 2nd Sunday programs.

Our church school is growing rapidly with closely graded classes. Our enrollment now is over 200.

We are working very hard to attain the National Honor Shield Award. Our program of increased attendance and enrollment, attendance at leadership training courses and Youth Conferences is growing. In December, 17 youth and 2 adults attended the annual mid-winter interracial conference held in Alhambra, Calif. We had an interesting Christmas program and made a good effort toward our mission goal. At least 3 trips a month are now being offered to children to visit centers of educational benefit. Our gymnasium and other resources offer all groups equal opportunities for recreational activity. Most of our plans for church school are made at our regular monthly workers conference breakfasts in our dining hall at 8:00 a.m. every second Sunday of the month.

There is now an official Boy Scout Troop registered at our church which is interracial in nature. Most of the boys are members of our church. Although many are members of other churches.

Our Usher Board is growing in strength with about 25 members in full uniform and serving whenever needed.

Our fellowship department sponsors regular monthly socials in the dining hall of our church, where we can successfully serve over 300 people and have equipment of our own for serving 216 guest.

To continue our serving the community we have a day nursery which offers opportunities for working mothers to leave their children under school age in good care from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. These children are given three warm meals a day, milk and cod liver oil.

The Toy Loan Branch No. 33 which lends toys as libraries lend books is also housed in our church. About 400 children of at least 20 nationalities make daily loans thru the week from this center. It not only provides for his needs but also gives him training in the care and respect of others property. This does not cost the parent anything.

Our gymnasium and recreational center is being used every day by many racial groups. Regular teams are scheduled to play basketball, ping-pong, badminton and other games. Skating is great pleasure for many

of our children in our recreational center.

Thru out the church employment is given to 59 youths of our community thru the N.Y.A.

Therefore we are happy to announce that at a recent annual conference of the Los Angeles County Coordinating Councils the Avalon Christian Church received the distinguished service award for being the church and community center which has contributed the most during the past year to prevent juvenile delinquency.

The Award assumes larger proportions when one takes into consideration that Avalon and its work is comparatively new as an institution and last year the award was given to one of the largest Catholic Churches of this city. This is the first time a Negro Church has won this recognition.

We trust you will enjoy this message and will permit us each month to send a short report of our work of which we are so proud.

MEMPHIS CHURCH LEADS STATE by Mrs. C. E. Rowan

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, with Rev. Blair T. Hunt as pastor, started the New Year off with four additions on the first Sunday.

The financial report furnished each member of the church showed 1939 to be the best year in the history of the church.

The Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was largely attended when it met at the home of Mrs. Annie Atkinson, 922 Kerr Avenue, January 17, 1940. This being the first meeting of the new year, plans were discussed for the next six months of the Missionary Year. All present expressed themselves pleased with the achievements of the first six months.

Business being finished, the Chairman of the Program Committee, Mrs. C. E. Rowan made a presentation of the Lesson Study. Mr. W. Anderson spoke on Evangelism in India and Mrs. Mary Lake gave a talk on Evangelism in China.

The affable hostess, Mrs. Atkinson, served a two course repast. All expressed themselves as having enjoyed the meeting, spiritually, financially and socially.

Meeting then adjourned to meet the third Wednesday in February.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHURCH HAS UNIFIED YOUTH GROUP

Much interest is being manifested by the members of the Unified Youth Group of the Mississippi Boulevard

Christian Church, of Memphis, Tennessee. The officers and members feel that they have a glorious year of adventure in front of them; one that is full of challenge, hope and interest. Each one has pledged to grasp its opportunities, work faithfully, pray earnestly and enjoy a blessed fellowship together. It is believed that they will have the largest registration in 1940 than they have had in recent years. With already a grand enrollment and having at all meetings an unusually fine attendance.

For the February meetings, they have four candidates to be welcomed and extended the right hand of fellowship, namely: Miss Julia R. Hooks, Mrs. Mable P. Newman, Mrs. Emma Evans and Mr. Samuel C. Graves.

The Group has decided to give \$10 for Missions this year, making a big increase over their apportionment for 1939, which was \$5.50.

As they, too, believe in education, through worldmindedness, sermons, studies, literature, programs and visiting speakers, they sponsor a program every other month, the second Sunday night, at the Church. Appearing on their programs at the Church and also every second Sunday afternoon, at their regular meetings, are prominent ministers, educators and writers. Among those who have appeared on their programs are: Mr. Robert Lee Prince, District Manager of Universal Life Insurance Company, Miss Rosa Cooke, Librarian of Cossitt Library, Mr. Nat D. Williams, Instructor of Journalism and Editor.

The Officers of the Unified Youth Group are: Mrs. Mildred Riley, President; Miss Lillian Carnes, Vice President; Miss Tiney Chambliss, Secretary; Miss Katherine Evans, Assistant Secretary; Prof. Ira A. Gentry, Jr., Treasurer; Mr. A. Maceo Walker, Mrs. Ernestine B. Johnson, Advisers; Miss Emmaline Lang, Reporter; Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, General Adviser; Rev. Blair T. Hunt, Pastor.

All of the members are thinking about the Youth Meets to be held this year. The members and officers are indeed grateful to Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, President of the Woman's Missionary Society and Rev. Blair T. Hunt, their Pastor for giving them their heartiest support and cooperation in every way and appreciate their presence at any of their meetings.

LEA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS Nashville, Tenn.

by Miss P. White

Dr. L. H. Crawford is now located at 853 South St., Nashville, Tennessee, not far from Lea Avenue Church. He has started things to going at the church.

On January 17, the church observed Brotherhood Day at the home of Mrs. J. S. Chandler.

The appearance of Dr. J. E. Walker on the Third Sunday in January at the Introduction Services of our pastor was a great occasion. Dr. J. H. Hale, Mr. Mose McKissack, and a host of distinguished friends were on hand to hear and meet Dr. Crawford and his wife.

Each Sunday the congregation gets larger and larger. Many young people are coming to the church.

The Pastor has several calls to come to many fields to help.

BOLL STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH MAKES FINE RECORD

By Brother Kyle Blair
Dallas, Texas

Our church life during the year 1939 was likened unto a ship on the briny deep. Sometimes the water would be calm and not a ripple would show on the surface to disturb our spiritual peace of mind. Again without warning the surging billows of spiritual weaknesses would buffet our ship from side to side. At times the ship of Zion would be headed for a reef and destruction. But, that eternal lighthouse erected on the shore by our Holy Father sent out a directing beam of guidance to a safe harbor of refuge and rest. The elder and members of this church following the Master's instructions were successful in bringing the Old Ship of Zion safely into port. The work here, both financially and spiritually has taken a new lease on our entire membership, and they have expressed an earnest desire that the work of this church during 1940 shall surpass that of 1939.

The church had a fine financial year and brought 182 new members into its fold.

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

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

At the close of the Tennessee State Convention, I made a tour over the State of Tennessee. I found most of the churches moving along nicely. The Convention closed July 25, 1939, July 31, I visited the church in Jonesboro, Tenn. I found it without a pastor. I agreed to give half time at Jonesboro for a while and half time on the field. August 13, I visited the little church at Washington College, Tenn. The church there was moving along nicely under the leadership of Elder A. C. Coakley. August 14, I

visited the church at Rogersville, Tenn. I found Elder D. W. Bradley hard at work and the church in good condition. August 15, I visited the Knoxville church, and I found the church in a fine working condition. Elder Daniel and his good wife hard at work. The Knoxville Church was building a fine parsonage.

August 16, I was with Elder R. C. Maloy, at the Gay Street Church, Nashville, Tenn. Elder Maloy had on a great program and the church was moving nicely under his leadership. August 17, I was with the Lea Avenue Church, Nashville, Tenn. We had a great meeting there that night, they were all happy and were looking forward to the return of Dr. L. H. Crawford, their newly elected pastor. August 18, I was with the Memphis Church. I found a lovely new church in Memphis and a fine congregation, and the church in a fine working condition, moving along nicely under the leadership of Elder Blair T. Hunt. I went from Memphis to the National Convention at St. Louis, Mo. We had the greatest National Convention in the history of the church. I conducted a great revival in Winchester, Ky. Fourteen accessions to the church and the community were revived. Among that number was one of the leading doctors and two of the leading teachers of that town was added to the church. Elder William Owens is a great pastor and his good wife who was right by his side. We began the meeting September 24 and closed October 8, 1939. I visited the Bristol Church at Bristol, Tenn., November 12, 1939. I found a few in number moving along slowly under the leadership of Elder W. P. Wagner.

I am thankful to say only two churches in the State of Tennessee are without pastors. The West Main Street Christian Church in Johnson City, Tenn., and a little church at Jellico, Tenn. If any minister in the Brotherhood would like to visit the church in Johnson City, Tenn., write Mr. Charlie Cope, Chairman of the Board, 205 E. Millard St., Johnson City, Tenn., and if any minister would like to visit the little church at Jellico, Tenn., write Mr. Robert Murphy, Jellico, Tenn.

I also visited the little church at Savannah, August 20, they were moving along nicely under the leadership, of Elder T. M. Phillips.

Dear Editor:

Please accept my congratulations. The Christian Plea is destined to take its place among the best Religious Magazines in the Brotherhood.

I am enclosing stamps covering my subscription.

—Elder S. Kenney

EAST VINE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Reporter

Our Brotherhood Dinner held on January 17 was a success. Our members worked together beautifully in order that the occasion should be the best. The basement of the church was artistically decorated in lavender and white crepe paper, the tables were arranged in banquet style. While our guest were being seated, soft music was played by Mr. Billy Orr. Opening song, "Bless Be the Tide That Binds," prayer by Mr. E. P. Moore. Greetings from other countries were read by the pastor. Special music for the occasion was rendered by "The Friendly Five" consisting of five lovely teen age young women, under the direction of Mrs. F. C. Spurgeon. The numbers included, spirituals, classics and semi-classics. A brief history of the Christian Church was given by Rev. E. A. Daniels. Instrumental solo, "Teach Me to Pray" was given by Mr. H. M. Watkins. Our guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. S. C. Spurgeon, pastor of Clinton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Rev. Spurgeon's address was built around Brotherhood. His subject was "Oneness." He enlarged on the subject by giving the examples of unity of purpose, unity of message, unity of spirit. Valuable information, as well as inspiration was received by all who were present. Reading, Temptation, by Mrs. Zenobia Green. Brotherhood Dinner and its Meaning was given by your reporter. A well prepared dinner was enjoyed by all.

The Ministerial Alliance was entertained with a luncheon by the Austin High School on January 22. Our pastor is a member of the alliance as well as their recording secretary.

The parsonage will be ready for occupancy by the 25th of February. This will bring joy to our pastor and his family as well as to the loyal members of the church.

The Pastor's Aid is one of our leading auxiliaries of the church. Meetings are held each Thursday night and members take their turn alphabetically in entertaining. Mr. A. W. Holmes is president of this auxiliary.

Our sick list includes, Mrs. E. A. Daniels, Mrs. A. W. Holmes, Mrs. Macy Lust, Mrs. Birdie Chandler, Mr. Warren Beattie and also Myrtle, the young daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Daniels.

The Young Peoples Club is making plans for a Valentine Party to be given February 14.

Our Sunday Morning Services were very good. Rev. Daniels text was, "Neither give place to the devil." Eph. 4:27. Subject, "Spiritual Resis-

tance of Present Day Evils." In developing the subject the speaker stated that the devil must be resisted at all times, he plays his tricks well, and catches us at our weakest point in life. The example was given of the temptation of Christ on the Mount. He was tempted first, by food, because he was hungry, second by riches, because he was poor and third by honor and fame, because he was unknown. Christ gave no place to the devil.

Although we have had deep snows and zero weather, our church has been open for all regular services, attended by most of our faithful members.

UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH 5631 30th St., Detroit, Mich.

By T. K. Rouse, Reporter

This month we report the work of the choir, which is really the busiest department of our congregation, and is being praised even by critics. A visiting minister said "Their work is faultless from processional to recessional." They owe their success mainly to the tireless efforts of Mrs. Anne L. Bell, chairman, Mr. James Calhoun, chorister and Miss Alice Williams, pianist. They are cooperating with other choirs of the city, and following the 'Good neighbor policy.' The choir is composed of four male and eight female voices. Mrs. Annie L. Cook, a local radio artist and who is well on her way to fame is a member of our choir.

ECHOES FROM MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY

By Prof. J. E. Bean

Like thousands of others, the members of the High Street Christian Church are happy to see the Plea in action again. The sample copies were gladly acknowledged. They bespeak in highest terms that a great future is yet in store for the church and the Plea. Congratulations to Sister Taylor, Prof. Eppse, Dr. Walker and the rest of the staff in the big effort they are making to see the Plea live again and go on its destined journey to keep the brotherhood enlightened and informed.

All during the wintry weather, the church activities battled hard to 'carry on.' The Young People's Circle under the leadership of Mrs. Morton met at the home of the Misses Jones, Saturday afternoon. Prof. J. E. Bean was introduced, prizes were awarded to Miss Susie Lee Jones and Mrs. Pruitt as leaders in the member-

ship drive sponsored by our pastor, Elder J. E. Blair.

A patriotic program will be given at church, February 12, sponsored by the Sunday School. Mt. Sterling was well represented at the Sixth District and Youth Sessions at Winchester. Brother Vance Smith, our Regional Worker is to be congratulated for the informative and constructive programs he is bringing to the church and the young people. Elder Owens and his church were at their best in entertaining. Over twenty young people from the High Street Christian Church attended. Among the adults attending were, Mrs. Sarah Bailey, Mrs. A. V. Stockton, Mrs. Maggie McClure, Mr. W. S. Hunt, Brother Cunningham, Elder J. E. Blair, Prof. J. E. Bean and Misses Elizabeth Dean and Susie Lee Jones. The last two mentioned attended the meeting at Paris, Kentucky last week. A very excellent session was reported.

CLEVELAND, OHIO NEWS FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE

By Alexander Craggett

The church for the month of January was saddened by the death of Mrs. Birda Magbey, who was treasurer of the Missionary Society for many years.

Although attendance for the month of January fell off 30%, due to the bad weather, the offerings for the month was very good.

The fourth Sunday rally between the women and men, was won by the women by a dollar.

Due to the redemption of sales tax stamps by the state, for churches, and charitable organizations, the church treasure has been swelled very much.

The building fund program has launched out a new campaign for this year by dividing the church into ten groups, with each group responsible for raising a hundred and twenty dollars for the year. The month of March will be used for the building fund drive.

The Missionary Department will hold its first Institute under the leadership of Miss Bertha Park, State Secretary of Women's work for the State of Ohio, on February fifteenth.

Under the auspices of the Bible School a Teacher Training Course has been instituted—it teaches the necessary preparation one needs in teaching, also each Sunday each pupil, and each teacher is quizzed on passages, sayings, about famous people of the Bible, by the Superintendent.

The Christian Endeavor Department had a new change in personnel with Mr. Kenneth Dabney being elected president, Miss Helen Howard,

Vice President, Miss Doris Belcher, Secretary-Treasurer. The endeavor society is guest of the Franklin Circle endeavor society, Sunday, February eighteenth.

The young people are making plans to attend our State Youth Meet to be held in Cincinnati, March 8 to 10, twelve young people are planning on attending this year. The theme for this year's youth meet is "Christus Victor."

The Boosters Club under the leadership of Mrs. Belcher has increased its support to the church for the year, and is busy each month with entertainments.

The Sunshine Club under the leadership of Mrs. Thomas is sponsoring a "Traveling Lady Contest" with each member as contestants.

The church is very fortunate in having a large number of young mothers and plans are being made to organize a young mothers club.

The choir is working hard on its recital of February 23 to be held in the First Christian Church of Canton of which Rev. P. H. Welshheimer is pastor under the sponsorship of the Cerry Avenue Christian Church whose pastor is Rev. J. C. Compton.

The Cedar Avenue Christian Church senior choir gave its first fourth Sunday musical under the direction of Prof. M. G. Lawson director of the choir. The guest appearing on program were: Mrs. Irene McCall, Soprano, Mr. Foskey, Tenor, and Mr. Benjamin Askew, Sawist. Readings were also given by Mrs. Irene McCall.

The pastor will be gone for a week during this month to conduct a pastors retreat to be held in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

FAIR ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Mrs. Daisy S. Frierson
865 Sherman Ave.

To Editor and Brotherhood, Greetings,

It is with pleasure that I write this note to express our appreciation to the Brotherhood for their interest in us, having recieved writings of inquiry if we still are pastorless.

We wish to say that one of the newest in the ministry, in the person of Rev. H. Earl Jackson, heard our cry and although he is pastoring the Oxford Christian Church, he visited us on November 12 and returned to us on November 26, 1939 as our pastor also.

"Small of Stature, but Mighty in Wisdom." Our church is gradually taking on new life because of the meaningful messages brought us each Lord's Day by Brother Jackson.

We are looking forward to having a stronger church and membership

within the ensuing year.

I wish to thank the *Christian Plea* for the sample copy received some-time ago announcing its new home.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY CHURCH THAT IS IN NEED OF CAPS AND GOWNS?

The De Moulin Brothers and Company Greenville, Illinois, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue, notified the *Plea* office that they have some special offers on pleated gowns with collars. This offer is in black or gray. You would help the *Christian Plea* by writing to this company and be sure to mention the *Christian Plea*.

HOME-COMING AT GROVE ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Lois Harrison, Reporter
Houston, Texas

The "Clean the Slate Drive" is almost at its ending at Grove Street Christian Church. It will end on the 4th Sunday in January where all indebttness is hoped to be cleared away concerning the property of the church.

The pastor, Rev. David L. Truscott is working very hard with the members to participate in this drive so that the church can go forward with the other problems concerning the future. The Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Jeanett Woodson is also working very hard in the drive. She has made a special membership roll aside from the regular one in order to record all pledges and payments correctly.

So far the majority of the members have cooperated willingly in the drive by sponsoring various entertainments, preaching services and programs.

The 4th of February which is the First Sunday will be observed at our church as "Home-Coming Day." A great "Gospel Message" is expected from Reverend Harry G. Knowles.

CROSS STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH READY

By Mrs. Minnie Guyden,
Little Rock, Ark.

We are glad to inform you of the work of the Cross Street Christian Church, Elder C. B. Fisher, pastor, Little Rock, Ark. It has gained much momentum in that it had gained numerically and financially. We were successful in reaching our goal for December which was \$300.00. We are going to report in our District Con-

vention in February which will be held at Mt. Sianai Church under the leadership of our State Evangelist, Elder William Martin, who is doing a masterpiece of work in our State.

Let us turn our eyes again to the Land of Canaan and our ears to the words of the noble Spye, who said "The land is covered with grapes, whose clusters are so large that it will take two men to carry them." So is the field for our National Convention. At present the food is so bountiful that it will take five hundred men to take it away, not counting the women and children.

With this we wish to extend to you a standing welcome and invitation to our city, the center of attraction and Southern hospitality.

"CARRY THE CHURCH TO THE PEOPLE"

By R. L. Sercy, Henderson, Texas

Dear readers of the *Plea*, I shall take this time to say we must carry the church to the people; our theme is drawn from Matt. 28, where Christ said, Go ye therefore and teach all Nations; or in other words, go and make Disciples of all Nations. The word go, tells us that we must carry what we have to the people if it is only ourselves; church dignataries often discuss plans for bringing the people to the church, but they have the cart before the horse. We have been talking this for a long time and still we have empty pews. Now let us try carrying the church to the people. Make the church popular, but not a place of entertainment. We have too long had the people to come to church expecting to be entertained, instead of being edified; a monkey can entertain but he cannot edify. So we do not expect to find a monkey in the pulpit, but a Gospel Minister. Make church going a pleasure, instead of a duty. Study the people, then give them something to nourish them, instead of just something to stimulate them.

The medical profession has gone wild in specializing; every part of the body is analyzed and dissected. Men devote their time to the study and treatment of different kinds of diseases affecting the human anatomy. As ministers, we should solve the problem on how to carry the church to the people. Interest lagged in Jerusalem but God through providence suffered persecution to come and caused the Disciples to carry the church outside of town. It is the members duty as well as the ministers to make the church attractive with solid substantial information. Even if they are startled it will be good for them. Carry the church and its pro-

gram to them. Some people think the church is a house on the side of the road, but Christ told his Disciples that the Kingdom of Heaven come not by observation, neither shall they say lo here or there for the Kingdom is within you.

We carry it to the people because we love them. My love for the unfortunate boy and girl will cause me to carry the church to them. If it has helped me, probably it will help them. If it, through somebody was able to lift me out of the ditch, bring me from sin, make a good citizen out of me then my love for the fallen should be of such that I carry it to them. We talk about preaching the Gospel, but it cannot be preached successfully without love, neither can it have its desired effect in the house on the side of the road.

If we love a person we will do something for him. God loved the world therefore he gave himself in the person of His son. God is calling us through his missionary program to carry His Son to the world. Every sincere Christian will answer this call. No one can succeed by working at the wrong end. So often we say, my religion is to love my neighbor, but Christ said love God first. We spend out energy on hospitals, playgrounds and relief funds; these are Christian enterprises but not religion; they are the fruits of religion.

Don't neglect the assembling of yourselves together. Then after getting what Christ has for us go and give it to someone else. My church in Dallas was given up because of a voice that called me to greater service. Though the way has been hard I count it a joy to suffer for Christ, if it means carrying His church to the people.

The Henderson Christian Church is making an appeal to churches in the brotherhood for contributions in order to build a new church. February 11, was set to have raised \$280.00. Checks may be made payable to Dr. D. T. Cleasur and mailed to R. L. Sercy.

SOCIAL ACTION

By Mrs. Ruth Eppse

The combined efforts of church organizations are being centered upon the education of sharecroppers. The Home Missions Council, Council of Women for Home Missions and Race Relations have taken this step.

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The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference sponsors a Basketball Tournament, at Tuskegee Institute, February 22, 23, 24, 1940.

From the Department of Record, Tuskegee Institute it is learned that lynchings are on the decline.

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The Anti-Lynching Bill has passed the House of Representatives and now it only awaits the action of the Senate.

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The Wage and Hours Act which called for an increase of from 25 cents to 30 cents an hour especially affected the workers in the Southern States.

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The annual report of the Secretary of Agriculture, issued at the end of the year, states that by June 30, 1939, that 1458 Negro families had been placed in 33 resettlement projects in the South. On these projects, Negroes were employed as supervisors and directors.

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Federal housing projects have increased during 1939. By the middle of the year the number of low income families coming under the projects of the U. S. Housing Authority passed the 100,000 mark. Approximately one-third of these were Negro families scattered in 90 communities throughout the country. This meets the need of only a small proportion of Negroes who live in slum districts.

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Following the decision of the United States Supreme Court that the State of Missouri must provide education for its Negro citizens within the state there was effort made by Negroes to enter a number of graduate school in Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. Some states plan to give graduate courses to Negro students in separate institutions if such courses are demanded.

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Coupled with this struggle for equal opportunity is one being made for equal salaries for Negro teachers.

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Library service in Alexandria, Va., was denied five colored youths who sought service in the public library. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director of Negro Affairs for the N.Y.A., reported at a meeting of the Southern Education Foundation that only 14 per cent of 509 public libraries in 13 Southern states provided service for Negroes.

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At the World Christian Youth Conference at Amsterdam, Holland,

American Negroes occupied significant places of leadership.

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The Fair Labor Standards Act which states fixed requirements for the benefits of workers has been the cause for the discharging Negro workers and the substitution of whites rather than let Negroes reap these benefits. A complaint has been directed against the Erwin Cotton Mills of Durham, N.C. Two Negro women have filed affidavits which stated that they were fired from their \$10 per week jobs as cleaners October 13, shortly after the wage increases for textile workers went into effect and their places taken by two white women.

NOTICE

All subscriptions solicited for the CHRISTIAN PLEA should be reported to Mrs. Preston Taylor, 449 Fourth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, Monday of each week.

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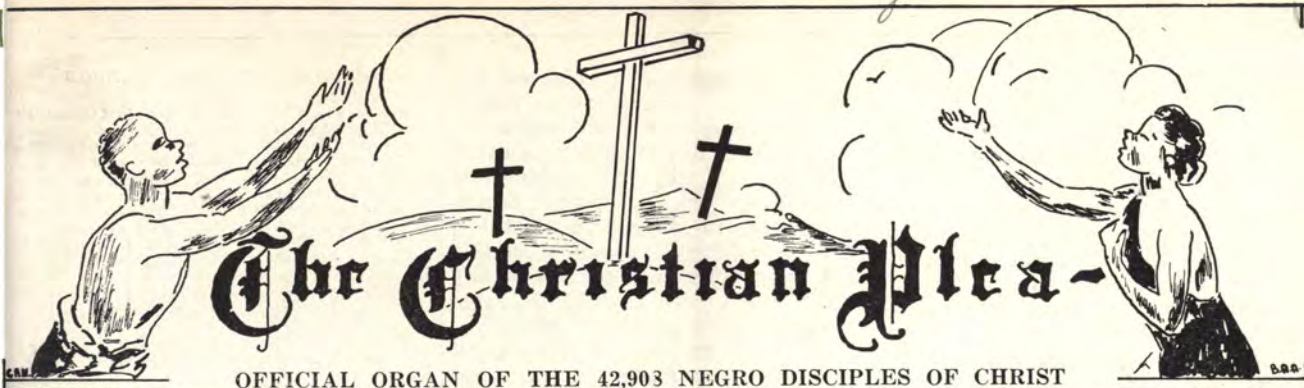
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The three greatest things contributing to the making of our social order are the teachings of Jesus, the founding of democratic government, and the scientific method. These three foundation stones form the basis upon which everything else rests. They mark the beginning of modern times and modern civilization. These three contributions have been already responsible for the worthwhile things now enjoyed by man.

The teachings of Jesus gave us a criteria or a standard, a yard stick by which we may judge the relations of man to man. His teachings gave us humanitarianism, love, sympathy, courage, justice, hope and many other things worthwhile in this old world of ours.

In one of my classes the other day at A. and I. State College, I raised this question. What would happen if it were possible to wipe out everything for which religion is responsible? Some said all the hospitals in the world would be torn down. Others said most of our great colleges and universities would be closed. Still others remarked that art, literature music, and philosophy would suffer in like manner. I said, "Your answers are absolutely correct." I said further, "The greatest cultural influence in the world's civilization is religion."

Yet, two or three nights ago, I heard a news item over the radio, to the effect, that Russia had an organization now working in Poland, for the perpetuation of a godless society. That this organization had spent sev-

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MISS HENRIETTA LOUISE
HEROD, B.A., M.A.

the daughter of the Late Henry Herod and Mrs. H. Herod will edit the Ladies' Edition for April.

Send all news, cuts and subscriptions to the PLEA OFFICE, 449 Fourth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

CLOSING DATE APRIL 7th



MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR

LADIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

Mrs. Preston Taylor

Ladies! As you know I worked with my late husband for the good of the Brotherhood. Since he has been gone I have never allowed my interest to lag, but after six months of working actively with the Christian Plea as Treasurer, I am in possession of some knowledge which I would like to pass on to you

1. The Christian Plea will not continue long by the response we get from the Brothers and Ministers.
2. Some Ministers who have received bundles of Pleas to sell fail to answer or report for same.
3. Some Ministers write that they have no time to aid the Plea.
4. Some Ministers fail to send any news or subscribers for the Plea.
5. I have not received one complaint about the Plea. All news is in high praise of our paper but very little is done to support it.

Ladies: In view of the above reactions, I am appealing for you to come to the rescue of the Brotherhood paper. The Editor has asked me to appeal to you to aid the April issue. The following things I am asking you to do:

1. All National, State and Local Officers and Members send your cuts and articles for April issue. Let it arrive here by APRIL 7TH.
2. Some interested lady take the responsibility of soliciting subscriptions in your Church and Community.
3. We have the whole April Issue. You have never failed me. Let me hear from you at once.

Yours for an Active Brotherhood,

Mrs. Preston Taylor, Treasurer

RELIGION AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

(Continued from Page 1)

eral thousands of dollars in this direction.

Without being too dogmatic, I am wondering what a godless society would be like. I wonder with the world being drawn closer and closer together, by telephone, radio, telegraph, the press, and other swift means of communication and transportation such is possible. I wonder if human nature can be so changed. Was there ever a time when man felt that he was self-sufficient? If such is possible (with a great big if) will the social engineers be proud of their handiwork after it has been completed? I seriously doubt this as a move in the right direction.

Very closely related to the teachings of Jesus was the establishment of democratic government. The Bill of Rights, the Petition of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the embodiment of these fundamental principles in the Constitution of the United States will ever stand out as singular victories won by mankind after centuries of blood-shed and indescribable suffering.

I wonder if we comprehend the full meaning of the freedom of speech, the freedom of press, the freedom from arbitrary arrest, the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience—to be guaranteed a trial by jury. It took centuries to have these precious rights put in writing and enforced by the sanctions of society. We should stop and re-examine and re-check what "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness mean to us today. These rights and privileges should take on new meaning in the light of what is happening today in Europe and Asia. There are two great philosophies of government and human welfare fighting a death struggle for supremacy in the world today—Dictatorship and democracy. Dictatorship means the complete destruction of all individual rights. It means going back to the time when one man held life and death in his hands. It means rule by divine right. Democracy means that there are certain inalienable rights which are sacred to the individual—that a man is a man for his individual worth.

I am thoroughly conscious of the fact that there are many shortcomings to our democratic way of life. But I do not believe that dictatorship is the way out. The cure for the weakness of democracy is more democracy, i. e., better educated, better fed, better moralizing power to express the common will. Ferrero asks the following penetrating question. "Should not what already exists be perfected and what does not exist be

created in order to give universal suffrage a clarity of perfection, a weight and coherence which would be less disproportionate to the task it is called upon to fill?" In order seriously to organize universal suffrage it is necessary also to guard it against terrors; to attempt to make it certain that the profound and permanent will of the people will always triumph over its fleeting and capricious will.

The third and last of these great contributions to human welfare was the scientific method. Thru the scientific method men have been able to conquer the forces of nature and make them his servant. He has been able to create a surplus which would give him time and energy to develop the finer things of life.

The physical and biological sciences have been developed to a much greater extent than the social sciences. This is easy to understand. The physical and biological sciences are concerned with inanimate things—like light, heat, speed, molecules and atoms. But the social sciences are concerned with human beings—the greatest variable in the world. Yet we know much more about the science of human welfare than we are able to apply. We know pretty well why we have such extremes of wealth and poverty. We have a good idea of how to deal with criminals. We know pretty well why some children learn faster than others. We are conscious of the factors responsible for racial prejudice. We know the reason for religious bigotry and intolerance. But we are not able to change the habits, customs, and attitudes of people by pressing an electric button. Human nature does not respond in any such fashion. Human nature is changed by evolution rather than revolution.

LETTERS TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Los Angeles, Calif.
February 27, 1940

Editor of Christian Plea:

Our attention has been called to the report of the National Convention in the October issue of the Christian Plea of individuals and groups listed according to state and churches. From this list the names of three individuals of Avalon Church who enrolled by paying \$2.00 each were omitted. These persons were Mr. Herod Ward, Mr. Thomas L. Pratt and Mrs. Wylma Windsor each of whom have a receipt signed by Mr. Owens, the registrar. This matter was brought up at the Convention when a report was read and I had the promise that this would be corrected after I had shown the receipts of our registration.

We would appreciate your calling this matter to the attention of the readers in the next issue of the Christian Plea in as much as there has been some doubt on the part of the people we represent that our attendance at the Convention was officially recognized.

We would also like for it to be known that Avalon Christian Church has also contributed \$5.00 to the National Convention Fund. This amount was forwarded to the Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, who acknowledged receipt of same.

We are at loss to know why we have been ignored in this when we have met every obligation and have done our part in cooperating with the program.

Yours truly,
Mrs. W. Windsor, 218 E. 41 Place,
Los Angeles, Calif.

REJOICES WITH BROTHERHOOD

Dear Editor:

Many thanks to you for the last issue of the Plea. I rejoice with you and your Brotherhood over the success of my children on the West Coast and pray that their zeal for the work of the Master will continue to grow and that through it all their neighborhood may be blessed and our Heavenly Father's kingdom established in the hearts of many.

—Mrs. L. B. Watson, A. and I. State College, Nashville, Tenn.

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING US ON MAILING LIST

Dear Editor:

We wish to thank you for putting us on the regular list for the CHRISTIAN PLEA. We are very interested in your publication and would like to ask whether it is possible for you to send us a bundle of the back numbers.

—A. Jackson, Negro World Digest.

YOU ARE DOING A SWELL JOB

Dear Mr. Eppse:

Kindly accept my thanks and appreciation for a copy of the Christian Plea, which I received a few days ago. It is interesting and inspiring. You are doing a swell job as editor—keep up the good work. As a token of appreciation, I am sending a year's subscription to a friend in Kentucky, and one to the Dietary Department of Meharry Medical College. I shall be listening in Sunday, March 17th. Congratulations.

—Mrs. A. D. Vinson, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

INTERESTED IN BEING A CONTRIBUTOR

Dear Editor:

We are very much interested in being one of the many contributors to the PLEA, and will assure you of an increased subscription list very soon. We are volunteering to send our first article, and hope there will be a place where we can show the Brotherhood, that we are interested.

—Mrs. Ann Lawrie, Birch St. Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

SUBSCRIPTION OVERSIGHT

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

I have a stub of a money order sent to Mr. Eppse some time last month for which I have no PLEA or reply. I am sure it was an oversight on your part. Write me at once. I have ten people in my church whose subscriptions were not filled last year. We only received about six copies but it was due to lack of funds.

—Elder F. L. Barnett, 9415 Quincy Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

A FORMER SUBSCRIBER

Dear Sir:

I have been receiving copies of the Christian Plea which I enjoy reading. I was also a former subscriber. Enclosed you will find money order for my subscription along with some members of my church and friends.

Sincerely praying for your success in the work.

—Mrs. A. M. Haygood, 212 Emma Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Prof. Eppse:

I am sending a money order of fifty cents for the ministers' rate of the PLEA. Congratulations to you appearing on "Wings Over Jordan," March 17th. I shall advertise it through this section.

—Lorenza J. Evans, Gammon Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

BEGIN SENDING PLEA AT ONCE

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is one dollar (\$1.00) for subscription for one year of the Christian Plea. Please begin it at once.

—Mrs. Nannie Turner, 116 Seventh Ave., N.W., Roanoke, Va.

HAVE ALWAYS LOVED OUR PLEA

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Please accept the money order for Plea. I think it is fine. Have always loved our religious Plea. Thanking you again and again.

—Lydia Cain, 324 Temperance St., Knoxville, Tenn.

AN OLD FRIEND

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Enclosed find money for subscription. Thanks for the extra issues. I am an old friend of the paper and I have not had another to come up to it.

—Mrs. F. E. Hawkins, 912 South 5th St., Memphis, Tenn.

SORRY TO BE TARDY

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Am so sorry about being so tardy about sending this, but I had forgotten when the subscription expired. Thank you for the reminder.

—Mrs. L. A. Whyte, 1123 N. Wesley, Greenville, Texas.

SEND PLEA TO SUBSCRIBERS

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Please find enclosed \$3.00 in stamps for subscriptions to Plea. If you have already sent out the February issue please mail it to these people. You may add my subscription to the list also.

—S. B. Wallick, 460 Howard St., Muskogee, Oklahoma.

A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PLEA

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Enclosed is my subscription to the Plea for one year. It is a publication that the brotherhood must justly feel proud of. I shall be sending in some news soon. Please tender my expressions of encouragement to the Plea staff. You may use me as a Texas representative to the list also.

—Edwin M. Hurdle, 2409 Jordan St., Dallas, Texas.

MRS. FRANKLIN VERY ILL

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Enclosed you will find a money order amounting to \$1.50 for subscription to the Plea. Mrs. Franklin is very sick, it seems that she can not endure it very long.

—I. C. Franklin, Port Gibson, Mississippi.

ENJOYS READING PLEA

Christian Plea:

Enclosed you will find \$1.00 for the Plea. Enjoy reading it very much.

—Mrs. O. Zollar, Box 487, Reidsville, N.C.

LIKES TO KNOW WHAT BROTHERHOOD IS DOING

Kind Sir:

Thanks for the reminder. I am living here at present am a member of Woodland Ave., Kansas City, Mo. We have no church here among our people. How I miss the fellowship. Am working in the M.E. Church program. I do like to know what is going on in the brotherhood.

—Mrs. Anna E. Willis, 2378 20th St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

SPREADING OLD JERUSALEM GOSPEL

Editor of Christian Plea:

It is with regret that I have been a silent writer through the columns of your paper, but I am not silent otherwise in the spreading of the old Jerusalem Gospel.

I am to leave Winston-Salem, March the 8th for Mt. Holly, N.C. to begin a series of meetings there. It's a new field, where the Gospel has not been established. We have there about twenty members and they owe about \$300.00 on their property where they expect to build a modern church. The story of the Cross will be planted there in a few days. I am asking the prayers of the Brotherhood, that the Truth might triumph.

—Rev. O. Zollar, Evangelist, 614 Hickory St. Winston-Salem, N.C.

HOW THE PLEA HAS GROWN

Dear Mr. Eppse:

How the Plea has grown so rapidly, I can't see, and yet I do. I am sure it is because the right man is at the head of it. My prayers are going out for your success until the Plea shall have covered this great Brotherhood of ours.

—R. L. Sercy, Henderson, Texas

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SOCIAL ACTION

Mrs. Ruth Eppse

A plea was made by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. chairman of the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Committee, to the American youth for contributions in "pennies, dimes and nickles" to help raise \$20,000 for a memorial to James Weldon Johnson.

The N. A. A. C. P. will hold its first Student Conference at Virginia

Union University, March 29-31. This conference is not limited to members of the Association but invitations are extended to representatives of Christian movements, political science clubs, fraternities and other campus organizations. Discussions will be held on Democracy in Education, Politics and Government, and Relationships in Minority Struggles.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt left a plea for "peace amongst ourselves with no difference in classes" before a mixed gathering of white persons and Negroes.

The First Lady spoke February 18, 1940 at Bethune-Cookman Negro College on the occasion of the school's thirty-fifth anniversary. Many white and Negro educational leaders were among the audience of 5,000.

"Democracy really means that in one way or another more people shall share the good things of life, regardless of race, creed, or color," Mrs. Roosevelt said.

"It is necessary to make democracy work in every community in order to make it work nationally."

An Appeal will be made in the case of equalization of salaries in Norfolk Virginia. Judge Luther B. Way signed a final judgment Feb. 19, dismissing the case to equalize the salaries of Negro and white public school teachers.

A great "fighter for justice" has passed off the scene of action. Feb. 29 brought to a close the life of Robert S. Abbott, known as the Dean of Negro journalism. At the age of 69, Robert S. Abbott left behind him a life that had only one goal, to fight for his race through the strongest and most powerful medium, the press

In an effort to reduce the high infant and maternal mortality rate and fight against disease and death resulting from childbirth, a maternity center at the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital at Tuskegee Institute, and nurse-midwife maternity clinics throughout Macon County, Alabama have been established. This was made possible by a grant of funds to the State of Alabama by the Children's Bureau in Washington, D. C., Dr. J. N. Baker chief health officer of the state, was instrumental in securing the grant. It has been carried on for five months under the supervision of Dr. George B. Kebe.

The Booker T. Washington stamp is the first in the nation bearing the likeness of a Negro. It will be placed on sale by an all-Negro postal staff at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, on April 7. The Founder's Day address will be delivered by Postmaster-General James A. Farley.

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—1 John, 1-7

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EDITORIALS

SCRAPS OF PAPER

By J. M. Cowan, S. C. T.
Edwards, Miss.

The flagrant breaking of international agreements in the early days of the World War, particularly the violation of Belgium's neutrality, probably coined the phrase "a scrap of paper." In the literature of the Allies, Germany is scored for a breach which any allies would have committed if its national objectives could have been promoted by so doing. Subsequent events are conclusive proof.

The use of treaties, financial obligations, contracts, and other international agreements as scraps of paper has dominated politics and diplomacy during the last two decades. Regardless of their respective merits, the Versailles Treaty, the "Open Door" policy in China, the guarantees stated and implied in the League of Nations covenants, and our "Gentleman's Agreement" with Japan were all binding contracts. The repudiation of them upset the balance of power in Europe; permitted the increased exploitation of China, the rape of Ethiopia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Albania, and the dismemberment of Poland; and dealt an irreparable blow to Japanese pride through our revised immigration law of 1924 which prevents Japanese from becoming American citizens. This loss of national and international morality is reaping a harvest of destruction in 1940 which may become universal. An unpredictable number of centuries may elapse before a minimum degree of confidence will produce an extended era of peace.

Of course the history of governments indicates the absence of any period entirely free from chicanery and rapacity. The law of the jungle simply moved from swamp and tree top to palace and citadel. The caloused student of political history and institutions finds nothing in the past to indicate anything more than a cycle of repetitions for the future.

But there are institutions which ought to be more free from these characteristics than others. There are institutions where personal ambitions ought to be secondary, but where ideals and objectives for the best interests of the institution or group should be dominant. Among these institutions is the church.

The National Convention of the Negro Disciples of Christ is not facing a crisis; it is in a crisis. It is possible that in view of a real or imaginary "emergency," attempts may be

made to treat its constitution as another "scrap of paper." For years the shadow of politics has clouded the deliberations of this non-political body. The constitution was revised recently. It is not a perfect document. It provides for changes, but not for alterations for accomodation. Any change or attempted constitutional change to serve any segment, section, organization, or individual within or without our group would be hazardous.

We are facing a period of transitions which are the inevitable consequences of time and change. These are not isolated or segregated changes but rather universal ones. In such a time, democracy rather than autocracy, unselfishness rather than selfishness, and cooperation rather than division, should be our watchwords. May it never be ours to condescend to the level of political demagogues and treat our constitution as another "scrap of paper" for the convenience of any individual or any special group. The tragic lessons resulting from the abuse of governing documents in the field of national and international politics ought to make us extremely wary of the advocates of precipitous changes.

THINKING OUT ALOUD

By Paul and Peter

A conversation Between Two Christian Ministers. Brother Paul and Brother Peter.

Brother Paul; in our last conversation I was greatly impressed with your answer to the question, of the Brotherhood's greatest need, which you stated, "Gospel Preachers." In the light of your answer how can we make the church conscious of the place of the ministry?

Brother Peter; this can be done through a program of teaching. The Bible is clear at this point. Jesus ordained the office of the ministry and also ordained that they who preach the gospel should live by the gospel. If you remember I said that the ministry was ordained before the church was established. And inasmuch as Jesus placed the ministry first and commanded them to preach the gospel for establishing the church and to perpetuate the Kingdom of God. Courses of study could be offered through the Bible Schools, Christian Endeavors, Missionary Societies and above all to our Official Boards for they of all men need this information.

Brother Paul; What have your experiences and general observations taught you concerning the attitudes of Official Boards towards the support of the ministry?

Brother Peter; frankly speaking, the average Church Board reminds me of "Bargain Hunters" always wanting the highest grade of goods at the lowest price. In most cases they want to pay coal bills, janitor, building fund and miscellaneous etc., and what is left they pay the preacher and missions. (That's poor, "Bro. Quit") The Officials are good on making "Golden promises" and recommending that the preacher sacrifice. But after sacrifices have been made and all church debts paid, the preacher feeling all jubilant, knowing from the golden promises made, he will receive his promised "Raise," and upon asking for it he is told in the rough, "We won't pay you any more, if you are not satisfied with what you are getting, pack up and go!"

Brother Paul; your answer is very good but does the attitude of the Board always represent the attitude of the church members in the support of the ministry?

Mostly no, but some times yes. I have known some churches, who have over ridden the Boards and care for the minister.

Brother Paul; we have discussed the attitude of the Officials toward the minister but what should be the minister's attitude towards the Officials and members at the point of his support?

Brother Peter; I think that the ministry to a large extent is responsible for this attitude. There are too many preachers who are guilty of bargaining with the churches, making such remarks, as this (You are paying your preacher too much, I'll take it cheaper than that). A layman said to me once, "You preachers do not stick together." "I heard a preacher at a National Convention, talking with one of the officers of the local church that paid its pastor \$12.50 per week, said, "I will take this church for \$5.00 per week." Preachers should be ethical and stand for adequate support.

Brother Paul, I think that you have pointed out in your answer one of the major weaknesses of the ministry and church and members and unless we correct this evil there is no immediate hope for the church. As long as the minister, church boards and members manifest such attitudes young men will not be challenged to the ministry. Since Jesus CALLED, and ORDAINED THE MINISTRY and also ORDAINED that he should live by the ministry that the church should give the minister first consideration in its support. The minister must be freed from other labors in the support of his family, if the church is to grow and take its place in the community. But what would you suggest as a solution to this prob-

lem that is hindering the church's progress?

"Storehouse tithing" is the answer, Brother Peter. But getting people to practice Christian Stewardship is the problem. The church that is willing to venture in Christian Stewardship will be able to meet all of its financial obligations.

Brother Paul; you are right, a church with a hundred members can support an adequate church program. If it had 35 "Store House Tithers," receiving a salary of \$60.00 per month would make a "Tithe" of \$210.00 per month coming into the church treasury and if the other 65 would give \$1.00 per month you would have \$275.00 per month coming into the church treasury. Then what would a church do with 200 members on the same basis? I know of a church that practiced "Tithing and Christian giving" in raising its budget last year. They had an increase of 25 per cent in attendance and 35 per cent in offerings, and had an increase of twice as many members as of the proceeding year. All bills were paid the first time in many years. The minister and the official board that will practice "Store House Tithing" can lead their members to do the same.

Brother Peter; If the local church is to be supported, evangelism carried on, Christian Benevolence and Education be maintained and the gospel proclaimed around the world, I am FULLY CONVINCED that "Storehouse Tithing" must be taught and practiced in all Churches. "Storehouse Tithing" is the solution to our problems. **THE UNPAID TITHE CLOGS THE STREAM OF SALVATION!**

Editor's Note: Paul and Peter are guest editorial writers for this issue. We are appreciative of their interest.

LETTERS BY SUBSCRIBERS TO THE PLEA ARE SHORT AND INSPIRATIONAL (I READ THEM ALL.) ANSWER TO MRS. DEAN'S NOTICE.

Article IV (By "QUIT")

To Mrs. Daisy Dean, 2024 Howard Street, Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mrs. Dean:—Please expect me to be present in August to spend the week in Little Rock, attending the National Convention. It is a great organization. I think it is a splendid idea for you to ask the delegates to begin sending notices that we will be there. Be sure to expect me, with-

out fail. You may not know who I am when I arrive but I will be there. I know your worthy Pastor. I think he is destined to be one of our leading churchmen, minister and preacher of the Gospel in the near future.

Now to Rev. Fisher, "Have you read the Book, "I Dare You," by William H. Danforth? It is a good book. You ought to read it. All our minister should read it. "I Dare You." If you wish to read it, let me know through the columns of the Plea. Any person who would like to read the book, write to "Quit," care the Christian Plea. I can tell you some other good books, if you are putting your old good books aside.

"QUIT."

bs.

Editor's Note: Why don't you answer "Quit." The Christian Plea office thinks you do not read his articles. Speak up and express yourself.

EVANGELISM

MID-WEST CONFERENCE R. Wesley Watson, Director

To The Churches of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma: The Mid-West Conference will be held June 30th-July 5th at Bonner Springs, Kansas, about 15 miles from Kansas City, Missouri.

Bonner Springs has a very fine Camp which has been given us for conference by Bro. Raymond Baldwin, Director of Kansas. It is an ideal place for our meeting and we are urging all our churches to begin now and send us quite a large number of your young people.

We have a very fine faculty, the atmosphere is ripe; location ideal, courses very helpful and every one will do their full duty to send your young folks back to you better fitted to carry on the work.

Letters are being now mailed to all of our churches and young people and we are asking for your full cooperation for the making this one of the best Mid-West Conferences that we have had.



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TRI-STATE—ECHOES

"Thine Ears Shall hear a word behind thee saying this is the way, walk ye in it. Isa. 30:21."

By Rev. R. L. Peters, National Evangelist, Office 614 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone 7863.

To the Editor and readers of the Christian Plea.

We have had a hard winter, the worst in several years. Still the churches in Tri-State area are in action and making advances along all lines; as the following reports will show.

First Christian Church (Bailey Town) Walnut Cove, N. C., Feb. 20th, Rev. C. M. Robinson (Minister).

We are working on our New Church building that is near completion: the extreme cold weather hindered our progress. We have a fine bunch of young people who attend Sunday School and C. E. Society. Our people are still rejoicing over the visit made to us by the Executive Officers of Churches of Christ in Tri-State Area. We have just closed five days series of meetings.

One Accession, candidate for baptism. Church much revived. Sister Blanche Stuckey of Mt. Holly, Woman Evangelist did the preaching, and failed not to declare the whole council of God.

Parksgrove Christian Church, Wilkes Co., N. C., Feb. 16th. Rev. J. W. Mack, (Minister).

Owing to weather conditions and the church being in the rural district we have not been able to keep up our regular monthly appointments. Otherwise we are holding our own, not losing any ground.

Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Va. and First Christian Church, Stuart, Va. News, Feb. 28th, Rev. Eugene Patterson (Minister).

Both Churches I am serving are in the Mountain Section of South West Virginia. The church at Stuart, Va. is at the foot hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the church at Tazewell Va. is in the Allegheny Mountains. Notwithstanding the winter has been the hardest I have experienced in many years. I have been able to fill every appointment. Going through rain, hail, and snow to my appointments I would go. I have a very large membership at both churches, who braved the stormy weather and packed up the churches. There was no falling off in the offering. We have on a spring rally at both churches.

Our "goal" for church at Stuart \$200.00 April 7th. For church in Tazewell, Va. \$300.00.

Phillipi Christian Church, Louisa Co., Va., Rev. I. L. Buie (Ministers). I am getting along fine and at present not so busy. Can serve any where there may be an opening.

First Christian Church, Concord, N. C., Rev. P. K. Alexander (Minister). Church and all Auxiliaries progressing. The pastor supplied the pulpit at Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., March 3rd. He preached two sermons that were helpful and inspiring.

Spencer Memorial Church News

This Church is much in action. Still having accessions. The pastor always on the go. Celebrating Matrimony, making sick calls in homes and Hospitals; and burying the dead. The church membership is divided into Twelve Tribes, with a leader over each tribe. They have on a ninety (90) days Financial Drive. Their "goal" is \$500.00. The work in this area being so heavy and needing more labourers a Macedonia calls was made and Elder O. Zollar of Reidville, N. C. answered the call. He is a strong preacher, a clear thinker and

ACTIVITIES AMONG YOUTH

TEXAS YOUTH MOVE FORWARD

By Helen E. Henry
Director of Texas Youth
1105 S. 10th Street,
Waco, Texas

We are in the second year of our work among our Texas Young People. While we cannot boast of any outstanding achievements we do feel that Texas is facing forward.

Our greatest regret is that we cannot give more time to the work. However, this does not discourage us, for as we try to pioneer and blaze the trail we are content that in time by the help of the Divine Father the way will be made possible for those who follow in this leadership.

In November we visited the Gulf area, taking in Bay City, Vine Grove, and Cedar Lake. Brother Paige and Brother Times are laboring faithfully in this area with many promising young people who are eager for fellowship and Christian training. At Cedar Lake, Mrs. P. E. Stratton, one of the teachers, has charge of the worker. We had anticipated a Youth Meet for them but so far have not had the necessary information and cooperation to assure us that we can

have one.

Leaving Bay City on Saturday we stopped over in Houston and spent Sunday with Brother Truscott and his group. The Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. L. J. Woodson furnished the music with little Miss Grant at the piano. It was youth's day and they served through the communion service which was very impressive. In my heart I said, "Lord, give us more men with a vision such as Brother Truscott's." A Tri Club was set up.

The latter part of the Yule season and the first of January was spent in Dallas. Sunday morning was spent in the Romine Church where Brother Poston gave us the morning. He is doing a fine work despite grave handicaps. Our prayers go out for such men as Poston. The afternoon and evening were spent at Bell Street Church. Our final visit was made to the Romine Church and plans are in the making for a week with them in the summer.

The first Sunday in February Jarvis College was visited. The faculty and student groups cooperated with us making our stay both profitable and pleasant. Conferences and panel discussions were participated in by both faculty and students. We were grateful for the fine fellowship extended to us from President Washington and Miss Carney. We were most happy that two fine young men have been challenged to accept the Commission to preach the gospel.

The picture we have painted might make it seem as if everything is fine in Texas, but on the contrary, the work is suffering gravely. On the field we need cooperation, and strength to counteract jealousy and hatred in high places. We ought to be above envy and jealousy and be all that Christ stands for in spirit and deed.

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J. E. WALKER, M.D.
Chairman, Administrative Committee

YOUTH WEEK (SUGGESTIONS)



By Marion Anderson

Theme: "Christus Victor"

WHAT YOUTH WEEK IS

The activities of this week should have these outcomes:

Commemoration of the pioneer effort of a Protestant church to organize its young people on high and seriously Christian standards of living: viz., the organization by Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark of the first Christian Endeavor Society on Feb. 2, 1881. This was led through these years to the development of the various Protestant church programs for youth.

Stimulation of the interest of more young people in their church.

Appreciation by church members of the scope and importance of young people's work in the church.

Evaluation of the church's youth program and the launching of activities for its improvement and for enlistment of more young people.

THE THEME

"Christus Victor," chosen for our theme this year, was the theme of the World Conference of Christian Youth held in Amsterdam last summer. This Conference was attended by 1500 youth from 70 different nations. Let us in our celebration of Youth Week magnify the ringing challenge of the Amsterdam Conference, "Let Christ be supreme!"

HOW TO GET READY

1. Let it be, above all, a joint responsibility of youth and their leaders with the cooperation of pastor and superintendent; not just a young

people's affair, or an adult-planned celebration.

2. Start planning early.
3. Assign responsibilities definitely and carefully.
4. Careful planning on details and materials.
5. Promote thoroughly; let everybody know about it.
6. After it is over, evaluate to avoid mistakes next week.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

1. **VISITATION CAMPAIGN** to call upon all inactive young people to enlist them in the week's activities and in the continuing program.

2. At least one evening for recreational fellowship; a banquet, a talent program, or a party.

3. A play. Write to 2700 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo., for list and copies of those suggested for Youth Week.

4. Special church service in which a young people's choir replaces the regular choir, youth have a special part in ushering, scripture reading, prayer, and service of communion, and a special message for youth is given.

5. Starting scholarship plan of choosing delegates for summer Young People's Conference. (Suggestions available free upon request.)

6. Launching a Christian Youth Fellowship in your church, after careful study of the new General Manual.

Note: We would be glad to print reports of interesting Youth Week Activities. Such reports should be sent to Marian F. Anderson, 320 N. Bright St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION
IN YOUTH MEETS

By Miss Carnella Jamison

After participating in the Easter Week of Prayer Services with the question "Is it Nothing to You, all Ye Who Pass By?" each of us should utilize the strength given us to make a creative contribution 'as we pass by.'

Your total church will be the richer for having shared the spirit of the message and the strength of prayer. Because of the fine services planned for inspiration and self searching, the experience would be incomplete without sacrificial giving.

Great! the first six months of the missionary year closed with a slight increase, in offering and interest. This is the end of the third quarter and by full cooperation we shall find our quarterly reports and offerings



Miss Carnella Jamison

increasing still. Already you have received your report blank. In case it has been misplaced you may have another by writing a postal to the office.

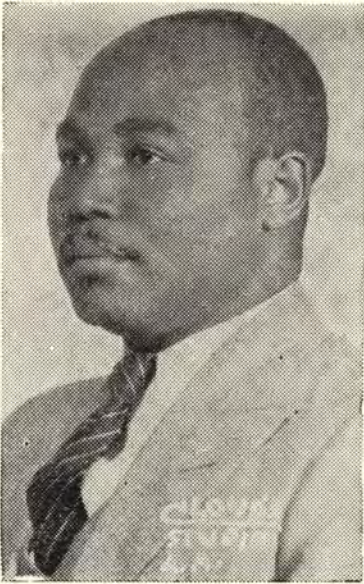
Would you object if we began to make a few plans now for our state convention programs? Experiences of last summer were helpful in that they showed the possibilities of the convention institute. And the avenues for utilization of the time have not all been exhausted for enriching the experiences of the total church.

As you sit on the program planning committee of your church, district, or state keep in mind the needs of the group and the way in which Missionary Education may be made to live in every experience.

Try to analyze your problems. Are they organizational leadership training, program planning or execution, or other things not suggested?

Fortunately, our convention programs are working toward a practical end, to the extent that attempts are made to face actual situations. After writing down what you think the needs are be sure to write what you think can be done. This will help to crystalize your thinking and ought to influence your plans.

The church because of its unique position and missionary emphasis has as always a contribution to make. We as leaders and members of the ongoing whole ought to continue to prepare for intelligent and constructive participation.



R. H. PEOPLES

R. H. PEOPLES URGES A SPECIAL EASTER GIFT FROM THE MEN.

Have you ever been indicted for any offense? If not, this letter comes as an indictment of all men in the church—here, there and everywhere—who have not yet conceived of Missions as the work of MEN as well as of women and children.

For years we men of the church have sidestepped, so to speak, the responsibility of initiating and actually getting out of doing Missions in the way the Master commanded us to do. We have appeased our consciences by taking refuge in the thought that mere membership in the church makes us "a missionary." Because of this false conception, much of the present-day suffering in the world can be charged directly to us.

Do you not feel, as a number of our leaders do, that the men, too, must share in World Missions through sacrificial giving? If so, is not the Easter Season the very best time to dramatize this sacrificial spirit? It would be a fine thing to ask every man in your church to save a special gift for Missions, and to present that gift in person at the Altar on Easter Sunday. I believe each man would welcome the opportunity to display his noble spirit and to give to God "in proportion as God has prospered him."

You may not care to use this particular suggestion, but may I urge you most sincerely to give the men of your church a chance to make a special contribution for Missions at some time during this Easter season? "God gave his only begotten Son..." We cannot afford to manifest indifference to this priceless gift by refusing to give of our Best to the Master.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

By Julia Flowers, S. C. I. Edwards, Miss.

Feb. 10 announced the beginning of Heart Sister and Big Brother Week sponsored by the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. respectively. This was a week of splendid fellowship among faculty and students. Those who participated for the first time have something to look forward to in future years to come, while those who were only repeating the experience entered into the week whole heartedly and made the week an enjoyable occasion for all. The climax of the week came when certain of us discovered our Heart Sister or Big Brother. The clever ones concealed their identity until the appropriate time for the discovery.

The week was full of pleasant surprises from a very loyal Heart Sister or a devoted Big Brother, in various forms. Poetry, letters, cherished remembrances and assisting with daily tasks were the things they contributed or relieved one of doing. One person was quoted as saying, "My Big Brother started the week as though he wasn't going to do anything for me, and strangely, he ended as he started. (It so happened that his Big Brother went home during the week.)"

Feb. 17 brought the week to a close, but the wonderful spirit created during that time still lingers.

Wednesday Feb. 28 brought us closer to the big event of the season in the sports world—the basketball tournament. The boys played a warm-up game and christened their new suits. After supper we had a pep meeting around a bon fire. Thomas Lee, a high school Junior and a member of the team gave quite a comical oration of the hoped for outcome of the games. The team and Coach James Ratten were given a royal send-off amid cheers and yells.

The tournament was played at Greenville on Feb. 29 and March 1. Our boys weren't as successful as we had hoped, but they were good losers, which is something to be proud of.

The other schools competing for the championship were Tougaloo College, Leland, Okolona and Alcorn. Alcorn whose team has been undefeated for a number of years, was the one to carry home the trophy. Tougaloo won second place and recived a basketball. Thus closing this season's inter-collegiate games. However, the approaching season announces the inter-class meet of games within the school.

OUR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, March 3 S. C. I. received the inter-racial council. By special request the play presented by the 12th grade class, "Lord, Does You Understand" was given. This was quite a setting for the play, considering the inter-mingling of races. The play depicted treatments of the Negro in the South, bringing out very vividly the handicaps under which the Negro labors in this vicinity. The play was a tragedy, and looking about the audience one would have been amazed to see the persons who seemed to be above approach, hastily catching up a dropping tear.

The audience at the meeting was the largest in attendance at S. C. I. since the inter-racial movement began. Some 30 persons, students and faculty members comprised the group that came in the new bus from Tougaloo—a recent gift from their Alumni Association. Car loads came from Utica Institute, and Milsaps College in Jackson.

The first week in April the school will receive the youth conference. Among the leaders and faculty members expected to participate are: Mr. and Mrs. Vance Smith, Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Marian Anderson, who represented the Negro Disciples at the World Youth Conference in Amsterdam, Holland, W. E. Starn, State Secretary of Religious Education in Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lemon of Hamilton, Ohio, who will direct recreation and crafts, Rev. R. S. Tuck of Ohio and George Oliver Taylor, Director of Religious Education for Disciples of Christ.

Conference was such an enjoyable experience, that the students are eagerly anticipating the approaching date. Many of the off-campus students are planning to reside in the dormitory in order that they may fully reap the benefits of the conference week.

A special invitation to send representatives to the conference has been given to churches throughout the state. Two Claiborne County churches, Pine Grove and Tillman Chapel have promised to pay the conference fees of their representatives who are now students on the campus.

On Friday March 1 members of the faculty attended a conference at Alcorn College, of deans of women and advisers to girls in Negro colleges and high schools. The object of the gathering as presented by Mrs. Alice Laws Tanner, Dean of Women at Alcorn was to organize the women into a state unit where the various school advisers and deans might meet to discuss student problems.

There were representatives from Meridian, Clarksdale, Piney Woods, S. C. I. and Alcorn. The program began at 11:00 A. M. with Miss Lucretia Wright, Acting Chaplain, presiding.

The next meeting will be held at S. C. I. in November.

On Monday March 4 Prof. H. L. Washington and Dean Cowan attended Alcorn College as guests of the Faculty Forum. Dean Cowan delivered an address on the subject "How Shall We Educate for Democratic Citizenship?" He reports that a lively discussion followed the address which emphasized the opportunity that educators have to lay the basis for persistent and intelligent agitation for participation in all of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.

JARVIS TO OBSERVE FOUNDERS DAY

Jarvis Christian College of Hawkins, Texas will observe Founders Day, March 30, 1940.

To recall twenty-eight years ago, at which time, Jarvis was founded a gala day and night of entertainment is planned.

From 9 o'clock until 12 o'clock noon the four college classes will vie in an intramural track meet. At 2:30 o'clock p.m. the main program will start, featuring a national figure as guest speaker. From 8 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock the Biology Dramatic Club will present a play for the entertainment of the students, faculty, friends and alumni.

It is interesting to note that the two founders of Jarvis are now living. They will appear on the program.

NATIONAL SECRETARY VISITS JARVIS

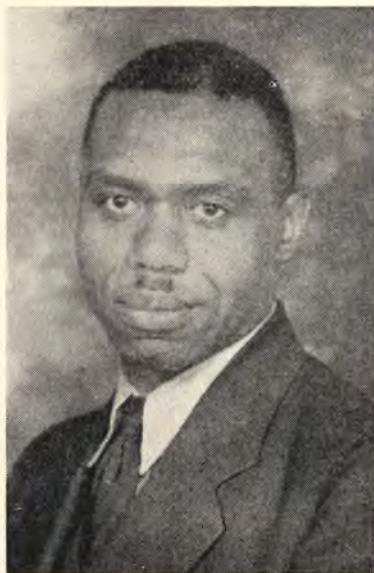
Miss Dale Ellis, National Secretary of the United Christian Church Missions, visited on the campus of Jarvis from February 24 through February 29. Jarvis was very pleased to have Miss Ellis.

Miss Ellis was entertained at a birthday party given in honor of Mrs. Edwards, the wife of Doctor Edwards, our school physician.

JARVIS TO SPONSOR YOUTH

The week of April 8 will be observed at Jarvis, as Youth Conference week.

The students will register and lectures will be given on Vocational and Spiritual Guidance.



President P. C. Washington

Professor E. W. Rand will be placed in charge of the Conference and elaborate plans are expected.

ATTEND MEETING OF DEANS AND REGISTRARS

Miss L. B. Smith, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, attended the meeting of the Deans and Registrars, held at Langston University in Oklahoma from March 7-9 inclusive.

ANNUAL MUSICAL MARCH 22

Mrs. Barker, Jarvis College personality music teacher, will present the annual musical, March 22, 1940 in Ervin Memorial Chapel.

Many new students will be presented for the first time on this much looked forward for program.

PRESIDENT RETURNS

President Peter C. Washington, returned to Jarvis recently, after having attended the meeting of the Committee on Race Relations of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ, held at Memphis, Tenn.

FORMER STUDENTS VISIT

Rev. Sterns, pastor of the Christian Church at Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Mr. E. T. Blanton, a teacher of history and physical education at Sulphur Springs, Texas.

—E. W. Rand, Reporter

MT. BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB (S. C. I.) Chicago, Ill.

By Mrs. Lesly Clark
3315 Giles Ave.

There were twenty-one members and three visitors present at our meeting Sunday evening, March 3rd. The president, Mr. J. C. Lewis presided.

We have on a special "Lehman Hall Fund" drive at the expiration of which time a beautiful radio will be given away.

Our local reporter, Mr. F. D. Perkins brought to the club some very interesting notes, among which was a fine account of the happenings at S. C. I. sent by our correspondent, Miss Julia Flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins represented the club at the "Phi Beta Sigma" Tea. Mr. Leland Ervin, of Jarvis College Alumni is the president.

Mr. John O'Quinn one of our very loyal members is quite active in politics. He is on the ticket for Senatorial Committeeman for the 17th Senatorial District. The club is proud of John O'Quinn.

Mr. E. L. Timberlick is busy making plans to return to Africa where he served for several years as missionary. The club voted to sponsor a program at which time stereoptican slides of his work on the field will be shown.

Mr. Cyril Robertson, chairman of the program committee, was ordained to the ministry on Sunday morning, March 3rd at the South Side Christian church. The very impressive service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. E. La Touche assisted by Rev. R. H. Peoples of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Willie Mae McCoy Knight, a former student at S. C. I. made her first visit to the club. Most of us had not seen her since we left school so we had a very pleasant re-union.

The visitors were, Miss Jessie Maddox, a student at the University of Chicago; Mrs. E. L. Timberlick, wife of Mr. E. L. Timberlick; Mr. E. C. Welch of Kentucky State College Alumni. Mr. Welch is also an associate member of the S. C. I. club.

Mr. R. H. Peoples and Miss Carnella Jamison were guest speakers. Mr. Peoples told of his visit to Detroit and the fine fellowship he had with some of the former students. Among those named were R. L. Alexander and Katie Lee Jones. Sorry I can't think of others.

The group promised that very soon they will organize a club. Miss Jamison made us happy by commenting on contacts she has made either personal or through correspondence with members of the faculty both past and present. I can't resist naming a few. President and Mrs. Lehman, the Be-

bouts, Miss Monihan, Miss Teeple, Mrs. McCurdy Derby, the Dugans, Slaters, Misses Cowdery, Evans and Anderson. These reminiscences aroused fond memories I assure you.

On Thursday, March 7th, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch is guest soloist and speaker at the Quarterly meeting of the Missionary Union which will be held at Blue Island, Illinois.

On Thursday night of "Holy Week," Mrs. Welch has the unusual privilege of serving as soloist with the choir of the Church of Brethren (white) in the sacred Cantata, "The Seven Last Words." The club is very happy for this and a number of the members plan to attend.

On March 17, at 8 o'clock A. M. the club is sponsoring a "Radio Breakfast" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Welch for the purpose of tuning in on the "Wings Over Jordan" program, at which time Prof. Merl R. Eppse will address the nation on the subject "Disciples of Christ and the Negro." We felt that we wanted to enjoy this fine program as a group, hence, the Radio Breakfast. All club members are asked to come and bring a friend. After the broadcast we shall wire our appreciation and then enjoy a delicious breakfast.

Why don't you do this too? I'm sure you will have a delightful time and I know Mr. Eppse will appreciate it.

As a club we feel very important because we have the great honor of presenting Prof. Eppse as the speaker on our 4th Annual Program. Chicago is going wild over Prof. Eppse's book "The Negro Too, in American History" and to be the first group to bring Mr. Eppse to Chicago is indeed an honor.

The program will be held on Easter Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at St. Mark M. E. church.

Our publicity committee with our fine president are really on the job. They have posters, placards, invitations and every conceivable kind of advertisement. They are contacting college clubs, churches, social and business clubs and individuals. The Chicago Defender, Pittsburgh Courier and Chicago Bee are giving this program extensive advertisement.

In the midst of joy there is sadness. I refer to the passing on Thursday, February 29, 1940, of Dr. Robert S. Abbott, founder and publisher of the Chicago Defender. At the close of our meeting last Sunday, we went in a body to pay our last respect to Editor Abbott.

I wish I were able to describe the beautiful setting in which the body of this great man rested. Never before have I seen so many or such beautiful floral tributes.

Not only Chicago, but the Negro Race has lost a great leader.

—WOMEN'S PAGE—

WHAT IF THEY HAD QUIT?

By Pearl Craggett,
Corr. Sec. of Women's Missionary Society

6708 Belvidere Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

Some years ago a great campaign was launched to raise money to build a school in Kentucky. This was under the women's department and was successful, and today our boys and girls are receiving scholarships from this money.

In Tulsa, Oklahoma the women decided to launch out on a campaign to build a home for girls. The land was given by our big sister, Mrs. Taylor. A committee was named to go back to their states and raise this money. What did they quit? Yes. I would say, because today this is being stressed under the National program. Women have you lost that vision of our early leaders?

To my mind that is what has happened. In checking reports sent up by our states, we have 13 organized states representing in our National Convention, and according to our honor roll requirements which I shall name, and see if you don't say the same.

They are as follows: A—Organized states, \$10.00. B—Each local adult society, \$2.00. C—Each young people or children's organization, \$1.00. D—Each adult society from unorganized states, \$5.00.

This is to be sent to our National Convention. We have 13 organized states, 152 local adult societies, 3 unorganized states, and 42 children and young people's organizations. I also found that we have not had but 2 reports from our young people's organizations in two years. Where are the forty? The Adult Society sent less than half of the requirement. How happy our president would be if we would assure her that she could count on us.

We are nearing Easter and we are thinking about our savior who gave his life for us. Let us rededicate our lives, and make this month a real sacrificial period in our lives.

Now for honor roll requirements

A—The society shall hold 12 monthly meetings.

B—The society shall hold 12 Executive meetings.

C—Four quarterly meetings and reports sent to our state and National treasure.

D—Must reach our National apportionment.

E—The society must have one young people's or children's organization.

F—Reporting to the U. C. M. S. and to state and National conventions.

The loving cup is given to the one on the honor roll and raising the largest percentage above their apportionments. Let's make this a banner year.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY CHURCH THAT IS IN NEED OF CAPS AND GOWNS?

The De Moulin Brothers and Company, Greenville, Illinois, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue, notified the Plea office that they have some special offers on pleated gowns with collars. This offer is in black or gray. You would help the Christian Plea by writing to this company and be sure to mention the Christian Plea.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE

National Convention Page

There has been sent to every church in our brotherhood two posters; these we are asking you who received them to post carefully and conspicuously that all may read and study.

Poster No. 1 gave a statement of achievements for the first year of our promotional activity and carefully listed the gift of every church in our brotherhood. Each individual who gave One Dollar or more is also listed. We want you to check this list carefully for these permanent files should give the correct information. In some instances money was sent without individual listing, in such instance this money is credited to the church as miscellaneous.

Poster No. 2 presents the program of the National Convention and a plan for individual support of it. Study it carefully. Every item has life in it. A Dream? yes but a possible reality, if our pastors, leaders and laity will cooperate to make it so.

This year we ask that every member of the church will become A Dollar Donor.

(A Dollar Donor is one who gives one dollar per year.)

Or a sponsor.

(A sponsor is one who gives Five Dollars per year.)

Or A SUSTAINING Member.

(A Sustaining Member is one who gives Ten Dollars per year.)

Or a SPECIAL GIVER of Twenty Five Dollars or Fifty Dollars, or ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS or more in that the DREAM of the National Convention may come true.

Rosa Brown Bracy

Father's Day

(To Conclude ten weeks of Intensive Study and Work for National Convention Program.)

We are asking every church in the Brotherhood to begin on the first Sunday in April and to follow through to Father's Day which is the 2nd. Sunday in June in an effort to enroll every member of the church with his or her special gift for the National Convention.

This period embraces ten weeks. Ten weeks of study, ten weeks of prayer, ten weeks of proportionate sharing presents a real opportunity for every member of the church to be informed of the National Convention and enrolled on the list of contributors.

Those who wish to become Dollar Donors can build their gift at the rate of ten cents per week.

Sponsors may give fifty cents per week.



Rosa Brown Bracy

\$1.00 per week and others in such proportions as they desire.

In order to make this period a success we are asking that every church there will be a National Convention Committee.

1. This committee should have a president, secretary and treasurer.

2. The committee should study and know the National Convention Program.

3. The entire church membership should be allocated equally to the committee members who will in turn seek to make her group aware of the National Convention Program.

4. Each member of the committee will seek to enroll every member of her group so that each one will count one. (It is my hope that eventually every member of the church will become conscious of a responsibility and will consider the giving of at least \$1.00 per year to support the National Program essential to good church membership.)

5. The secretary of the committee will make it convenient for individuals to make partial payments on their One Dollar or more. The record of partial payments to be kept carefully and each member urged to complete his One Dollar or total gift on or before Father's Day.

6. Give proportionate sharing a great deal of your consideration and urge gifts in proportion as God has prospered.

7. Seek and secure pledges to be members or special givers to the support of the National Convention Program.

8. Helps for the observance of Father's

her's Day will be sent to each church and further information will appear in the April issue of the Christian Plea.

National Convention Reported Funds

Money to support the National Convention Program, Feb. 1940. Received by Rosa Brown Bracy.

Lockland, Ohio,	
Van Roberts	1.00
New Haven, Mo.,	
Rev. W. H. Gibbs	4.00
Lexington, Ky.,	
Rev. C. H. Dickerson	6.00
Washington, D. C.,	
Squire Daniels	8.50
Baltimore, Mt. Olivet,	
C. R. Whitfield	8.60
Baltimore, Emanuel,	
W. H. Taylor	1.10
New York, St. Phillips,	
W. C. Kinard	2.00
New York, Williamsburg,	
W. F. Key	1.00
Indianapolis, Ind.,	
Dr. R. C. Chulhome	4.00
New Brunswick, N. J.,	
Rev. S. E. Tillman	6.65
Neptune, N. J.,	
Rev. James Evans	2.00
Kansas City, Kans.,	
Prof. G. B. Buster	4.45
Md. Bayou, Miss.,	
Eld. Howard McCarty	12.00
	61.30

Rosa Brown Bracy.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT SENDS EASTER MESSAGE TO DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Elder L. H. Crawford
449 4th Ave., N.
Nashville, Tenn.

To the Churchmen throughout the Brotherhood as your humble servant I want to call your attention to Easter Sunday. These words of the Lord come to my mind when I think of this eventful day, "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19. The Resurrection of Christ is a historical fact. Because I live, He did rise. It is a historical fact, known to us by the testimony of competent witnesses and by the related facts and results. Too the Resurrection of Christ from the dead is more than historical fact. It is a spiritual force in the lives of men. Through the fellowship with the risen Christ, men rise from death in sin to a life of holiness. Now is Christ risen from the dead. Ye are risen with Christ in Christ the believers is a risen man.

The Resurrection of Christ is more than a historical fact and more than a spiritual force. It is a prophecy and a hope and assurance of future life. "Because I live, Ye shall live also." Men have nursed and nurtured the thought of life beyond the grave. The thought is as old as the heart beat and as natural as life. Because He was able to lay down his life and take it up again he is able to cause us to live after death. The outstanding fact of Easter is immortality, the imperishable life, the abundant life, the expanding life, the triumphant life. I am praying that we will not forget our offering. It will go to help our schools, ministers, missionary workers, and field workers I am appealing to every church to observe this day and do something in a larger way for the cause that we love so well.

Observations from Kentucky

by C. H. Dickerson

340 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

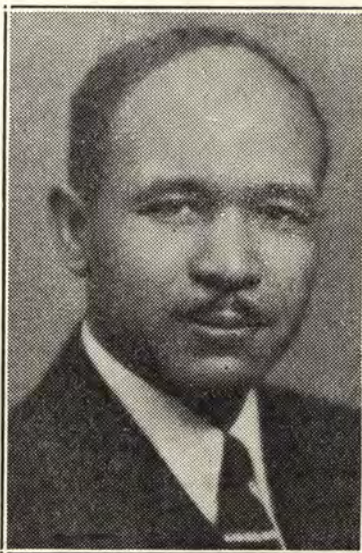
The Christian Plea with each new issue becomes more dear to our hearts. Old and new subscribers are both refreshing and encouraging. Congratulations are in store for Dean Cowan for his splendid article on "Progression". Christian Baptism in his article stated that the person is Baptised into Christ rather than into the Church. To my mind this would separate Christ from the Church, making two, when the scripture, "For we are all Baptized into one Body" 1st Cor. 12:13 makes only one.

Dean Cowan's progress has been of interest to me as he has been looked upon as a son. Many of us envy his privilege to write and I know he will welcome our feeble efforts to "keep the records straight."

R. L. Saunders and others interested made the Retreat in Nicholasville a great success. Mr. Peoples who expressed the desire to have the Retreat was not present when plans were made. Brother Vance G. Smith who travels in the interest of various things was present and made all plans for the Retreat. Snow, rain, and low temperatures, however did not slaken the interest of those in the state as V. G. Smith, L. L. Dickerson and R. L. Saunders were ready with plans and arrangements.

C. E. Craggett from Cleveland, Ohio delivered the message for each occasion. Many people came out and all in all the Retreat was a success.

ACTIVITIES OF BROTHERHOOD CHURCHES



Dr. Baxter Carroll Duke
Minister

AVALON CHRISTIAN CHURCH MOURNS LOSS OF FAITHFUL MEMBER

By Mrs. Wylma Windson
218 E. 41 Place, Los Angeles, Calif.

Death February 4th brought to a close the beautiful Christian career of Mrs. Fannie Hay Johnson. Stricken shortly after dinner at 6 p. m. the end came within a few minutes after reaching the hospital with her sister Beatrice by her side.

Sister Fannie Johnson as we remember was a pioneer evangelist thru the states of Oklahoma and Texas. As well as a former teacher at Jarvis Christian College. After leaving the south she has continued her work here in the state of California. She was a faithful member of Avalon Christian Church holding the position as one of the Deaconess, a member of the choir, and a member of the Women's Bible Class. She also served as Evangelist Chairman and was accorded the title of Mother Johnson by all who knew her.

We regret our loss of such a devout member but feel our earthly loss is but heaven's gain.

After a brief interlude caused by the death of Sister Johnson we assumed the already planned program to rejoice in the anniversary which marked the third year of progress of our great church.

Sunday, March 2 began as usual with enthusiasm in our Church School and a soul stirring sermon at the regular 11 o'clock services where 10 new members united in fellowship with the church.

At 6:30 a beautiful Sacramental service featuring twilight worship was held. Also baptizing for all candidates.

Monday, March 4th our Annual Banquet was attended by a large number of persons of our church and the brotherhood of this district.

Tuesday, March 5th the Annual business meeting of the church was held. At this meeting the officers for the next year were elected, also other items of business were discussed.

With our celebration over we again have launched deep into our Pre-Easter evangelistic work as well as a staunch financial drive which will terminate Easter Sunday. Our goal is 50 new members and 1,000 dollars.

We know our work could not be attained with our ardent prayers and faith in God, therefore we are thankful to be able to help strengthen the church thru Kingdom building.

EAST VINE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Reporter
1643 Dunbar St., Knoxville, Tenn.

The following are on the sick list: Mrs. Lula Scaggs, Mrs. Lula Daggett and Miss Ester Lust.

We are not so sure about Mrs. Daniels, whether she is still ill or overjoyed at the idea of moving in the new parsonage soon (smiles).

The regular weekly meeting of the Pastor's Aid Society was held February 22nd. After an interesting meeting and making plans relative to furnishing the new parsonage, we all enjoyed nice refreshments served by Messrs Hogland and Hudgins. The 10-5 rally held every 4th Sunday in each month was a success. We raised \$53.50. Mrs. Daniels and Mr. King continue to hold the crowns.

The Young People's Club met Sunday afternoon at the home of Miss Elizabeth Fitzgeralds. A two course lunch was served.

A turn key rally will be held Easter Sunday at four o'clock, featuring the opening of the new parsonage. Tea and open face sandwiches will be served.

February 29th the Pastor's Aid was entertained by your reporter. At this meeting we pledged to furnish the

kitchen of the new parsonage. We will also sponsor an indoor picnic Thursday night, March 7th. This organization as well as others of the church is working hard for the development of the church, both spiritually and financially.

The young people of the church will give an orange, grapefruit and lemon social Friday night, March 8th.

Your reporter, Rev. and Mrs. Daniels and daughter Myrtle attended the Evangelistic Services at the First Christian Church Tuesday night of this week. Dr. Ewart H. Wyle, formerly of Palestine, Texas and member of the Trustee Board, Jarvis College, but now of Birmingham, Ala. has charge of the meeting. We were very graciously received by the pastor, Dr. Cock and his members. After presenting your reporter, as well as the others, Dr. Wyle spoke of the pleasant associations he had enjoyed at Jarvis College and the work of President Ervin. Dr. Wyle's subject was "The Man Against The Sky" taken from John 21st chapter. I would that time and space would permit me to comment on this fine sermon.

Our missionary society is making plans for the Easter Week of Prayer.

THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE BUCKEYE STATE MOVES FORWARD

By Mrs. D. C. Fowler
1180 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio

Dear Co-workers and Readers of the Christian Plea:

Our journal continues to grow more endearing with each copy. We bring you news of the activities of the church of February which was a very cold month. The church was blessed to have in the basement plenty of fuel which made it a warm place to dwell. The attendance kept up fine, also the offering. Those who failed to get out each Lord's Day remained loyal by giving their offerings to the Pastor as he made his usual weekly visits. Since the November Rally, many have caught the vision of using the tithing method which was God's plan of financing his Church.

Among our joys comes sorrow. This was true in the passing of Miss Marion Harrington, Feb. 21. The eldest of a family of six, Miss Harrington was twenty years of age. Her mother died April, 1933, and her father about five years ago. God's will must be done.

The Missionary Society lead out with a banquet on Lincoln's Birthday. It was quite a success. The Monchu Club, composed of young married people has promised the church and choir new song books. Other clubs

are active and supplying many needs.

Feb. 18th we were hosts to our Second District Meeting. The program was built around some of our great men and women both living and dead. Prof. P. H. Moss, Elder Monroe Jackson, Elder Preston Taylor, Elder W. M. Alphin, Elder Henry Herod,, Prof. J. B. Lehman, Mesdames W. M. Alphni, Cynthia Martin, Preston Taylor, H. L. Herod, and Rosa Bracy were those mentioned.

Mrs. C. W. Arnold was our delegate to the Ohio Pastors and Wives' Convention which was attended by over three thousand persons from all over the State. A splendid report from her was enjoyed by all.

Monroe Avenue also took part in the Country Christian Endeavor Society reception at the West Fourth Avenue Church. Money is being raised to defray expenses of a delegate to the Youth Meet in Cincinnati March 8-10.

THE INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH RE-ELECTS PASTOR AT ANNUAL MEETING

By Alma P. Cummings
4413 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. Richard H. Davis was re-elected for another year, by a great majority at the annual church meeting. He has been doing very fine work, and his efforts are being highly praised by the congregation and the people of the Community. The members are looking forward to the tenth year of his progressive leadership.

After graduating in Theology, Rev. Davis attended Eureka College, The University of Cincinnati, and also studied at The Chicago University. He now holds the office of vice President of the Chicago Christian ministerial Association, and is a Trustee of the Chicago Church Federation.

FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE

By Alexander Craggett

February may be the smallest month in the year, but the members found it to be the busiest.

Sunday night services programs have been instituted to help build up the night service, and for the past month attendance has been doubled. The first Sunday night program was rendered by the Bethel singers under the direction of Mr. Eugene Burrus.

The young people spent a wonderful evening with the Franklin Circle Christian Church young people Christian Endeavor. The evening was spent in worship and a discussion on the peace movement, which was fol-

lowed by an hour of wonderful recreation.

Sunday, February 18th Mr. Eugene Burrus spoke on race relations at the Corlett Avenue Christian Church.

The states banquet headed up by Mrs. Craggett was a huge success. The states represented were: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, and a representative of Canada. The program headed up by Mr. A. Thomas of Tennessee consisted of solos, quartettes, quintets and readings. A feature of the evening was the presence of a group of the former members who went out and are now known as the E. 83rd St. Christian Church.

The farewell recital of Master Buckner Gamby was a real success, and he is now entered in the Boston Conservatory of Music where he is taking two courses in music, and also registered in one of the Boston public schools to further his education.

The choirs recital held in Canton the twenty-third, was a huge success. They sang to a large mixed audience. The concert also changed the choir from the old to the new by singing in their new robes. The choir changed from the old white robes to the conventional black.

The church was given its first opportunity to see the choir in their new robes the following Sunday, when they gave their regular fourth Sunday recital. The robes will be officially dedicated Sunday, March 17th.

The members of the church are looking forward to the editors visit when he speaks over "Wings Over Jordan," Sunday, March 17th. The church is also proud that it has one of the leading soloists on "Wings Over Jordan" in the person of Mr. Albert Meadows, Tenor.

The missionary society held its first institute during the month of February with Miss Bertha Park as speaker. The Institute discussion centered on China. Everything was done in Chinese even to the eating. One of the men was dressed as a Chinese. The next institute they will have as speakers Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Africa.

UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS THIRD ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

T. R. Rouse,
5631 30th St.
Detroit Mich.

The United Christian Church sends in a copy of their third Anniversary Program. This program was car-

ried out to the letter and proved quite a success.

Program

- Monday, February 19—Northwestern Christian Church, Rev. F. P. Arthur, minister.
- Tuesday, February 20—Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. Chas. A. Hill, pastor—C. E. Society.
- Wednesday, February 21.—John Wesley A. M. E. Z. Church, Rev. J. L. Moore, pastor.—W. M. S., Mrs. L. Summers, present.
- Thursday, February 22.—E. Grand Boulevard Christian Church, Rev. M. H. Garrad, ministers.—Bible School.
- Friday, February 23—Annual Banquet. Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones, Speaker.
- Sunday, February 25.—11 a. m., Sermon, Rev. R. People, National Secretary, Disciples of Christ Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
8:00 p. m. Plymouth Congregation Church, Rev. Horace White, pastor.
- Monday, February 26.—Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, Rev. S. H. Williams, pastor.—U. C. Choir.
- Tuesday, February 27.—Scott M. E. Church, Rev. H. M. Carroll, pastor.—Elders, Chas. McClendon, Chairman.
- Wednesday, February 28.—Community Night. Mrs. Pear Collins, speaker.—Mrs. Annie Cook, Chairman.

OLD CENTRAL CHURCH IN LOUISVILLE OVERCOMES HANDICAPS

By Elder T. R. Everett
315 S. 20th St.

This is to give a resume of our work at Old Central Church located at 17th and Jefferson streets. The present minister was called to the pastorate of this church in October 1938. We found a faithful few, laboring under many handicaps yet carrying on. The roof over the building leaked, there were no heating facilities, no outer buildings, no fencing and the entire property was in a dilapidated condition. Men had thrown in the sponge and only a faithful few women were holding on. At present I am at a loss in my efforts to find a solution for the spineless men of our congregation. To the delight of all, first acquired heating facilities. Within a month's time funds were secured to repair the roof, redecorate the interior of our building and we were also able to install lavatories and a kitchenette.



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LOUISVILLE, KY.

The total cost of this was approximately nine hundred dollars, all of which has been accounted for except about three hundred dollars.

We were the host of the 1939 State Convention, which was one of the most entertaining and outstanding conventions in the history of the State. Central Church was the host to the youth meetings December 17-18. These were the first meetings of this nature held in Kentucky. They were jointly sponsored by the churches of the city. Miss Irene Patton of Central Church; Miss Ella Mai Alcorn and Mrs. Rosa Henderson of the Third Church at 16th and Chestnut Sts., were the leading spirits in preparing for these meetings. The entire staff of field workers composed the personnel of the meetings, Prof. and Mrs. Peoples, Miss Jamison, Prof. V. W. Smith and Miss Marion Anderson.

The Delegates were, Misses Janie Marshall and Helen Jamison of Indianapolis; Mrs. Jones of Fairview and Mrs. I. H. Moore of Little Rock, Ky. As a student at the retreat, I am able to say that Dr. Craggett, the guest speaker, delivered a wonderful message. We lament the fact that all our ministers and officers were not able to be present.

Central Church will be represented by their minister at another meeting held in Muskogee, Oklahoma from March 17th until the 31st.

LEA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Miss Mary White, Reporter
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Readers: I know you are anxiously looking for the news of the Nashville Church under the leadership of our new Pastor and the President of the National Convention. Lea Avenue is beginning to look like old times as the attendance has increased one hundred percent. Every department is functioning with zeal and enthusiasm. The Missionary Society is going forward under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Anderson. Young people are coming back to the church and every Sunday Evening from 6 to 7 P. M. we have a fine Christian Endeavor Meeting. Miss Mary White, Mr. W. Lloyd and Miss Beatrice Chandler are leading lights in this work. Our Pastor is growing in popularity and the citizens of Nashville are beginning to see that we have a real man leading us. Prof. Eppse, who is a member of Lea Avenue, is not only an Editor, but, he is also a live wire in the church. He and his wife are among the leading spirits of the city. Sunlay for our Men's Day, Mr. Eppse was responsible for one hundred young men. Two houses were chartered by him and made it possible to have a full house for the morning services. Through the kindness of Mrs. Preston Taylor our Pastor will have a

new home. It is located at 529 Fourth Avenue, South. It indeed is a fine location. There are nine rooms with all modern conveniences. Lea Avenue and Nashville are very proud of this good woman as she is most generous in her church and to Nashville.

A new feature of our work is our cottage prayer meetings. Elder Crawford has been very successful in getting the entire membership in attendance. With his good wife at his side they are winning many fine friends. Lea Avenue is now looking forward to Easter and a special service.

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH OBSERVES CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK

By Oneida M. Reeves
2305 Denison St.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of the Second Christian Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, observed a portion of Christian Endeavor Week, January 28-Feb. 4. We began our observance on Thursday, February 1. The theme of the week "Christus Victor" was introduced and discussed by our very wide-awake young people's sponsor, Elder E. M. Barrett. The Juniors were represented with music and by the sponsor Mrs. A. V. Hargrove. A playlet "The Call of Christian Endeavor" was presented by the Young People's society. At the close of this service an efficiency program was presented to the Young People's group by their sponsor and was adopted. This program will terminate early in May.

Friday evening we had a talent program. Those present were asked to contribute to the program by giving any performance that he or she felt was his or her talent. After this phase of the program was completed, we retired to our social room where social games were played and refreshments were served.

The climax of the week was reached Sunday afternoon with Vesper Hour. This closing service was very effective with a beautiful worship program. The guest speaker was Mr. James Collins, principal of the Vian, Oklahoma city schools. His message enveloped the idea of Christus Victor. In this service we were happy to have visitors from many of the city churches. The Christian Endeavor Societies of Boulevard Christian Church, were represented with a large group of Young people and their adult sponsors.

Our societies meet regularly each Sunday. The sponsors deserve much credit for the very fine way in which the work is carried on.

KENTUCKY NEEDS EVANGELISM

By J. S. Conway
315 E. Maple St.
Nicholasville, Ky.

Exhort one another daily, while it is called today. Heb. 3:13.

I am calling the attention of the Disciples of Kentucky to a few facts, with the hope that these facts will benefit all the Disciples of the nation.

One of the five points of our program is to keep an evangelist in the field. But there is no evangelist in the field. It seems to me, that the cause for this is, that the state convention made a grievous mistake by not fixing brother I. H. Moore's salary at one hundred dollars per month. It would be cheaper to hire brother Moore at one hundred dollars, than it perhaps would be to hire me at twenty-five dollars per month. No preacher who is able to do what we want and what the Bible demands can be hired for less. Moore, by thus being backed up, could raise fifteen hundred dollars on the field quicker than I could raise two hundred dollars. Because Moore has the scripture ready in his mind at all times. He knows how to set up the Bible plan of raising money in the church without any dissension in any of the churches. Our way of raising money must have originated by the devil. It is irritating, confusing, bunglesome and abortive. While the Bible plan promises and does actually give peace, prosperity and spiritual power. Therefore, I am in favor of turning that champion, I. H. Moore, loose backed up by one hundred dollars per month. Then watch and see if all things don't move. Brethren and sisters, if you have all faith and no fear, come on!

My contention is, that Jesus himself, set the evangelist over the churches as well as he set the pastor over each local church. A convention has no authority to pass a resolution to suspend the services of an evangelist for a single hour. Neither does any local church have authority to suspend the services of a pastor for a single hour under any pretense whatsoever. Therefore all excuses and motions to suspend either are out of order.

Then let us correct these mistakes now. If we don't, when the Lord shall come, those who are guilty of such misrule shall be beaten with many a stripe.

BIRCH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH EXPRESSES HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

By Mrs. Ann Lawrie, Reporter
1568 West 36th Place
Los Angeles, Calif.

Elder A. W. Jacobs, who has served as pastor of Birch Street Christian Church, for seventeen years was a great loss when he resigned from that position the first of the year. Birch Street Church is now without a pastor but the services are being conducted by Elder C. B. Torrance, a trained minister of the Gospel, and a member of this congregation. He brings to the congregation great messages from the New Testament. A more central location and a new pastor are the objectives of the church.

There is every worthy opportunity awaiting Birch St. Christian Church and because the entire congregation realizes this we feel moved to express our hopeful attitude. All of the departments of the church have been quite slack, but we hope in the future to make improvements.

Birch Street Christian Church is happy to relate that they are interested in the welfare and growth of the CHRISTIAN PLEA, and although there have always been some precious few who have been subscribers, that with the bright future seen for Birch Street Church, there will be many more subscribers to the PLEA.

CLAY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Paducah, Kentucky

By Elder J. O. Bowles
612 N. 13th St.

Dear Readers of the Christian Plea:

The Clay Street Christian Church is very fortunate in having numbered among its members, a young author, in the person of Miss Osceola Aleese Dawson, the competent registrar of the West Kentucky Vocational Training School of this city. The title of Miss Dawson's book is "Of Human Miseries." The pre-publication price is One Dollar (\$1.00). Friends, let us get behind this literary venture and help make it a success. I trust you will send in your subscriptions at the earliest possible date. Miss Dawson is worthy of all the help and consideration you may give her. She is an ideal Christian young woman, who has dedicated one-tenth of her earnings to the cause we love so dearly.

Send all subscriptions to Miss Osceola A. Dawson, West Kentucky Vocational Training School, P. O. Box No. 354, Paducah, Kentucky, or to "The Pegasus Publishing Company, 67 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y." I expect to hear of my friends, Professors Pratt and Hurdle of Texas, Elders C. B. Fisher and Arnold, sending in at least five subscriptions each.

The Clay Street Christian Church continues to move forward. In December, upon the completion of my first year as pastor of this church, I was re-elected for three years with a graduating salary. A provision in the contract enables either party to terminate the contract upon a ninety day notice. We have had five additions for the year 1940. We attempt to make every Sunday a revival. We had a high day at the church, Sunday, February 25. We ordained a young man as deacon. We also had one addition. The ordination service was very impressive.

The Women's Council under the leadership of Mrs. J. O. Bowles is progressing very nicely. The council is divided into four circles. Mrs. Minnie Hodge is the leader of circle No. 1, Miss Eulalia Hodge of circle No. 2, Mrs. Bertha Ellis, circle No. 3, and Mrs. Georgia Albritton of circle No. 4. This council has been the life saver of the church. All women who are members of the church and who become members of the church are placed in some circle, usually, the one most convenient to them. Our friend who are not members of the church are working in the Women's Council. Five attend our services regularly. They are people of whom we are duly proud, for they are very splendid, indeed.

The Men's Ninety and Nine Club is doing things in a very splendid way, under the leadership of our competent president, Deacon W. L. Nuckolls. This is the most outstanding auxiliary in the church. A number of men who are not members of our church meet with the Ninety and Nine Club, and contribute regularly.

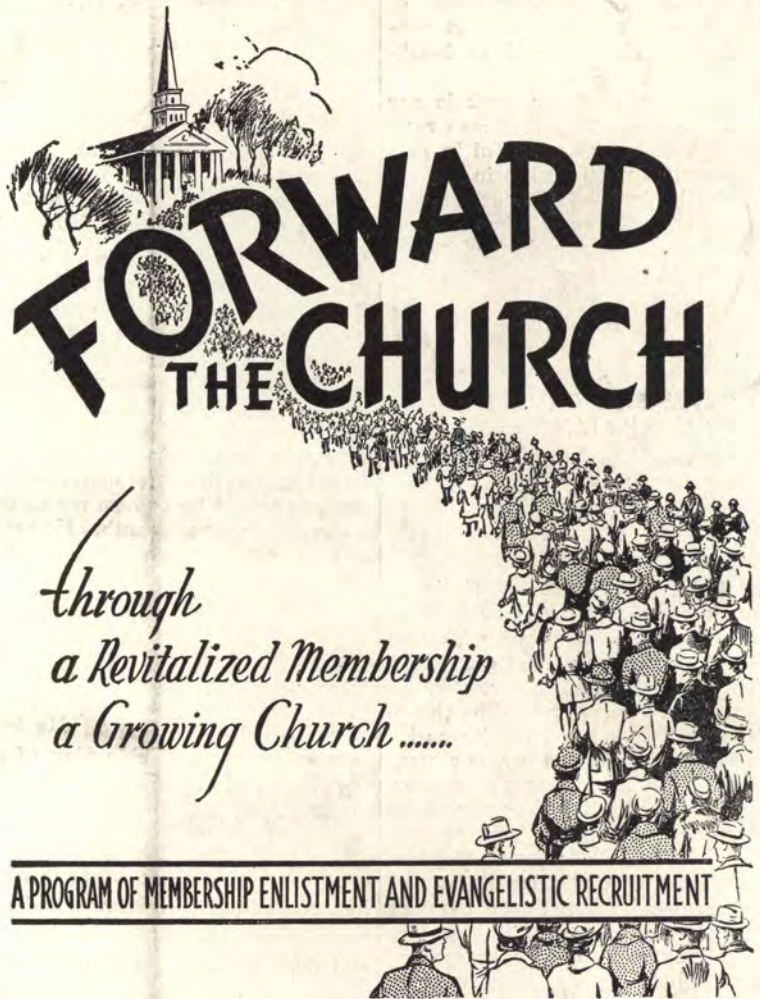
The Junior Christian Endeavor, under the leadership of Miss Osceola A. Dawson, has just completed a Bible Study unit on the Life of Moses. The Endeavor will render a program the third Sunday night in March. The main feature of this program will be a Question Box. The questions will be on the Life of Christ, the Life of Moses, and the books of the Bible.

At present, the church is looking forward to the celebration of its Sixty-fifth Anniversary, which will take place during the second week of April (8-14). The churches which compose the Ministerial Alliance, of which organization, I am secretary,

have pledged their cooperation in our celebration.

Immediately after our Anniversary, we anticipate beginning our spring re-

vival. We hope to secure the service of some outstanding preacher of the brotherhood, who will declare the whole counsel of God.



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MRS. PEARL WINROW GORE, JR.

Wife of the Director of Instruction, Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tenn.; Graduate of this college with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Member of Phi Beta Tau Fraternity; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Tau Iota Club, Kentucky Club and Director of students. Mrs. Gore is a great asset to finer womanhood. She taught Sunday School for years in the Lea Avenue Christian Church.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

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All Churches drive hard to reach your quota.

All Churches prepare for your District Meeting.

PROF. I. Q. HURDLE
President
1416 East 12th St.
Austin, Texas

NOTED MINISTER DIES IN VIRGINIA

Martinsville, Va.—(SNS) — Rev. James H. Thomas, a minister of many years service in the Christian Church died at his home early Friday morning. He came to Martinsville, Va., many years ago, taught school, gave to Martinsville her first high school and pastored the Fair Street Christian Church. He also served as founder and President of The Piedmont Christian Institute, one of the church's schools until it was closed.

Martinsville has been greatly benefitted by the life of this good man and has been greatly enriched because of his living there. He was in the organization of the National Convention of Christian Churches and served for many years as Statistical Secretary of that body.

He leaves a faithful wife, whose untiring efforts and cooperation made his work a success, two daughters, Ruth, May and Jas. H., Jr., two grandsons, James and Harry and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his departure.

Funeral was held Monday, 2:30 p. m. from the Fair Street Christian Church where the entire town had assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to this great churchman, citizen and minister of the gospel.

The eulogy for the occasion was delivered by the Rev. R. Wesley Watson, general secretary of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, who has been a friend of the family for the past twenty years.

VACANT PULPITS

Kentucky has some good vacant Pulpits and could use a few good ministers write—

ELDER C. H. DICKERSON
340 Ohio St.
Lexington, Ky.



MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR

At the present time we are getting less support for the **Christian Plea** than we have since it was started. We only get twenty-five dollars per month. As you know, I furnish the office and equipment, and the Editor gives his time free. Take up any issue or issues of the past and make a comparison with any issue since October to the present time and see if you do not have a magazine which deserves your support.

I want to thank many of the men who are doing a whole-hearted job in supporting the **Plea**; but I especially want the women to know that your letters, money and news have made me feel that I still have some friends among you. You are doing a real service for the Lord, because we would have had to fold up before now if you had not heard the cry and responded. You women are going to the front.

Men, our problems is not giving, it is having a program and leaders whom the people have confidence in. Adam was lonely and Eve was created

to help him. We want to keep our place and help you. Get a program and leaders, and then the giving, sacrifices, tithing, money and interest will follow.

The Christian Womans Board of Missions have been our main stay. They form a strong part of the United Christian Missionary Society. Think of Jarvis, Southern Christian Institute and all the other programs they stand back of. You can readily see that women have and are doing their part.

We once had Rosa Brown Bracy to work with the women of our Brotherhood. I think we should have someone now to do the same. Youth need feeding, guidance and encouragement. It will never do to train the youth without the parents also being inspired and educated. The youth are our future Church and we will have no Church unless the adults do their part. I feel that the women are being neglected.

The Christian Plea has been brought to the front under our energetic Editor and his good wife. They are giving their all. He works without pay or complaint, but unless we help financially we will lose him because he is in demand.

Again I wish to thank all of the women and many of the men. You are doing a great job but let us be evangelistic in our approach. Let us touch new resources and people and march onward and forward with the spirit of my late husband, Elder Preston Taylor.

MRS. I. C. FRANKLIN PASSES

News has just come that Mrs. I. C. Franklin, Port Gibson, Mississippi passed from labor to reward April 13th. The Brotherhood has lost one of its most faithful and energetic workers. Mrs. Franklin was a great soul who fought for the extension of the kingdom in Mississippi. Her husband, Rev. I. C. Franklin, has the sympathy and good wishes of the entire Brotherhood. He is at present Secretary of the National Convention.

DR. J. E. WALKER VISITS BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

By Baltimore Taylor

We the citizens of Maryland were pleased to have Dr. J. E. Walker, President of the National Negro Business League, to speak to us at the third annual banquet sponsored by The Maryland Association for the Promotion of Business, in commemoration of the birthday of Booker T.

Washington first president of the National Negro Business League, Friday evening, April 5th, at the Masonic Temple. A committee met Dr. Walker at the station at 12:45 and escorted him to Morgan State College where he spoke to the student body. At 8 p.m. Dr. Walker spoke at the banquet of The Maryland Association for the Promotion of Negro Business. His message spurred the Association on with renewed vigor. He made us realize the fact that we have higher heights to attain in business. Dr. Walker's visit to Baltimore will mean much to the Disciples of Christ in Maryland. I was happy to announce to the citizens of Maryland that Dr. Walker is a member of the Christian Church, Treasurer of our National Convention and contends for the Faith which we preach.



MRS. MAUDE DAVIS
Granger, Texas

A great gospel preacher and kingdom builder. One of her sermons will appear soon.

LETTERS TO THE PLEA

Baltimore Taylor Pleased

I am happy, Dear Sister Taylor, over the progress the Plea is making. Here is a dollar to pay my account.

—Baltimore Taylor, 1702 Madison Avenue

Mrs. Kelly Gets Somebody to Write Thanks

A day or so ago I wrote you but I was afraid you could not read it so I ran upon this lady and she is writing for me to thank you for the lovely calendars. I am still on a milk diet and I can hardly walk across the floor or look up or down. I pray for you and you pray for me, Sister Taylor I shall never forget your kindness to me.

—Sister Lucy Kelly, 666 N. Cameron St. Winchester Va.

Pleas Went Like Hot Cakes

Dear Sister Taylor:

Please find enclosed, two dollars for "Pleas" they went like hot cakes. Our little son loves the Plea as we do. May you live long to help extend the Plea.

—Mrs. Rosa L. Wicks, 1206 T. St., Washington, D. C.

WINGS OVER JORDAN

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

We listened with interest to your message on "Wings Over Jordan." You gave many interesting figures and facts that should be available to the entire brotherhood. Are copies available through the "Plea" or otherwise?

—N. J. Dickerson Box 83, Bluefield, West Va.

Editor's Note:

Thanks for this and hundreds of other such letters and telegrams from all over America. We will publish a complete report as soon as we can see the light.

—Merle R. Eppse

"Wings Over Jordan" Correction

Dear Mrs. J. H. Geneva Towns:

You are quite right. I spoke of the Flanner House as a U. C. M. S. project but self supporting. The columns of the plea are open to all churches. We will be delighted to get your news.

—Respectfully, Merle R. Eppse

"Bowles out of City"

I am sending 41 cents for the five Pleas sent me. Do not send any more to sell until I put in an order for them. I will be out of the City for a while.

—J. O. Bowles, 612 N. 15th St. Paducah, Ky.

"Rev. Campell Sorry"

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Enclosed you will find \$10.25 for copies of the Plea and six subscriptions. Sorry to have kept you all out of the money so long. Don't send over ten Pleas and all unsold will be returned because so many are yearly subscribers.

—Rev. W. D. Campell, 1251 Edgemont Ave. Indianapolis, Ind.

Wants News About Negro Brotherhood

Enclosed please find one dollar for a subscription from the Brite College of the Bible Library. Our faculty voted that we should subscribe for this in order to have a file concerning the work of our Negro brethren. You have our best wishes and prayers for your work.

—Colby D. Hall, Dean, Brite College of the Bible, Texas Christian College, Fort Worth, Texas

"Bracy Happy"

Your message on the "Wings Over Jordan" Sunday, March 17, did great honor to the Disciples of Christ of America. We are proud of you and delighted with the Christian Plea.

—Rosa Brown Bracy, 4244 Evans Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Wickizer Congratulates"

I am just writing this word to tell you that I heard you broadcast on the "Wings Over Jordan" program on Sunday Morning, March 17th and I want to congratulate you on the fine piece of work you did. I am sure that it will serve to call to the attention of America the work being done by the Disciples of Christ, both colored and white. I appreciate especially the fact that you emphasized strongly that the

Disciples of Christ had never divided along color lines, but both Negro and white are organized into one great fellowship. Let us hope that this will always continue to be true.

—Cordially yours, Willard M. Wickizer,
Division of Home Missions

"Rev. G. F. Lewis Sorry"

I am sorry that I am so late sending in my subscription for this very fine paper of ours. Brother A. J. Jeffries and I are trying to interest others to read it.

—Rev. G. F. Lewis, 4 St. John St., Montgomery, Alabama

"Mrs. A. H. Callens Grateful"

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

I received your letter and money. We all feel grateful. We thank you so much.

—Mrs. A. H. Callen, 539 Arlington St., Youngstown, Ohio

REV. R. H. DAVIS PAYS UP

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Enclosed please find \$3.25 for the "Christian Plea." More will come within ten days.

—Rev. Richard H. Davis, 218 E. 44th St., Chicago, Ill.

"PRATT WANTS THIRTY COPIES OF WOMAN'S ISSUE"

Send me thirty copies of the woman's issue. Here is my check for the last order.

—T. M. Pratt, 3612 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas

"MARTIN SENDS TWO DOLLARS"

Send me the Christian Plea. Sorry I was so long answering.

—N. C. Martin, Box 349, Highbe, Mo.

"REV. D. W. BRADLEY SEES THE LIGHT"

I listened to "Wings Over Jordan" and could hardly realize that was my old friend, Merl speaking. You were like Polycarp of old who said "I will light a light by the power of God that should never be blown out." It was a great message and full of facts. Not only the Disciples heard you but the whole world. May you live long. Here is my dollar for the Plea.

—Rev. D. W. Bradley, Box 152, Rogersville, Tennessee

MRS. W. SHARP, III

I have been ill, and under the doctor's care for several weeks. As soon as I can get around, I will send more subscriptions.

—Mrs. W. J. Sharp, 1339 E. Adams Blvd.

"CHANDLER INTERESTED"

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

I did not get to sell all of my Pleas but am in full because I am interested. I have several promises.

—Miss Bessie E. Chandler, 4167 Enright Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

"SINGLETON WANTS HELP"

Dear Sister Taylor:

You are doing the work we should help do. Here is two dollars. I will write you soon.

—Mrs H. A. M. Singleton, 1708 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.

"LOVE WANTS GREETINGS"

Old Pioneer, Elder R. L. Love, 1228 Indiana Ave., Wichita, Kansas, who is a member

of Indiana Ave. Christian Church, is very ill and wants to hear from old friends.

—W. A. Scott, 1201 E. Twelfth St. Wichita, Kansas

"SISTER LUCY FREEMAN NEEDS HELP"

Dear Sister Taylor:

I am unable to subscribe for the Plea because I am out of work. I hope you can send it to me.

—Mrs. Lucy Freeman, 122 E. Farner St., Independence, Mo.

"RILEY SORRY"

Here is my dollar. I am sorry I was so late.

—Nathaniel Riley, London, Ky.

MRS. WILLA B. HUNTER

My father sent the Gospel Plea to me when I was a girl in school. Now I want to continue with you.

—Mrs. Willa B. Hunter, 17 N. Burns Ave., Winchester, Ky.

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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.

—1 John, 1-7

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Editorials

TALKING OUT ALOUD

By "Sister Martha and Mary"

Since this is a Woman's issue, Sister Mary and Sister Martha thought it wise to take Brother Paul and Brother Peter's place and talk out aloud, for they too are travelers and have some observations to make.

Sister Martha: I think that Sister Taylor "got" something in her appeal to the womanhood to sustain the Plea, what do you think of it?

Sister Mary: I agree with you for our womanhood has always been dependable, she was last at the cross and first at the grave and the first person to proclaim the good news of our Risen Lord. She has been faithful ever since to that responsibility. For I have observed that she has always taken her place in the local church, district, state and national program. In all of these she has majored in love and in sharing the good news.

Sister Mary: You are right, the challenge of Sister Taylor to the Women of the Brotherhood is met now they will never suffer to see the **Christian Plea** fail for it is our only Organ of Good News ("And gossip"), through it we are informed, inspired, and encouraged to share together our common task of building the Kingdom on earth. "Big" Sister you may count on the women of the church. Sister Martha, what do you think of Sister Taylor's criticism of the minister's attitude toward the **Christian Plea**?

Sister Martha: To answer your question, I will have to say that she is right. But she fails to recognize that the people must buy the papers when presented to them for I know of a minister of a certain church whose members failed to buy the **Christian Plea** when urged to; saying to the minister: "I have subscribed to the Plea last year and have only had a few issues." But I believe that when all these things are cleared up the Plea will have the support of the ministers and members for the is a growing appreciation and much praise for it already.

Sister Mary: According to our observations the **Christian Plea** is on its way to success. And, since this is a Woman's issue and the Brotherhood is woman minded and I am also conscious of the fact that so many women have made contributions to our Brotherhood, of which we do not have time to mention but among those living, who would you name as the one who has made the largest contribution to our work?

You have asked quite a hard question, Sister Martha and as I think of our many fine women, Sisters Preston Taylor, H. L. Herod, M. J. Brown, Jas. H. Thomas, H. M. Singleton, Katie Dickerson, Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Lizzie R. Dickerson, L. A. Devine, Pearl Craggett, Cynthia Martin, Hattie Griffin, Noah McGowan, R. J. Payne, Mary L. Vanburen, Camie Doolan, Mrs. P. H. Moss, Amanda Davis, "Mother Poindexter," Mrs. H. G. Smith, L. A. Pirtle, Sister Giles Tulsa, and Sister Sarah Bostick, Ida M. Smith, Estus and Miss Bird, President of Texas Women's work and Rosa Brown Bracy, our General Secretary, and a great host who have always stood high on "God's Honor Roll" for time would fail me and space would be denied me to call the names of all, but back to your very hard question and permit me to answer it out of my own observations and experiences: I would name Rosa Brown Bracy for she is a trail-blazer and a builder, it is she who has presented to the womanhood of our church, the vision of Christ and called them into pursuit of it.

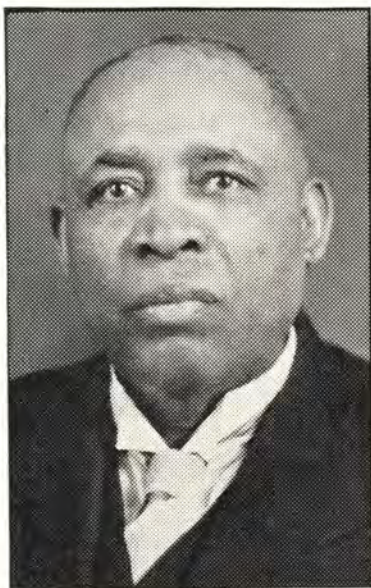
Sister Mary: Your answer is correct, I know no woman in the Brotherhood who has been more loyal, more devoted and has made as great a sacrifice as Rosa Brown Bracy, for instance she received only \$25.00 per month when she began. Others began at the peak of her salary after having served twenty four years and last year she received less than five hundred dollars. The greatness of one's life is determined by the sacrifices of that life, truly she has conformed to the sayings of the Apostle Paul: "Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service."

For twenty-six years she has brought to the altar her "ALL" for the Master's use. She has traveled in the heat of the day, in the cold, and rain under all conditions and modes of traveling, sleeping in warm beds, cold beds, clean and dirty beds, met with all kinds of disappointments and received all kind of criticisms, but like the Apostle Paul, none of these neither moved her nor separated her from the love of God and the services of womanhood of our church. She has won her own place, and wrote her name among the worthy ones because she became the servant of all. Truly she has climbed to success over the hills of difficulties.

Sister Martha: I want to thank you for your observation and I can see now why a "Grateful Brotherhood" would provide for her when others let her down. I am sure that her care and keeping will be on the hearts of the entire Brotherhood. Her sacri-

fices, loyalty and devotions and her sincerity to Christ's Kingdom should challenge and inspire the entire Brotherhood to support the program that she sponsors so nobly for us also I think that this life of hers should prompt and move the youth of our church to give themselves to Christ's Kingdom in service.

Sister Mary: let us pray that the womanhood of the Brotherhood join us in supporting the Brotherhood's program which includes the **Christian Plea** and the sustaining of our own great leader, Rosa Brown Bracy.



DR. L. H. CRAWFORD

President National Christian Missionary Convention. Pastor Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn.

MESSAGE TO THE BROTHERHOOD

From the President of the national Convention, Elder L. H. Crawford

Judge not that you be not judged. Fault finding is not in itself a sin, on any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him. And under the New Testament Law of Love, there is the exhortation.

Reprove, rebuke with all long suffering and doctrine. But as someone has well said, a duty may become a sin if wrongfully done. The spirit of a Christian is the spirit of love and gentleness. Yet there are times when he must rebuke sin, and take no compromising position in the presence of evil. To be censorious, however is to be unchrist like and disobedient to his wish. But there are certain things to be said about mote pulling and beam pulling. The first is, take care that you get them in

the right order, beam pulling comes first. First cast out the beam that is in thine own eye, and following that simple direction, would stop mote pulling. Physician, heal thyself.

Wherefore thou art excusable, O Man, whosoever thou art that judges, for wherein thou judges another, thy condemnest thyself, because thou doest the same thing. Secondly, bear in mind that mote pulling is a dangerous business. In judging others, we quote judgement upon ourselves. A Spanish proverb says, If our faults were written on our foreheads, we should have to go with our hats pulled over our eyes. Another familiar proverb says, that people who live in glass houses should never throw stones.

Before you mark another sin,
Bid thine own conscience look within.

Mote pulling is often the unconscious result of an unforgiven spirit. If we do not forgive others, God cannot forgive us. So both from his fellow man and from God, there is to the man, who judges his brother and who enters unwisely into the mote pulling business.

Thirdly, mote pulling is frequently a very hypocritical performance. If we have studied ourselves carefully most of us have found, that in proportion as we have become quick to discern the faults of others, we have less and less discerned our own short comings. Frequently when we have found faults in others, they were but the reflections of faults in our own lives.

There are good many times, that if we did not indulge in so much ourselves we would not see so plainly in our fellowmen. Then mote pulling is often times a most useless performance. It certainly is useless so long as there is plainly visible inconsistency in our own lives.

OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION

As your President, I feel very proud of the men and women that make up the Official Staff of the National Convention. I believe in them and you believe in them, because they have been loyal and faithful and consecrated to the task that you elected them to. A few days ago, I stood at the Tomb of that great saint, who nine years ago this month took his flight to that beautiful city, Preston Taylor, the organizer and founder of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ, and I said again and again unto him, that your program will not fail. Because the men and women who you led successfully for a number of years was still carrying on.

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SEND THE PLEA

By T. K. Rouse

5438 28th St., Detroit, Mich.
Let's send the **Plea** thruout the land
Let's keep the good news humming
So he who reads may understand
That better days are coming.

Let's send it near, let's send it far
Let's rouse the thoughtless sleeper
Let's be whom we profess we are
Let's be our Brother's keeper.

For there should be in every home
A good religious journal
That readers may in days to come
Have peace and life eternal.

If we would tread that Golden Strand
Or gaze on Heaven's beauty
Then let us to our fellowman
And God do our full duty.

So pass the copies you have read
To strangers, friends or neighbors
And after all is done and said
God will reward our labors.

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MISS MARIAN ANDERSON

April 5, 1940

Dear Friend:

For more than two years we have been talking about building a better youth program through the National Christian Youth Fellowship (movement). This is the first request that I have made of you since I was elected as president of this organization. I trust that you will answer this request.

We are asking you to help us build a better program for our young people by having this questionnaire filled out and returned to Rev. R. H. Peoples, Missions Building, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. If you cannot answer all of the questions, then answer the ones you can—that will help a great deal.

Your church represents one of the best in our brotherhood and the information gained from you will help us when the Planning Committee meets in Indianapolis shortly after April 25th. Please return your questionnaire on or before April 25, 1940.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Sincerely,

Marian F. Anderson, President
National Christian Youth Fellowship



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NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE

THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

By Rosa Brown Bracy

Father's Day, June 16th to culminate a period of Prayer Study and Consecration for the program of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

To be used in daily prayer and meditation leading up to Father's Day.

June 16, 1940

Prayer

The supreme need is that the program of the National Convention be underwritten by prayer.

"I am Jehovah, the God of all flesh: Is there anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:27.

"And all things whatsoever you ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22.

He is Able

A Prayer Thought for each day of the week—

Monday—"He is able

Tuesday—He is able to do all that we ask

Wednesday—He is able to do more than we ask

Thursday—He is able to do much more than we ask

Friday—He is abundantly able to do much more than all we ask

Saturday—He is abundantly able to do much more than we ask or think, according to the power that works in us."

(Montgomery)

He is Able

Always followers of Jesus Christ have been putting their hands to plows and always the end of the road has been far out beyond human vision. Always too there have been some who have urged the turning back; who have protested that the laborers were trespassing on alien soil. Who can see the end from the beginning? Who can tell of a father of love and not minister to suffering bodies and starved minds and to helpless and homeless folks? And who can minister who have not been ministered unto?

The program of the National Convention seeks to better prepare ministers—train leaders and minister to helpless, homeless people. May we together put our hands to the plow.

To pray "Thy Kingdom come" and not pay is mockery.



MRS. ROSA BROWN BRACY

Study the program of the National Convention. Each week study a special phase of it as:

- I The Negro Disciples
- II The National Convention
 1. Its origin
 2. Its purpose
 3. Its spirit and method of cooperation in world wide work
 4. Its program
 - (a) A Headquarters office
 - (b) Informed Laity (The Christian Plea)
 - (c) Prepared Ministry—The Henry Herod Fund
 - (d) Trained Leadership—The P. H. Moss Fund
 - (e) The Ida D. Taylor Home—A Home for Aged
 5. Plan of Finance
 6. Total goal for 1940

Stewardship

Study God's word. Read, meditate and memorize a Stewardship scripture each week until Father's Day.

"Honor Jehovah with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thy increase." Proverbs 3:9.

"He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9:6.

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over; shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be measured unto you again." Luke 6:38.

"There is that scattereth and increaseth yet more; and there is that

withholdeth more than is met, but it tendeth only to want." Prov. 11:24

"Freely ye received, freely give." Matt. 10:8

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine."

"For every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains and the wild beasts of the fields are mine. For the world is mine and the fullness thereof."

Haggai 2:8; Psalms 50:10, 11-12

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye rob me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In Tithes and offerings." Malachia 3

"Bring ye the whole Tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachia 3:10

"Upon the first day of the week, let each one of you lay by him in store as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come." I Cor. 16:2

"Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh, he shall find so doing." Matt. 24:46

Set aside from your income each week, a definite amount for the work of the Lord. Designate for the support of the National Convention program a definite sum and so build within the period leading up to Father's Day, your gift of One Dollar, or Five Dollars, or Ten Dollars or your Special Gift.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS WHICH ARE ENCOURAGING

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

The Mississippi Boulevard Church is behind the National Program. Pledges of \$200.00 have been made which will be sent in through our Secretary during May, June, and July.

—Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

We did not observe National Convention Sunday, but we are making our canvas and will report from letters that are encouraging will report through our Committee. We are for the National program.

—John Witfield, Minister, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

Yes, I am interested. The Convention bulletins have been posted. We shall observe the period for the National Convention from April 4, to June 16, in earnest and you will hear from us in a very definite way.

May abundant success be yours,

—R. H. Davis, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

We have substituted the first Sunday in May for National Convention Sunday. We expect to send in a worthwhile offering for this worthy cause.

—C. L. Parks, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

I feel that the work which you are doing is invaluable for our churches. This program will give us that something which we need to make us stand on our feet. I am a stickler for this sort of thing and will put all I can behind it.

—D. W. Heath, Rockford, Ill.

Dear Sister Bracy:

—The church in Detroit will cooperate with for the program of the National Convention. A committee has been appointed to look after this matter. Before the deadline we will send our money. You can count on us.

—R. L. Jordan, Minister, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

You can count on the church at Clarksdale, Miss. to come up 100 per cent. Each one has pledged to give more than he gave last year.

Yours for greater service,

—Geneva James, Clarksdale, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

Your ten weeks' plan for prayer, study and consecration is surely fine. I'd like to carry it out to the letter in our church.

—J. H. Randal, Boll St. Church, N. C. Secretary, Dallas Texas

Dear Sister Bracy:

I like your plans and methods as well as your reports. The National Convention is fortunate to have you. You shall have my co-operation that your prayers and hopes be not in vain.

Dear Sister Bracy:

As director of the Area of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma you can depend on me to use my influence to have every church in this area cooperate in your program of Prayer, Study and Consecration, that the National Convention may become a great power for Christ and his Church.

—R. W. Watson

The Centennial Christian Church with Rev. P. A. Gray as Pastor, observed National Convention Sunday. A cash offering of \$10.50 was made and pledges for \$123.00 made to be paid before National Convention.

Rev. J. M. Baker, writes: Our Church believes in the National Program and will support it even more fully than we did last year. Rev. W. B. Gibbs pledges to sustain the National Convention Program by giving \$10.00 this year. His Church is 100 per cent behind him.

President P. C. Washington, of Jarvis College writes, I gave last year and will give again this year to support our great program.

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

It is a pleasure for me to send you \$1.00 as my little part to help carry forward the great work. I wish I could send more, for I am for the Christian Church from the local to the National. You are doing a great work in putting the National Convention on the map.

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

The Eleventh Street Church, Birmingham is greatly in favor of the National Convention Program. We observed the 1st. Sunday in March and will continue our effort until our goal has been reached.

Yours for a great Convention,

—Evelyn Haygood, Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Bracy:

The Monroe Ave. Church has put the National Program in its Budget, so you can be sure that our church will share in the National Program.

—Mrs. D. C. Fowler, Columbus, Ohio

Below we list the gifts which came from churches and individuals for the month of March.

Mayslick, Ky., A. D. Gualt	\$ 1.00
Port Gibson, Miss M. Jackson	1.00
Russellville, Ark., M. Franklin	1.00
Dallas, Texas, Boll St. Church	11.00
Centennial, St. Louis	10.50
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Kansas City, Kan., A. W. Davis	1.07
Bristol, Tenn., A. C. Hughes	4.10
Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. L. Harris	1.00
MT. Sterling, Ky.	6.00
Williamsburg N. Y. City, W. F. Keys	8.00
Baltimore, Maryland, Mt. Olivet	9.50
Miss A. B. Hankal	10.00
Total	\$ 74.79



MISS MARVIA PROPPS

Dietitian, Jarvis Christian College
Hawkins, Texas

Miss Propps was born at Center Point, Arkansas. Her early training was received in her home town. In the summer of 1923 the late President J. N. Ervin visited Center Point, and found this young girl in the midst of nine other children in the humble but well kept and refined home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Propps and told them of the Jarvis Christian College.

In the fall of 1923, Miss Propps entered Jarvis as a freshman high school student. She finished her Junior college work in the spring of 1930. In the fall of this same year she was appointed to the position as supervisor of the dining hall of Jarvis Christian College, which position she is holding today. She attended the summer sessions of 1936 and 1937 at the State College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Propps will finish her academic work at Jarvis this spring.

Her major is Home Economics, and she plans to continue her education.

Miss Propps says she has been a long time getting her degree, but when we count up the many responsibilities this young woman has had, one does not think of the years. She has done an outstanding piece of work at Jarvis. Once you visit her department, you will want to return always.



MRS. A. M. HAYGOOD

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To the Christian Plea:

Just a few lines to say that we have our financial committee already for the coming convention, they seem to have "a mind to work." Also that Brother John Priestly has been added to our membership since our last report, Brother Priestly was formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., and a promising young man, and bids fair to become a great asset to the Brotherhood.

Your Faithfully,

T. K. Rouse, Reporter
P.S.—Please reserve for us three copies of Prof. Eppse's "Wings Over Jordan" Broadcast. Send bill to me at, 5438 28 St., Detroit, Mich.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

at 4413 Indiana Ave., March 31st

By Alma P. Cummings
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Christian Co-workers:

We celebrated the fourth year of our activities at this location on Sunday, March 31st, with an impressive worship program. Rev. T. E. Brown of Progressive M.B. Church was the guest speaker, with his Choir and congregation as special guests. His interesting and inspiring message was well received and much appreciated. The climax of the program was the serving of a delicious Turkey Dinner.

The Indiana Avenue Senior Choir presented an Easter Cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" on Good Friday Night. The soloists were Mrs. E. Pickard, soprano; Mr. A. Parks, tenor; Mr. S. Nichols, baritone. Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, Directress. Miss Evelyn Smith, accompanist.

Easter Sunday we were honored by the visit of Mr. Merle R. Eppse, Editor of *The Plea* and Prof. of History at Tennessee A. and I. State College, Nashville, Tenn.; it was Mr. Eppse first visit to our Church. He paid a glowing tribute to the program and to the excellent work being done by Rev. Davis with a few well chosen remarks.

Indiana Avenue Church appreciates the work the Editor is doing, and we

feel that the whole Brotherhood is more closely united by the efforts of this well beloved Disciple. We anticipate a longer visit with Prof. Eppse at an early date.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Elder Blair T. Hunt, Pastor
Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter
625 Mississippi Ave.
Memphis, Tenn.

The Unified Youth Group met Sunday, March 17, 1940, at four o'clock P.M., at 1487 Felix Avenue, with Mrs. Mildred S. Riley hostess, presiding.

After devotion and a brief business session, the Group and guests were entertained with a program. Miss Dorothy Stover of Manassas High School, played an instrumental solo "Meditation." Miss Emma Lee Wilson sang a solo. Prof. W. A. Lynk gave an interesting lecture on his trip throughout Europe and South America. Remarks were made by Elder Hunt and Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, President Woman's Missionary Society, after which the guest and Group were served a delicious repast.

The next meeting is to be held Sunday, April 21, 1940 with Prof. I. A. Gentry, Jr., as host. Mr. A. J. Prioleaux, of Sumter, S.C., guest speaker.

On Sunday, April 14, 1940, at eight o'clock P.M., the Unified Youth Group presents the McLemore Avenue Christian youth, who will entertain the church with a program.

Mildred S. Riley, President
Tiney Chambliss, Secretary
Emalyne Lang, Reporter

MUSKOGEE NEWS, SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Elder E. M. Barrett
Route 2, Box 273-C
Muskogee, Okla.

Elder R. Wesley Watson, the Tri-State Evangelist for Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, has announced that he will visit all the churches in the State in March. He will be in Muskogee, Sunday, March 10. From there he will travel westward through the state. We have also secured the services of Elder T. R. Everett, of Louisville, Kentucky, who will conduct our Pre-Easter Campaign beginning March 17. We are looking forward to a prosperous service.

DISCIPLES HERE AND THERE IN TEXAS

By Edwin M. Hurdle
Texas Representative

2409 Jordan St., Dallas, Texas

The first Founder's Day Exercises in the history of Jarvis College were observed Saturday, March 30, from 2 to 5 P.M. The main speaker on the program was Prof. Merle Eppse, Editor of *The Christian Plea*. Prof. Eppse has become famous in Texas since he delivered the masterly radio address on the "Wings Over Jordan" program recently. Others on the Founder's Day program were Prof. T. B. Frost and C. A. Berry, founders of Jarvis, Mrs. J. M. Mings (white), Big Sandy, Prof. C. C. Mosley, Jarvis, Prof. T. W. Pratt, Dallas; Mr. R.B. Smith (white), Hawkins; Mrs. Terry King (white), Ft. Worth, Rev. H. G. Smith, Paris; Rev. Leo Johnston (white) one of Texas' most prominent ministers and pastor of Oak Cliff Christian Church, Dallas; and Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Knoxville, Tennessee.

A few of the visitors present were: Mrs. Arah E. Garrett, Granger; Mrs.

S. P. Walker, President State Missionary Societies, Dallas; Prof. I. Q. Hurdle, President of Texas Christian Missionary Convention, Austin; Rev. J. E. Quarles, State Evangelist, Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Bowser, Palestine and Edwin M. Hurdle, Dallas Public School teacher, Religious Education Worker and Texas Representative for *The Plea*.

Rev. J. O. Tarver, associate minister at Romine Street Christian Church in Dallas will leave soon on a business trip that will carry him to the following cities: Little Rock, Ark.; Memphis, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; and Jackson, Miss. He expects to visit our churches in each city.

Mrs. Mary Sparks, church worker of Boll Street Christian Church in Dallas, plans to visit her home community, Corinth, near Kilgore, Texas soon. She comes from a long line of members of the Christian Church in that section of the state.

On April 25, Dallas and all neighboring Texas town will have the privilege of seeing and hearing the fa-



EDWIN M. HURDLE

Dallas Public School Teacher
Christian Education Worker and
Texas Representative of *The Christian Plea*



BOLL STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY
Dallas, Texas

mous "Wings Over Jordan" Choir, brought to Dallas by personal contacts of Rev. Maynard Jackson. (Mrs. A. M. Bolden, Dallas).

Mrs. Lizzie Woodard of Boll Street Christian Church subscribed to *The Christian Plea* and wants it sent to her son, Mr. Ulysses Woodard in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman of the same church subscribed to this religious journal for her aunt, Mrs. S. J. Anderson, La Rosa Ranch, Woodsboro, Texas. (Texas *Plea* readers may send in other subscriptions to relatives and friends in West Texas and places where there are no churches of our faith.)

Mrs. J. E. Quarles, a member of the administrative division of the faculty in Jarvis is very ill with pneumonia at this writing. Rev. Quarles, her husband and Texas' evangelist is at her bedside. The entire brotherhood of Texas is praying for her speedy recovery.

The churches of Dallas are eagerly looking forward to visits and conferences during the month of April by President P. C. Washington, of Jarvis; Prof. R. H. Peoples, National Secretary of Negro Churches (accompanied by Mrs. Peoples) Miss Carnella Jamison, National Worker of Negro Missionary organizations.

BOLL STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH WOMEN ACTIVE

By Mrs. Essie T. Garrett, Reporter
Mrs. Bessie B. Garner, President
230 Jordan Lane, Dallas, Texas

The Missionary Society of Boll St. Christian Church is considered and given the honor of being the most vital organization of the Church—which has the welfare of the Church and everything pertaining thereto at heart and does something about it.

Our President, Mrs. Bessie Garner, a well prepared Christian woman has rendered splendid service since 1934. During her presidency the Society has been able to fulfill all their obligations with the exception of one year—paying \$15.00 State and \$50.00 National. In the year 1938, through the influential cooperation of our State President, Miss S. P. Walker, we paid \$75.00 to the National. Miss Walker served as Secretary to the Society from 1935 to 1939 and was succeeded by Mrs. Essie Garrett who is now rendering that service in a very efficient manner. By the help of the Master and the cooperation of the loyal and faithful members we have

already paid our National State apportionments.

Each week, by the payment of Aid Dues by members and the Christian spirit of the Official Board in giving the Society all Penny monies, we are able to assist those who are shut-in. The above photo is only a portion of our group—reading from left to right bottom row: Little Carrylon Johnson, Mesdames Mary Richardson, Mattie Carpenter, A. M. Bolden, reporter, Addie Johnson, treasurer, and Esma Richardson, group leader and Little Elizabeth Johnson. Top row: Mesdames Caldonia Sauls, Bessie Brock Garner, President, Essie Teresa Garrett, secretary, Nellie Hill, vice president, Virginia Freeman, group leader and Ada Thomas, group leader.

Officers that do not appear on group picture are: Mesdames Ellis Wamsly, Sr. Aid Treasurer, Eula Mae Johnson, assistant secretary, Pagie Houston, Elizabeth Coleman, program committee chairman, E. B. Weems, pianist, Lizzie Woodard, Gennett Allen, group leader, Lucille Shelton, group leader and Mary Sparks.

With an average attendance of 34 to 40 men and women each week you can count on us as a group of enthusiastic supporters of the *Plea* and pray for its continuous improvement.

Rev. N. H. Johnson, Greenville, Texas, is the associate pastor.

BIRCH ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH By Mrs. Ann Laurie

1568 W. 36 Place, Los Angeles, Calif.

Easter Services were indeed awakening at Birch St. Christian Church during the two o'clock hour. Elder C. B. Torrence's selection sermon, "I AM THE RESURRECTION," and the special music by the choir of eighteen voices, touched the hearts of the entire congregation.

We are happy to express that three adults have returned to the church since Easter Sunday, and were received by the right hand of fellowship. For some reason we also feel quite satisfied of the fact that we are not progressing too fast.

The church's theme is—EACH ONE WIN ONE, and the results were very favorably done Easter and since. The choir is learning a special selection for the congregation to learn, which will be the theme song forever—"WIN THEM ONE BY ONE," by A. Miles. We feel if the song is laid in the hearts of the people, it will be lived daily by them, and we do expect favorable results.

On the Sunday, March 31st. Eld. Torrence's Sermon—"Why I am a Christian," was very effective. Two persons came back into the church,

and a special student of voice from the University of California rendered a lovely solo, "THE LORD'S PRAYER,"—by Mollette.

There were some very worth while things done at the official Board meeting this month. Oh, and we are so happy. We know it will be only a matter of a few months before we will be moving. Although there has not been a place secure yet. Much more interest on the part of the members were shown by the attendance at the Board Meeting. We are going forward, in the correct way.

On April 14 during the 11 o'clock hour, Elder A. L. Bryant of Chicago, Ill., an ordained minister of the Christian Churches, will fill the pulpit at Birch St. Church, special music will be rendered by the choir. Sister Sallie Richardson will have charge of the program. Eligh Moses, a youngster of about ten years of age who has a marvelous voice, will be one of the special soloists.

May 1st. marks the date of the 2nd Annual Fashion Revue in the auditorium of the church. Plans are now under way for every beneficial affair both socially and financially. Will mention results in May issue.

One new teacher has been added to the Bible school in the person of Sister Lawrie. There is plenty of work to be done at Birch St. and we feel there will be sent those chosen to help put the program over.

EAST VINE AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

By Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Reporter
1643 Dunbar, Knoxville Tennessee

Mrs. W. E. Ervin went to Jarvis to attend the Founder's Day Program March 30th

The St. Patrick's banquet given by the Pastors Aid was quite a success. The basement of the Church was beautifully decorated in green and white and the color scheme was carried out in the well prepared dinner.

The Easter week of Prayer was sponsored by the Missionary Society. We had as our guest speaker, Mrs. Floraine of New York (white), Mrs. Ervin of Knoxville, Mrs. Robert Bailey of Roanoke, Va. who was here visiting Mrs. A. Brown.

Although we were surprised to see a six inch snow Easter Morning, we were able to carry out our program planned for the day. A wonderful Easter program was presented by the Bible school departments, under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Daniels.

On March 17th we were at the First Christian Church where Mrs. W. E. Ervin gave a very beautiful and striking story of Jarvis Christian College. Mrs. Ervin, after greeting her aud-

ience and thanking them for the opportunity of bringing to them the story of the work she loves so much and for which her late husband, Prof. J. N. Ervin, gave his life. She then presented our present, Prof. P. C. Washington and spoke of his qualifications and type of gentleman she felt Mr. Washington was and under his leadership Jarvis would continue to grow. Mrs. Ervin recited the expression by Judson, "Planting Colleges and fitting them with young men and young women is planting the seed corn of the world."

She spoke of the many young people she had contacted the 23 years at Jarvis and those contacts were the most blessed experiences of her life. After telling a beautiful story, "Our Influence," she then told the story of Jarvis.

Miss Wiona Roehl, secretary of the Church, was responsible for Mrs. Ervin's visit.

We are having Mrs. Ervin to give this splendid story of Jarvis at East Vine Ave. Christian Church at an early date.

Mr. E. P. Moore, chairman of Deacon Board is on the sick list.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH PASTOR ON TRIP WEST

By Rev. T. R. Everett, 315 S. 20th St.
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JUST A REPORT ON CONDITIONS AS WE FOUND THEM ON OUR VISIT

We left home on the 12th of March. We drove through to St. Louis—on that first day stayed all night at Bro. J. J. Green's 6116 Colorado Street. We called up a few of our old friends that night. Brother Gray, the pastor of our great church in that city. We had a pleasant chat with him. He wanted us to come to the Church that night, but we were too exhausted to attempt anything more that day. We rested over night and got on our way early for Kansas City, Mo. through rain, snow, and some wind, but not enough to tie us up so we made it into the City on good time. We found our friends waiting our coming. We went out to the prayer service where we witnessed a very fine program sponsored by the usher board of Dr. S. S. Myers' Church. We met a fine group of young and old, about forty in number, at a mid-week meeting. I am sure this is interesting to all preachers and leaders in the kingdom building. Brother Myers seems to have things under hand in a fine way. We spent two days in the twin cities. We got in touch with a fine lot of our friends.

Brother A. W. Davis and his good wife; Mr. Horace Garvin, who was at that time, sick in bed and his dear wife, who had just passed on, taken ill trying to wait on her husband by whose side she walked for nearly fifty-five years in wedded devotion. She leaves her husband and son, Roy, and her sister to carry on. I attended the funeral, which was sweet as it has ever been my lot to attend and I have attended many. I reached Muskogee, Okla. on Saturday, the 15th, about 3:00 A.M.—met at the train by Brother Barrett and we were carried to his pleasant home where we were happily entertained for a week or more. We preached for one week with our people there and we had a fine fellowship there with the good people. They were much in need of a preacher and are still in need of one, but my people must learn to appreciate more kindly those who are fitted, and situated most conveniently to serve them. Some times a patient is sick, and we go to the expense to get a specialist and before we have secured him the patient is dead, perhaps a home remedy would have saved him. Here is a man on the ground who has his home or perhaps a job of some kind where he can at least help himself to live, and yet we cannot use him. We have nothing against his life of character but just some few of us don't like his preaching and so we conclude that the whole body must be governed by what suits one, regardless of consequences. I have seen some fine opportunities thwarted just by this kind of procedure. I know where a preacher was teaching we had an excuse that he was not giving enough time to his pastorate, so we must have a change. When at the very same time we could not pay the man a living wage. The only time I have ever seen the majority of my people satisfied with a man was when he was digging down in a gutter or pedalling cosmetics or something of that kind. We are going good then, and how can we expect our pulpits to be filled with men who could or can draw on the public as long as these conditions prevail.

Returning home through Tulsa, we saw Brother Charles Webb and his good wife who are carrying on in a very fine way. She is teaching some primary grades from the public school. She handles some two or three hundred children every week, which in time means that some of them will be in the Church if he is allowed to stay on the job. Back in Kansas again, preached for Dr. Myers good people and we had a fine time, and next over the river to Bro. McDuff's Church. We spoke for them two nights. A nice crowd out even though the wind and dust was terrific. Then came Sun-

day where we met a very appreciative audience in the old Church where Dr. Crawford sponsored for nearly twelve years. We found a very fine congregation. We preached morning and evening. Bro. Ramon Walton worshiped with us there. In the morning en route to Nashville, Tenn. to see his Godfather, Bro. Crawford.

Out Monday for home and we stopped over all night again at St. Louis where we were in the home of Bro. and Sister Gray, and we preached for them at the church that night. We had a fine audience for Monday night, and the brethren every where we went treated us to the best. I saw Sister Rosa Brown Bracy at the service and she and others wanted to prolong my visit but my wife was not feeling so well so we thought best to make it for home—so home we came.

FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE

By Alexander Craggett

The month of March was made saddened by the death of Mother Harrison, who was a charter member of the Cedar Avenue Church. She was a real soul saver for Christ, bringing children to the church that might be saved and learn of Christ. Along with sadness there comes happiness and our happiness was the coming of Mr. Eppse to speak to our congregation.

The coming of Mr. Eppse was the real highlight of the month. I know many Plea readers heard him on "Wings Over Jordan," if they did not they missed one of the greatest treats of their lives. I not only had the privilege of hearing him broadcast but to sit through the entire broadcast in Radio Station WGAR and watch the entire program which was the greatest thrill of my life. At our eleven o'clock services the members were afforded the privilege of hearing him bring a dynamic sermon. To the Disciples of Christ, Mr. Eppse is one who stands four square for the gospel and the real Church of Christ. Men like Mr. Eppse will solve the problem needed in our brotherhood.

The Youth Meet held in Cincinnati, March 8-10 was another highlight this time for the young people. The youth meet was the largest held of the six that we have had. It is sponsored by the Ohio Mission Society in cooperation with the Negro state board. The faculty for this year was as follows: Mrs. E. K. Higdon, former missionary to the Phillipines and now of the United Society; Miss Bertha F. Park, State Secretary of Women's Work for Ohio, W. E.

Starn, Director of Young People's Work for Ohio; Vance Smith, Regional Worker for Ohio; Mrs. A. P. Arnold of Columbus, Miss Marian Anderson, Negro representative to the Amsterdam Conference; Rev. S. C. Devine, host to the meet; Mrs. J. M. Myers, State Secretary for Negro Women's Work; and Mrs. Pearl Craggett, the mother of the youth meet. The Cleveland delegation of fifteen was the largest of the total delegation of sixty which was shared with eight other churches. The youth meet also admitted several Kentucky young people from bordering towns, and also had in the youth meet Miss Edith Wilson of Louisville, Ky.

The mercury dipping to eleven degrees did not hamper the members from coming out Easter to attend the Easter services beginning at 5:30 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. that night. The morning was started with Sunrise Prayer Service followed by Sunday School and then morning church service. The Sunday Schools' Easter program was given at 3:00 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. Katie White and Mrs. E. Coles. The night service was rendered by the choir who gave their Easter Cantata under the direction of Professor Mark G. Lawson.

The fifth Sunday night the church presented "King of Kings" through Rev. Kendall of Dunham Avenue Christian Church, and was shown to crowded church.

The attendance for March was greater than January and February combined due to the Sunday night services that have been installed to build up night services. The attendance was greater at night than it was for morning services.

Rev. L. L. Dickerson of Covington, Ky., who was Mother Harrison's choice to preach her funeral also preached to the congregation while he was in Cleveland.

MESSAGE TO BROTHERHOOD (Continued from Page 5)

The National Convention is in a healthy condition, not in a crisis, but going forward, helping to build church houses and planting the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men. We should not be surprised of things as they are changing to meet the need of a changing world. So all Religious bodies, had to amend their Constitutions so that it would fit into the present day needs. Our great International Convention, had to amend their Constitution, there is nothing wrong about that. I hope that we will get to the place, when we will quit hollering Wolf, Wolf, when there is no Wolf around. But lift up your heads, open your pocket books, support the program with your money and your time,

and you will not have time to see the Wolf.

The National Convention is growing, the Knoxville Convention appointed a Commission to study our Constitution. The St. Louis Convention, reaffirmed this action and went one step farther. There was a resolution passed Memorializing the agencies that make up the International Convention to study the relationship of our National Convention to the various agencies.

This was accepted by all, and the committees will meet in a few days. Third, the Christian Plea has been rehabilitated, and is on its way to success. The new feature in our program was the observance of the Family Day, when Prof. Merle R. Eppse, representing the National Convention and spoke to Seventy Million on Discipleship. So we are looking now forward to a great program for the National Convention, which meets in Little Rock, Ark., August 22, 1940.

But in the midst of all of our planning, our mission in the world is to take heed to the great commission, Go ye therefore and teach all nations, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God forbid the time to ever come, that we will be too busy, whether local, district or state, tri-state or National to carry out this commission if a soul is to be saved. Now brethren, may the God of peace and love keep you, and that we will work with all of our soul, mind and strength to put the program over at home and around the world.

MT. STERLING KENTUCKY NEWS

By Prof. J. E. Bean
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Misses Susie Lee and Elizabeth Dean Jones attended the Second District Bible Institute at Paris, Ky., and report a very interesting and profitable meeting. Brother A. D. Gault presided and Professor Vance Smith put his regional program over in a fine manner. Delegates representing this church at the Sixth District institute which convened at Little Rock, Ky., were Carol Jones and Mesdames Sarah Bailey and Maggie McClure. Although the day was rainy the session was well attended. Among the State officers were Miss Edith Wilson, Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick of Louisville, and Brother A. D. Gault of Germantown. All reported a profitable program. Elder J. E. Blair has been called to serve another year by the High Street Christian Church. Brother Blair and family were pleasantly surprised several nights ago when a crowd of about sixty members

under the shadows of night moved quietly from the home of Deacon and Mrs. Stawther Grubbs across the street to the parsonage singing "Someone Is Knocking at Your Door." A nice number of gifts are still following in the path of the "Storm" and for which the Pastor and his family are very proud and grateful to the members and friends.

The Church Aid Society under the leadership of Mrs. Eliza Jackson is taking on new growth in its drive for membership. The Society met at the home of Mrs. Lee Kelly and Miss Lena Hathaway, Tuesday. After the program and dispatch of business everyone enjoyed a delicious repast served by the twin sister. The Third Sunday in March was a high water financial drive for the Sunday School. After a very appropriate program the rally resulted in thirty-five dollars. Mrs. Amy V. Stockton, is superintendent. National Convention Day in March resulted in an offering of six dollars. One dollar each given by Miss Maggie Scott and Prof. J. E. Bean. Sunrise services were held at the Church on Easter morning. The Young Peoples Circle is having some very interesting meetings. The Oratorical Review given at the church Monday night sponsored by the Christian Endeavor was well attended and quite a success. An attendance drive is now launched by our Pastor for the fourth Sunday in April. Five hundred members is the goal. Listen in for the Convention.

MAYSLICK FOLK HAVE A MIND TO WORK

By A. D. Gault, Route 2
Mayslick, Ky.

Dear Readers:

I would just like to say that Mayslick is still on the firing line. In January our good Pastor, Rev. D. L. Botts divided the church into four clubs. Our goal is to raise \$100 by May 5. A fifth club headed by the Pastor and his wife had the singers from Lexington and sponsored a supper on March 30. The Church has been painted on the inside. Club No. 2 with A. D. Gault as Captain plan to have the Hi-Y Gospel Singers from Sharpesburg April 27th. We hope to do more work in the future. The writer attended the District meeting of District six, Sunday, March 31. When the Mt. Sterling State Convention convenes let us go in big delegations. A fine convention is anticipated by all.



MRS. SARAH L. BOSTICK
Little Rock, Ark.

MRS. BOSTICK WANTS CREDIT
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Dear Editor:

I wish to say that I have spent lots of lonely weeks without this great paper and a few weeks ago it was a very happy visitor to my home. I shall endeavor to help to get it in every home. I have been ill most of the fall and winter. I must express thanks to all those that sent me telegrams and resolutions to the funeral of my husband. It is late but not too late to give you thanks for the interest you have expressed. I wish to say to my surprise, I read the National Convention reports given by Mrs. Rosa Bracy, our National Secretary, and found that our little church S. S. and Missionary Society was not on the Arkansas list. This is the first time in its history since 1901. I had a reliable young man here to send \$7.00 to Mrs. Herod in care of Mrs. Bracy, in order that it would get there on Woman's Day at St. Louis, Mo. We are very much surprised to learn this. It was sent as a special delivery. Elder J. W. Forbs, the Pastor of Wrightville Church sent one dollar. I have written Mrs. Herod and Mrs. Bracy concerning this money. This money was sent from the three departments. A letter was sent to give each department's amount.

We wish to say that Elder W. M. Martin, our Evangelist is doing a very splendid work in this state with its money problems. Our District meetings held quarterly are very interesting. Mt. Sianai Church here in North Little Rock is beginning to wake up. Elder B. H. Armstrong from Oak Grave Scott is coming to us twice a month. Our Missionary Society is working with a few members.

Many thanks to Mrs. Preston Taylor and her big heart in helping with the Christian Plea. Enclosed find one dollar for my subscription.

EVANGELISM



REV. R. L. PETERS

**VIRGINIA—WEST VIRGINIA
NORTH CAROLINA
TRI-STATE ECHOES**

Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way.
sa. 30-21.

By Rev. R. L. Peters
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Among the Churches
Spencer Memorial, Winston-Salem
The Services Easter climaxed all previous ones. The program of the day as follows.
5:00 O'clock A.M.
Quiet Hour Prayer Meeting and Baptismal Services.

11:30 A.M.
Easter Sermon and Holy Communion. Subject: Proof of Christ's Resurrection.

6:30 P.M.
Easter Program by the Young People of Sunday School and C. E. Society.

7:30 P.M.
Beginning of Two Weeks Revival. Evangelist M. E. Davidson of Charlotte, N.C., guest speaker. Several new members have been added to the church thus far and the Revival is still in progress with crowds increasing at every service and a good many

accessions to date. The Evangelist is above the average woman Evangelist, her Sermons are full of thus saith the "Word," and full of timely illustrations.

Something out of (the ordinary) happened, during the meeting: The Evangelist preached herself out of her church (The Congregation Church) into the Christian Church and from now on she will wear no name but the Divine. Acts: 11-26. Having no creed but Christ. 1 Cor. 3-11. No book but the Bible. 2 Tim. 3:16-17. No commands but Christ. John 3-5.

We are stressing Stewardship in every Message from now until Pentecost and the church is responding encouragingly.

The Churches throughout Tri-State Area are progressing numerically and financially as well as Spiritually.

First Christian Church, Stuart, Virginia, and Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Virginia, Rev. Eugene Patterson, Minister are leading all churches in the district.

Rev. McCartha Brown, City Missionary of Winston-Salem, sent out from Spencer Memorial Church is doing splendid work and having good success. He's a splendid Preacher. Several have been converted under his preaching since he has been chosen City Missionary.

Evangelism

By what method should Evangelism be carried on?

Answer

Read the New Testament. You will find it just as the Lord himself taught his disciples. It was both personal and in masses: Nothing new can beat it. Let us carry on as did Christ and His Apostles, don't change for any human made plan, back to the Book, let it be our cry.

Owing to extreme cold weather we have not gone out on the field. We will be out in a few days. This is our "Itinerary."

Winchester, Kentucky, April 10 to 24. Two weeks.

Rogersville, Tenn., April 28 to May 12. Two weeks.

Columbus, Ohio, May 19 to June 2. Two weeks.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 3 to 17. Two weeks.

Sunday, March 31, I was guest speaker, at Charity Christian Church, Martinsville, Va. People of the City, County, and State, and from beyond state lines were in large numbers. The church was filled to overflow and hundreds standing on the outside that could not get in. Parking space for cars was at a premium.

No sermons preached for the month of March.

No accessions.

No miles traveled.

—Rev. R. L. Peters



EVANGELIST M. E. DAVIDSON
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Evangelist M. E. Davidson, is a young woman still in her twenties. She is a High School graduate and two years in college. She has filled the following positions:

Clerk in the American Woodmen and Worthy Guardian of the organization. Her line in church work is as follows: Church Clerk, taught Kindergarten and also classes in training for service.

She has been recently appointed Evangelist and Deputy Field Financial Secretary of Churches of Christ in Tri-State Area. She has a wonderful knowledge of the Scripture—an Elocutionist; a fluent speaker. She believes in the Bible Method of financing the church. She majors in soul winning and lifting mortgages and paying churches out of debt.



MISS CARNELLA JAMISON

JAMISON'S COLUMN

LET THE WOMEN RISE

In past years when crises have come, the women of the world have risen to the occasion and met it valiantly. In the dark days of the great war to end war, the women of our nation arose to the occasion by taking on extra burdens of manual labor which were left by the men who went to the front. Because the women had faith that this war would end war, they served only to discover that they were disillusioned to find that today another war disturbs the peace of the world.

Women have encouraged the building of educational plants, hospitals, homes for the homeless and aged and others have continued to try to meet the needs of humanity.

Women have always endorsed and supported a missionary program which has aided humanity throughout the ages. Church women have supported numerous causes because they have keen sensibilities of need and are interested in Kingdom Building.

Church women continue to rally to great causes. In our own brotherhood church women have given strong support to missions—local, home, and foreign. Always when the need is greatest, church women match the need with their greatest strength.

Within the past year and continuously China Relief is claiming and challenging the hands and hearts of church women. Is it just then to say that church women represent the most sensitive group in America?

The women of America spend eighty-five per cent of the American laborer's money. They ought increasingly to realize the responsibility of stewardship.

One of the greatest challenges which has come to us as church women is the present need for a boys dormitory at S.C.I. and a general undergirding of our brotherhood work. At the St. Louis National Convention we pledged \$500 (five hundred dollars) for a budget item at Southern Christian Institute. Our total offerings for work done through U.C.M.S. last year amounted to \$3,923.02.

While the actual cash expended totaled about \$37,754.08. Is there need then for the church women to rise and go forward under the leadership of our ministers who are leaders of the Christian principles of life? The work of our church moves forward on the feet of womanhood cooperating willingly with the men of the church to make Christ known among all nations.

Let the women of the church rise to the needs of the day. There is only a short time until the close of the fiscal year. The needs must be met—let the women rise up and lead the challenge of this great cause.

WOMEN'S PAGE

"BONES WITH MEAT ON 'EM"

By Mrs. Alpha P. Arnold
Director of Christian Education
Monroe Avenue Christian Church
Columbus, Ohio

The things that some people do get riled up about are not only interesting but funny! Remember the popular song hit of a few years back about removing your skin and dancing around in your bones (the death dance) for that's what some of our bone picking amounts to today. When we strap off the meat we have only the dry bones. Some of our pratings about what's wrong with this, and how unrefined is that and how unlearned is the other reminds me of a note which a professor wrote on a theme of mine which I believed to be tops, the note read: "Your diagnosis is very good, what about the panacea?"

Aren't we rattling a lot of dry bones without any meat on them when we start at the top to build a brotherhood? What is the local church doing to grow strong Christians, to make disciples that will not run away when the going's tough; disciples who believe in the worth of the individual regardless of his college, social prestige, intellectual achievements, color, financial backing and the like. Christ has not asked us to choose his followers for he plainly says, "Ye did not choose me but I chose you." And certainly He has no such requirements as we have by which to qualify those who would seek Him and His righteousness.

According to some of our eminent church diagnosticians today everything is wrong with us and their prescription is like the doctor's who told a patient whom he had examined that all he needed to make him well was to have all of his teeth taken out and the patient answered, "All of them?" "Yes," replied the doctor, "every one of them." With that the patient opened his mouth and removed both his lower and upper plates.

Do you have any trouble explaining what you are when you tell someone you are a member of the Christian Church? I met a very fine young woman out in Oklahoma who said she



HEADS OF THE WOMEN DEPARTMENT, MONROE AVENUE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH, COLUMBUS OHIO

Left to right—Mrs. Clara Fowler, President Missionary Society; Mrs. A. B. Porter, President Good Cheer Circle; Mrs. Aileen Saunder, President Dorcas Aid Society; Mrs. V. Fosky, Vice President; Mrs. Myrtle Gilbert, President Willing Workers Aid Society.

didn't tell people she was a member of the Christian Church because they always misunderstood her and she had to answer so many questions as to what her church meant. There are at least 84 more out of every hundred who will say the same as this young woman. They are not ashamed of their church, no, not that, but they are not taught enough to be as proud of their church as of their family name.

I have stopped trying to explain to my friends of the denominational churches why Christian Churches have such small memberships and why it is so hard to find one when we go into a community. I just say we are just plain lazy, don't care to advertise ourselves and our goods and if the mountain doesn't come to us we'll never know whether it carries a forest on its back or not. Dr. Eppse's broadcast on "Wings Over Jordan" last month was the best piece of advertising the Negro Disciples have had as a National body for twenty-five years. Is that right or isn't it? Even a still stream gets stormy sometimes. We are too satisfied with the "faithful few" membership.

Once I boasted to a Baptist friend of mine about my church when he asked me, "Why is it that your Negro Churches of Christ do not grow as do the white?" "Oh," I said, "we have an educated ministry, a trained laity, we don't emphasize the emotional side of religion, and therefore we only appeal to the thinking classes

of Negroes." Do I need to tell you that I felt like a mustard seed when he replied: "So that's why your churches don't grow. Don't you think it's going to take an awfully long time to reach the world at that rate, realizing that the masses of our people do not fit into the brackets you named?" Since then I've done a lot of thinking about this bone. Have we really been putting the emphasis in the right place? When we get the people in the church we can train them to appreciate our vested ministers and choirs, eloquent philosophical addresses on Sunday morning, no service at all on Sunday evening, summer seminars at District, State and National Conventions, classical music and Sunday School classes for the college students and graduates. We'll have to bring them in first even if we follow just so simply the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things . . ." Teaching follows reaching.

Do our Young People know and are they often reminded of the rich heritage that is theirs in the great personalities of our great church? Do our youth know P. H. Moss, Preston Taylor, H. L. Herod, Wm. Alphin, Rosa Bracy, Carnella Jamison, R. H. Peoples, Ida Taylor and Elizabeth Herod as they know such persons as Paul L. Dunbar, Lincoln,

Booker T. Washington, Marion Anderson, Joe Louis, Cab Calloway or Maxine Sullivan? Do any of the excellent personalities of the Christian church living or dead mean anything to the young Negro disciples; or do they have a vague who-in-thunder-is that look on their faces when any one of their names is mentioned?

Maybe it's up to the women, and since this is a "Women's Issue," to put some meat on the bones that are lying around drying out, either through their culinary arts or otherwise. It is the men, you know who are the thinking principle of the world and if they are allowed to just think and think and think we should all very soon be safely tucked away as skeletons in some closet; but happy are we, indeed, that the women are the feeling principle of the world and with their feeling and men's thinking together have kept a sense of touch present in the world, and saved us all from becoming skeletons.

"If we must have bones to gnaw or pick as you choose let's put some meat on 'em."

THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM

By Mrs. Pearl Cragget, 6708 Belvidere Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

How many of us answered the call for a sacrificial gift on Easter Sunday? I wonder if through our brotherhood when all the money is counted whether there will be enough money to preach Christ one day around the world. How many of us observed Easter week of Prayer? How many of our officers and men of the church attended Sunrise Prayer Services?

The call of the Kingdom to many of our men and women answered this God's kingdom could be built in our conventions the world would be saved. Our men and women are on parade. We use every method to get an office we accept any suggestion to get an office and then go back home and do nothing. Won't work with the Missionary Society and sometimes won't attend the regular church services. As Brother Paul and Brother Peter says, we will undermine anybody for an office or a pulpit.

Our own Sister Taylor issued a call in the last issue of the **Plea** for women to rally and save the **Plea**. Where are those preachers and laymen who were in our last convention? Now women, let us answer Sister Taylor's call.

The 30th of June will soon be here which will mark the close of our missionary year. A few of the urgent calls before the close of missionary year are: first, please raise your missionary apportionments. Second, answer the call to help raise the \$25,000 for the first unit of the men's dormitory at Southern Christian College.

Third, for a heating plant and the president's home at Jarvis Christian College. This must be done because two more of our large City Churches have been added to the list of mission churches, and may I say if the preachers and laymen don't support the missionary society and the great missionary program all the churches will soon be mission churches. The light that shines the farthest away shines the brightest at home. If your church supports the missionary program it will pay their pastors.

We hear the call from our churches for trained leaders. Our church here rejoiced a few Sundays ago when Bro. Eppse spoke over "Wings over Jordan" and brought a great message to our people at the eleven o'clock service. Then at 3 o'clock when he spoke at the Progressive Negro Hour. This group always tries to stump their speakers by asking them questions they can't answer. This time the tables were turned because when he had finished his message they had nothing to say. We want him back soon.

As our sons and daughters come back from school and take their places in our churches. We need trained leaders to help them. God hasten the day when we can go to our conventions and sit down together in the oneness of mind, a oneness of purpose with Christ as our leader with consecrated men and women with trained leaders who count not their lives dear. Who will be as Judson of Burma who here the call of the kingdom and check your own society and your state, and see to it that your missionary goal is reached. To your state and district and help them answer this call, by helping them to raise their missionary apportionment. See how many individuals who will send \$2.00 to share their money with those who are preaching Christ one minute around the world. Send their names to the U. C. M. S. before the 30th of June. Get subscription to our brotherhood papers so they will know the needs of our own brotherhood, also the call for the world needs.

To answer the call of our National Convention. To your state president and local societies remember you owe \$10.00 for children organization to the National Convention. Can Christ count on you? Can our brotherhood count on you?

IT IS SPRING, LIFE IS AWAKENING, SHALL WE DO LESS?

By Mrs. Clara D. Fowler

National and State Children's Worker

1180 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio

Dear Co-workers:

Those of you who are working for Christ and His Church in the saving

of our souls and for those who are working in the interest of the program of the W.M.S. with its several organizations, what are you doing to instill in the children the spirit of the great commission—"Go ye into all the world." The Church of Christ with its four point program has a complete and perfect setup with the church standing as a beacon light, the Bible School, the Missionary Society, leaving the work (Woman) off, all have their part in leading boys and girls to the church and to Christ. The Youth meets and Summer Conferences are doing a fine work in training young people. What are we doing for the child from birth up to that age of training? This tender age when the seeds are sown and take root. In the interest of these children I appeal to the Presidents of these local organizations that the children be organized and reports made of activities to the U.C.M.C., to your state and to me. Let us all pull together for Missionary organizations and for our great National Convention. When I say report, I mean financially that is the second great need, third building character. Christian character building in boys and girls is quite necessary in order to develop fine young people into great men and women. The U.C.M.S. needs the financial cooperation that our schools and colleges may move on and become more adequate as the needs demand. Our great National Convention needs financial aid, our States need developing and your local churches need to be revitalized and substantiated by giving the children the training in Missions. It has been well said, "Give a man something noble to think about and he will find something worthy to do. May we pull together as one family for Children Missionary Organizations and may I hear from you.

NOTES FROM THE MAGNOLIA STATE

By I. C. Franklin
Port Gibson, Miss.

Dear Readers of the **Plea**:

This comes to say we are still alive, doing the best we can under the existing conditions. We enjoy reading the **Plea**. Each issue is better and better. We have no criticism to make. The **Plea** is a welcome visitor to our home. I enjoy reading it to my wife while she is confined to bed unable to read. She enjoys hearing it read.

We both enjoy "Thinking Out Loud" by Paul and Peter and the articles by Brothers and Sisters Quit. Because of the illness of Mrs.

Franklin I have not been able to go among the churches to carry out the program we had planned. Our District meeting in February was held at Pine Grove Church. Prof. J. M. Cowan was present, Elder L. R. Garrison introduced Prof. Cowan. You who are acquainted with Elder Garrison know that he is a ready speaker and can give any kind of introduction.

The Mound Bayou District was held at Clarksdale, the fourth Saturday and Sunday in February. Prof. Cowan and Prof. E. L. Brown were quite an inspiration to the meeting.

We are planning to have a Young Peoples Meet at Pine Grove beginning May 31 and ending June 2. Last year's meet was quite successful. This year we are planning a better one. We are in hopes to hold one in the Mound Bayou district. As to the churches thanks to the Lord they did not go into winter quarters. The churches are looked after very carefully by our ministers. Although they are few, they seem to be doing a creditable work. As long as they keep up as they are our churches will not go into winter quarters. As they are stationed, they can keep the fires burning all around. There is Elder L. R. Garrison at Zion and also the District Evangelist of No. 1; Elder N. R. Trevillian stationed at Rose Hill, Fayette, St. Luke and Providence, he will be able to keep things going at those places.

Elder D. Jackson is doing a fine work at Christian Chapel. Elder John West is preaching at Union Hill, where a new church is needed because the other one burned. Elder Tisdale was elected at Antioch and just preached his first sermon for them on March 24. Elder J. H. Miller is slow but he is holding the fort at Big Zion and Grand Gulf. Well our small preacher in physique but very large in the New Testament Doctrine, in the person of Elder J. C. Norrells is doing a fine work at Firest Grove, Hermanville, St. Elmore and West Point. The other strong gospel preacher, in the person of Elder S. D. Yarber has the work at College Addition, Bethel McKenny Chapel and evangelist work in District No. 2.

Elder B. L. Jacobs is stationed at Jackson and is planning on building a modern church.

In the Mound Bayou District Elder E. Griffin is taking care of the church in Mound Bayou, Clarksdale and Shaw. He has built a very nice church at Clarksdale. Elder G. W. Walls is the District evangelist of Mound Bayou District and preaches for the Church at Blane and Center Point. He is steady and loved by all.

At Pine Grove, Indianola, and Greenwood, Elder Franklin is present whenever possible. We have on

a building program at Greenwood, a program for paying for the church at Indianola and the completion of the church at Pine Grove. This is the place where the choir really sings.

During the first of the year the Lord took from us one of the best deacons we had in the person of

Brother Isom Johnson, but, thanks to Him, he left us his wife who is the leader in the Missionary work.

One criticism of the Magnolia State is we do not have as many subscribers to the **Plea** as I would like to have. I hope we can improve on this handicap.

OUR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES



MRS. ARAH EVANS GARRETT

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FOUNDER'S DAY

By Arah Evans Garrett, Secretary
State Missionary Society
Granger, Texas

It was my rare privilege and profound pleasure to attend the First Founder's Day Exercise at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, March 30, 1940.

The names Frost, Berry and Ervin are inseparable from Jarvis.

Tommy Frost, the first man to turn the soil where the now marvelous Jarvis towers in cultural aspect; the first man to fell a tree as a clearance from a vast wilderness, which twenty-nine years hence, would be the mecca for youth even as far as Africa, giving to them a passport to a larger, richer and more abundant life; analogously, Tommy Frost was the first speaker to historically, wittingly, and humorously narrate the traditional past of Jarvis. Tom Frost has no alphebetical "what nots" attached to his name but his wizardry as a soil technician, he has a coveted distinction of one of the greatest Industrialists of the generation.

As we sat in the spacious Mess Hall

satiating our "ultr-appetite" with lusciousness of Spring vegetables and home cured ham, our adoration was aroused for the second trail blazer who hedged the Board's call "Go ye into Texas and make scholars of youths." Charles Albert Berry was first instructor of literary work at Jarvis. Mr. Berry with skill, technique and earnest effort is bringing forth from the bowels of the earth the vegetables and plant life which laden the tables and would appall the horticulturists of California or the Rio Grande Valley.

We are reminded here that two general types of folk inhabit the earth. Those who live by the sweat of their own brow and those who live by the efforts of others. Truly Professors Frost and Berry belong in the first category. They have convinced the most skeptical that are masters of their field and are walking monuments to Southern Christian Institute where each received his initial training. To them I dedicate the following poem:

"If with pleasure you are viewing
Some good work someone is doing,
If you like or if you love him,
tell him now.

Don't with hold your approbation
Till some preacher makes oration
And the snowy lilies lies o'er his brow.

Makes no difference how you shout it,

He won't care one thing about it
He won't know how many tear drops you have shed.

If you think some praise is due him
Now is the time to slip it to him
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

More than life and more than money,

Is the comment warm and sunny
And the hearty warm approval of a friend.

For it gives to life a savior
And it makes you strong and braver
And it gives you heart and courage to the end

If he earns you praise bestow it,
If you like him let him know it
Let the true words of encouragement be said.

Do not wait till life is over

And he lies beneath the clover
For he cannot read his tombstone
when he's dead."

As we observed the magnitude of Jarvis, we were again enthralled by the magnanimity of one preeminent character who has steered Jarvis College through fires, flames and floods of financial difficulties and gave cultural prestige to a senior college with no apologies.

If I were permitted to inscribe the epitaph of the lamented J. N. Ervin, these simple words would emblazon it. "Stranger, here lies the incomparable school administrator and friend of man." The three above named characters with the encouragement and help of their excellent wives have enshrined their names in the hearts of all mankind who admire courage, who revere faith, who appreciate work and applaud success.

You do not invade Jarvis' campus far now before you are greeted with a friendly smile, warm hand shake, and cherry wards of the princely P. Clarence Washington, who in the prime of life and with his queenly wife is making his contribution to Jarvis as the fearless and youngest Negro College president in Texas. He too, had his initial training in the older Sister School of Jarvis- Lum Alabama Graded School and S.C.I. With the faith of his pioneer fathers, the ambition of Timothy, the love of John, the courage of Paul and the persistence of the Devil, his life "Beneath the spangled galaxy of heaven is like iridescent jewels soft gleaming in the moon's pale glory."

To you who never thought seriously of Founder's Day or for lack of interest and inspiration remained at home at your tasks and if you thought at all it was casually, I must inform you, you missed flaming messages of white and Negro representatives. You missed the fellowship of the remaining few of the "old gang of ours" as K. S. Smith, W. M. Wilson, Brother Rogers, Harry G. Smith, Miss S. P. venton Walker, President of the State Missionary Societies, I. Q. Hurdle, President of the State Convention and the eloquence of T. W. Pratt, State Bible School President. You missed one of the very awe inspiring messages of the Editor of the *Christian Plea*, Dr. Eppse. Never a man spoke like this in a college auditorium. You missed the communion with the Holy Spirit as this dignitary and ambassador pointed out true living or life to us by building "Upon this Rock."

To the women especially of Texas, arouse from your stupor of doubt and rejoice that you are an integral part of the Women's Missionary Society. Rejoice that you have shared and yet share the work of the source from which marvelous Jarvis issued forth.

Rejoice that you may taste the sweetness of the fruition of the dream for which your and my Mothers prayed, paid and worked. Even their names may go unheralded and unsung, we who know have had a richer fuller and sweeter life by their efforts so well begun.

May the God who is fully able to do exceedingly, abundantly more than we can think or ask, inspire all of us to amply do our part as their souls go marching on while we work for a greater and better Jarvis.

MT. BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB (S.C.I.)

Mrs. Lesly Clark, Reporter
3315 Giles Ave., Chicago, Ill.

April 8, 1940

In our last report we were asking all alumni of Mt. Beulah College to remember the "Wings Over Jordan" broadcast on which Professor Merl R. Eppse was to speak. We also stated that our club was sponsoring a "Radio Breakfast" for club members and friends.

Twenty-five members and friends were present. If you did not listen in you have no idea what a grand treat you missed. Most of us didn't know Mr. Eppse nor had heard him speak, but after hearing that wonderful address it began to dawn upon us what a truly great man he is and how fortunate we were to have him deliver the address at our annual program.

The reception honoring Mr. Eppse was held on Easter Saturday and it was a beautiful affair.

On Easter Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock the annual program was held. Mr. Eppse addressed an audience of between 800 and 1000 persons on the subject: "Sign Posts on the Negro Highway." The audience was thrilled with this stirring message.

The Mt. Beulah College Club thought he was grand on the "Wings Over Jordan" program but on Easter Sunday he was superb. I think that we, as Disciples of Christ ought to feel mighty proud of this young man. Not only because he is a Disciple, but because he is a Negro Disciple. The Chicago Negroes realize what a great man he is. They are reading his book; they came to hear him speak and they are still talking about it.

The Mt. Beulah Choral Group furnished the music for the program and everybody said it was grand. Mr. E. C. Welch directed the group.

Sunday, April 7 was our regular meeting date and in spite of the downpour of rain there were eleven members and three visitors present.

Mr. Ishmael Florey a representative of the Chicago Council of the National Negro Congress was guest speaker. He was very interesting. He

asked that a committee from the club be sent to investigate the council. Mrs. Rosa Welch was elected to represent the club at the Negro National Congress which will convene in Washington, D.C., April 26, 27, 28.

We hope that every former student of S.C.I. will remember to send a gift to help toward the building of the new "Boys Dormitory."

JARVIS NEWS

PROF. EPPSE

FOUNDERS' DAY SPEAKER

March 30, 1940 was a Memorable Day for Jarvis Christian College. The first Founders' Day in the history of the college was celebrated.

The Olympic pre-view track meet of 1940 was started at 9 o'clock. The Star Spangle Banner was played as athletics of the four college classes marched around the Jarvis Stadium. The Alma Mater was sung and the meet was immediately started.

The track meet was won by the Freshman college class with 30 points; followed by the Juniors with 26 points; third place went to the Sophomores with 14 points; while trailing were the Seniors with 7 points.

After the last event on the track program, which was the mile relay, individual awards were presented to the winners by Cleopra Haynes, who is "Miss Jarvis." President P. C. Washington presented "Miss Jarvis" a gold loving cup, who in turn presented the cup to Mr. J. C. McCoy, the sponsor of the freshman class as symbolic of the team championship. The cup will be placed in Jarvis Trophy Case.

The main program started at 2 o'clock p.m. in the Mary Ervin Chapel. Every available seat in the chapel was taken. President Washington acted as master of ceremonies.

The original founders of Jarvis, Messers Frost, Berry, Smith and Rogers were represented by Mr. Frost, who gave the complete history for the institution.

Prof. Pratt of Dallas, Texas gave a very inspiring talk on "Social Adjustment."

Music was furnished at intervals by the Jarvis Christian College Choir under the direction of Mrs. O. S. Barker.

The treat of the day was the speech given by Prof. Eppse, of Tennessee State College, who spoke from the subject, "Upon This Rock."

Prof. Eppse who is a well known Historian and authority on the Negro, enlightened the crowd, with a few pointed facts concerning the Negro.

Several members of the Texas Board were present. A World Brother-

hood speech was given by Mrs. Mings of Big Sandy, Texas.

Members of the audience gave very liberally to the cause of the Ervin Memorable Scholarship Fund.

With the singing of "the Old Gold and Blue" the benediction was rendered, closing a great program.

The picture of the Founders' Day crowd was taken in front of the Academic Building.

A reception was given for the guest in the college dining hall. Entertainment was furnished by "the Three B's," a musical trio and radio artists.

Concluding the full days program was a play given in Mary Ervin Chapel, at 8 o'clock by the Biology Club, directed by Prof. E. W. Rand.

The committee is made up of the following, Professors McCoy, Dickson, Rand, Miss Carney, Secretary; W. M. Payne, Chairman.

ANNUAL MUSICAL A SUCCESS

On Friday night, March 22, 1940 the annual Jarvis Musical was given in Mary Ervin Chapel. It is interesting to note that people from the various communities around Jarvis attended. The Musical started at 8 p.m. Just five minutes after eight standing room only was available. The Musical was enjoyed by all.

Feature parts in the musical were taken by Miss Perle Peoples and Mr. Terry Alexander. Much credit should be given Mrs. Barker and Miss Ware who comprise the musical department.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT JARVIS

The week of March 18th through March 22nd was observed at Jarvis Christian College as a week of Prayer. Immediately following the evening was an hour was given to prayer services each evening. Rev. Dickson was in charge of the Prayer Service.

PRESIDENT RHODES OF BISHOP COLLEGE SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKER AT JARVIS

The Senior College class presented President Rhodes of Bishop College, of Marshall, Texas as guest speaker for Sunday Church Services, March 31st in the Mary Ervin Chapel.

President Rhodes spoke from the subject, "Stand On Your Feet" a very inspirational speech.

ATTENDED DEANS AND REGISTRARS MEETING

Dean Smith returned to the campus after having attended the Deans and Registrars Conference at Langston University in Oklahoma.

YOUTH CONFERENCE AT JARVIS

Youth Conference Week at Jarvis, April 8-13, 1940 inclusive. Elaborate plans have been made for the Youth Conference. Students from all departments of the college have registered. Classes will be held during the morning sessions. Recreation will be the theme during the afternoons.

Prof. E. W. Rand is Youth Director. Leading speakers for the conference will be Mr. R. H. Peoples, general secretary of Negro Churches and Miss Carnella Jamison.

RAMBLING AROUND JARVIS COLLEGE

It is true, in the spring time a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. Around Jarvis the young men's fancy turn to the outdoor sports. Each evening, one can observe many young men, taking part in baseball games and cavorting on the Tennis Courts.

—E. W. Rand



MRS. WILMA E. ERVIN

1643 Dunbar St., Knoxville, Tenn.

The widow of the late President J. N. Ervin of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. Mrs. Ervin is a great force in the Brotherhood.



MRS. K. H. DICKERSON
Lexington, Ky.

The Helpmate of Elder C. H. Dickerson, former Editor of the Christian Plea

HEALTHY LIVING

By Sonny Wicks, Son of Mrs. Rose Wicks, 1206 T. St., N.W. Washington, D.C.

To all of us men, women and children things might not seem dangerous to us as they are. For instance, alcohol is one of man's most dangerous drinks. Alcohol is a drink that is very harmful. An alcoholic drink

such as whiskey, wine, gin and rum are forbidden for people such as engineers or athletes, runners, singers, boxers and swimmers. Look at Jesse Owens and Joe Louis, our great men of our race. Did they drink alcoholic drinks? No, because they are Negroes who are very clever and smart.

Marian Anderson, a great Negro singer and Dr. George Carver, a Negro who discovered very interesting facts about the peanut. They are also people who do not drink alcoholic drinks. In Hollywood we have Miss Louis Beavers, star of "Life Goes On," Mr. Paul Robeson, star of "Dark Sands," Miss Maxine Sullivan, star of "St. Louis Blues," Mr. Bill Robinson, star of "Just Around the Corner," and Miss Hattie McDaniels, star of "Gone With the Wind." At the school we have Mrs. Mary Bethune of the Bethune-Cookman School. All of these great colored men and women do not drink alcoholic drinks.

NASHVILLE HAPPENINGS

Dr. L. H. Crawford and his good wife have recently taken up residence at 528 Fourth Ave., S. They are living in one of the homes of Mrs. Preston Taylor.

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Sixteen people have joined Lea Avenue Christian Church.

Elder Mallory has resigned from the Gay Street Christian Church.

Rev. Raymond Walton of Emporia, Kansas has been the guest speaker at Gay Street Christian Church for the week of April 9.

Mrs. Preston Taylor is much improved in health.

Sunrise services honoring the late Elder Preston Taylor were held Easter Sunday at Greenwood Park. The ground was covered with snow but the service was quite well attended with faithful friends of Mrs. Peston Taylor.

A surprise prayer meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Preston Taylor, on the evening of April 10. Headed by Elder Crawford, the pastor of Lea Avenue Christian Church, and the members this meeting was planned to cheer Mrs. Taylor in her brief illness. Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Eppse were designated as host and hostess. Prayer and songs and expressions of their appreciation to Mrs. Taylor for her Christian service to the Brotherhood made up the program for the evening. Mrs. Taylor on accepting the lovely flowers presented to her responded with sincere words of appreciation. We all pray that she will soon be her old self again.

South Side Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois, Rev. R. E. LaTouche, Pastor, raised \$5,922.09 last year. They have on hand \$781.85. This church is to be congratulated for such a fine report.

SOCIAL ACTION

By Mrs. Ruth Eppse

The NAACP. sent a letter to Mayor LaGuardia, New York City, asking that qualified Negroes be employed on the B.M.T. and I.R.T. subway lines after the city takes over these lines under the proposed plan for a unified city-owned rapid transit system.

The U. S. Supreme Court stopped the execution of Dave Canty, 26 year old Negro youth accused of murdering a white nurse in Montgomery, Alabama, March 19, 1938. The decision was based on the Constitutional right that every citizen accused of a crime must be guaranteed the right to a fair trial.

The erection of a library building for Negroes near Alexandria, Va., follows the finding of an Alexandria judge that there was no legal way

to bar Negroes from the city library. To forestall the use of the Library by Negroes, the City Council hastily voted to erect a building at an approximate cost of \$2,000. Enlargement and an addition of two wings were taken care of in the plans.

Commemorating the issuance of a Booker T. Washington postage stamp, Postmistress Mary D. Briggs spoke at the Avalon Christian Church, Avalon and 43rd Street, Los Angeles, Calif., April 7. National recognition was given by Postmaster General Farley who spoke at Tuskegee. His speech was broadcast from coast to coast.

A procession of hooded Ku Klux Klansmen marched from the Los Angeles City Hall through the downtown section. No effort by police was made to halt this march which lasted for two hours. This demonstration is believed to be only a part of the rebirth of this organization all over the country.

Millions of children in the United States, approximately 13,000,000, suffer disadvantages and handicaps arising out of the fact that they were born into groups widely regarded and treated as inferior to the major part of the population because of their racial or national origin. This statement was made by the childrens Bureau of the Department of Labor. Minority children are at the bottom of the economic scale and are segregated educationally and culturally.

The Negroes of Austin, Texas, are disturbed over the failure of the school board to raise the salaries of Negro teachers in the city schools. The Negro citizens supported a bond on a promise that a 10 per cent raise of teachers salaries would be given.

Mississippi has decided to abandon the idea of separate text books for Negroes. Due to the protest sent in from the American Civil Liberties Union the State realized that the unconstitutionality of such a law would not stand the test in court.

A colored person will head the Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte, N. C. for the first time in the institution's history on February 1, when Miss Marie Nixon, a graduate of St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, succeeds Miss Marian Bodey, a Negro will hold the position of Superintendent.

Dr. George W. Carver, after donating his life saving of \$33,000 as a nucleus for a scientific foundation, today urged the South to continue the chemical and agricultural research he began more than four decades ago.

For the United States as a whole, 60 per cent of the Negro population 5 to 20 years of age attended school in 1930, as compared with 53.5 percent in 1920, 44.7 percent in 1910, and only 9.2 per cent in 1870. The 1940 census, which will begin on April 1, is expected to show a higher percentage of Negro persons in school than ever before in history.

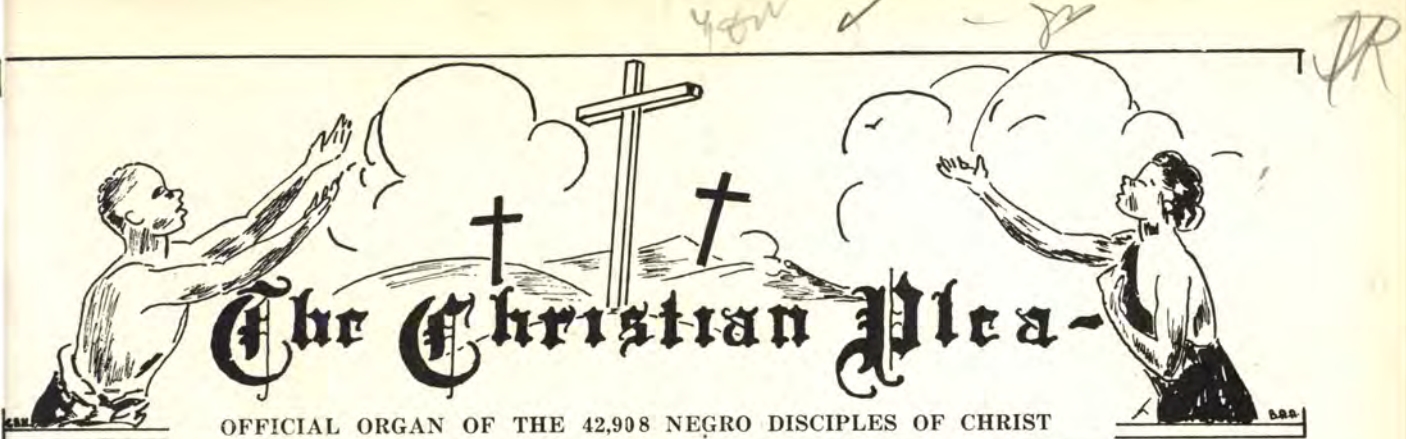
Announcements by officials of the local school board (Knoxville, Tenn.) marked another victory for the Negro Teachers League here. As a result of their intensive campaign, the local school board abolished the double salary scale, and added \$14,000 to its budget to equalize all salaries for 1940.

Considerable circulation has been given recently to an erroneous statement to the effect that there is no legal compulsion to respond to the inquiries of census enumerators. The taking of the census of population is provided for in the Constitution. Since its results provide the basis for Congressional representation, all persons are required by law to give correct answers to the inquiries of census enumerators.

Dr. Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute believes, "When this Census is finished, certain sections of it will constitute the most complete survey of the resources and the needs of the Southern Negro—Urban and rural—ever made." He adds, "I cannot too strongly urge that every colored person visited by a Census enumerator do his best to give prompt and truthful answers to all questions asked. Only in this way can the Negro reveal himself—his accomplishments as well as his needs—to the nation as a whole."

One of our longest serving missionaries, T. B. Frost, has reached retirement age. "Tommie," as he is called, has been serving at Southern Christian Institute, one of our schools for Negro young people.

Mr. Frost probably knows more about gardens than any of the men connected with our agricultural mission service. Back in 1914 Mr. Frost went to Hawkins on a different mission. He is a graduate of Southern Christian Institute. He became a major figure in the beginning of another school for his race, Jarvis Christian College. Two years before almost five hundred acres of land had been deeded to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions by Major and Mrs. J. J. Jarvis. Mr. Frost went into this wilderness of trees and underbrush, and with his axe felled the trees and cleared enough ground for the erection of the first building.



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Plea is Really a Good Church Magazine — Ellis



MRS. J. E. WALKER
Mississippi Boulevard Church
Memphis, Tennessee

Charter Member of the Church—one of the eleven. Organized the choir. Loyal and liberal. Attended World's Convention at Leicester, England in 1935. The most potent factor in the success of Dr. Walker.

Young People Raise \$200

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church young people of Memphis raised \$200, Young People's Day, Sunday, April 28.

This was their third Annual Young People's Day. The speaker for the occasion was Prof. Merl R. Eppse, Editor of the *Christian Plea* and Prof. of History of the Tennessee State College. The other numbers on the program were Elder B. T. Hunt; Devotional, musical numbers by the choir; Solo by Miss Cecelia Irvin; Solo by Mr. Alvin Adwards.

The Chairman of the Committee was Miss Lillian Carnes; Publicity, Mrs. Esther Brown; and Finance, Miss (Continued on Page 2)



MRS. M. W. BONNER
Mississippi Boulevard Church
Memphis, Tennessee

The first pianist of the church. Faithful and liberal. Chairwoman of the successful \$800.00 Drive for the re-dedication of the church in 1938.



MISS DALE ELLIS
Executive Secretary, Department of
Institutional Missions, Division of
Home Missions, United Christian
Missionary Society,
Indianapolis, Indiana

It is significant that a person of world contact would take time out of a busy life to read the *Christian Plea* and then take the trouble to say "The *Christian Plea* is really getting to be a good church magazine."

Miss Dale Ellis, Executive Secretary of the Department of Institutional Missions is regarded by the officers and members of the Brotherhood of the National Convention of Negro Disciples as being one of the most fair minded and straight forward Christian women in the Brotherhood. It takes one a long time with a variety of experiences to become big enough not to be little in his thinking.

Miss Ellis is discharging the Institutional Mission work with zeal unparalled for fair play and unbiased decisions. As one deals with her it is soon discovered that she has but one purpose and that is:—Is this the thing to do for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God? Always her de-

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER CONFERENCE, 1940

June 30 to July 6; Bonner Springs, Kansas; Vance G. Smith (Regional Director), 326 Stanford Ave., Danville, Ky.

July 14 to 21; Free Memorial Institute; Vance G. Smith (Regional Director) 326 Stanford Ave., Danville, Ky.

August 11 to 17; Piedmont Chesapeake, Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va.: Vance G. Smith (Regional Director) 326 Stanford Ave., Danville, Ky.

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cisions seems to be—would Jesus do this?

Her deeds always show that worldwide contacts have caused sectionalism, racialism and littleness to disappear. In other words, the Negro Brotherhood trusts and reveres her for her Christ-like spirit. She has neither contemplated nor tried to manipulate any unchristian scheme to placate the Negro into "His Place."

Her heart and soul goes out to all. She feels that Jesus came to seek and help the weak. The Negroes are not a separate, inferior group who are only good to be worked upon. They are neither pitied nor played with. She never allows any hand picked Negro to tell her what is good to be done. Her approach is always on the facts in the case.

Not only is she interested in Negroes but one can find her traveling over our country through the fog of economic depression and the fumes of group and racial antagonisms, striving among our many racial groups to clear up clouds of domestic issues, hopelessness, bewilderment and bitterness. Through these depths of murk she carries only the light of Jesus—Brotherly love. One week she is at Livingston Academy with the poor whites of Tennessee, giving good cheer and finding facts which will aid these people. Another week she is at Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky doing the same thing. She then goes into East Texas at Jarvis Christian College where she labors so hard to lift the veil of ignorance from the brow of Negroes. In the black belt of Mississippi where Southern Christian Institute is located, she travels in the interest of their education. She goes to The Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas, where the needs of the Mexicans are brought to her attention; from there she may go out to the Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington. There she is regarded as the "Pale-faced Angel." Finally, in spite of our country and Japan being drawn further apart, she travels to the Japanese Christian Institute, Los Angeles, California, to spread the good news "Out of one blood God made all nations of the earth to dwell in harmony and peace."

Miss Ellis has been a missionary to the Philippine Islands. At Laoag she had charge of the Christian dormitory and school for girls, a part of the educational service of the Filipino Christian Mission of the Disciples of Christ. She served as secretary of this mission, and has been a teacher of English in Silliman Institute, the largest Protestant college in the Islands. Her unusual work has given her an insight on conditions in the Orient shared by only a few.

On her last trip from the East to the United States, Miss Ellis came by way of Europe. She had been dean of women at Cotner College, her alma mater. She is a woman of unusual charm, and a vivacious speaker.

YOUNG PEOPLE RAISE \$200 (Continued from Page 1)

L. Marie Scott. Mr. Maceo Walker, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker, introduced the speaker. Prof. Eppse spoke from the subject: "Colleagues of Degeneracy." In spite of three other Mass Meetings, the church was crowded.

These young people have set the pace for all other young people of the Brotherhood.



MISS OSCEOLA A. DAWSON

WEST KENTUCKY REGISTRAR TURNS WRITER

Miss Osceola Aleese Dawson was notified a few months ago that her book "Of Human Miseries" had been accepted for publication by The Pegasus Publishing Company, 67 West 44th Street, New York.

Miss June West, widely known critic and reviewer says of Miss Dawson's initial publication:

"This collection of four short stories and one play is profoundly moving, the work of a young and powerful genius. Throughout the fabric of these tales run the deep and somber colors of man's unavoidable fate, of man's inevitable suffering.

The gifted young author, Osceola Aleese Dawson reveals a rare insight into the mainsprings of human behavior, thought and feeling. Her

knowledge of characters is absolute, her manipulation of plot as thrilling as it is masterly. It might be said of Miss Dawson, as Francis Bacon of himself, that she has taken all knowledge for her province, all knowledge of human nature, at least.

Of *Human Miseries* is not a light nor a gay book. It is not frothy and effervescent. It is as deadly serious, as consistently in earnest as "King Lear." But in its solemnity there is strength, in its solidity there is a burning fervor that will stir the blood.

This is a book that belongs in your library. Whenever you want reassurance of the grandeur and dignity of human life, of the invincibility of the soul of man, you will want to read this great affirmation. It is a masterpiece."

Miss Dawson is the registrar at the West Kentucky Vocational Training School, Paducah, Kentucky. Last summer, she was a student in the School of Commerce at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Miss Dawson was born in the Lafayette neighborhood, Christian County, Kentucky, and received her elementary education in the common schools of that vicinity. She began teaching at the age of sixteen, and taught for several years in the rural schools of Christian County. She was instrumental in securing a Rosenwald School at Dyers, Chaple, Christian County. In fact, Miss Dawson is credited with having begun the Rosenwald building program in Christian County.

Miss Dawson began writing at a very early age. Among her unpublished works are to be found "The Intangible Tangible," "Determined as Hell," "A Campus Study Course for Girls," "Modern Myths," "Philosophical Gleanings," and a "Ten Volume Scrap Book."

MY TRIP TO TEXAS—MARCH 28- APRIL 8, 1940

By Mrs. W. E. Ervin
1643 Dunbar Street
Knoxville, Tenn.

I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Merl R. Eppse in Memphis on my way to Texas. We both were en route to Jarvis College.

Saturday, March 30 was a great day on the campus. The first Founder's Day on the campus was observed. Many ex-students, graduates and friends were present. The activities of the morning were interesting. At 2:00 o'clock P.M. the main program started in the Mary E. Ervin Chapel, with the president of the College, President P. C. Washington, master of ceremonies. Among the historical pioneers who spoke were Prof. T. B. Frost, the first worker who arrived

on the campus more than twenty-eight years ago, and the writer who arrived more than twenty-four years ago. The beautiful music rendered by the college choir, under the direction of Mrs. O. S. Barker and Miss Ware was at its best. Terry Alexander, a junior, thrilled the audience with his beautiful tenor voice.

The following representatives were presented. Mr. R. B. Smith, the leading merchant at Hawkins, who gave a splendid talk. He talked on some points of how Jarvis had been a great help to the whole community. Mr. Smith has been a fine supporter of the school ever since its existence. I remember very distinctly how he stood by the school in more than one way when President Ervin took ill in 1928, when the responsibility was on the shoulders of the writer for two years or more. Those were the dark days for the most part, but when we listen to the voice of God and let Him lead us and be our guide, there is no way to fail. Mrs. J. M. Mings, a member of the local board, and of Big Sandy, Texas, gave interesting remarks. Mrs. Mings spoke of how the school had influenced the people of Big Sandy, educationally, spiritually, economically, and had lifted the band of prejudice from their hearts. Mr. C. C. Mosley representing the alumni, and coach of the college made very timely remarks. If the plans presented by Mr. Mosley are carried out great things are in store for Jarvis. Prof. T. W. Pratt, represented the Brotherhood of Texas. His speaking was at its best. He spoke of the principles for which Mr. Ervin stood. Mrs. Terry King of Fort Worth, Texas, and who has been a loyal supporter of Jarvis, spoke and we must remember her for her unselfish enthusiasm for the work of Jarvis and for presenting President Ervin to the State Convention (white) of Texas. From that day Jarvis has had its place on that program. Rev. J. Johnson of Dallas was presented and made a very short but fine talk.

The outstanding feature of the day was the Founder's Day address given by Dr. Merl R. Eppse of the State College, Nashville, Tenn., and also editor of the *Christian Plea*. His subject was "Upon This Rock." Dr. Eppse stated that the future of the Negro race depended upon the young Negro—that on building on this solid rock it would have to be built on honesty, humility and true character. Dr. Eppse pointed out many historical facts about the Negro. I would that all of you could have been present and heard the many interesting things said.

I would like to mention the many characters who were present and are still fine supporters of the college. My heart over-flowed with joys as

I sat on the rostrum and viewed the audience and saw so many old familiar faces to Jarvis. These were its supporters in the days of its hardest struggles. I will not be too reserved to withhold this expression—Among the many things that made Jarvis what it is today and helped to clear up those dark hours that faced us, was, that at the beginning of each day, and at the closing of the same day, President Ervin bowed to his Heavenly Father and gave thanks and asked Him to be his guide and protector.

A number of white friends were present from Fort Worth. Among them were Mrs. Bertha McMaster, who has been a friend and supporter of Jarvis for a number of years. Mrs. Matison Holmes, Mrs. Billington and Mrs. Lynch. Many others were in the party.

The J. N. Ervin Memorial Scholarship Fund was observed and a very nice sum of money was raised. We hope this fund will grow to help worthy young men and women.

A reception was given in the dining hall for the guest after the afternoon meeting. Saturday evening a play was presented by the Biology Club, under the direction of Mr. E. W. Rand. Sunday morning Dr. J. J. Rhodes, President of Bishop College, Marshall spoke in chapel. His subject was "Stand On Thy Feet." National Health Week was observed on the campus under the direction of the campus physician, Dr. M. L. Edwards. Monday was general clean up and inspection day. Tuesday morning Dr. Caroway of Crockett, Texas lectured on "In Just Such a Time As This." Thursday was a most enjoyable day on the campus at Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. We enjoyed a lovely dinner in the home of Dr. M. W. Dogan, President of Wiley. After dinner we were entertained in the chapel for 45 minutes by the college choir of 150 voices under the direction of Prof. Henry Smith.

I enjoyed meeting many of our old friends both white and colored. They all seemed glad to have me back among them for a few days.

Sadness overcame me when I found that my good friend Mrs. J. E. Quarles was ill. Her illness detained me in Texas as I wished to be with her a few days longer. The most enjoyable part of the trip was the fine fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Dockery, my sister and brother-in-law and their fine family.

A TRIBUTE TO PROF. JAMES H. THOMAS

By Baltimore Taylor

A man has fallen in our midst who was so absolutely unique, so capable of so many kinds of leadership, so resourceful, so large of vision, so con-

secrated to his task, so inspirational in his leadership, and so tremendously devoted to his mission that his passing is a great loss to our brotherhood. In all my acquaintance I never knew a more kindly man. His tenderness was beautiful. His sympathies went out toward multiplied objects of need. How charitable he was in his judgements of others. How intensely he loved his friends. We cannot touch his hand, but he still lives within our hearts. His spirit is in our midst and I am quite sure and glad that the good influence of his life will never die.



MISS LILLIAN CARNES
Mississippi Boulevard Church
Memphis, Tennessee

Chairwoman of Young People's Drive. Graduate of LeMoyne College. Popular teacher at Carnes Avenue City School. Member Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

By Baltimore Taylor

1702 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.

I am happy to say that I have attended our National Convention each year for sixteen years and I felt nearer Heaven at the St. Louis Convention than I have ever felt in previous conventions. When I heard those gospel songs sung by the Sister from Kentucky. When I saw that young woman buried with Christ in baptism. When I heard that young man who was ordained to the ministry say that he would go into all the world and preach the gospel.

When I heard the doctrine of the church preached. My soul rejoiced and I said truly this is the gateway to Heaven. Brethren, should you decide that this type of program is out of date in our National Convention, please notify me so I can remain at home.

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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.

—1 John, 1-7

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All news must be in by
7th of each month.

Editorials

TALKING OUT LOUD

Bro. Peter & Paul

Bro. Peter: What do you think of Sister Taylor's statement in the last issue of the Plea when she said: "I feel that the women are being neglected?"

Bro. Paul: Sister Taylor is right in her statement and I believe that she expresses the sentiment of the entire Brotherhood. I understand that the principal reason for recommending the closing of Mrs. Bracy's work under the U. C. M. C. was that she was not prepared to work with the Youth of our church (personally I did not accept). It seems that the policy now is to have the worker direct all of her time to the promoting of Youth Program, which is a good work, but it seems that we need an expert in both fields, youth and adults this brings out the fact of a need for more workers, rather than impose upon one person too many responsibilities which destroys the effectiveness of his work. It has been said, and it is true, that you can't promote an educational program in the church at the expense of neglecting it's adults. Since Mrs. Taylor thinks some one ought to be working among the women, who do you think should fill this post?

Brother Peter: I think in selecting a person to fill this office we ought to be guided by the method and procedure of other institutions. For instance, when our Brotherhood needed a Christian Statesman to head up our great U. C. M. S. they called Robert M. Hopkins, at sea, he was not even present. I understand that a large committee was appointed to study the personnel of many and after a most careful and prayerful study the mantle fell on Robert M. Hopkins, a man with great background, one who had proven himself having come up through the ranks, being well seasoned with experience, rooted in the doctrine and a man of vision and courage, etc. If our Brotherhood is to make progress we must be more democratic in our policy of procedure rather than clannish and full of cliques. The kingdom of God should be at the heart of it rather than the promotion of men. We have allowed ourselves too long to be enslaved by these clannish, unchristian and undemocratic methods of procedure. Therefore if we would follow this procedure to fill this or any other office we will always get the best fitted person and we will succeed and to answer your question I think that

the person best fitted should be the one to fill this office.

Bro. Paul: Our Brotherhood in general has made one serious mistake I think. They have overlooked the fact of placing enough laborers in the vineyard. The harvest is truly plenteous but there is a dearth of leadership. Our Brotherhood is expecting great returns from these fields without definite cultivation there is too much of a hit and miss here and there in our promotion work. I believe that we must develop a "Leadership Cabinet," which will give guidance and direction to the life of our country and face the problems and needs of our Brotherhood and build a trackage that will harmonize our relation one with another and with our White Brotherhood. I believe that our National and area workers should find some way to cooperate in promoting the work of the Brotherhood. And we believe that the National Secretaries should be in position to give direction to the work through the area workers or state workers rather than around them.

Bro. Peter: You have made a fine contribution in your statements as to the procedure the Brotherhood should take and I heartily agree with you. Not changing the subject but I also saw in the Plea the very fine report of the South Side Christian Church under the leadership of Elder R. E. La Touche, having raised \$5,922.09 last year and having on hand \$781.85, the pastor and church are to be congratulated. I am curious to know their secret of success and what other achievements they had, for a church that could do so well in the field of finance must have had other accomplishments and I would like to have them pass such information to the entire Brotherhood.

Bro. Paul: The work of the South Side Church furnishes the churches our brotherhood with another example of Christian Stewardship and should challenge every church to follow in its steps. Bro. Paul: Since you are Chicago-minded, what motivated them to have the meeting there for making out the National Convention Program? It seems to me since we have a headquarters and our President lives there that we ought to have met at our headquarters. Why waste consecrated money to travel all the way to Chicago and not one of the members of the committee resides there.

Bro. Peter: I do not know what was the motive of the chairman in calling the meeting in Chicago for none of them lived there and it seems to me that they were all going away from home. Without a doubt headquarters was the logical place to meet. I see place to reason unless it was for pleasure and personal convenience.

If I am wrong I will appreciate the Chairman telling me why. By the way Bro. Peter, what about Father's Day as being sponsored by our General Secretary, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy?

Bro. Paul: Beyond a shadow of a doubt, Father's Day Program is the most appealing, informing, inspiring, historical and unique document ever sponsored for the National Convention and it deserves the best support of every church member, and agency of our Brotherhood. The pastors, supts., presidents of Missionary Societies and Christian Endeavors; all should take the leadership in their local church and make it a success. Too long we have neglected our fathers, we have a rich heritage that we must bequeath to each generation if our brotherhood is to grow. What is your comment?

Bro. Peter: Your words do provoke me to think on this matter but I will not stop there—I will ACT. Why the very names of these men contain inspiration and much power to move every disciple to accept his response—Who can think of Preston Taylor, W. H. Dickerson, K. R. Brown, and W. H. Brown, B. C. Calvert, Monroe Jackson, Patrick Henry Moss, and H. L. Herod and the late Prof. Jas. H. Thomas along with many others and not be moved towards God, inspired to serve, challenged to give their full measure of their devotion and loyalty to Christ and His Church! With a spirit we shall surmount every difficulty that lies in our path that leads to success.

Bro. Peter: You have said the final word, expressing it in a fine way. Let us pray: "Oh! God, we pray thee to give us ears to hear thee, open our hearts to receive thee and give us courage to accept every responsibility that is Christian and help us to adventure with Christ in building His Kingdom in the hearts of men! Amen"

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3. Rev. S. E. Tillman, 169 Seaman St., New Brunswick, N.J., 10 Dec., 10 Jan., 5 March Pleas, \$2.50.
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LETTERS TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA APPRECIATION AND PRAISES

Sister Preston Taylor is appreciated for her Christian acts and Prof. Epps is praised for his "Wings Over Jordan" address.

—Lucy Freeman.

HELPS PLEA

Sister Callens sends in subscription for her sister, desires to help Plea and wishes for its success.

—Mrs. A. H. Calless

DONATION

Sister Daisy Dean sends in donation of \$5.00 for the Women's Council of Cross St. Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rev. C. L. Whitfield, Mt. Olivet Christian Church realizes the cost of Plea publication, does not ask ministers rate. Congratulates Prof. Epps.

—Baltimore, Md.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Rev. E. M. Barrett sends word that subscriptions are increasing.

—Muskogee, Okla.

BULK MAIL EXPECTED

Mrs. S. E. Tullman, Antioch Christian Church will be responsible for Plea.

—New Brunswick, N.Y.

OLD SUBSCRIBERS

Rev. S. S. Myers expects all old subscribers to renew subscriptions.

—Kansas City, Mo.

INTERESTED IN PLEA

Mrs. Royal J. Dye, is interested in the devotional side of the Plea.

—Los Angeles, Calif.

WISHES BULK MAIL

Miss Ella Mae Alcorn, Louisville, Ky. sends in subscribers and wishes ten copies of the Plea.

ILLNESS

J. W. Miller, Moreland, Ky. has been ill, cannot sell Pleas.

—J. W. Miller.

SENDS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions will supply church. Ten persons give subscriptions to Miss Bessie Chandler, from the Centennial Christian Church.

—St. Louis, Mo.

WORLD'S TOUR

Christian Plea on display in church in Denison, Ohio.

—Mrs. K. R. Moore.

NEWS FROM CHAMPAIS, MO.

Miss Mary Anthony sends news and is agent for Christian Plea. Looks forward to many subscribers.

MAY THE PLEA CONTINUE

Miss Edith M. Wilson sends in subscriptions and says, "May the Plea continue to grow in sales and in subscribers."
—Louisville, Ky.

PICTURES LIVEN PAGES

Received April issue. You have done a fine job in getting pictures to liven up its pages this month.

—Colby D. Hall, Dean, Texas Christian University.

WONDERFUL

We have a wonderful little magazine. Brotherhood should be proud.

—Mrs. Maude Davis

NEGLECTED

Just neglected sending in subscription. Want back issues but especially April issue. Enjoyed "Wings Over Jordan" address. Hope others will speak.

—Mrs. Mary Van Buren

PLEASURE

We are still thinking of you and the pleasure of having you in our city. Wish copies of "Wings Over Jordan" address.

—Mrs. Clara Fowler

DELAY DUE TO ILLNESS

Article to Plea delayed because of illness. Asking the prayers of Brotherhood that she might soon recover.

—Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Knoxville, Tenn.

KEY NOTE STRUCK

Mrs. Taylor:

I think you struck a key-note when you said in the April number, "Men, our problem is not giving, it is having a program and leaders whom the people have confidence in."

—N. J. Dickerson

50 IS GOAL

We are striving to make the subscription list from Indiana Avenue Church at least 50 for 1940. The last issue of the Plea was interesting and stimulating.

—Rev. R. H. Davis

PLEAS SOLD FAST

Have you any more April copies left? Please send (5) more the others went so fast. Hope the ladies will do this again.

—Rev. T. K. Rouse

NOT PUBLISHED

I sent my money for the March issue but did not see it published. Please let me know if received. I am also sending my money for April issue.

—Elder Wm. Walker

ADDRESS SPLENDID

I heard your lecture on "Wings Over Jordan," it was splendid. Many things said that should never be forgotten.

—A. W. Davis, Kansas City, Kan.

TO THE CHURCHES, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST OF TEXAS

Dear Co-workers:

At a recent meeting of the State Board, plans were made for our Annual Convention to be held at Bay City, Texas, August 7-11, 1940. We urge all churches in the State to begin getting ready at once to make a full report. Each church, \$1.00 per member and \$5.00 National work. Bible Schools, \$5.00 for state work and \$2.00 for National work. Christian Endeavor \$5.00 for state work, \$1.00 for National work. Each Missionary Society report as directed by your president.

—S. J. Samson, Secretary.

seek the well being of all our fellow-mortals, whether they are friends or foes, to us this is the law of Christ.

Our National Convention accepted two goals this year. The first goal was to observe our National Days, and to send all moneys raised on these days to the United Christian Missionary Society, and the other, our National Claims to be sent to our National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker.

Since Children's Day will be the last day for our churches to reach the goal, I am praying that every church throughout the Brotherhood will observe this day, and help us to maintain the Gospel at home and send it abroad.

Brethren, we cannot be ungrateful, and while we are thinking of our goal of our National Convention we must trust that we shall not forget worldwide missions. Let us not forget that the books close on the thirtieth of June.

The Program Committee met a few days ago in Chicago in the Indiana Ave. Christian Church. We believe that we will have one of the best programs that has been rendered at the National Convention which will convene in Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 20. I trust that every church will be able to collect one dollar from every member, and have a round report by the time of the Convention. Let us not be hearers but doers of the word.

Therefore, brethren, I am offering an amendment to our Constitution as follows:

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ.

We are going on to greater height and more and more do we realize the dire necessity of a real permanent structure in our organization. It is feasible at this time to so unite our forces as to bring about the possibility of a greater work. The permanency of an organization lies in its ability to stabilize its interest and centralize its forces. Every progressive organization has a national head directing its work to the best interest of every department and agency. There must be a central executive even greater than the officers of the convention in session, which will direct and promote the business of the convention throughout the entire year, manage property, assets, and safeguard the integrity of the convention. With this in mind we offer the following setup as an amendment to the constitution:

1. A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, located at national headquarters, Nashville, Tennessee, composed of a President, Vice-president, Secretary,

NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE**A MESSAGE TO THE BROTHERHOOD FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, ELDER L. H. CRAWFORD****REACHING OUR GOALS**

By L. H. Crawford
Nashville, Tenn.

As you would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. The sermon on the Mount, should always ring clear in our minds. It would keep us in the right attitude to do unto others as you would men do unto you. This rule sums up the moral precepts of Jesus. It is assumed that what we desire of others, will be benevolent and just, and so we are to grant to others.

The rule of Confucius, who lived five hundred years before Christ, is often spoken of as identical. What you do not like when done to yourself, do not to others. Of course some truths existed among men before Christ came and he fully accepted them, but it will be noted that the rule had only been negative, but Christ made it positive.

The airs of Heaven blow on over me,

A glory shines before me,
Of what mankind shall be,
Pure, generous, brave and free.

The love of God and neighbor,
And equal handed labor,
The richest life, where beauty,
Walks hand in hand with duty.

—Whittier

Until Christ came, the world seems never to have needed the thoughts of doing good to an enemy for the sake of doing him good. The whole Jewish nation, seemed held together by their hatred for all Gentiles, rather than by their love for each other. They were themselves divided into sects, which in times of peace hated each other right lustily.

The Gentile world had no nobler sentiment than Cicero, who said, "To do to your friends all the good you can, and to your enemies all the harm you can, this is the duty of all."

It was a world whose only hope of peace was by endless conquest and extermination. The world still offers enough returns of evil for good. We know of one clerk who was in every way advanced by generous employees, and repaid by defrauding him in business, and sending him penniless to his grave. Children sometimes repay the unmeasured kindness of parents, by unmeasured neglect when the days of need come. And sometimes church members, soon forget their leaders, and the agencies that help them to operate their schools and build buildings for them to worship in. We may all expect that our good will sometime be repaid by evil. We must see to it that we are never guilty.

Christ came and taught at the very outset, that the controlling principle and passion in his Kingdom, was to be that of love. Pride, avarice, ambition, revenge had no place at all. To

Treasurer, and Trustees of the National Convention. These directors to hold office as long as they give bonafide service.

2. AGENCIES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION, as follows:

- a. Department of Promotion and Finance
- b. Department of Church.
- c. Department of Women's Missionary Society.
- d. Department of Bible Schools (Religious Education).
- e. Department of Christian Endeavor.
- f. Department of Publication (Christian Plea).

Each department to have a chairman, vice-chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary.

3. The Department of Promotion and Finance, and the department of publication will work directly from headquarters' office throughout the entire year. The Department of church, Women's Missionary Society, Religious Education, and Christian Endeavor Society will be promoted by the respective chairmen throughout the year from the National Headquarters' office. At the setting of the convention each department will report and turn over its records and finance to the Board of Directors, which will pay all bills, furnish all stationary, printing and literature for promotion.

4. The Board of Directors will make an annual report at the business session of the convention while in session. It will also determine all salaries and expenses in accordance to the financial standing of the convention.

FATHERS

Right Blessed are the Dead who Die in the Lord for their Works do Follow Them

Here we list a number of men whom we delight to honor as "Our Fathers." These men during the past 25 years walked upon the earth and as ministers of God pointed the way to a more perfect way of life.

These men contributed to the foundation on which we stand.

W. M. Alpin, Prince Barnett, J. W. Bean, J. H. Bell, M. M. Bostic, W. H. Bowen, W. T. Brayboy, J. Brayboy, K. R. Brown, W. H. Brown, Robert Brown, B. C. Calvert, W. W. Cordell, F. C. Cothran, J. C. Counts, W. H. Dickerson, B. C. Duke, J. N. Ervin, John W. Evans, W. H. Gibbs, G. W. Giles, Robert Goodin, Mike Hancock, Wm. Hancock, W. A. Harris R. E. Hathaway, H. L. Herod A. J. Hurdle, Edwin Jackson, Monroe Jackson, J. R. Louderback, Alexander Martin, Sr., W. P. Martin, R. C. Matlock, P. H. Moss, Amos Moore, C. M. Mosley,

Laurence Phyfer, Moses Powell, W. A. Scott, J. D. Smith, W. H. Smith, W. Smothers, Preston Taylor, G. P. Trevillian, Wm. Tucker, J. H. Thomas, M. Right.

At this time our hearts are filled with deep gratitude as we bow our heads in prayer for the men who still live to see the fruits of their labors. They are ministers who have served through the last 50 years, whose steps are slow but whose hearts are full of love for Christ and his church. For them the evening tide should be more beautiful.

A. C. Chichan, J. H. Edwards, M. F. Frasizer, N. H. Johnson, B. J. Kearse, J. G. Keys, M. Knight, John Lomax, R. L. Love, W. M. Martin M. F. Robinson, A. Russell, G. W. Taylor.

Associated with the above listed were other men. Men who were not brought into the lime-light but who made a contribution without which our foundation would not be so firm. As I think of these men it seems that the poet wrote these lines to honor their memory.

"Full many a blossom was born to bloom unseen and spread its fragrance on the desert air."

May each individual give a few minutes to **remembering** the men who were their personal inspiration, who lived in a smaller sphere but who spread their fragrance unsung in the work of building the kingdom of God on earth.

The men who lead and serve today will be better prepared to serve in their age, we dedicate ourselves to:

- An Informed Laity
- A Prepared Ministry
- An Inspired Leadership
- A Beautiful Sunset
- A Peaceful World

—Rosa Brown Bracy

TO THE NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Greetings:

As we approach the 24th sitting of the National Convention, our hearts bow in reverence to our late founder and president of the Convention, Elder Preston Taylor, whose long tenure of office gave him the opportunity to prove his worth, and his noble successor Elder Henry L. Herod who also served for a number of years; to Elder B. C. Calvert and Prof. J. N. Ervin who also made a fine contribution to the Brotherhood, but whose terms ended before they had opportunity to see the convention as it is today. Their contributions were stepping stones leading to higher heights. The mantle fell on our present President who has spurred us on with renewed vigor. We must not

retreat. We must follow the path our fathers trod. That is what the President has successfully done, doctrinally, spiritually, culturally, and financially.

In view of the above facts and other facts plainly evident to every member of the Convention, be it resolved, that, the provision in section four of the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Convention limiting the term of the President be repealed.

W. H. Taylor, Pastor, Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Md.; Second Christian Church, Hagerstan, Md.

C. L. Whitfield, Pastor, Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Md.

MEETING CHANGING NEEDS THROUGH HOME MISSIONS SERVICE OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

The two paramount tasks are:

1. The organization and bringing to self-support of local church
2. Service for the neglected and underprivileged racial and economic groups.

The Home Mission Division is lending a helping hand to the following:

The CHRISTIAN PLEA would like to publish what they are doing.

Alabama

Birmingham, 11th St., A. J. Jefferies

California

Los Angeles, Avalon, Baxter C. Duke

Georgia

Lorenza Evans, Atlanta — (Evangelist)

Kentucky

Georgetown 2nd, Ira S. Ashe. Paducah, Clay St., J. O. Boles

New York

Brooklyn, Halsey St., R. E. Hancock.

Michigan

Detroit, United Christian Church, R. L. Jordan.

Ohio

Cleveland, Cedar Ave., C. E. Craggett.

Columbus, Monroe Ave., C. W. Arnold.

Oklahoa

Tulsa, Pine St., C. H. Webb.

Tennessee

Nashville, Lea Ave., L. H. Crawford.

Central Regional Director, Vance G. Smith.

JAMISON'S COLUMN



MISS CARNELLA JAMISON

JAMISON HAS BUSY TIME

Miss Carnella L. Jamison, General Secretary of Negroorganization, Department of Missionary Organization, with headquarters at Indianapolis, has a crowded schedule.

First she attended Chicago Theological Seminary for one quarter. She attended the staff meeting of March 25 to April 3rd.; met with the Unified Promotion and Board of Review Meetings.

The week of April 7-14, attended the South West Conference at Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas. From there she went back to Chicago for the National Convention Planning Committee April 26. From April 26 to May 1st, she attended the Eleventh Annual Missionary Education Institute at Indianapolis. On May 1st, attended luncheon at Franklin, Indiana. Here she met Miss Townsend and Mrs. Elsie Canary, both former teachers at S. C. I. From here she attended a S. C. I. party and Union Church.

The week end of May 3-5, she attended a National Christian Youth Fellowship composed of forty-five youth, and youth leaders from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

Sunday May 5th, Miss Mitsuko Yuki of Tokyo, Japan was her week end guest.

The days between May 5-10 were spent at her desk. From here, May 10-12, she attended the Arkansas Youth meet at Little Rock. From here she goes to pine Grove Church, Port Gibson, Mississippi. For June 4, she will visit the Nashville Churches and the

CHRISTIAN PLEA office. During all of her activities she works conscientiously for the CHRISTIAN PLEA.

An Open Letter to Missionary Organizations

Dear Friends:

As we approach the close of our missionary year, we ought to become more conscious of our responsibility for carrying on the work around the world. The past months have been encouraging and the closing months may become the successful climax to a year of fruitful service.

Several organizations have paid their goal for this year, but we hope that they are not stopping for the needs of the work increase daily. Some organizations still have a large share of their goal to reach, but we are certain that they are going to do their very best to reach their goal.

We have already given our promise to support a "bread and butter" (budget) item at S.C.I. The increased giving from any organization over the giving of last year is applied to this amount. It is very necessary that we assume this responsibility, for last

year we were not able to assume our obligation in this respect. Let us put forth a special effort in order that we might be able to keep the faith which S.C.I. has in us.

Special offerings (which do not count on goals) are already coming in for the S.I.C. boy's dormitory. Some groups have chosen what their gifts will be used for, in erecting the building. The white missionary organizations in Tennessee are giving their offering to "raise the roof." The organizations in Pennsylvania are providing the doors and windows. The Texas organizations are furnishing the heating plant.

The adult missionary organizations of our Negro Brotherhood are asked to "move the earth" for the foundation upon which the others may build. The cost of this item is approximately \$500.00 (five hundred dollars). The work has begun. Have you sent your offering? Get busy, let us "move the earth."

Asking you always to keep your eyes upon the work around the world, I am

Faithfully yours,

Carnella L. Jamison

OUR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

J. A. Howard
Edwards, Miss.

You are cordially invited by the faculty and students of S. C. I. to attend their commencement exercises May 24 to 28. The calendar follows:

May 24; Promotional exercises for the Eighth Grade.

May 25; Senior College class play.

May 26; Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. C. P. Whitfield, Jackson, Mississippi.

May 27; Annual Music Concert.

May 28; Commencement Day. Mr. E. K. Higdon, speaker.

We count ourselves privileged to have as our commencement speaker Mr. Higdon who is a returned Missionary from the Philippines, and at present is Executive Secretary of Oriental Missions under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society.

On the 17th of May the first six grades will present an operetta and style show under the direction of Miss Ruth Powell and Mrs. James Ratten. This program will also feature the rhythm band.

What!! A school day and no Professor in the class room! That's right. It is the All School Picnic, and students are exempt from the classroom for one day. Just a day for fun, frolic,

and eats. May 11, and not a single student absent! On the evening of this holiday the Physical Education and Music Department will present their annual spring festival.

National Music Week will be observed on our campus by having as our guest the Jackson W. P. A. Concert Orchestra on May 10.

National Negro Insurance Week, May 5th to 12th, was introduced to our group by our pastor, Pres. John Long, in a very resourceful sermon on May 5th. Among other things Pres. Long mentioned the various emergencies that insurance prepares us for; he gave special mention to our own Dr. J. E. Walker who is President of the Universal Life Insurance.

Lehman hall is fast becoming an actuality. The basement is practically completed, the sewage pipes are laid, the sand, gravel, and cement hauled; the lumber stacked, and the steel for the foundation on the premises. Yes, we're going to have a building for our young men; they have already chosen their rooms from the model that has been sent to all local missionary societies. S. C. I. is having its "S. C. I. Party" on the afternoon of the 12th when a pageant will be presented depicting early S. C. I. days, and featuring former outstanding students and graduates. Mrs.

Cowan, Mrs. Hobart and Miss. Legier are preparing this program with the help of the Young People's Circle.

The Young Women's Christian Association is making final plans for its annual garden party on the 15th. It is the hope of this group that it will be their best.

So much for the present and future; now for a bit of history.

The first week in April our campus was the setting for our second Young People's Conference. It was our good fortune to have serving on the faculty that week Mr. W. E. Starn and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lemon of Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Peoples and Miss Marion Anderson of Indiana; Mr. V. G. Smith of Ky. Our very own leader of young people Mr. George Oliver Taylor, and Rev. Tuck, Misses Deames, and Beaulher of Ohio. The enrollment totaled 101.

The six weeks spring term for teachers began on April 15th with Seventy two registered. Miss Josie Turner, Jeannes teacher of Claiborne County, is serving as Education teacher.

The Del Major Club opened April 26th under management of the Senior College Class. This was an unique type of entertainment to our campus, during the evening's entertainment the class presented for our enjoyment a one act play entitled, "The Sixty Dollar Book."

The one annual picnic that is looked forward to each year is the one given by the ministerial association. This year the association invited as special guests Misses Anna Anderson, and Myrta Evans whose long years of work at S. C. I. draw to a close this summer. Former students of the school will wonder what the old school will "look like" without these two who have touched so many lives.

The Spanish class under the direction of Miss Irene Mahoney presented three short Spanish plays on May 1. "The Spanish Interlude" was quite interesting and entertaining, a play for people who just can't be bothered with foreign languages.

The celebrated "Wings over Jordan" choir came to Jackson, Miss. on May 3rd, and it was the privilege of the following to motor over and hear Misses Josie Turner, Hazel MsLain, Naomi Legier, Mary Basset, Ruth Powell and Johnnie Howard.

It is baseball season and the bug has bitten the young women of our campus as well as young men. Recently the girls played the girls of Vicksburg and made a very fine showing with a count of 9-9. On the same afternoon the young men lost to the Vicksburg young men 15-10.

The physical education department sent six representatives to the track meet at Alcorn. Ann Lawrence and Gelene Jefferies were representa-

tives for women's tennis. Ann won first place in singles. Gladys Gray placed first in the baseball throw. Ralph Jones and James Rundles represented the men in tennis. James Killingsworth placed second in the 100 yd. dash.

The Y. W. C. A. was well represented at the Area Meeting in Jackson by four young women from our campus: Misses Maria Collins, Ruth Cobbins, Etheline Brown and Julia Flowers.

The last Interracial meeting for this school year met at Lanier High School on May 5th. Eleven students from S. C. I. represented the Y. W. C. A. groups. Miss Julia Flowers was elected secretary of the council for the year 1940-41.

At our last missionary meeting officers were elected for the following school year. They are: President, Mrs. J. M. Cowan; Vice-President, Miss N. B. Legier; Secretary, Miss J. A. Howard; Treasurer, Miss Bessie Wright.

The 10th grade Home Economics girls have undertaken a very practical project; one that is significant in the community. Miss Hazel Bacon who is head of the Home Economics department found a patron of the school who lives nearby and was willing to cooperate in making this experiment possible. This class has taken over the task of redecorating one room of this typical farm home. With a minimum of expense they have papered this room, painted the woodwork and furniture, hung new curtains, and supplied a bedspread, rugs and other things that will aid in the comfort of this dwelling.

New officers for the Y. W. C. A. are President, Miss Julia Flowers, Vice Pres., Miss Sarah Reed, Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Dorothy Parsons.

Visitors to our campus since our last report have been Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers of Greenville, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Vandever of Indiana, and Mr. Butterfield of Indiana, Dr. Campbell and daughter of Saint Louis. Dr. Campbell is acting editor of the Christian Evangelist.

JARVIS PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM SOUTH TEXAS TOUR

By E. W. Rand

Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas

President P. C. Washington, accompanied by Prof. E. J. Dickson of the Department of Religion here recently toured South Texas and parts of the Republic of Mexico. The main feature of his tour was to fill a speaking engagement in the State Convention of the Disciples of Christ (white) at Harlingen, Texas.

President Washington reports a very successful trip, as well as an

enjoyable one. He returned with optimism and new zest in the great work of building a greater Jarvis; he finds that the Texas Brotherhood is behind him in his program.

President Washington is completing his second year as president of Jarvis. He took advantage of this trip through the state to visit some of the best Churches (colored) and meet the leaders. He is also optimistic toward their progress and feels a growing manifestation of interest Jarvis will be shown by them. They visited in such places as Palestine, Houston, Bay City, Austin and Dallas as well as a number of other cities.

DR. J. E. WALKER JARVIS SPEAKER

May 29

Attention around the college is now being centered on the Commencement Exercises. During these exercises the music department, under the direction of Mrs. O. S. Barker and assisted by Miss H. M. Ware will present its Annual Musical in the college chapel on Tuesday evening, May 28.

On Saturday, May 25, the Senior Class will present its annual class day fete. This class is, composed of six women and two men. The women are: Misses M. R. Propps of Center Point, Arkansas, Obezina Ephram of Kilgore, Texas, Cleopra Haynes, Nash, Texas, Jewel Richards, Hawkins, Texas, and Sadie L. Perpener, Fort Worth, Texas and Mrs. Lucy D. Glasper, Gilmer, Texas. The men are Messers Adrian Oliver of Paris, Texas and James Randall of Hawkins, Texas. This is the second class to graduate from Jarvis College since it attained the senior rank.

On Sunday afternoon, May 26, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. S. E. Wilkins, pastor of the First Christian Church, Winnsboro, Texas, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon.

The graduation exercise proper will take place on Wednesday, May 29, at 2:00 p.m. in the college chapel. Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn., president of the Universal Life Ins. Co. and President of the National Negro Business League will deliver the address. Dr. Walker is a native of Mississippi, a staunch member of the Disciples Negro Brotherhood and Treasurer of the National Convention of the Negro Disciples Churches.

In the morning of May 29, at 10:00 the Annual Alumni Meeting will take place. Too, the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Jarvis will take place. The college extends to all of its friends a cordial invitation to be present at these exercises.

EVANGELISM

Rev. R. L. Peters, (Back to the Book)
National Evangelist and His
Where-a-bouts

Broadway Christian Church
Winchester, Kentucky
Rev. William Owens, Minister
Revival, April 9-26, 1940

This meeting began at the close of an eight weeks meeting held by the Denominational Churches of Winchester, and in the midst of a series of meetings held by a Holiness Church. They, with their Drums, Tambores and various kinds of music and the "Holy Dance," attracted large crowds.

Weather Conditions

Rain, hail and snow with other attractions hindered our success to a very great extent.

Cooperation

The Churches and Ministers of Winchester, cooperated in a very fine way.

Out of Town Guests

Rev. C. H. Dickerson, Minister of E. Second Street Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky, his choir and members of the congregation.

Elder D. I. Reid, of Prall Street Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky, brought a nice delegation. Elder Reid is reporter of the colored column in the *Lexington Herald*.

A splendid delegation came from Mt. Sterling, Fairview, Germantown, and Danville, Kentucky.

Elder R. L. Saunders, Minister, Christian Church, Nicholasville and congregation.

Dr. H. L. Ash, Minister of Second Christian Church, Georgetown, Ky., motored over to see the Evangelist who is a very dear friend of his.

Broadway Christitan Church is Apostolic in doctrine and in practice.

On Sunday afternoon during the Revival members of the church visited one of their shut-ins. She was a senior member of the church and President of the Missionary Circle. Mrs. William Owens sponsored this service. A splendid program was arranged, the young people playing the major part which consisted of fine literary and musical selections. The following persons were present and spoke in brief:

Mrs. Sara Jones, President of District No. 6, Rev. R. L. Peters, National Evangelist, and the Minister, Rev. William Owens and others. One of the main features of this meeting was the crowning of Mrs. Fannie Rucker, President. This was a very impressive service. The officers of the

church gave communion and the congregation present put in the hands of Sister Rucker an offering of \$3.

The Evangelist Highly Entertained

Mr and Mrs. John D. Hutsell's home is where he made his headquarters while in Winchester. From there he was invited to take meals in the following homes: Mrs. Ida B. Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, Miss Anna Mills, Mrs. Rosa Rash, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Owens.

Special mention is made of the kind hospitality shown by Mr. Johnnie Mills who contributed his car, time, gas and oil, all free of charge, taking the Minister and the Evangelist on in and out of town visits.

The Leadership

The Official Staff of Broadway Christian Church is one among the best in the Brotherhood. John D. Hutsell is an Elder made after the New Testament pattern.

Rev. William Owens, Minister, and his wife, Sister William Owens, are prepared leaders, honored and highly respected by the people of Winchester, of both races. Elder Owens is an excellent pastor and a powerful preacher. The Evangelist visited the following places: Met State Board of Christian Churches, Lexington, Ky., and North Middletown, Ohio.

Summary

The Evangelist, lectured at the High School in Winchester, Ky., and was loudly applauded by the Faculty and student body.

The Revival closed with six accessions, all candidates for baptism and offerings sufficient for baptism and gelist a nice sum and a balance to go in the church treasury.

P.S.—Any church wanting an Evangelist to hold a meeting may call Rev. Wm. Owens, 232 W. Broadway Street, Winchester, Kentucky.

R. WESLEY WATSON TRI-STATE EVANGELIST REPORTS

The Tri-State Evangelist Committee, doing work among Negroes in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma, reports the Evangelist R. Wesley Watson, since the last report, has held five meetings and has traveled over 10,000 miles and held many conferences. The Oklahoma Churches have been requested to pay \$300.00 annually toward the support of this work, but so far the response to this call has been very meagre. It is a very worthy cause. Donations may be sent to the Oklahoma office, designated for Negro evangelistic work, or thorough John Stuart Mill, Secretary-Treasurer of the Tri-State Board, Room 218, Y. M. C. A. Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

WOMEN'S PAGE

FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE
BUCKEYE STATE
Mrs. D. C. Fowler
1180 E. Long Street

Congratulations to our Co-Editor, Miss Henrietta Herod and the Editor for giving the Women a chance in making the *Christian Plea* a Masterpiece. One hastens to turn the pages in excitement of renewing one's memory of friends and the success of the work we are endeavoring to do. With the Easter season past and the Pentecost just ahead, we press forward to the next great mile-stone. Soon we come to the last mile-stone of our efforts, June 30th and our great National Convention. The women of our Church lead in raising \$76.00 for the improvement of our church basement which is to house the kitchen and dining room. The members have been asked to raise the remaining sum to complete the basement. The pastor has just returned from a vacation in Roanoke, Virginia. In his absence, the young people's club, the former young Matron's group had charge of the morning services and did a very fine job of it. The name of the club is the Monchu Club, which means Monroe Ave. Church of Christ. This enables the young men of the Church to become members of the club. Nevertheless, it still maintains the Missionary Spirit. They presented the Church with new song books to be used by the Choir and congregation.

Mrs. Arnold had charge of the Wednesday night Bible class which was very inspiring.

History week was observed in commemoration of the twenty-four years of the Organized Church life here in our City. These services brought many valuable and interesting things out. It is to be remembered that we first organized in the home of Sister Carrie Coles, at which time there were in attendance three of the charter members that remained faithful throughout the years and are still with us, namely: Eld. C. H. Bush, and Mrs. Clara Cardwell and Mrs. Carrie Coles.

We are happy to say that we now have a lovely church home well located and clear of all debts, a building comparing favorably with any in the Brotherhood and all in twenty-four short years. Much credit can be given to the local churches and especially the women who guided like loving mothers would their children learning to walk; the Franklin County Board, the Ohio Christian Missionary Society, the W. C. M. S., and the Ohio State Convention, and here

again the women lead in giving the fifty dollars from the Missionary Society's treasury. I can never forget the incident when the question was asked by Mrs. Offut, the State President, as to which of the two struggling churches could do more with \$50.00 right at that time. Two delegates were then chosen to speak for three minutes in order that a decision could be reached as to the church needing and being more able to use the amount of money in question. Eld. W. P. Martin and Mrs. Allen spoke for Cleveland and Dean J. M. Cowan and a Mr. Wright spoke for Columbus. The decision was rendered in favor of the Columbus Church which made the two delegates very proud and happy that the initial gift had been set aside for a Church Home in Columbus. I have said all of this to say that it takes prayer and much prayer and hard work and the willingness to suffer and the determination to stick to it and Faith in God. What we have done others can do.

At this time we are looking forward to a great Revival to be conducted by our National Evangelist Eld. R. L. Peters. Pray for the salvation of souls.

MUST I GO EMPTY HANDED

By Mrs. Pearl Craggett
6708 Belvidere Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

"Must I go empty handed," to my mind is a beautiful song written by C. C. Luther and G. C. Stebbins. A song that makes me take inventory of myself.

Must I go empty handed
Thus my dear redeemer meet?
Not one day of service give him
lay no trophies at his feet.

Oh, the years of sinning wasted
Could I but recall them now.
I would give them to my savior,
To his will I will gladly bow.

Oh, ye Saints arouse be earnest,
Up and work while yet 'tis day,
ere the night of death overtake
you,
Strive for souls while yet you
may.

Convention time is drawing near, and to you local and State Presidents I wonder if some of you are not already saying must I go up to the convention empty handed, must I face those folks there. Not one dollar of apportionment given nor one dime on special assessments given.

We have had the year before us. We have wasted all of this time. Oh, dear friends, be up and working ere the thirtieth of June will soon be here and find us having not reached

our goal. You still have time left, so send in the last quarterly report to Miss Jamison.

Please, women, have the S. C. I. party and have a share in building that much needed boys' dormitory. For some years we have depended on this school for much of our leadership. If we must look to them for our ministers then we must prepare a place for them to stay. They are building on faith so don't betray that faith.

Mother's day would be a fine time to give an offering for this needed cause. You who have mothers who have passed on as my mother has let us give memorial. To those who are fortunate in having their mothers give an offering for this great cause.

A MOTHER

God sought to give the sweetest
thing in his almighty power
To earth and deeply pondering
What it should be one hour
In fondest joy and love of heart
Out weighing every other
He moved the gates of heaven
apart
And gave to earth a mother.

(Author Unknown)

Again let me say we are in the last quarter of our missionary year's work hard to reach your goal to U. C. M. S. The month of June is the election for some. To you who may go out of office we want to thank you for your cooperation for the past year and we shall count on your helping the incoming officers in every possible way.

Last but not least remember your national goal which is to be carried to our National Convention. \$10.00 for organized state, \$5.00 for unorganized state, \$2.00 for each local society in state, \$1.00 each child or the money for S. C. I. to Miss Jamison U. C. M. S. and state that it is for the school. To Ohio for regional workers send this money to your State Treasurer so it can be sent in before the books close. Don't let the thirtieth of June find you empty handed work while yet 'tis day.

The total brotherhood goal for missionary causes requires \$2.00 per minute, \$120.00 per hour in offering from the church and its organizations to support the work. Some of us think this depends on our General Secretary. Not so, it depends on us in our local churches and state workers.

PEOPLES MAKES STUDY OF NEGRO DISCIPLES

In this age of technological advancement, it is necessary for Negroes to study their situation scientifically in order that they might have a "Yard Stick" by which to measure their ongoing. Dr. Peoples, our General Secretary of Negro Churches, has

set his hand to this task and the summary is revealing.

In conversation with some of the National Negro Disciples leaders, they claim that the "Good Old Days" are gone and that Negro Disciples are fast becoming smaller in number and poorer in finance and spirit. They also claim that it is because of the lack of area, state and regional leaders. In another instance they say it is because our ministry is not prepared. Still again they say that the white brotherhood would rather help Africa and foreign fields because the reports show that we have less workers now on the field than we have ever had. Some say that those in charge have turned the Negroes out to go for themselves.

It is obvious that many techniques have been tried. Among these are the old type white missionaries who lived and died with Negroes. Another is one the Disciples try, for the Negroes to feel that they are an integral part of the great brotherhood and all work together. Still another is to let Negro leaders alone with their lack of experience in leadership and selfish schemes which foster keeping the Negro divided and weak and consequently accomplishing nothing.

Dr. Peoples is to be commended for making unbiased and authentic study of the Negro Disciples. He is wise in not going into causes and cures, but leaves this part of his study open for discussion and study. However, every well-meaning Disciple can draw his own conclusions. The study shows that in 23 states from 1934-39 we have 107 rural and 79 urban churches making a total of 186 Negro churches. These churches report a membership of 19,875, only 8,892 Sunday School pupils. They raised for local expenses \$63,415.62 and for missions \$3,635.21. These churches are staffed with 140 ministers, of these 74 have less than high school training; 10 are high school graduates; 9 have attended a Bible institute; 29 have finished College; 2 have done graduate work; and 3 have attended a Seminary.

It is obvious that many Negro Disciples do not cooperate or report to the U.C.M.S. Your guess is as good as mine. Negroes just do not keep accurate records, and reporting even to God is out of the question. A Negro minister is very apt to preach coercion and "bossism," when someone wants a report. In fact, what he wants, is to be a "dictator" over his flock.

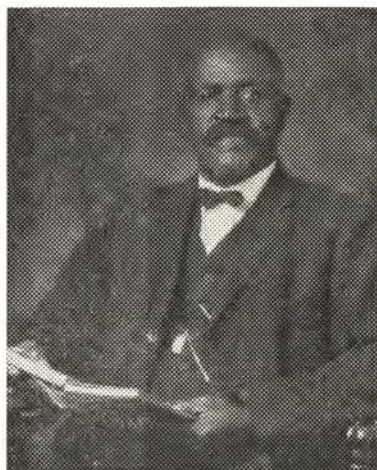
The present census will show that we will have about 14,000,000 Negroes in America. It is true that the church is the one and only place where the Negro has full self expression. But it is imperative that we have a United Brotherhood. One that is tried and true, believing that with the instru-

ments man has developed to reveal truth he may progress. That Negro Disciples will take this study as a starting point to build a program which will fit the needs of the Negro and command the faith and confidence of the white Brotherhood to such an extent that they will help us reclaim our rightful place and do an effective job in Kingdom building is our prayer.



Dr. F. A. Redmond

Dr. F. A. Redmond, founder of the Egyptian Queen of Sheba School of Beauty Culture, located at 419 Fourth Avenue N., Nashville, Tenn. is an active member of the Lea Avenue Christian Church and Treasurer of Junior Deacon Board.



Dr. Montague F. Robinson

Dr. Montague Frederic Robinson, an old veteran of the Disciples of Christ Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, still carries on.

ACTIVITIES OF BROTHERHOOD CHURCHES

A FINE MEETING HELD AT LONDON, KY.

By Elder W. Walker
Box 176, London, Ky.

An eight day meeting was just closed at London, Ky. A large attendance was had and the Church was strengthened by the addition of five people. Elder Mays, the minister with Elder William Walker, held the meeting.

Notice: Any one desiring to hold a meeting and is in need of a speaker, write Elder William Walker, Box 176, London, Ky. Terms may be made to suit you. Elder Walker also offers a prayer and a word of encouragement to the work of the Plea.

FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE

By Alexander Craggett

The pastor ended his first year of ministry as pastor of the Cedar Ave. Church on Sunday, April 7th. The Anniversary Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. F. Compton of Canton, who was accompanied by some of his members.

The Christian Endeavor Society spent the evening of the 14th with a musical sponsored by Miss Faye Brown for the benefit of raising money to go to summer conference. The following appeared on program: Christ Temple Quartette, Mr. Thomas Hunter, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Walter Montgomery, of the Christ Temple Church. Mr. Anthony Thomas, Miss Helen Howard, Mrs. Melverda McCall Mr. Robin Lewis of the local congregation.

The men again defeated the women after losing to them in the January rally by one dollar.

The choir rendered a recital this time in Akron, Ohio at the High St. Church of Christ. Pastor, Rev. G. W. Knepper. The recital was not only a success from singing alone but financially as well. The choir turned over to the building Fifty dollars.

The church is now preparing for the institute to be held here May 15th to 19th under the leadership of Mr. Vance G. Smith, regional worker for Ohio, and he will be assisted by other members of the U. C. M. S.

Special Mothers' day services have been planned by the church. Mrs. Craggett is chairman of the program. A mothers' day tea is also planned with Mrs. Talbert as chairman.

The pastor will exchange pulpits with Rev. Compton of Canton the third Sunday in May.

With the purchasing of property in mind trustees were elected on Sunday, April 21st.

The recent bride of the director of the choir, joined the choir to help build up the soprano staff, and will be a real asset to the choir.

Rev. Craggett will serve as a member of the faculty of the Muskingum Conference to be held at New Concord Ohio June 16th to the twenty third.

Mrs. Craggett will be guest speaker at the Lakewood Christian Church Missionary Society of which Rev. H. B. McCormick is pastor, June 6th. She will speak on missions.

The church had as guest for April Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lee Browder of Detroit. Mrs. Browder is the sister of Mrs. Craggett.

NEWS FROM INDIANAPOLIS SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Mrs. J. A. Towns
846 W. 26th Street
Indianapolis, Ind.

To report about the Indianapolis Second Christian Church, it seems advisable, to go back to the fall activities. Early in October, at a congregational meeting, on the recommendation of the Official Board, our pastor, W. D. Campbell was recalled for an additional fifteen months with an increase in salary. Also in October, the Annual Home Coming was observed with two services and a basket dinner on Sunday. The Friday preceding the organizations presented their programs orally for the second year. These programs in outline were put into the Home-Coming booklet. It is interesting to know that most of the groups are following their programs, closely. On the last Sunday in October, a reception, in honor of the first anniversary of Rev. Campbell's ministry was held for him and Mrs. Campbell. One of the Aids of the church, known as the Circle, held the Annual Breakfast followed by services, in early hours of Thanksgiving Day.

December was a busy month, with parties and dinners held by most of the organizations, in the homes of various members, the Sunday School party, on Christmas Eve, the annual white gifts service followed by the distribution of baskets by the Older Young People's Group, who caroled on their stops.

The Annual Church Meeting was held early in January. Recommendations presented by the Official Board, the report of the treasurer, Dr. H. L. Wales, the reports of various organizations as well as that of the assis-

tant to the pastor, Mrs. J. A. Towns, was accepted unanimously. All reports showed substantial gains. There had been twenty-seven additions for the fiscal year.

From January thru March, an attendance campaign, directed by the pastor, assisted by twenty-four members helped to maintain the splendid attendance during the severe weather.

Other activities have been two recitals, contest for girl graduates from the High School, many Sunday Night meetings sponsored by various organizations, within the church, Pre-Easter Prayer Services thru out Passion Week, under the direction of the Missionary Society, Easter program by the Sunday School, fellowship suppers every Thursday Night, preceding prayer services, from October to April. We have just entertained the Youth Fellowship Planning Committee over the week-end May 3-5 and are now planning Mother's Day program under the Older Young People's Group the 15th Anniversary of the Circle, the Annual June Rally and so forth.

All comments on the Plea are complimentary. Mrs. H. L. Herod has been appointed by Rev Campbell to secure subscriptions.

DISCIPLES HERE AND THERE IN TEXAS



By Edwin M. Hurdle
Texas Representative
2409 Jordan Street, Dallas, Texas.

The State Board of the Texas colored Missionary Convention met in Dallas with Mr. Willard M. Wickizer, head of the department of church development and evangelism of the U. C. M. S., Saturday, May 4, to discuss special business matters pertaining to the State Work. The

members of the State Board are: Prof. I. Q. Hurdle, President, Austin; President P. C. Washnigton Treasurer, Jarvis College; Rev. S. J. Samson, Secretary, Dallas; Prof. T. W. Pratt, Head of Bible School, Dallas; Rev. F. C. Cary, Head of Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and Rev. J. E. Quarles, State Evangelist.

Rev. H. G. Smith of Paris is one of the most energetic pastors in the state. Besides being an educator, he pastors the churches in Center Point strong evangelistic speaker and in his preaching emphasizes the necessity of the brotherhood reading of *The Christian Plea* for Christian Development.

Rev. R. L. Searcy, pastor of the Henderson church, has been guest speaker for our E Sixth Street Church in Oklahoma City during the past two weeks. Comments in the state are that Bro. Searcy delivered soul saving messages.

The officials of Romine Street Church in Dallas are handicapped in their business meetings on account of the illness of one of their members, Bro. F. L. Stafford, who at this writing is in the hospital. Two of the other dependable officials are: Bros. W. D. Pierson and W. D. Brown. The local members and others in the state are hoping for Bro. Stafford a speedy recovery.

Rev. W. M. Henry of Waxahachie is one of the most illustrious "Sons of Thunder" in Texas. He is also the mainstay at Wyatt Street Christian Church in his home town. It is expected that he will be holding several revivals soon.

Sis. E. G. Titus of Dallas has been recently appointed State Representative of Texas for *The Ida D. Taylor Home for the Aged* in Nashville. She has been very busy speaking in numerous meetings concerning the home, which is an institution sponsored by the National Convention of the Negro Disciples of Christ of America. This very active Christian worker plans to visit several of the Churches in the state soon in the interest of the Home. Her itinerary will appear in this column of *The Christian Plea*. Sis. Titus is a sister of Dr. L. H. Crawford, President of our National Convention. Along with her work she will speak in the interest of *The Christian Plea*.

Rev. C. L. Parks, newly elected minister at our Boll Street Church in Dallas entered on the duties of a busy city pastorate, Sunday, April

21. He was given a large ovation by the members present on that day. Mrs. Parks is with Rev. Parks and is quite a help to him. This minister is a product of the Greenville, Ga. Public Schools and Moorehouse College in Atlanta. Mrs. Parks is a graduate of Bethume Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Lee Shelton student of Jarvis College will spend the summer vacationing with his mother, Mrs. Lucile Shelton, member of Boll Street Church in Dallas and Christian Plea worker.

Rev. A. D. Littles is at present guest speaker for E. Annie Street Christian Church in Ft. Worth. He is a favorite among Texas Brethren and lives in Houston.

Rev. N. H. Johnson has been speaking for the brethren at Boll Street and Romine Street Christian Church for a short interim and now wishes to be permanently located with some good church.

Bros. Will Powell and Ed. McKinney are the leading officials in the Church in Van Alstyne, one of the oldest Christian Churches in Texas.

A GREAT REVIVAL IN CHAMOI, MISSOURI

Miss Mary Anthony, Reporter
Box 85, Chamois, Mo.

Our Tri-State Evangelist, R. Wesley Watson, spent nine days with our church in a meeting. He made it plain that it was our meeting and all must play a part for the success of it. And we took him at his word for every member from children to the older ones was on hand each night and did his or her duty.

The Evangelist labored hard to build up the work and to show men the New Testament Plan of Salvation, which resulted in ten for baptism and one otherwise. The entire town attended, among them many of our white friends. Each evening some one sang a special selection in keeping with the message. The last night was rainy but a very fine crowd was present and we had the best meeting of the entire week.

On Sunday morning the Ordination Service was very interesting; the Evangelist brought a most helpful and instructive message upon the "Plea Of the Disciples of Christ." We were uplifted, for our souls were fed with the "Sincere Milk of the Word." Bro. James R. Williams was set apart as an Elder of our church by prayer, fasting and laying on of hands. He had acted in that capacity for a number of years and had proven himself to be worthy of this office, therefore the church requested his ordination.

It was a very impressive service and we feel under his leadership with the cooperation of the members our work will go on in a good way.

The entire town has been benefited by these services and will be glad for the Evangelist to come again. He did much to inspire us to go on and in a most helpful way pointed out our relationship to the work, both National, State and the Society.

The members were hospitable, each family having the Evangelist in their homes for meals. The offerings were \$42.77. Elder Williams and his good wife made this possible by calling on our white friends and bringing in \$21.95. We paid to the Tri-State through the Evangelist \$30.00 in order that they may carry on this good work. We do appreciate their sending the Evangelist to us and want them to know that Chamois is behind the program.

Since the Evangelist has been gone some of the men got together and raised the building on a more firm foundation and with what money was on hand we started a building fund to beautify our church.

We were happy to have with us during the meeting Sister Mellisa Evans who has been working in Jefferson City, she was quite an inspiration to us all and on Sunday Miss Lelia Circuit came down for the day.

We are expecting a minister to be with us on the 2nd Sunday and if it is possible we will have to take charge of our church. The church will observe Father's day in June.

This leaves our work going on well, our council meets each meeting and a deal of interest is being manifested in the program of the brotherhood.

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Rev. William Owens

231 W. Broadway, Winchester, Ky.

A soul stirring revival under the leadership of our National Evangelist, Elder R. L. Peters, has just come to a close. Six additions were made and \$72 in money was raised not including the general collection. Much praise must go to Elder Peters who has lost one arm but has not lost any of his fervor for preaching the gospel. He may be referred to as one of the most outstanding Evangelists the Brotherhood has had.

Just a word concerning the National setup. Having served as Registrar for the National Convention for the past four years and having followed up the National Convention down through the years, watching the trend and the many changes of the National Convention, I think I speak the sentiments of all who think in terms of a greater convention when I say that under the present setup and leadership we are headed toward the right direction for a great National

Convention. May I say just a word for the Christian Plea and the Editor. When I listened to that master piece of Professor Eppse over "Wings over Jordan" I said surely he is the right man in the right place, in the right church. I cast my vote for the entire program of the National Convention.

Speaking of the Christian Plea, I am reminded of a write up on the National Convention, in which someone was criticizing the music. The singing Evangelist who was invited to sing was a friend of members of the Christian Church, but not a member. In the 10th Chapter of John these words are spoken: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring in, and they shall hear my voice; and shall become one flock." Some said that the songs were not of the right type. That too, depends upon the mind of the person listening. Christ said to John in the 9th Chapter 40: "He that is not against us but is for us."

I have long waited for the folk of Louisville who invited these folk to sing to answer the writer. I think that these folk deported themselves in a fine way and I do feel that since the Convention endorsed them, received them, and the masses of the convention enjoyed their contribution to the convention, that we should be appreciated.

BIRCH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. Ann Laurie, Reporter

1568 W. 36th Place

Los Angeles, Calif.

Elder Walter Bryant of Chicago, Illinois, brought an inspiring message to the congregation of Birch St. Christian Church. Such messages are always appreciated at this church.

The Fashion Revue on May 1, was a complete success. Plans are now under way for a special Mother's day program. Prizes will be given to the youngest and oldest Mother in the congregation. Evening services will begin on May 12th at 7:00 P.M., closing at 8:30 P.M. These services will be instructive in nature, with Elder R. L. Turnage, a splendid teacher of the Bible, as the Instructor.

We are expecting another interesting board meeting this month with plenty of encouraging news and enthusiasm. Elder Torrance is still bringing effective messages. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Whiteside of Kansas City were three additions taken into the church Sunday.

The Ladies Aid of the church is really a wide awake group. There is no task too great for them to master if they so desire. In an election of officers some splendid persons were selected.

Sister Clark an interested woman of

the church has taken charge of the World Call and plans to receive a 100 per cent report. New interest is beginning to take place in trying to make the church Christian Plea read by all the members of the church. Ten copies were disposed of before the services closed last Sunday.

The Bible School is gradually increasing. Four new children were enrolled within the past weeks. With the correct teaching, we feel that although the growth is slow, those who do join will remain and as time passes the church will have strong, staunch members.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT NUMBER TWO

By E. J. Jennings

Hermansville, Miss.

The first joint meeting of Districts 1 and 2 proved a success. Clairbourne and Jefferson counties belonging to these Districts held their joint meetings at Port Tilson, Miss., in the Christian Chapel Church, April 25-28. The meeting opened on Thursday night with a program sponsored by the local church. As the program was so well organized there was little work for the committee on programs. The main addresses were given by Mr. J. A. Wilson and C. W. Winn, representing Districts 1 and 2 respectively.

Before the meeting closed the president, Mr. E. J. Jennings brought some encouraging words to the groups. Nice meals and social activities were enjoyed during the meeting. The State Field Secretary, Prof. E. L. Brown, and his co-workers in the Jackson Mississippi High School were present. Mr. Brown brought a strong message on Sunday bringing out some of the facts on the theme of the program. Sixty dollars was raised.

A youth meeting is being looked forward to with the Pine Grove Christian Church, May 31-June 2. Miss Jamison is invited to be at this meeting.

GIRLS' DAY AT AVALON TO CLIMAX YOUTH WEEK

Annual Girls' day observance to be held at Avalon Christian church, 43rd and Avalon, as a climax to activities held during the week in honor of Youth. Morning services will consist of music by the Girls' Concert choir, special trio by the Carter Sisters, solo by Miss Harry Fleming and others. Miss Constance Smart will preside as Mistress of ceremonies.

An inspiring and uplifting program has been arranged for the evening. Special music will be presented by the Blackwell Sisters. Petite Carmen Buford, 7 year old pianist will play. Miss Emily Jane Green will give her interpretation of "The Creation." Mrs. Harold F. Ennis is chairman of the Girls' Day Committee.

THE INDIANA AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH WAS HOST TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION ON FRIDAY APRIL 26

By Alma P. Cummings
Chicago, Illinois

Sunday morning, April 28, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Executive Secretary of the National Convention, delivered the message. The large appreciative audience was thrilled as the speaker gave a timely and useful historical background of the National Convention. She placed great emphasis upon the imperative need of every member of the local church supporting the financial program of the institution so that its major objectives might be achieved in the near future. The emotional and factual reaction of the members was demonstrated in cash and pledges to the amount of \$100.00 plus. The full amount is to be raised and remitted by Fathers' Day, June 16, 1940.

Sunday afternoon, April 28, the Deaconess Board, led by its wide-awake Chairman, Mrs. Minnie Davis, sponsored our first, Annual Church Women's Day Program and Rev. Rally. Mrs. Henry Herod, President Women's Dept. of National Convention was the guest speaker.

Wednesday evening, May 1, Rev. William Martin, chairman of the Program Committee and Evangelist for the churches in Arkansas, preached a fine sermon from the text: "I shall be satisfied, when I awake with Thy likeness." Psalm 17: 15.

Sixteen members have been added to the Church since Jan. 1st., three by baptism.

The trustees, supported by the enthusiastic endorsement of the members of our Church, have recently contracted for a new roof on the Church building.

The April Birthday Club Presented an original play, entitled: "Night After Next," Friday evening April 26, in the basement of our Church. Mr. E. McDonald, the author of the play and leader of the entertainment, disclosed much initiative, originality and humor in his plot, characters and performance. Miss Evelyn Smith, our talented Cartoonist-Actress, supplied additional stimulus to the fun, enjoyment and success of the play and every one played his part very well.

SOCIAL ACTION By Mrs. Ruth Eppse

"Why has Mr. Dies repeatedly ignored appeals to investigate the Klux Klan. Why have Department

of Justice Men, sent into South Carolina to look into Klan terror there, returned recommending no action be taken?"

These are the questions raised in "Time to Wash Some Sheets," a leading article appearing in the May issue of Equality Magazine, a monthly devoted to combating racial and religious intolerance.

A salaried fire marshal, authorized to inspect buildings and prevent fire hazards of any nature, will probably be employed by the Natchez City Council in the near future, Mayor William J. Byrne, announced here this week.

"If I had been supplied with a fire marshal as I asked when I took office, the terrible fire of the 23rd might have been avoided," said Mayor Byrne.

Dr. George Washington Carver, brilliant agricultural chemist of Tuskegee Institute will receive the highest award to be conferred by the fifth annual convention of the International Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, C. I. O. professional affiliate at the Hotel Pennsylvania, N. Y. City from May 31 to June 2.

It will be in the form of a specially designed Plaque to commemorate the many outstanding achievements of Professor Carver, whose discoveries include hundreds of new compounds derived from the peanut and sweet potato and those brilliant research has resulted in overcoming the destructive disease which has afflicted the cotton plant.

LEA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Wilhemena Martin, Reporter
449 4th Ave., N.
Nashville, Tenn.

Well attended and successful services have been held at Lea Avenue during the past months. God came on the scene and gave us many of the best services. Our beloved pastor, Elder L. H. Crawford has delivered with action and power several sermons from the subjects, "Christian Love," two audiences that make up the Church of Jesus Christ" and "Mother Behold thy Son, Son, Behold thy Mother." Elder Crawford is an excellent preacher and labors hard and faithfully in prayer and fasting. Our people greatly appreciate his ministry.

The Christian Endeavor is held at its usual hour 6:30 P.M. each Sunday with very interesting topics for discussion. The youth of the church are carrying on very impressive services. A Christian Youth Campaign spon-

sored recently had several inspiring speakers. Mr. Richard Otey, National Field Official of Boy Scouts of America, Rev. L. Harris, Assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church and Prof. L. Laster of A. and I. State College were among the leading speakers.

NEWS FROM THE WEST FEDERAL STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Mrs. Thomas Callens
Youngstown, Ohio

Mrs. Preston Taylor's editorial in last months **Plea** was a challenge to all Christians of the Brotherhood. We should support this journal which is so much needed for our expressions. Much credit is due both Mrs. Taylor and the editor, Prof. Eppse, who have made so many sacrifices to bring the **Christian Plea** back to us.

Our Youngstown church, under the pastorage of Elder F. T. Barnett, has taken on new life since his short stay of one year. Many improvements have been made on the physical plant and new interest has been taken in the general program of the church. He has been able to carry on the work started before his arrival.

October marked the first anniversary of our pastor. Elder C. E. Craggett from the Cedar Avenue Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio preached an inspiring sermon on this occasion. Elder Barnett was presented with \$40 as a gift. Ten confessions have been made during the twelve months, two by baptism, one member coming to us from the Catholic Church. Easter week of prayer was sponsored by the Missionary Society. The District meeting was held here in March and in April a building rally was closed with \$68 added to the fund, raising it to over \$500.

Last summer Elder Craggett, after serving four years as State President for the Disciples, was replaced by Elder E. W. Wilbert of Dayton, Ohio. This meeting was held in Federal Street Christian Church. Mrs. Pearl Allen, Lockland, Ohio, President of the Missionary Society, Mrs. Jessa May Myers, Cleveland, Ohio, General Secretary, Mr. J. C. Riffe, Dayton, Ohio, Superintendent of the Bible School, Mr. Alexander Craggett, President of Christian Endeavor. Elder S. J. Compton, pastor of the Cherry Street Christian Church, Canton, Ohio, will be the host to the 1940 State Convention.

Our goal for our rally is \$700. Friends who have helped from out of town are: Mrs. Preston Taylor, \$2; Mrs. W. A. Scott, \$1; Mrs. Cornealus Scott, \$1; Mrs. Estella Morman, \$1; Mrs. Fred Dennison, \$1; Mrs. Autha Thomas, \$2.50.

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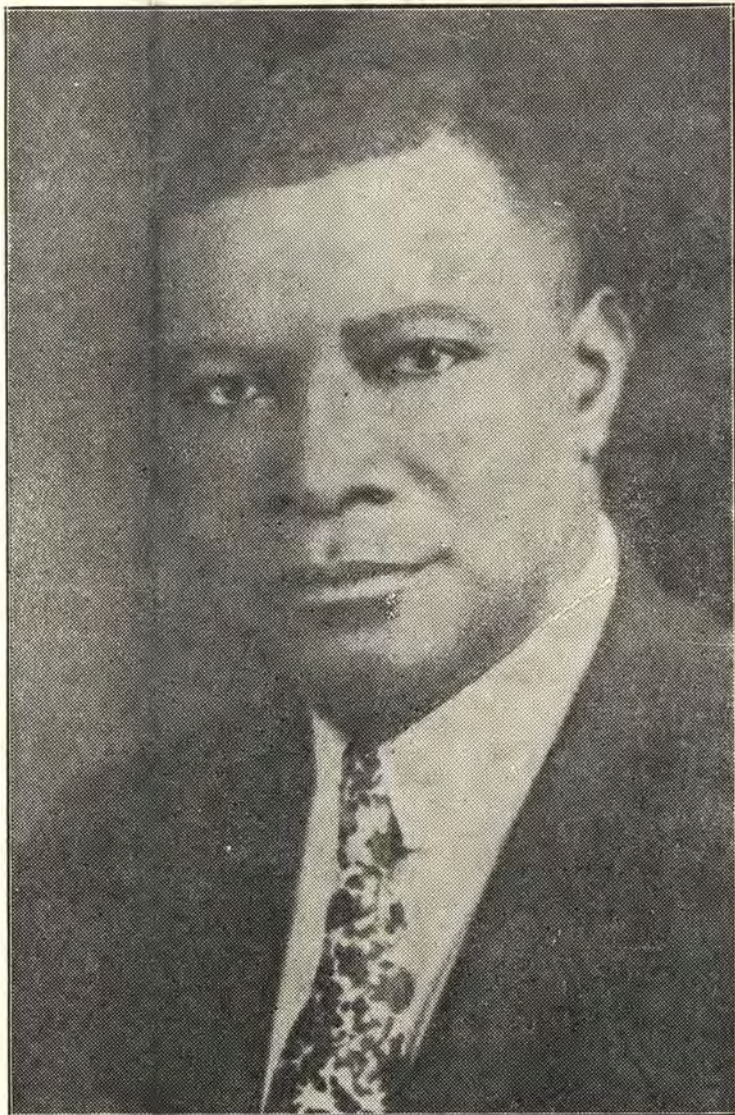
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A chance for Negroes to acquire a skilled hand as well as a trained mind has come to the Negro youth of Kentucky. President M. H. Griffin, comes to this much needed and necessary type of training after a successful career in Alabama as Rosenwald agent; Professor at Alabama State College and Principal of the Vocational School at Lexington, Kentucky.



DR. J. E. WALKER

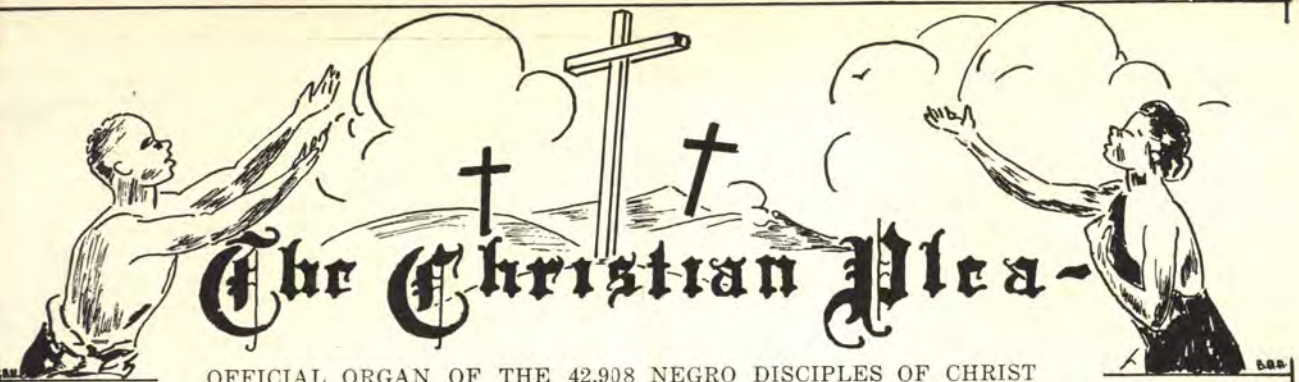
Here in this modern plant the Negro youths can learn Brick Masonry; Auto Mechanics; Home Economics; Cosmetology; Tailoring, and allied courses.

President Griffin is a graduate of Tennessee State College, member of Phi Beta Tau, Honorary Scholastic Fraternity; and medalist of the History Study Club. He has spared no pains in selecting a well trained faculty and since all of his graduates are employed—this is proof that he is doing a much needed work. He is an ardent supporter of the Clay Street Christian Church.

NATIONAL TREASURER COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER J. E. WALKER

Dr. J. E. Walker, President of the Universal Life Insurance Company, Memphis, Tennessee; President of the National Negro Business League; Treasurer of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ; has

been forced to accept the responsibility of delivering the Commencement Address at Alcorn College, Alcorn, Mississippi, May 28. It is significant that he is a graduate of Alcorn College, receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1903. He received his Medical Degree from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, in 1906. After speaking at Alcorn Dr. Walker will go to Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, for the Commencement Address, May 29. He has just returned from New York City; Baltimore, Md.; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and Detroit, Michigan where he spoke to thousands of people. He is the number one Negro business man of the twentieth century. On August 18th he will be heard over "Wings Over Jordan." His life is an inspiration to youth of America because he has had a steady rise from the backwoods of Mississippi to the highest honor accorded an American.

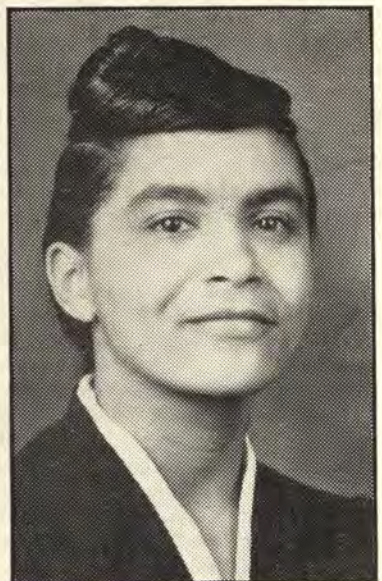


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Disciples Divinity House Denies Negro Admittance



Miss Elaine W. Sherrill, Langston High School, Johnson City, Tenn.



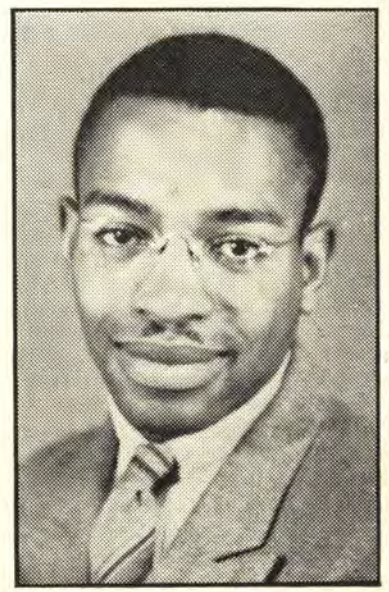
Miss Wilhelmina Martin
Tennessee State College, Nashville

A Negro young man, William K. Fox, after graduating from the High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, matriculated at Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College, Nashville, Tennessee, and graduated with "Honors." He was the recipient of the History Study Club "Gold Medal" for scholarship; the Forensic Gold Key for Public Speaking; and the Gold Key of Phi Beta Tau Chapter of Alpha Kappa Nu, a National Scholastic Honorary Society. In spite of graduating with "cum laude," Dean E. S. Ames, 5722 Kimbark Avenue, Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois, Dean of the Disciples Divinity House, says he cannot be received because of "So many who applied are better students and showed more promise as ministers."

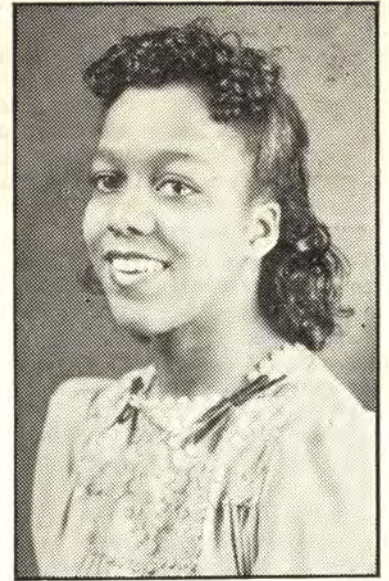
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LOVELY GRADUATE—YOUNGEST FRESHMAN

Tennessee State College will welcome one of the youngest freshmen to ever enter her gates when Elaine Winifred Sherrill registers this fall. Miss Sherrill was graduate in June from the Langston High School, Johnson City, Tennessee. Her father, Dr. O. W. Sherrill, is a graduate of Meharry Medical College and a leading physician and surgeon of Johnson City. Her mother, Mrs. Ella Martin Sherrill, is the daughter of the late Elder William P. Martin, who distinguished himself in the Christian faith by building churches at Savannah, Tennessee; Gay Street, Nashville, Tennessee; Cedar Street, Cleveland, Ohio and a church in Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. E. N. Sherrill is a graduate of Tennessee State College, and has taught many years in East Tennessee. She is now in charge of Extension work in Tennessee. Miss Sherrill will be a leading student because of her varied interest in playing the saxophone, singing and dancing. Lea Avenue Christian Church will be her spiritual headquarters.



William K. Fox
Tennessee State College, Nashville



Miss Lena C. Harris
Pearl High School, Nashville

DISCIPLES DIVINITY HOUSE DENIES NEGRO ADMITTANCE

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The Divinity School of the University of Chicago granted him a tuition scholarship. When he applied for admittance to the Disciples Divinity House, he was told to get the Divinity School scholarship first. He did and it was granted. As soon as he received the Divinity School scholarship, he asked for the Disciples' House scholarship but was denied.

Dean Ames admits that there has never been a Negro resident of the Disciples Divinity House. Is it true that the Disciples have discovered that Negroes have lower mentality than other races; when in the face of this statement William Fox has proven his scholastic standing among 1200 students at the Tennessee State College? Furthermore, a Negro student graduate of this same school in 1939, was the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship at Andover-Newton Divinity School in Boston and made an enviable record during 1939-1940. This student did not receive the honors that Mr. Fox did, but was permitted to live and study among the Baptist Christians in Newton Center. He has demonstrated what a young Negro can do if Christians will give him a chance. The monster serpent of race prejudice must be at the base of the thinking of the venerable Dean, because it is generally understood that his board has been handled as children; that is he sets the standard, formulates the policy, and determines what is to be and what is not to be.

In memorializing the President of the United Christian Missionary Society and every group who would have anything to do with this case—they all throw their hands up in despair and exclaim—I do not think Fox is denied because of race prejudice. "If it is not race prejudice, then what is it?" Fox has won his scholarship Honors and we are willing to lay his record before any impartial jury and to see if his record is not as good as any who have applied.

The Division of Home Missions even questions whether it is not asking too much to have Fox live in the Divinity House, eat at a common table, and fraternize with white Disciples. In the name of Jesus who died for us all, with the world torn asunder with strife and hatred, are the Disciples among the ranks of the weak, prejudiced, biased, narrow totalitarians?

It is time for Christians to quit sending the message of love abroad and to try some of it at home. If the Disciples in Chicago cannot tolerate a Negro, how do they expect

the Disciples of the South to be so fair and broadminded?

The Negro Disciples have nothing to lose but their chains of caste and segregation. They will ask all fair-minded Christ loving people to come to their aid. William K. Fox will enter the University of Chicago Divinity School. He is ordained to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He will be a symbol of love and righteousness to all who know him.

DISCIPLES LOSE VALUABLE MEMBER



Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Magowan

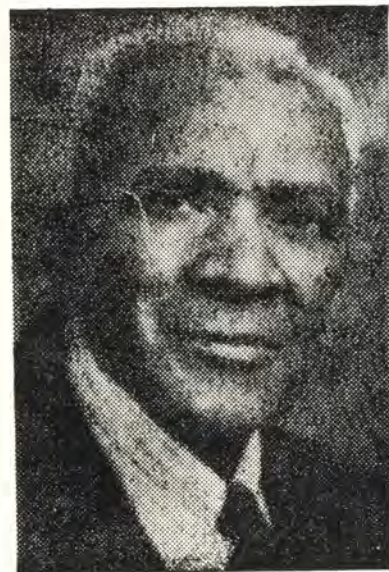
The Disciples of Christ of the nation's capital, as well as throughout the entire brotherhood, suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Magowan, the wife of Mr. N. W. Magowan a resident of the city of Washington, D.C. The death of Mrs. Magowan brought to a colorful end, a life which had been well spent in loyal service and devotion to her church. She was the organizer and founder of the 12th St. Christian Church, Washington, D.C., she was also instrumental in effecting the organization of both the missionary society and the Sunday School department of her church. She served her church well in every department, not only was she active in her local church for she has during her brilliant career held positions of trust and leadership in the woman's department of the National Convention of the Disciple of Christ.

In addition to her loyalty and devotion to the church Mrs. Magowan, has also served for a number of years as a teacher in the public schools of Paris and Mt. Sterling, Ky. She was also actively engaged in the social and civic projects of her city. She

served as the first Grand Worth Counsellor of the Court of Calanthe of the Knights of Pythians and also as Grand Worthy Princess of the United Brothers of Friendship. Mrs. Magowan was a devoted wife and a loving mother. She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband, Noah W. Magowan, a retired special clerk in the U. S. Post Office, one son Paul B. Magowan, Mrs. Lorraine A. Magowan, a grand daughter Paula Magowan and a host of relatives and friends.

—A Friend

LOYAL DISCIPLE PASSES



Rev. R. L. Love

Rev. R. L. Love was born in Wind, Arkansas, April 13, 1863 and departed this life, Sunday night, May 19, 1940, at 10:45 at the age of 77 years of age. He became a member of the Christian Church at an early age. He was graduated from the Louisville Bible Seminary and began the ministry. His pastorates included churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Wyoming and Arizona. Rev. Love leaves a wife, Mrs. Lena Mae Love, eight sons and four daughters. Mr. Enic Love, Topeka, Kansas; Dr. B. L. Love, Guthrie, Oklahoma; Spelma Love, Wichita, Kansas; Titus Love, Chicago, Illinois; Jack Love, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pearl Love, Wichita, Kansas; Don Lorenza Love, Los Angeles, Calif.; Prembrook Love, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Bertha Mae Demoss, St. Louis, Mo.; Robert and Delores Love, Wichita, Kansas. His widow resides at 1228 Indiana, Wichita, Kansas. Dr. L. H. Crawford, President of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ came from Nashville, Tennessee to preach the funeral.

JAMINSON'S COLUMN

NATIONAL CONVENTION CONFERENCES FOR WOMEN

Last year at our National Convention all of the women spent an hour together each day discussing the general program of missionary organizations.

Local organization problems were discussed as well as plans of organization i.e., council, missionary society, etc. We also discussed materials to be used by different age groups.

There was a general feeling among the women that such a conference ought to be repeated and since the National Convention program committee has set aside an hour each day to be used by the entire convention for this purpose we shall want to make good use of the time for all the women attending the Convention.

The national and state officers and district presidents are planning a pre-convention session at which time they will consider administrative duties of national, state and district work.

During the convention the women may all wish to join in having a report from the pre-convention session as well as discuss the following problems:

- (1) Local church missionary education problems.
- (2) How to enlist total womanhood of the church in world service.
- (3) Methods and materials on age level basis.

Will each one who is interested in the work and development of the women of our Brotherhood please send in suggestions of items to be considered on our agenda as well as have a delegate or two from your church to participate?

Together let us make the Little Rock Convention an educational, and a spiritual venture.

LETTERS TO THE PLEA

GETS BETTER ACQUAINTED

I wish to express appreciation for the courtesies extended to me while I was in Nashville for a few hours. It was a real opportunity for me to get to know you a little better and to have my first visit with Mrs. Eppse. There are many more phases of our Brotherhood work which I would like to discuss with you.
—Miss C. Jamison, General Secretary of Negro Organization

CONGRATULATIONS

Accept my congratulation for the progress you are making editing the CHRISTIAN PLEA. Will you please send five copies to be sold of your next issue?

—Rev. E. W. Wilbert, 736 Dennison Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

REGRETS

I am mailing \$1.00 for copies of the PLEA sent me a few days ago, regret that the paper has to be discontinued. Had news to send for the next issue but I am not sending for reason stated above.

—Mrs. E. G. Starling, Martinsville, Va.

KEEPS BROTHERHOOD TOGETHER

I hope that the Plea will live on for it means much to the Brotherhood to keep us close together. I hope for you much success with Plea.

—A. D. Gault, Mayslick, Ky.

JARVIS COMMENCEMENT FINE

Commencement at Jarvis College was largely attended. The speaker Dr. J. E. Walker, our National Treasurer gave one of his best messages which was greatly enjoyed by all. The work of the late president, J. N. Ervin may be observed all over the campus. He was indeed a noble character, suffering many hardships for the upliftment of humanity. He still lives in the hearts of the people. The President of the college, P. A. Washington will go far with the work that has already been begun. During the Commencement old friends were met again. Visits were made to the beautiful home of Mrs. Dockery, the sister of Mrs. J. N. Ervin. It was almost like a miracle to see the many new buildings that have gone up in the last few years.

—Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, N. Little Rock, Ark.

NOT INTERESTED

Enclosed find \$1.00 for the copies of Christian Plea. I regret very much that I could not sell subscription. The people are just not interested. It was very difficult to sell the copies.

—Mary Anthony, Chamolis, Mo.

HOPES FOR BIGGER REPORT

I hope to report more subscriptions after Sunday. You are doing splendidly with Plea and I assure you I shall do all I can to help keep it going.

Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, Indianapolis, Ind.

WANTS TO HELP

I have sent in my subscription for this year but I feel I want to help the Plea more. I am sending one dollar for a subscription for my sister Mrs. Maggie Hughes.

—Mrs. A. H. Callens, Youngstown, Ohio

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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.

—1 John, 1-7

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All news must be in by
7th of each month.

EDITORIALS

THE REAL ISSUE

By J. M. Cowan, Edwards, Miss.

Any attempt to evaluate an existing order carries with it certain hazards. One, is that of becoming subjective, naming persons, or specific instances; another is the promotion of ones ideas or projects to the exclusion of any others; and finally becoming critical merely for the sake of criticism. Lest I fall victim to either of these and fail to recognize the fall, I want to assure everyone, whose opinions agree or differ from mine—that my sole interest in the National Convention is that it shall serve the present age, and, by so doing, lay such broad foundation that its future will not be jeopardized by time and change.

A significant statement was made by Mrs. Taylor in the April issue of the **Plea**. It is this:

"Men, our problem is not giving, it is having a program and leaders whom the people have confidence in."

It seems to me that this very aptly sums up the situation. I believe with her that when we shall have secured both, our present differences of opinion and achievement will vanish like the dew before the summer sun. Addressed to us, Men, it is a challenge for critical examination of ourselves and of our handiwork.

Men have to decide how they shall be governed. Politically, democracies are set over against dictatorships; spiritually sin and righteousness are unreconcilable enemies; reason and emotion become antagonistic to balanced personalities when either dominates to the exclusion of the other; sociologically, the choice is between individual interests and group interests.

Such is the nature of the issues confronting our brotherhood. What one sees in them depends upon the origin of the viewpoint. At the base of the mountain, the summit is up; at the top, the base is down; at intermediate points a view of both summit and base may be seen. At all times an honest effort to know where one is located is an inherent obligation.

In this light an examination of the proposed amendment to the National Convention Constitution as outlined by the president reveals some items which needs careful scrutiny.

The introduction to the amendment is to be admired for the candor of its purposes. That it will be centralized and dictatorial is naively implied in the following excerpt:

"The permanency of an organization lies in its ability to stabilize its interest and centralize its forces. Every progressive organization has a national head directing its work to the best interest of every department and agency. There must be a central executive even greater than the officers of the convention in session, which will direct and promote the business of the convention throughout the entire year, manage property, assets, and safeguard the integrity of the convention."

Such phrases as a "National head," "There must be a central executive even greater than the officers of the convention in session, etc." leave no doubt about the totalitarian intentions of the proposed board.

In section one, entitled a Board of Directors, the location of the national headquarters presupposes the choice of a central executive whose income would permit him to reside in Nashville. Since the funds to support such an executive are nowhere in sight, the implication is obvious. The closing statement in this paragraph is "These directors to hold office as long as they give bonafide service." This would amount to an appointment for life. In addition who is to decide what "bonafide service" is or isn't. The wrecks of local churches whose board members serve unlimited or indefinite terms ought to make us wary of tenures of this kind. Just as one needs variety in diet, dress, and recreation, so do we need changes at constitutionally specified times in the personnel of the National Convention, and all of its auxiliaries. If and when such a board becomes a necessity its president and its members should be limited to definite terms, say not more than three years with one-third of the board elected every year, and no member including the president to succeed himself.

In section three all of the agencies named in section two "will work directly from headquarters office" or "will be promoted throughout the year from the National Headquarters office."

"At the setting of the convention each department will report and turn over its record and finance to the Board of Directors, which will pay all bills, furnish all stationary, printing and literature for promotion."

Again, as in the case of the implication of the unlimited authority of the Board of Directors stated in the introductory sentences, all the administrative officers of the National Convention would be administratively and financially circumscribed by the directors. Imagine the women's depart-

ment two years hence under such overlordship. Stagnation would be the inevitable fate of our most aggressive department. In section four one is left to assume that the annual report of the Board of Directors would be subject to the approval of the National Convention. If so, that ought to be definitely stated.

It seems to me that any proposal designed to influence the program of the Negro Disciples for a long period should be the result of group rather than individual deliberation. A technically incomplete committee was appointed at the Knoxville Convention to study the structure and function of the National Convention. The committee was also expected to recommend certain constitutional changes which appeared to be necessary. Evidently these plans and the committee went the way of others designed to study our basic reasons for existing. Of course, any member of the church has the right to propose amendment, which is as it should be, and the wise constitutional provision requiring the publication of proposals of this kind in three consecutive issues of the *Plea* provides for the exchange of opinions regarding the measure.

We are a very sensitive people. Some more so than others. In the heat of attacking or defending a position there is frequently a tendency to drag in personalities, or to assume that because one person differs from another it is because of personal likes or dislikes. I trust that none of us shall condescend to this level however widely our ideas and opinions differ.

To me, the record of the convention is convincing evidence of its ability to protect its integrity and to promote the interests of the brotherhood under its present form of administration. The administrative officers, the Executive Committee, the trustees, and the Joint Executive Committee ought to be able to cope with any emergency which arises, as well as serve as effective checks and balances upon each other. I see no reason to fear that the successors to the present administration will depart from established precedent. Our present and future success depends upon our willingness to continue to choose able and consecrated souls to lead us in our cooperative Christian endeavors.

"WHAT I SAW"

By Quit

Article V

One-hundred and seventy-five young college students—about fifty young men and one-hundred twenty-five young women, in a college choir, after singing Zion's songs (Spirituals), in a certain college in the U.S.A. for the

11:00 O'clock service on Sunday Morning, after listening to a soul-stirring sermon (but it did not stir their souls) in which the preacher magnified the dignity of service: there talented young American singers "pass" the collection plate through this line of six rows, one-hundred and fifty gave nothing, the others donated sixty-five cents. That was not all. After the service ended, nineteen of these spent ten cents each for ice cream, as soon as they were dismissed. Yes, I saw an opportunity for the College Presidents and Professors to teach lessons of helpfulness to these young people while they are in the making. The world places this obligation upon its leaders. I saw thirty of these young people that same Sunday evening after a feast of songs, go to the home of one of the Professors and engage in a card party. Can you imagine it? What will they do when they go out into the world as leaders? Do you blame them? Who then?

Now, my good brother, you should examine yourself before you shout over what I say. I saw you do worse than that.

Write to the Danforth Foundation, 835 So. 8th St., Saint Louis, Mo., for the book, "I Dare You." It is a good book. Read it. I defy the college professor.

—Quit

"PAUL AND PETER" TALKING OUT LOUD

Brother Paul and Peter

Bro. Paul: In reading the *Christian Plea* I discovered that two of our Eastern Brethren have proposed a change in the constitution effecting the tenure of "Office of the President" from two years to any number of years. The president involved rewrote the constitution in 1935 which was approved by the convention in Jackson, Miss., it seemed then that the spirit and motive of the promoter was to rotate the office of the president; but with the coming of this proposed recommendation to change the constitution reveals the true motive of the promoter of the constitution THEN (1935) and NOW (1940). What is your comment on this recommendation?

Bro. Peter: I believe in speaking where the Book speaks and to me I see in this recommendation, "The voice of Jacob, but the hands of Esau." I am surprised to know that it took these two brethren five years to find out that the "Tenure of office" is a hinderance to the work and it seems to me that Pilate and Herod have gotten together to crucify section No. 4 in the by-laws.

Bro. Paul: You have spoken a great truth. Pilate and Herod were motivated by selfish reasons, they had nothing in common, but they got together to carry out their point.

Bro. Peter: If we are to preserve our great legacy and give our posterity a greater inheritance, we will have to "Not only bow in reverence" to our Own Preston Taylor and the rest of the Fathers but also to follow them in their love, sacrifice, unselfishness, Christian Stewardship and their love to Christ and the Causes of a great Brotherhood. The great sin and curse of the world today is greediness and selfishness. Our leaders then, and our leaders of today must be like Master, He was "OTHER-FELLOW MIND-ED."

Bro. Paul: I also noticed in the *Plea* that Brother Peoples has been commended for his fine scientific study of the Negro Disciples. He could have gone a little further, for instance, it would be very interesting and of much value to the Brotherhood to know the salaries and the average salary of this ministry. I am sure that the fact would reveal a disgraceful figure. But I do not agree all together with him when he says: "A Negro is very apt to preach coercion and bossism (Dictator)." The ministers are not the only ones guilty of this. In some churches we have the "Ruling Elder" and in some instances where the Evangelist or Field Worker or the Missionary Boards have anything to say or do with the churches, they are too often guilty of the sins of Dictatorship and Bossism. This practice has hindered the progress of the church wherever practiced by either.

Bro. Peter: You have made a fine observation, and I would like to suggest a remedy. Experience has taught me that the average church is run too loosely, more or less on the haphazard base, without a head or tail. This condition plus selfishness has given rise to this type of leadership. Few churches have regular Board Meetings and make annual reports to the congregations. I know of a church that was pastored by one of the leaders of the Brotherhood and they did not have a church roll, nor annual meeting nor any business set up in running the church. There is only One HEAD (Dictator) in the Church of Christ and that is Jesus Christ Himself, the rest of us must work together on a *Christian and Democratic Plan* worked out by the total membership of the church. I would suggest, Bro. Peter, that the ministry read the book, "Church Officers" by John R. Golden, "Know Your Local Church" by Bert Wilson and "Local Church" by Albert W. Beavens and also offer a course to the Official Board and leaders of their churches, such a procedure would remedy these

conditions and strengthen the local church.

Bro. Paul: Miss Dawson, who is quite a worker of our church is to be congratulated upon the completion of her book. As soon as possible I plan to read it and will have more to say on it. What do you think about having our column open for the asking of questions from our readers?

Bro. Peter: We will be happy to welcome any questions and will ask any one having questions they wish to have us answer to mail them to "Bro. Paul and Peter," c—o Christian Plea, 449 Fourth Avenue, N., Nashville, Tenn., and we will ask our good Editor to forward them to us

and they will be taken care of. Before leaving let us pray: "Our Heavenly Father, we thank thee for our inheritance, which has been given us by Thy Son, Jesus Christ through the church and our Fathers. We are so sinful and undeserving but we come to Thee penitent for all sins. Our Father, give us hearts of love free from covetousness and sin that they may be fit subjects for the indwelling of Thy Spirit. Dear God give us a vision equal to the task and need for this hour and the future. And grant us courage and will power to accept the responsibilities of the Kingdom and to carry on under Thy Leadership and in Thy Name. Amen!"

leave to chance such an important matter. Too many Societies have done this very thing. Many have waited late and must work desperately hard to have any sort of a report in before June 30. This message is intended especially for those Societies. It is not too late even now, to do something. We would urge all presidents and leaders to check up on the missionary giving of your churches. We earnestly hope and pray that our giving this year will greatly exceed that of last year. Remember the deadline—June 30.

Mrs. H. L. Herod
President, Women's National
Missionary Convention
4046 Boulevard Place
Indianapolis, Ind.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE

ATTENTION—BIBLE SCHOOLS, SUPERINTENDENTS AND WORKERS

Just a few more days and we assemble at Little Rock, Arkansas to convene in the greatest convention of our church history. Everyone from everywhere will be there. The Convention does not want to miss a single worker, so by all means be there. Bring your reports, finance, and the spirit of cooperation and service. Let the department of Religious Education 'go over the top.' We hope every school will be represented with at least one delegate. Why not? The fees are small, just \$2.00 enrollment fee, \$2.00 registration fee, \$5.00 State representation fee. Every school can at least send the registration fee if it is impossible to send a delegate. Make all money orders and checks to S. B. Wallick, Treasurer, 460 Howard St., Muskogee, Oklahoma.

We have a mighty fine program for our department with an outstanding personnel. There will be something for every delegate to do so register as soon as you arrive. Our new Honor Shield Award requirements are ready to be given out for you to begin work for 1941.

We urge every school to take part in the state program so that in turn our national program will be a huge success. For further information write your president.

—Elder Raymond R. Walton
529 Fourth Ave., S.
Nashville, Tenn.

NATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL
PRESIDENT, NOW PASTOR AT
GAY STREET CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
Nashville, Tennessee

The officers and members of Gay Street Christian Church, Nashville,

Tenn., extended warm and hearty greetings to their new minister, Rev. Raymond R. Walton and his wife, Mrs. Mildreth Walton.

Rev. Walton closes his pastorate in Kansas the first of June, having served Parsons, Wichita and Emporia, since 1935. While in Emporia he completed his work at the College of Emporia, with the distinction of being the first Negro to graduate from the school and first to become a member of the National Honor Society of Social Sciences, Pi Gamma Mu. While there he directed the Colored Hour Program every Sunday morning over the Radio Station KTSW. He was also active in civic as well as religious affairs. He is serving his third term as president of the Department of Religious Education of the National Convention. Mrs. Walton has been engaged in social service work up to the present. Their present address in 529 Fourth Ave., S., Nashville, Tenn.

LETTER TO MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

How rapidly the months roll around! We stand again at the close of another missionary year. On June 30 the record of our giving to World Missions for this year will be written. I hope that record will be worthy of our Lord who gave himself on the Cross that we might have abundant life, and also worthy of the great missionary cause of the Christian Church.

Some Societies pay monthly and do not have to make a special drive at the end of the year. This is the better way. Some pay occasionally, and because of that, find it necessary to put on a special effort. Some wait to raise all the money during the month of June. Any way is better than no way, but we ought never to

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ.

We are going on to greater heights, and more and more do we realize the dire necessity of a real permanent structure in our organization. It is feasible at this time to so unite our forces as to bring about the possibility of a greater work. The permanency of an organization lies in its ability to stabilize its interest and centralize its forces. Every progressive organization has national headquarters with an executive force directing its work to the best interest of every department and agency. There must be a central executive even greater than the officers if the convention in session, which will direct and promote the business of the convention thru out the entire year, manage property, assets, and safeguard the integrity of the convention. With this in mind we offer the following set up as an amendment to the constitution:

I. A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, located at national headquarters, Nashville, Tennessee, composed of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees of the National Convention. These directors to hold office as long as they give bonafide service.

II. AGENCIES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION, as follows:

- Department of Promotion and Finance
- Department of Church
- Department of Women's Missionary Society
- Department of Bible Schools (Religious Education)
- Department of Christian Endeavor

f. Department of Publication (Christian Plea)

Each department to have a chairman, vice-chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary.

III. The Department of Promotion and Finance, and the Department of Publication will work directly from headquarters' office throughout the entire year. The Departments of church, Women's Missionary Society, religious Education and Christian Endeavor Society will be promoted by the respective chairman throughout the year from the National headquarters' office. At the setting of the Convention each department will report and turn over its records and finance to the Board of Directors, which will pay all bills, furnish all stationery, printing and literature for promotion.

IV. The Board of Directors will make an annual report at the business session of the convention while in session. It will also determine all salaries and expenses in accordance to the financial standing of the convention.

—Rev. L. H. Crawford
Pres. National Convention

ACTIVITIES OF BROTHERHOOD CHURCHES

BIRCH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Mrs. Ann Laurie
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Los Angeles, Calif.

The committee selected by our official board to direct our new church property is doing an efficient and worthwhile work. Last month's board meeting was so enthusiastic, that the regular meeting quarters was too small for the attendance. We are very happy to see such an interest displayed. The church is now buying a new piano which replaces the old one that has been in use for the past twelve years.

New interest is being taken in the Sunday evening services. The lessons taught by Elder Tunage have been a source of enlightenment.

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Mother's Day Service was a success. One young mother joined the church and was baptised by Elder Torrance.

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Memorial Sunday morning services were inspiring and beautiful. As Sister Thompson, a member of the church for many years, called the roll of those passed on, it was noted with much sorrow that the number of faithful ministers, members and friends of the church in this group was quite large.

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The Children's Day program was a beautiful one. It depicted the spirit of youth in its joyous and invigorating program. Sister Torrance, Sister Lee are to be given the credit for this fine program. The special offering was over \$20. Some of this amount is to go to the missions. It is hoped that next year a program of this sort may be given again.

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Father's Day program will be directed by Mr. William Lawrie. Mr. Lawrie is an interesting person and for the past few months has been in

charge of the choir. This service will be at 11 o'clock next Sunday. The "Prodigal Son" will be the subject preached from and special choir selections by the men.

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Next month the Birch Street Christian Church hopes to have news of the Ladies' Aid and of our Bible School. The Plea subscriptions are increasing and we are not discouraged as we hope to reach our goal.

EAST VINE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Reporter

We were honored with the presence of Rev. R. L. Jordan, of Detroit, Michigan, Sunday, June 3. Rev. Jordan spoke for us at the evening services on the subject "The All Sufficient God." A very splendid message.

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Mrs. Roberta Moore of Chickasha, Oklahoma, passed Sunday, May 26. Our pastor, Rev. E. A. Daniels was called to officiate at the funeral. The Christian Church of Chickasha was organized in the home of Mrs. Moore more than forty years ago. Rev. Daniels was her pastor for twelve years. Mrs. Daniels and their daughter Myrtle also attended the funeral. They were accompanied by Mr. H. M. Watkins one of our faithful members. On their return from Oklahoma they came by Pittsburg, Texas to see Mr. Watkins' brother, the first time these brothers had met in forty years. A very happy meeting.

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We have had several additions to the church for the last four weeks. Mrs. Daniels took sixteen members of the choir to Rogersville to attend the revival conducted by Rev. R. L. Peters our National Evangelist.

We are looking forward to the visit of our State President of the State

Convention of Tennessee, Rev. Kennedy of Johnson City, June 12-15.

Our Missionary Society is moving along nicely, and we are happy, even though our apportionment is small to report, this goal has been reached.

Mr. William T. Percy, treasurer of the Church Extension Board was with us June 3 for the purpose of closing a loan for \$1000 to finish paying for our new parsonage.

The basement of our church is very pretty since we have redecorated it. This work was done by the members of the church. A nice large stage was built, chairs are being purchased. We will now be able to have most of our programs in this room.

Our Children's Day program will be held Sunday evening, June 9, under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Daniels with a slight help from your reporter.

The health of the members who have been ill in our congregation is improving, and with the warm summer days here we have a big program planned. Many things are to be accomplished before the State and National Conventions. We can bring things to pass and we will.

We plan to send at least three young people to the Young People's Conference to be held July 14-21, at Nicholasville, Ky. We hope to get some of our adult members to attend the Adult Seminar.

A picnic and a waist line party will be given Thursday, June 6, by the Pastor's Aid Society of the church. Somebody is going to have to put out some money when the tape measure starts its round—good I am tiny (smiles).

"NEWS FROM DAYTON"

By A. Dan Gaskin
736 Dennison Ave.
Dayton, Ohio

The members of Norwood Christian Church in Dayton, Ohio can look back and view with pride the progress we have made in the last twelve months.

Although the Death Angel has visited our group several times, the new members taken into the fold make our membership larger today than a year ago. The untiring efforts of the various clubs have reduced our church debt several hundred dollars. It is with pride that we note some of our most active members today were a year ago spectators sitting in the back seats. This activity was brought about by our pastor, who unsuspectingly leads backward members into a working position.

The church is unanionous in agreeing that the first Young Adult Day, The Anniversary Banquet and Revival were the outstanding events of the year. The fifth Sunday of each month, has been set aside as Young

Adult Day. Since last September, their first day to conduct the services, they have always had a spiritual and interesting worship, and have raised by using the tithing system \$225 for the church. "Mother's Day" sponsored by the Young Adults was climaxed by a play at evening services (The Baby With Three Mothers).

The anniversary Banquet in February sponsored by the Men's Club was indeed a success both in attendance and finance. So pleased were the guests that it seems that without doubt the Men's Club will have to take charge again next year.

Dr. D. W. Griffin of Danville, Ky., preached for us in our Revival for two weeks in April and it was Spiritual Feast from beginning to end. The attendance for the two weeks was 1,022, five were baptized and three took membership.

The church is now deep in a contest to raise money on our building debt. It is called the Little Rock Contest, the prize to be a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas, to the National Convention for the contestant raising the most money above \$50. The contestants are: Sunday School and Christian Endeavor, Miss Helen Harris; Church, Mr. W. Lewis; Men's Club, Mr. David Hickman; Missionary Society, Miss Margaret Lee, and for Young Adults, Miss Elizabeth McGill. Look for one of these contestants at the Convention in Little Rock.

S. C. I.

By A. Dan Gaskin

I've never been to S. C. I.,
But it's a grand place I'll tell you why;
It gave us our Pastor, a mighty fine man
Who lives every day by the Christian Plan.

He's full of fun in a righteous way,
And with a smile greets you any hour
of the day.

Now a few cents from you and you
and you,
May turn out another Wilbert or two.

So rally 'round folks give the boys a
chance,
And by your giving of Heaven get a
glance;

But no time for more talking and you
know why
We've got to build a Dormitory at
S.C.I.

(Mr. Gaskin is a Young Adult of The
Norwood Christian Church in Dayton,
Ohio. Rev. E. W. Wilbert is the
Pastor).

UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By T. K. Rouse, Reporter

5631 30th St.

Detroit, Mich.

We are pleased to report an active congregation, each church group functioning effectively. Children's Day was carried on under the guidance of Rev. Richard T. Brown who took the place of the pastor, Elder T. L. Jordan. Elder Jordan was invited to Knoxville, Tenn., to deliver the Baccalaureate address for the Junior High School.

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At the recent State Convention of Michigan, Elder Jordan was elected to the honorable position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Christian Minister's Association.

Our financial level is steadily rising. Much credit must be given to Brother Leonard and his 25 men team. "Out of the red" is their motto. Brother J. Priestly is making good on our publicity program.

OLD MAYSICK STILL MARCHING ON

By A. D. Gault

Mayslick, Ky.

Mayslick Kentucky Church is still marching on. During the month of April the weather was still cold and the pastor, Rev. D. L. Botts was not in the best of health. On April 12, the church met and called Reverend Botts to serve another year. This will be his fifth year at Mayslick. The District meeting was held at Covington, Ky., and A. D. Gault represented this church. The church members enjoyed the music rendered by the Sharpesburg Singers.

One of the highlights of the month of May was the visit made by our State President, Rev. L. L. Dickerson. The State work was outlined and a good sermon preached on the model church. The president needs the support of the laymen so let everyone get behind him and get over a great program.

CHAMOIS, MISSOURI

By Mary Anthony

We are doing some much needed repair work on our church and also raising a donation to send to Southern Christian Institution at Edwards, Mississippi. We observed Children's Day, June 2. A program is now being prepared for Father's Day.

FROM "NATURE'S AIR-CONDITIONED CITY," BLUEFIELD, W. VA.

By N. J. Dickerson

Box 83, Bluefield, W. Va.

Two recent attractions at the Jones Street Christian Church were the Jubilee Kings Quartette, of Winston-

Salem, North Carolina, and the Austinsville Quartette and Octet, of Austinsville, Virginia. Both groups were talented gospel singers and were heard by large and enthusiastic audiences.

What was known as The Good Will City Election ended May 19. The total financial return for the effort was \$99.50.

Elder S. H. Hairston, president of the Piedmont District Convention recently made his annual visit to our church. He outlined plans for the convention, which will meet at Martinsville, Virginia, August 8 to 11.

Elder R. L. Peters, National Evangelist, of Winston-Salem, N.C., is expected to be with us for a revival beginning Sunday, June 9.

Mrs. Alice Bailey, of 212 Peck St., died at her home May 30. She was for 28 years, a member of the Christian Church in Bluefield. She was a loyal member, sang in the choir and was active in every phase of the church program. For eight years she was president of the Senior Missionary Society.

Mrs. Marjoire Anderson has been chosen as president of the missionary society.

FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE

By Alexander Craggett

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Cleveland, Ohio

It has been found out by the pastor and others who have been fortunate enough to hear them that the churches of Cleveland have good music. Third Sunday afternoon, the Cedar Avenue Christian Church gave a program for the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church. The Fourth Sunday, St. Paul gave a return program for this church.

On the First Sunday in June another treat was given to Cedar Avenue when Professor E. J. Hines and his chorus sang before the congregation. This program was sponsored by Mrs. K. White for the benefit of the building fund.

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Children's Day, which is on the second Sunday in June will be carried on under the direction of the young people.

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Rev. C. E. Craggett, the pastor, will be absent from his pulpit when he is to be one of the teachers at the Philadelphia conference held at New Concord, Ohio. In his place will be F. T. Craggett who is returning home from school for his summer vacation.

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Third Sunday will be observed as Father's Day and Mr. A. Thomas will be in charge.

Tithing for the month of May will continue through the month of June. This method of raising money proved quite successful.

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The West Federal Street Christian Church choir of Youngstown will be guest of our church the fifth Sunday afternoon and a message from their pastor will be heard.

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Many readers of the *Plea* read of the announcement of Dr. J. E. Walker to appear in "Wings Over Jordan" in August. The Cedar Avenue Church is awaiting the coming of Dr. Walker, not only to hear him on that program but to hear him as the guest speaker at this church.

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The pastor, accompanied by his family, and Mr. and Mrs. Shumate, motored to Columbus the Fourth Saturday in May to perform the marriage of Miss Christian Baldwin to Mr. Herman Stevens at the Monroe Avenue Church of Christ.

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Mrs. Craggett spoke to the Franklin Circle Bible School for the benefit of Southern Christian Institute.

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Cedar Avenue Christian Church is striving hard to raise all of its apportionment before the thirtieth of June.

MID-WEST CONFERCITES— ATTENTION!

By Mr. William J. Alphin
Co-director of the Mid-West Conference

4108 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

June 30 through July 7 is almost here. Are you ready? We're very anxious that the Conference this year be the best yet. This will be if you are there.

Meet us in God's great "Out-of-Doors" at Bonner Springs, Kansas camp, where we will commune with God for this one week of mountaintop experiences. This four year religious education training course will enable you to present new ideas to your local church. This one week of social contact with other young people from Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas will enhance your Christian membership—this laboratory of actual Christ-like living will surpass any experiences that have been yours.

It is important that those of us who have begun our training—complete the course, of religion as well as education must be taught. We must grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Grow through contacts—grow through reading—grow through lectures and preaching—and especially must we

grow through school conferences such as we have at Mid-West.

These conferences, as you doubtlessly know are not a haphazard organization. We're asking you churches to give us your best boys and girls and we'll send you back leaders for a better church, not only for tomorrow—but for today. Courses in Life Evaluation—The Meaning of Church Membership — Stewardship — Story Telling — Worship and Recreation will fit our youth and adults for better citizens in the Kingdom of God. Hence, for a well-rounded, competent, progressive church let us send our best for future leaders, our less talented for better future followers.

Conference, like other training schools requires student work materials. Aside from general church knowledge and the ability and desire to achieve spiritually. Suitable dress for play and sport activities along with dress wear. Note books, pencils, sheet music, poems, bibles and other listed materials that may be had from your young peoples sponsor. A ready smile, a willing heart to serve, and a congenial personality. This at Conference spells S U C C E S S. Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. We know we Mid-West Conferencites plan to learn about Jesus and His way of living, we plan to eat three good meals a day to develop our bodies, we plan to live as God would have us live, and lastly we plan to cooperate with our teachers and our fellow-students. So come on and join us.

The time—Sunday afternoon

The place—Bonner Springs, Kansas

The date—June 30-July 7.

—William J. Alphin
Co-director of the Mid-West Conference

LEA AVENUE PAYS TRIBUTE TO GRADUATES

By Miss Wilhelmina Martin

There has been, in many ways, an excellent month of services through the untiring efforts of Elder Crawford and his beloved wife. The leading service was estimated to have been Sunday morning, June 9th, when the members and many friends of the church paid tribute to four of its young graduates for the year under the auspices of Prof. Merle R. Eppse. Namely, Mr. William Fox, Mr. Raymond Lloyd, Miss Wilhelmina Martin of A. and I. State College and Miss Lena Harris of Pearl High School. After a spiritual devotion, the very crowded audience witnessed the graduation sermon which was delivered by Elder Crawford who selected as his subject "The Abundant Life." His preaching was eloquent and gripping

and God placed His seal upon it in the salvation of a young woman's soul.

Mr. Williams rendered two very touching solos which were full of spiritual appeal. The Lord's Supper was served quietly by the deacons. After which the ordination of Mr. William Fox who received the following high honors on Commencement Day, June 3: A key for debating, forum discussions and public speaking from the Forensic Society Club. The History Study Club Metal, a key for the four years scholastic ability from the Phi Beta Tau of Alpha Kappa Mu, National Honorary Scholastic Fraternity for Negro Colleges and a year's scholarship to the University of Chicago.

Very complimentary remarks in regard to each graduate were made by Honorary R. E. Clay, of A. and I. State College and Prof. Merle R. Eppse of the same, who encouraged, guided and inspired them throughout their entire four years in his department at the college.

Other faculty members present were: Mrs. Lena Watson, Matron of the Men's Dormitory, Prof. John Ballard, Dean of Men, Prof. A. Boswell, College Cashier, Miss Laura Averitte, Professor of the Department of English.

Since the leading Negro teachers college of the state is located here, Lea Avenue is grateful to the large student body who attended this unique service.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Raymond Walton of the Gay Street Christian Church.

At 3:00, Mrs. Preston Taylor entertained the graduates and a few of the honored guest with an "Out Door Luncheon," on the spacious lawn of her home where a delightful menu was served.

CROSS STREET WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Mrs. Minnie Guydon
Little Rock, Arkansas

The Women's Council of the Cross Street Church held its regular monthly meeting on June 4. There was a good attendance and a nice contribution amounting to \$10.00

We are very busy making plans for the entertainment of the National Convention. I am glad to say the ladies seem to be getting a thrill out of the preparation, as well as the realization of a successful year in our church work.

We have been blessed with thirty additions to the church during the current year carrying on baptismal services every third Sunday during the month.

We have been able to take care of local expenses and also meet the requirements of the National work. Much anticipation is being expressed by all the members here for the Convention as there are many in the brotherhood whom we have heard a great deal about, prayed for, and worked with, but have not had the privilege of meeting. It is hoped that a representative will be present from each church of the Christian faith.

Personally I have been a member of the Christian Church and an active worker since the age of 12. I am 61 years of age.

I wish to stress the value of the service that has been supplied to the church here by the Women's Council. Under the leadership of our president Mrs. Oreane Cole, we have not only been able to make our missionary work count for something, but we have won substantial showing in our church expenses, benevolence, charity and social affairs that serve to develop and expand an inspiration for righteousness.

HERE AND THERE IN TEXAS



Edwin M. Hurdle

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Rev. J. O. Tarver, Associate Minister at Romine Street Christian Church in Dallas was in El Paso Mother's Day, June 12 and visited the First Christian Church (White) there. He reports in his letter the services were well attended and the pastor of the church is Rev. A. Hyde

Rev. Tarver also visited the First Christian Church (White) of Carlsbad, New Mexico of which Rev. H. V. Reeves is pastor. Rev. Tarver reports

the following persons below want **The Christian Plea**: Rev. Arthur A. Hyde, 503 Cliff Street, El Paso, Texas; Dr. R. B. Homan, 1837 Grandview St., El Paso, Texas; Rev. H. V. Reeves, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Children's Day was observed at Boll Street Christian Church in Dallas Sunday A.M., June 1. Rev. C. L. Parks, the pastor, delivered a sermon especially adapted to children. Minutes of the Bible School for the past ten years were read by the Superintendent, Miss S. P. Walker. The Women's and Men's Council presented the Church with a beautiful new water fountain.

Rev. N. H. Johnson has been elected pastor of Romine Street Christian Church. This veteran minister is of Rockwall, Texas and was pastor in Greenville for over a decade. He served as pro-tem pastor at Boll Street Church for over eight months. His splendid record as one of Texas' best pastors indicates that he will be successful at Romine.

Mrs. E. G. Titus, State Representative of the proposed Ida D. Taylor Home in Nashville, has been conducting religious meetings in North Texas during the month of May. Her last meeting was in Val Alstyne where she met with success. Her schedule will be a busy one until the meeting of our National Convention in Little Rock, in August.

Another very busy individual is Prof. T. W. Pratt, principal of the large Julia C. Frazier School and Boll Street Church officer in Dallas; and holder of many civic and religious positions as well as fraternal. His present project is (travelling) director of the oratorical and spelling contests to be held at the Texas State Fair (White) on Negro Day, in the fair grounds in Dallas, October 17. "The Colonel" has been in many Texas towns since the first of April and will be in many more towns and cities in this great empire state before the day of judging at the contests he will sponsor at the fair.

Texas now has a Negro State NYA director. He is Prof. John W. Rice, militant former editor of the Dallas Express, Teacher of English in Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas and Executive Secretary of the Colored Texas state Teachers Association (and by the way, he is a brother-in-law of "Colonel" T. W. Pratt).

"The Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus Christ" is a religious drama of soul stirring interest when presented and portrayed by the company of amateur actors under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Young, Jarvis graduate and President of the Women's Council at Boll Street Church in Dallas. Churches in North Texas desiring to present

this group may write Mrs. Young, in care of this column.

Rev. F. C. Carey is a zealous new worker for **The Christian Plea**, in Greenville. He will soon have a splendid report to make in connection with his pastoral duties in our church there.

EVANGELISM

NATIONAL EVANGELIST R. L. PETERS CARRIES THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OHIO

A great meeting is in progress at Monroe Ave. Church here in Columbus Ohio. We are in the second week and going strong. The pastor, Bro. C. W. Arnold had every thing in readiness for the meetnig. A week of cottage prayer meetings had been held for the purpose of preparing the membership. All committees including the Ushers, Transportation, Finance and Personnel Workers had been organized. A Publicity Cimmittee with the pastor had given widespread advertisement to the meeting for several weeks prior to the opening of the meeting. The pastor has done everything possible to make his part of the campaign a success. As a result of such well organized preparation large audiences have been in attendance each night. The choir has been enlarged and are furnishing splendid music.

The Monroe Ave. Church is indeed fortunate to have such a team as Bro. and Sister Arnold who are physically, mentally and spiritually well prepared to lead any church in our Brotherhood. Many worthwhile sings of growth and progress can be readily noted in Monroe Avenue Church. The pastor has a well equipped office from which he operates an Employment Bureau offering work to citizens of Columbus who may need it. He is surrounded with fine and helpful volumes in his library with which to prepare and keep himself abreast of the times. He is making himself felt in the community and church life of the Capital city. Not only are the white churches cooperating in a large way with the church and its program but they are also supporting the meeting with large groups attending and taking part. Brother Arnold was instrumental in influencing the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance to sponsor the first Pre-Easter Noon-day service in the Negro Business Area of Columbus. It was a success in spite of the doubt expressed by some of the ministers. Mrs. Arnold has been asked to serve on the faculty of the Philadelphian Conference at Muskingum College. She will be one of two Negroes serving on the faculty. You may expect great things from Monroe Avenue Church.

To date five persons have been added to the church two by baptism and three otherwise. The meeting is beginning its second week at this writing. We are hopeful that a great meeting will be held and that many souls will have been brought into the Kingdom by the close of the meeting.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ROGERSVILLE, TENN.

Revival April 28-May 15, 1940

D. W. Bradley, Minister

The minister had the meeting well advertised on the arrival of the Evangelist so that there was a crowd to start with.

FINE COOPERATION

The cooperation on the part of the ministers and churches of the town of Rogersville was most excellent. The white citizens of the town turned out in large numbers each evening. The president, faculty, and student body of Swift Memorial College of Rogersville were present on several occasions during the meeting. Sunday, May 12, (Mother's Day) was a Red Letter Day; a large audience composed of men and women of both races, professional, business and non-professional turned out to hear the Mother's Day sermon, at 3 P. M. Among the distinguished persons present were: Dr. Hargrave, President of Swift Memorial College and Dr. Ross, Dean of Johnson Bible College, Kimberly Heights, Tenn. Dr. Ross was born in Africa and can speak the native language fluently. He spoke very inspiringly to the audience.

Rev. Bradley and Sister Bradley and daughter Miss Emmaline Bradley are efficient leaders. Dr. Bradley is a fine preacher and is an especially good pastor; his name is a household word in Rogersville; highly respected by both white and colored. Half a dozen or more teachers are members of his congregation and the Swift Memorial College faculty and student body are frequent attendants at the worship services of Brother Bradley's church. Mrs. Bradley is a great help to her husband in his attempt to put over the program of the church. She like her husband is loved by the church and the people of Rogersville. Miss Emmaline Bradley is a graduate of Swift Memorial College and is a teacher in the state of Tennessee. She is a loyal member of the church and with her father and mother works on all programs of the church.

OUTSTANDING COLORED PEOPLE OF ROGERSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harlan dealers in coal—they own and operate a coal yard, wholesale and retail. They buy and sell thousands of tons right from the coal fields each year. They went into business fifteen years ago

with a capitol stock of \$25, now they have a business with capital stock way up in the thousands and own nice real estate.

Rev. Rogers, minister of the M. E. Zion Church and his stewardess board prepared a dinner on Sunday, May 12. The Evangelist was the guest of honor. The table was heavily laden with refreshments of the season.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS

People from Johnson City and Knoxville were present during the meeting. Rev. E. A. Daniels, Minister; Mr. H. M. Watkins, chorister and the choir of Vine St. Christian Church, Knoxville were present two nights during the meeting. They motored a distance of sixty-six miles.

THE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN A VERY UNIQUE ONE

Reviving and endocrinating the membership of the church were the paramount issue notwithstanding the other visible results. One very influential man from the A. M. E. Zion church came forward to join the church by baptism, according to Romans 6:4. Also a young girl by primary obedience. The finance was at a "high mark." The Evangelist was overpaid and all expenses of the meeting and a nice balance left in the church treasury.

THE EVANGELIST'S BIRTHDAY

It so happened that on May 15 the day on which the meeting closed the Evangelist had a birthday. The minister of the Presbyterian church and Dr. Hargrave, President of Swift Memorial College made ten minutes talks on the life and works of the Evangelist. Then followed the giving of many nice presents of which the evangelist was the happy recipient. The ladies of the Missionary Circle of the church prepared a very fine Birthday Dinner sufficient for all the people to dine and have enough to spare.

OBSERVATIONS FROM TRISTATES

R. Wesley Watson

It was our good pleasure to visit the Conventions (White) of Missouri and Oklahoma and make reports of our work. Dr. S. S. Myers, President of the Tri-State Board was with us and served on one of the committees, I was invited to sit in. Our Missouri Convention and Kansas Conventions have included the Negro in their work and recognizes our office in more than words also in fellowshiping with us in planning and sustaining.

One of the outstanding programs was the time when the Missionaries (home) came forward and gave reports of their work. Your humble servant also was among them. Missouri under the leadership of the faithful Secretary, Dr. John Stuart Mills

is going forward and our good women are standing by in a fine way. Great speeches were made by many. Dr. H. B. McCormick brought us a great message and Prof. Wise cheered our hearts with fine music.

Many outstanding men attended the Oklahoma Convention and inspiring messages were given. Dr. Merrill has a great program for Oklahoma. After the conventions we visited Boley and spent some time with our church at Okmulgee and were engaged in series of conferences and meetings. Five were baptized. Brothers Ira Kirk, of the First Church, was with us as well as a group of his members. They are much concerned about our work. Okmulgee church is a very deserving church. President S. Q. Parker has devoted much time to this work and is greatly interested. Elder Anderson of Tulsa will visit them on the second Sunday in June. Elder E. M. Barrett of Muskogee and his family worshiped with us on the last Lord's Day and brought a very fine message of good will from the Muskogee church. Returning home we stopped in on the Muskogee Church and found one of the elders, Brother Webb, father of minister at Tulsa preaching the word of God. Elder S. B. Wallick along with our Missionary Minded Sister S. A. Pirtle and other faithful ones at their post.

Mrs. James Moore of Chickasha, a great soul passed away and will be greatly missed. She loved the church and worked for it at all times. We learned that Elder Searcy of Texas has been called to Oklahoma City and we pray that his will be a great work there.

Elder William Martin of Little Rock, Ark., is now with the 8th St. Church, Kansas. The good members are now making ready the parsonage for him and his intended wife. They will be united in matrimony on the 18th of this month. This church has been without a minister since December but we do believe that under his leadership it will again come back to a live church again.

The State Board of Kansas met on the 25 and has arranged the program for the convention which will be held at the Third Church, A. R. McDuff, Pastor. We are happy to report that Mrs. Z. H. Howard the wife of our beloved pastor of the Fulton church is much improved at this writing.

Elder Raymond R. Walton finished the College at Emporia and I am told is the first minister of our group to have completed the course there, many started but did not finish. The churches at Emporia and Wichita with the help of Kansas Missionary Society, John D. Zimmerman made a very fine contribution to our work by sustaining Brother Walton while attending school and seeing that he had the comforts

of life. We congratulate them. We regret to report the passing of Brother R. L. Love. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the family.

In our next issue we will speak of our Kansas-Missouri Anniversary which was a great success.

ALABAMA YOUTH MEET HELD AT CALHOUN, ALABAMA

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Eleventh Street Church
Birmingham, Ala.

The Alabama Youth Meet held a session May 17-18-19 at Calhoun, Alabama. They had as their theme "Launch Out into the Deep." Those attending the meet here exposed to some very inspiring discussion. Mr. Lorenzo Evans, Missionary of Atlanta who talked on "Launch out for Christian Education." Rev. A. J. Jefferies of Birmingham, Minister of Eleventh Street Christian Church, brought the audience a message on "Lifting Anchor." Conference periods were held for the youths by Mrs. D. C. Brayboy and Mrs. Lorenzo Evans, their theme being "Christian Stewardship." Mr. Evans' theme being "Launch Out Into All the World." Mrs. M. H. Haygood of Birmingham, gave a wonderful message to the youths.

A panel discussion was directed by Mr. C. H. Haygood of Birmingham. Mr. R. H. Peoples was the principle speaker for Sunday morning service.

We are looking forward to each leader in the state of Alabama to attend the next youth meet. The conclusion of our youth meet for the year of our Jesus calls us today to "Launch Out Into the Deep" to bring others closer to our Heavenly Father.

YOUTH CONSCIOUS CHRISTIANS

Helen E. Henry

Director of Texas Youth
1105 S. 10th St., Waco, Texas

In these hours of feverishness and uncertainty, the thought which seems to dominate the minds of most adults as regards our young people is that they are a heterogeneous group of hoodlums on their way to the dogs. Almost every article we read concerns young people reminds us over and over of their short comings, their mode of living, their moral looseness, their tendency towards the extreme in drinking, smoking and petting. Will we never realize that for every effect there is a cause? Certainly there is cause for the downward trend of our young people. A cause for which they are not responsible.

Often the fineness of our modern age is pointed to, as a reason why young people should be good. They have advantages to enjoy, past generations did not have. They are living in an age of education and specializa-

tion, how grand. But any young man or woman who comes out of the average educational institution without having had his or her confidence in Jesus shaken is to be commended.

In our feeble efforts to make youth Christ conscious, we find few youth conscious Christians willing to lead. Occasionally a minister writes of his inability to find someone capable and willing to lead his youth group. What is wrong?

There are still thousands of young people who have not bowed to Bail but we are living in an age when the laissez-faire theory will not work. We cannot let the drifting idea exercise itself too much, the world is too full of attractions which destroy. A few decades ago the adult church members could let the youth drift and when it became mature it found its place. I hail from three generations of Christians. My great grand parents had every reason to be sure that my grandmother would be a Christian, my grand parents felt sure that some day my mother would be one. My mother hoped that I'd be one. There was a need for more for me, I came in a time so different. I demanded more Christian consciousness. My mother had to be fully aware of my being, I needed her guidance in every way, she didn't send me to church she took me and when I got tired and stubborn and wanted to stay away like other children she rendered a good thrashing. I wasn't safe at that, I needed a Christian education, there were church schools here, but she sent me to our own school. Without these things I don't believe I could stay with Jesus in these tense hours of madness and defeat. In this day of Harlem Blue Moons, Shady Lanes, Big Apple Road Houses, Susie Q's, Round Ups and night clubs of all sorts the church must become more youth conscious. While we sit around our church altars and growl and sing the same old songs in Bible School and do things in the same old way Uncle George and Aunt Sallie did fifty years ago, our young people are getting away from the church, they are somewhere enjoying Tuxedo Junction and the latest swing hits. We pause in our growling and our rag chewing long enough to wonder what ails them. Oh, we can't bring the world into the church to please youngsters, no, no, no, but let us not forget that the church is in the world. A world which vies with her every day, a world which surrounds her with all kinds of voices and immorality. In the midst of these her holy steeples should tower above all rabble, her powers of worship should call men out of the world, back to God and challenge them to live integrated lives. As long as many of us stand knee deep in confusion

and take part in the looseness and filth of the world hiding behind the church her steeples can't tower above the rabble, her power to call men back to God will remain shaken.

Youth conscious Christians have begun to realize that Christian young people are a part of the church today and not the future church. When they accepted Jesus and were buried with Him in baptism and arose to walk the new way they became His the same as you and I. They have a part to play on not your program nor mine but His this moment, this hour, this day as Christian adults its ours to give Christian guidance and encouragement.

Youth conscious Christians have taken a step towards trying to understand what Christian young people want and need. We do not believe that the bridge between college Christian young people and young people who had less advantages is so vast. College Christian young people as a whole do not want the minister to put his sermons in terms that the average person in the church cannot understand. They really want him to preach the gospel in a sweet, simple, intelligent manner. In other words they want him to say something. This is not intended for a criticism. When a minister chooses a subject and builds his sermon away from it rather than around it he shouldn't expect his audience to appreciate it. He needs to study hard, he need not be a D.D. either, expostulating his knowledge, using big philosophical terms.

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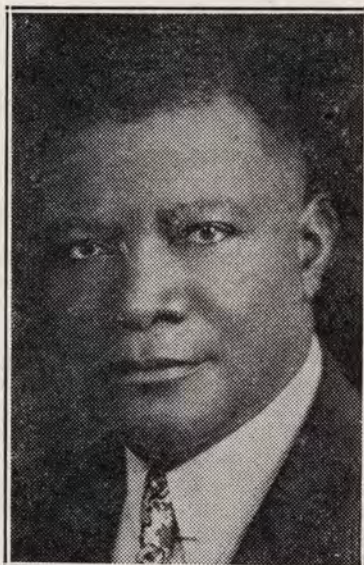
Young Negro-White Disciples Kill Race Prejudice

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August 20-26, 1940

WINGS OVER JORDAN



DR. J. E. WALKER

President, Universal Life Insurance Co.; President, National Negro Business League; Treasurer, National Christian Missionary Convention. Dr. Walker will be the Guest Speaker on "Wings Over Jordan," Sunday Morning, August 18, 1940, at 8:30 C.T.S., over a National Hookup of the Columbia Broadcasting Systems through WGAR, Cleveland, Ohio. Tune in and send a message to the station in care of Dr. Glenn T. Settle.

MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR CALLED TO CHICAGO

July 15th brought to the Plea Office a very pathetic picture due to the fact that Mrs. Preston Taylor received a message that her cousin, Mrs. Minnie Webster had passed at her State Street home, Chicago, Illinois.

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The young Disciples, both Negro and White, of the Chicago Area, gave the Adult Disciples a new technique in Race Relations. When the State Director of Education, Rev. Lemons, secured the Methodist Camp, Des. Plains, Illinois for his young people's Conference, he announced that the Methodist had a rule that Negroes were not allowed to swim in the pool.

Prof. Mattock of Bloomington, Ill. and Dr. Metcalf of Chicago were much disturbed because they had to face Dr. Latouche and Dr. Davis, Pastors of the Negro churches of Chicago with this usual American Problem.

Dr. Davis told his youth to do as they pleased.—They decided not to go to the Conference so therefore they missed a great opportunity of fellowship. Dr. Latouche sent his and when bathing came up, the young people voted that neither the Whites nor the Negroes would go near the water. Isn't it a fine lesson for us Adults to learn? You can rest assured that the intelligent youth of America have a solution for all our prejudices. I would rather trust their judgment than all the pink tea and conferences adults hold because they act—adults talk. I wish that the Disciples' Divinity house at Chicago would let the youth decide who is to live in the house. My guess is that they would at least allow the Lord to enter once and a while if a Christian Negro cannot.

68th ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION

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July 23-28, 1940

Dr. J. E. Blair, Minister
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Mississippi Boulevard Christian
Church

August 18-19, 1940
Rev. Blair Hunt, Pastor
Dr. S. Kenney, President

"FORWARD WITH THE TEXAS BROTHERHOOD"

Austin, Texas
July 1, 1940

Dear Friend:

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the Texas Christian Missionary Convention will be held in Bay City, Texas, August 7-11, 1940. Programs should reach you by August 1.

All Delegates are requested to register with \$2.50. This will pay for enrollment of 25c in each Department and your meals from Wednesday, August 7 to Sunday, August 11. If you do not remain the full time, please register with 25c in each Department and take your meals at your convenience. (Lodging will be free).

Please see that your church sends \$1.00 for each member, to the Convention. Will you?

Yours truly,

I. Q. HURDLE

President

MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR CALLED TO CHICAGO

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Mrs. Taylor immediately made arrangements to motor to Chicago to be present at the funeral. Mrs. Taylor spoke in the highest terms of her business ability in the undertaking business and especially of the daughter, Margaret, who is left now fatherless and motherless. Mrs. Taylor said, "Minnie was a good Christian woman."

Out of Mrs. Taylor's generous heart goes the greatest of sympathy and helpfulness. The Plea staff solicits the prayers and sympathy of the entire Brotherhood for Mrs. Taylor in these hours of her sorrow.

ONE OF EAST TEXAS' MOST OUTSTANDING CITIZENS PASSES SUDDENLY

By Mrs. W. E. Ervin

HE IS JUST AWAY

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead, He is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of
the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown
land.

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers
there.

And you—Oh you, who the wildest
yearns,
For the old-time step and the glad
return.

Thinking of him faring on as dear
In the love of There as the love of
Here;

Think of him still as the same I say:
He is not dead—He is just away!

—Riley

T. M. Dockery of Hawkins, Texas passed away suddenly Saturday afternoon June 8, 1940. Mr. Dockery had often made this expression—I will die in the harness, for it is better to wear out than to rust out. True to this saying, he did die in the harness.

While he and his son Emilus were finishing up their week's work on his beautiful and well kept farm, Mr. Dockery took suddenly ill and passed before they could get him to the house. He was born March 2, 1867 in Sevierville, Tennessee. He moved to Hawkins, Texas with his family in November 1917.

Mr. Dockery lived a busy, quiet and modest life. He was a great man in all his activities, whether building a chimney, building a vault for an hon-

ored dead or erecting a dormitory to adorn the college campus—all employed the mastery of his architectural skill.

He went into the bowels of the earth and brought forth sand and clay and made his own brick and erected a beautiful brick home that attracts the attention of all who pass on the Dixie Overland Highway No. 80 between Dallas and Marshall, Texas. His work was not done for an outside show, but was done prayerfully, earnestly, peacefully, quietly, with absolute fidelity carrying it all on in his heart. To know this great man was to love and respect him. The many condolences, the beautiful flowers, the many friends alone, would tell the story of this man's life.

One can but go to Jarvis Christian College and view the beautiful Ida V. Jarvis Hall, a home for young women, and this building alone will tell of the masonry done by this man not mentioning other buildings from coast to coast built under his instruction.

Very simple but impressive services were held in the Mary E. Ervin Chapel, with President P. C. Washington as pastor in charge. Prof. T. B. Frost read the funeral oration. Music was rendered by the college choir, giving many of his favorite musical numbers.

Mr. Dockery was a loyal and faithful member of the Jarvis Christian College Church.

He was laid peacefully to rest as the sun began to go down on the western horizon in the Jarvis College Cemetery, June 12, 1940, carried by his five sons and one son-in-law.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, Mrs. T. M. Dockery, two daughters, Mrs. F. E. Crutcher, Oklahoma City, Okla. Mrs. Ione Porter, Naples, Texas, five sons, Charlie of Morrison, Tenn., James of Louisville, Ky. Emilus, John Issac, and William Nelson of Hawkins, Texas, four brothers, one sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Sleep on our loved one—and in the language of the poet:

Servant of God, well done;
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race won,
And thou art crowned at last.

LETTERS TO THE PLEA

PICTURES TO THE PLEA

I am enclosing herewith \$1.00 for June Pleas. The members of the Bluefield Church are interested in sending some pictures to the plea. Please let me know what cuts cost. Thanks for the favor, I am,

—N. J. Dickerson, Bluefield, West Virginia.

COOPERATION

I hope to cooperate with you by sending news and also trying to get subscriptions. You will be hearing from me.

—M. E. Davidson, 2201 E. Market St., Greensboro, N.C.

HOPE FOR AN IMPROVED PLEA

We, the Birch Street Christian Church, are indeed proud of the PLEA you need to be commended for your splendid staff, and administrative committee. The contents are so alive, and inviting also. We do hope sincerely that we felt we wanted to contribute something great or small, that we may become alive, and inviting also. We do hope sincerely for an improved PLEA in every way, and it will be I am sure.

—Mrs. Ann Laverie, 1568 W. 36th Place, Los Angeles, Calif.

UNDERSTANDS

I indeed understand your situation and hope we may all get a fresh start and a general understanding at the National Convention. All of us, perhaps, are guilty of "Presumptuous sins."

—C. H. Dickerson, 340 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

KINDNESSES REMEMBERED

Mrs. Preston Taylor:

I am peculiarly interested in you and in what you are doing. I think often of your many kindnesses to me in days gone by. I think of your competency in business and of your great capacity for work. This has been an inspiration to me to try to find a way or to make one in so far as is possible, to help with the pressing needs. Enclosed is \$1.00, one year's subscription to the Plea.

—Mrs. Marguerite B. McGill, 431 S. 7 St., Paducah, Kentucky

HOPES FOR THE UNUSUAL TO HAPPEN

We hope by next week to settle the account due for the Pleas that have been sent. I am just about well now and as good as new. I had planned so much and really want to attend the National Convention, but I am pretty sure now, since I had to make this last unexpected trip to Texas, that I will have to forego the pleasure of attending the convention, unless the unusual turns up.

—Mrs. Wilma E. Ervin, Knoxville, Tenn.

COMMENDS PLEA

We really enjoy our paper. We made an appeal to the church Sunday for sale of single copies that the people may acquaint themselves with the PLEA. Enclosing P.O. order for 60 cents for six in advance for the June 20th number. I would like in all 15 copies by Sunday if possible. May I commend you for this splendid paper.

—Mrs. L. A. Devine, 930 Richmond St., Cincinnati, Ohio

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Miss Gladys Holt who is a member of the Second Christian Church of which I am the pastor would like to attend the school in which you are teaching. Also the Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of eighty students has asked that their pictures be published in the PLEA. This is such a unique kind of work that we wish the Brotherhood to know about it.

—Rev. D. W. Heath, 323 So. Wyman St., Rockford, Illinois

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FOR THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME AND WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND

By Mrs. Isabell Ellison
3035 Hickory St., St. Louis, Mo.

While lying awake one very early morning, I began to wonder and think why I was so restless. Thus meditat-

ing for some time I began to pray and this subject came to me: For the great day of His wrath is come; and who will be able to stand?

Dear friends of Christ, I am sure we have all heard the Great Prophecy, that Christ would come at an appointed time and carry out the word of our Father. Jesus, while on this earth was cruelly treated, then crucified and buried. He arose from his grave and ascended to Heaven and sat on the right side of God to dwell in His House. He then sent His Angel to John to testify of the things to come. John the Revelator was on the Isle of Patmos when he heard the words of Jesus saying: For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

We are not of that great number spoken of in the New Testament who accepted His word but we in this day are added to that great host who saw the light when we accepted Him.

Since taking the responsibility, it is our duty to support and build the Church of Christ. He is expecting great things of His followers. It is our duty to be the Light for this world that is filled with darkness. It is our duty to draw people to us that they too may be enlightened.

At an appointed time all things shall come to an end and those who have not heeded His word shall have wrath poured upon them by our Lord. The statement: For the Great Day of His Wrath is Come, sounds doleful and dreadful when one realizes that there shall be no one in whom we may take our troubles in times of distress, no one in whom we may ask forgiveness after we have committed a misdemeanor.

His wrath shall be poured upon him who has not heeded His Word and whether a church member, sinner, hypocrite or what not; His judgment passeth upon that person.

The Gospel of Christ, when accepted, will save as many as are called. You then become a charge of the Lord and a great responsibility is upon you. Many people stay away and out of the church because of the ministers. They have no faith in them. Their lives do not correspond with their words. Elders, Deacons, and you who fill the high offices of the Church, live the life of Jesus. Are you able to stand?

SOCIAL ACTION

By Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse

Albert Einstein regards the struggle of the Negro people as a part of the world-wide struggle made by minorities to preserve their cultural heritage and to keep alive the remnants of democracy.

For the first time since it was built 3,500 persons of all races overflowed the municipal auditorium here Sunday afternoon, April 28, to hear Marian Anderson, the internationally famous contralto.

Bayard F. Ennis, music critic, writing in the *Charleston Gazette*, said: "It would be hard to imagine an interval of more perfect and enthralling singing than Miss Anderson provided."

One of the most concrete benefits Negroes have received from the Roosevelt administration has been through low-cost housing. This statement was made in an appeal made by the N. A. A. C. P. in urging those in accord with the passage of 800 million-dollar bill for U. S. Housing to write to their congressman. The U. S. H. A. program is now erecting homes monthly.

Three people from Chicago were appointed by Governor Henry Horner as members of the personnel of a State Commission to study the economic, cultural, health and living conditions of the urban Negro population of Illionis.

Those named were Earl B. Dickerson, Chicago Alderman; A. E. Foster, Executive Secretary of Chicago Urban League; and C. C. Wimbish, prominent attorney. Five members of each house of the Illinois Legislature complete the commission.

Appropriating \$10,000 for the study the General Assembly directed the commission to submit a report by March 1, 1941, at the next meeting of the Assembly.

With \$30,000 voted for its erection by the city council, Wednesday, May 1, Danville Virginia's long awaited Negro hospital took on aspect of reality. The issue, pending for two years, was decided with seven councilmen voting for it and two against it.

The sum appropriated for the building leaves \$8,000 to be supplied later for the furnishings and an undetermined sum each year for its maintenance.

Amendments to the bill protecting minorities from discrimination in the operation of the Health Act were introduced in the Senate by Senator Warren Barbour at the request of Mrs. Thomasina Johnson, Washington lobbyist for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The National Health Bill (S. 3230) providing for the construction of hospitals throughout the country where states have been unable to provide such facilities has passed the Senate and is now before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.

—1 John, 1-7

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All news must be in by
7th of each month.

TALKING OUT LOUD

Bro. Paul and Peter

Bro. Paul: What do you think of the issue of the National Convention for this year?

Bro. Peter: I would rather hear you express yourself about the issue first since you have raised the question.

Bro. Paul: After careful thinking I believe the following items will constitute the "hot spot" of the convention: This question of revising the constitution, the shaping of a policy for the convention, and the building of a program plus the laying of a trackage upon which to carry on the work of the convention.

Bro. Peter: You have "something" there. For instance, the constitution. I am in favor of changing it to meet the needs of our brotherhood rather than to meet the selfish motives of some men. The constitution needs to be edited, rewritten so as to include all activities, and services of the brotherhood as they are related to individuals, churches, district conventions, state conventions, our area work International Convention and the United Christian Missionary Society. I am not in favor of a centralized board as proposed by the President, where all members reside in the same City or State. I think we ought to be more democratic in our selection. The men and women who compose this Board should come from all sections of the brotherhood. The persons elected to the Board should have a tenure of office and I would suggest one, two and three year persons. Our Constitution should be very clear in its policy, setting up departments and agencies that are **Only necessary** for our work and also to be very careful not to have too much "harness for the horse."

Bro. Peter: We have been a people given to outlining great programs of work. We have resolved and resolved and recommended in every convention that we should do this and do that, and we have accomplished only one thing, the paying off of Preston Taylor's monument and it took us nine long years to do it. We contested for the **Christian Plea** until we got it and what have we done with it? Are we publishing it out of our giving? As a convention we have not succeeded in putting over a real program. Men and women have stood up year after year in the convention and have pledged themselves and money without even taking their Christian Obligations Seriously. Think of a brotherhood paying its General Secretary for a year's work about \$500.00! This is one of many handicaps of our work. Until we overcome these handicaps we will never amount

to much as a Brotherhood. For it seems to me when our Secretary asks for bread we give her a stone and when she asks for meat we give her a serpent.

Bro. Peter: You have made some very fine observations and all are true, but one thing you have not taken account of in your thinking, and that is, we have not had a paid worker to prosecute this work until for the last two years and that worker has suffered for funds, encouragement from the ministry, from the Field Workers and the **Christian Plea** has not been as militant in urging the Brotherhood to sustain this work and worker why some of us have not even given the worker **Christian Sympathy**. The office which this worker fills, which also seeks to serve our Brotherhood presents the Editor of our Official Organ a very wonderful theme for an editorial. Bro. Peter: I think that all of our leaders especially the Cabinet of our National Convention should say something about the work of the General Secretary, through the column of the **Plea**, and keep on saying something until the conscience of this entire Brotherhood is moved to action. Yes our Brotherhood has fallen short of doing our whole duty.

Bro. Paul: I think first of all that the way out is through repentance for our sins. "We all have sinned" and come up short of doing our duty. And that repentance should carry with it "A Paying Up of Our Pledges," and a rededicating of our lives and substances to the Kingdom of God. The program is a most worthy one and it has enough in it to challenge sacrificial living and giving on the part of every disciple, the worker whom we have chosen to represent us and to carry out this program is fully efficient, coming to this office with twenty-four years of Christian Leadership's experience, one who loves the work and who has proven that she is willing to sacrifice every thing to make it a success. And now the victory depends on us. We can only remedy these conditions present and future by doing our **Christian Duty**. Bro. Paul: What do you think of Mr. Ames' decision and the Home Mission's attitude toward Mr. William K. Fox's entering the Disciple's Divinity House?

Bro. Peter: I do not think that there is any Divinity in the Disciple's House. I am reminded of a story told by Stanley E. Jones in one of his meetings. He tells the story of a cultured lady of our group coming into a church where he was speaking and sitting down by a white man, and the moment she sat down he got up to find another seat, then this cultured lady addressed Dr. Jones, pointing out the fact that the moment she

sat down by this white man he got up. Dr. Jones' reply was: "Madam, when he got up, Christ sat down and where he went, there was no Christ." And as to the Home Missions' attitude, I am utterly at a loss and am greatly surprised! Here is a case where prejudice is found in high places. I understand Paul now better when he said: "We wrestle against spiritual wickedness in high places." If this is not wickedness and weakness I would like to know what it! And it seems strange to me we can cook for them, serve their meals, and be entrusted with their children and we have never proven to be unworthy. And Mr. Fox has met every requirement but race; the Chinaman, Jap, Indian, etc., are accorded every advantage and opportunity of the American Way of Life but the poor down trodden man of our group. In the Name of God if our White Christian Brotherhood fail to include us as brothers and champion our cause who will?

I think that they have come into the Kingdom for such a time as this. (Mordecai).

Brother Paul, Let us pray! "Gracious God we come before the penitence of our sins. Conscious of the wrongs and injustices imposed upon our group. Forgive us of our sins. and help us through our friends to righten these wrongs and injustices. Hasten the day, Dear Lord when all of thy children will realize that thou art the Father of all and that thy blessings are for all of thy children. Bless everyone who is in need. This we ask in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN."

5728 INDIANA AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 2, 1940

Brother Paul and Peter

By J. C. Lewis

Dear Gentlemen:

Why doesn't our National Convention amend the constitution in this direction: "That before a minister be permitted to enter the ministry or take a charge of any kind of religious educational work, he or she must be qualified and the qualification would be decided by an Imperial Qualified Board set up by our National Convention." We all see our ministry is weak. If our local churches are strong our National Convention will naturally be the same. I hope you will be able to get the idea, Bros. Peter and Paul. Let me hear from you in the next issue of the Plea.

MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

W. H. Taylor
Founder and President
Convention headquarters located in
the Emmanuel Building

1702 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Editor:

We, the Eastern Brethren who were referred to in the June issue of the *Christian Plea* in the column headed "Peter and Paul Talking out Loud," concerning the proposed amendment to repeal article four of the by-laws protest the unchristian way in which you sought to defame us in the eyes of the public through the *Christian Plea*.

You referred to one of us as Jacob, who stole his brother's birthright, and to the other as Essau who sought to kill his brother.

Pilate and Herod have been looked down upon with contempt by the Christian world—and with this in mind, you named one of us Pilate and the other Herod, after these two infidels who had the Lord Jesus crucified. After naming Pilate and Herod, you said we were motivated by selfish reasons. Can you prove that, when the constitution of the National Convention gives each member the privilege to offer amendments?

Brothers Peter and Paul: our record will show that we have the same love; the same spirit of unselfishness and sacrifice toward the brotherhood that our fathers had. Can you deny that?

Since you held us up to ridicule, and sought to injure our reputation and influence as ministers of the gospel by naming us Pilate and Herod, Jacob and Essau, we demand an apology from you through the columns of the *Christian Plea*.

Editor's Note—This is published so Peter and Paul can apologize if they choose. The Editor does not write the Peter and Paul Column.

—The Editor

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWS

Reported by Mrs. T. C. Dickson

TEXAS EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

The Texas Evangelistic Conference will meet at Jarvis Christian College, July 8-10 with host pastors, President P. C. Washington, and Rev. E. J.

Dickson. The purpose of the conference is to obtain all information possible concerning Christian churches, members, and conditions throughout the Texas brotherhood.

Key persons from various sections of the state have been asked to be present. The Conference has been called by the State Board and the Department of Church Maintenance of the United Christian Missionary Society. Two national workers will be present, Prof. R. H. Peoples, and Mr. Willard M. Wickizer of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Jarvis summer school has shown a general improvement over the past years in enrollment and in academic interest. Many former students returned this year to resume study towards their degrees as well as those who are continuing their regular academic career pursued during the fall sessions.

As the second term nears the close, many seniors take on new interest in order to overcome the usual ordeal of term papers and final examinations.

Jarvis College Church and the entire Hawkins Community shall miss the presence of one of its finest citizens, Brother T. M. Dockery, who passed from this life, June 8. His influence and character was of such nature as to even be highly esteemed by those of the other race, as well as those who came in contact with him on the campus. His sudden death came as a shock to everyone near and far.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Eleanor Ervin Dockery, two daughters, five sons, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Dockery is the sister of the late J. N. Ervin. Mrs. J. N. Ervin returned to the campus to attend the funeral.

The following faculty members are on leave of absence for the summer to do advanced study: Mr. E. W. Rand, Biology Department, Atlanta University; Mr. C. C. Mosley, Foreign Language, University of Illinois; Miss V. O. Carney, Commercial Department and Secretary to the President, State Teachers College of Emporia, Kansas; Mrs. O. S. Barker, Music Department, Chicago Conservatory of Music; Miss H. M. Ware, Music Department, Kent University, Ohio; Mr. W. M. Payne, English Department, Butler University; and Mrs. N. V. Berry, Jeanes Supervisor, Atlanta University. Mrs. Berry is the wife of Prof. C. A. Berry who is the Superintendent of the Farm.

The Jarvis Faculty and Student-body wish to extend to one of its Co-workers and Teachers, Miss Lelona W. Yates, Louisville, Kentucky, their hearty and sincere congratulations. An announcement has recently been made of her marriage to Mr. Filmon C. Amos of Shreveport, La., which took place June, 1939, at Little Rock, Ark.

Mrs. Amos was Head of the Department of Mathematics while serving on the faculty, 1939-1940. Mr. and Mrs. Amos are at home in Shreveport, La.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Dear Mr. Eppse:

I was very sorry that my article for the last issue for the *Plea* was too late to be published. I realized though that it was after the dead line when the material was sent in. Of course, you see I had been in the field since May 15 when I passed through Nashville. I arrived home Friday Night, June 7 which was the dead line date. I had hoped that the editor would be considerate to the folk who have field schedules to keep. Of course, I realize that you have more information than you can publish.

I have a few notes that I would like to have published in this issue of the *Plea*. The first is an announcement in regard to missionaries in the state conventions. Miss Maria I. Dayoan, a native of the Philippine Islands and a Disciple Leader will attend the Piedmont District Convention at Martinsville, August 8 to 11, 1940. She will bring several missionary messages on the Philippines. She will also remain over and spend two days with us in the Piedmont-Chesapeake Young People's Conference.

President Peter C. Washington, of Jarvis Christian College will be the missionary at the Kentucky State Convention. He will bring a special message to the convention on Wednesday Night.

Other state conventions to have missionaries — the Ohio Convention which meets at Canton. The Missouri Convention which meets at Columbia, and the Texas Convention which meets at Bay City.

The following are the dates and places of the above conventions:

Kentucky Convention, Mt. Sterling, July 23 to 28.

Ohio Convention at Canton, July 24 to 28.

Missouri Convention at Columbia, July 30 to August 4.

Texas Convention at Bay City, August 7 to 11.

I had a very fine fellowship with our churches in Missouri. It was my happy privilege to serve as home missionary on a team of five that spent a whole week visiting the churches in the state of Missouri. The other members of the team consisted of Mr. John Stuart Mill, State Secretary of Missouri; Mrs. Anna Scott Carter, State Secretary of Missouri Missionary Organizations; Miss Maria I. Dayoan of the Philippines, and Kenneth L. Potee of India as leader of the team. In nearly every place where we have churches, our leaders attended the meetings. It was indeed a rich experience, and we did our best to inform the people about what the Disciples' program is among the Negroes, and we also emphasized some of our greatest needs.

Mrs. Peoples and I were sent as missionaries to the Monterado Conference which met June 17 to 23, near Pueblo, Colorado. We had 107 very fine young people and 18 loyal faculty members. Mr. C. C. (Daddy) Dobbs and Mrs. H. R. (Mother) Howland are the co-directors of the conference. They gave us royal entertainment for the week, and Sunday morning, they gave us an offering of \$16.45 to be used in securing some equipment for our young people's conference. Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Howland and daughter took us home with them to Denver. Enroute they took us through Colorado Springs, the adjacent cities and the Garden of the Gods. The next day the mother and daughter took us on an extended trip in the mountains near Denver. We shall never forget the two nights spent in their home.

Sincerely,

R. H. PEOPLES

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NATIONAL CONVENTION CONFERENCES

By Carnella Jamison

The Pre-Convention session plans are moving along nicely. A poll is being made among the women expected to attend and the majority are in favor of a Monday session. Our plans are then to begin Monday, 10:45 a.m. Let every National Officer, State President, Secretary, Treasurer, Young People's Worker, and District President who can be present at Little Rock, Monday, August 19, for this important session.

Convention Conferences:

Wednesday, 11:15-12:15—How to Enlist the Total Womanhood in Local Church Service.

Mrs. Pearl Allen, Presiding.

Thursday, Report of Pre-Convention Session. Discussion — Local Church Problems. Mrs. M. G. Kirkpatrick, presiding.

Friday, Methods and Materials. Mrs. Pearl Craggett, Presiding.

Saturday, Age Level Group Conferences. Mrs. P. A. Gray, children; Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, young people; Mrs. Orene Cole, adults.

SHIFTING POPULATION IN AMERICA

In the spring each missionary organization president or children's sponsor received a letter and folder describing the study material for this period (July-December) which covers a study of Home Missions.

Shifting Populations in America is the subject of consideration and each of us is involved and we are directly or indirectly affected by the shift. Eight or more races are involved in the trek from one area to another in search of employment and economic security.

Let us take this as Christians and as those vitally interested in human welfare to study this problem and face the situation with understanding in order that we may work out programs of action in relation to the solution of the problems and so have a definite and constructive part in promoting the work of Home Missions.

Order the necessary materials at once (if you have not already done so). You may have a folder describing these materials for the asking. A few of the basic ones follow:

Adult:

Shifting Populations in America (packet), 50 cents.

Uprooted Americans: How Can the Churches Serve Shifting Populations. Benson and Landis. 60 cents.

Year Book of Programs. 5 cents each or 60 cents per dozen.

Young People:

"Move On, Youth," Nall. 60 cents.

Nomads of Circumstance, packet, 75 cents.

"Tales of Americans on Trek," Lowry, Shotwell, White, 50 cents.

Children:

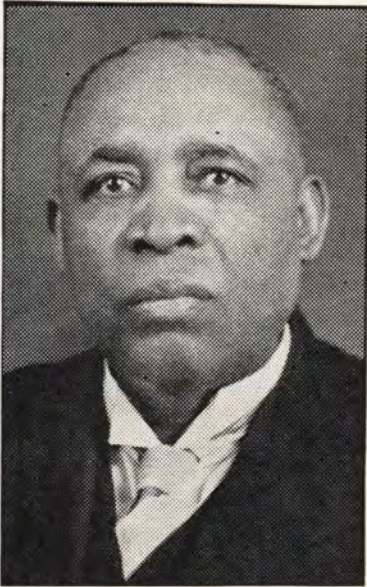
Across the Fruited Plains. Means, 50 cents; Four Stories About Migrants, 10 cents; for grades 4-6.

Children of the Harvest. Warner, 50 cents; Jack of the Bean Fields. Millen, 25 cents; grades 1-3.

Order from:

The United Christian Missionary Society, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE



**PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL
CONVENTION, ELDER L. H.
CRAWFORD
MAKES HIS MISSIONARY TOUR
AMONG THE CHURCHES**

Dear readers:

The Lord is working mightily with his people. It has been my good pleasure to visit the following places since you read the Plea.

We first went to Louisville, Ky. and there we found Elders Floyd, Allen, and Everett, striking hard for the cause of Christ. We spent a very happy night in the Floyd home. Mrs. Floyd is an ideal pastor's wife, and makes it very pleasant for their friends who may stop in their home. We had a united meeting of the three churches, which was a very profitable one. Our next stop was at Lexington, Ky. Here we found our Prince of Israel, brother C. H. Dickerson. We had a great service with the Second Street Christian Church. Here we found the church building recently remodeled, and we said here is the place for one of our Seminaries, right under the dome of one of the best Colleges of the Brotherhood.

Brother Dickerson and his wife have done a splendid piece of work here. We spent the evening in his beautiful home, and enjoyed our stay very much.

Our next stop was at Winchester, Ky. Here we were greeted by Elder Owens and his good wife, and soon found ourselves comfortably situated in his beautiful home. As you know we call sister Owens the smiling

preacher's wife. That evening we spoke at the church and had a lovely service.

Our next stop was at Mt. Sterling, Ky., this is called the mountain peak of the state. Here is where Preston Taylor built a great building and where W. H. Brown spent forty-two years as the pastor. We had in our mind only to stay one night, but we were invited by the pastor and members to stay over until Monday morning. We helped to arrange for them to entertain for their State Convention and to set some other things in order. This church is now being pastored by our good Elder Blair, and with the help of his splendid family, they have been able to put over a wonderful program here in the church life. The pastor arranged for me to stay in the beautiful home of deacon Grubbs and wife, who made things very pleasant for us.

Our next visit was at Little Rock, Arkansas. Here we met Elder Fisher, family and members, working hard to take care of the National Convention. They have everything ready, and are prepared to care for the largest Convention, we hope, that has ever been. We spoke to a large crowd at the church that night, and left them feeling happy. We spent time in the

homes of the pastor, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Cole.

Our next stop was at Paris, Texas, this happened to be the place where I was born, and where I was ordained to preach, and the home of my father and mother. My father preached sixty years in this state and when he went away his mantle fell on me. My mother still survives, and is active in her church work at her age. We had a great service in this old town, and we spent the evening in our old home with my mother, brothers and sisters.

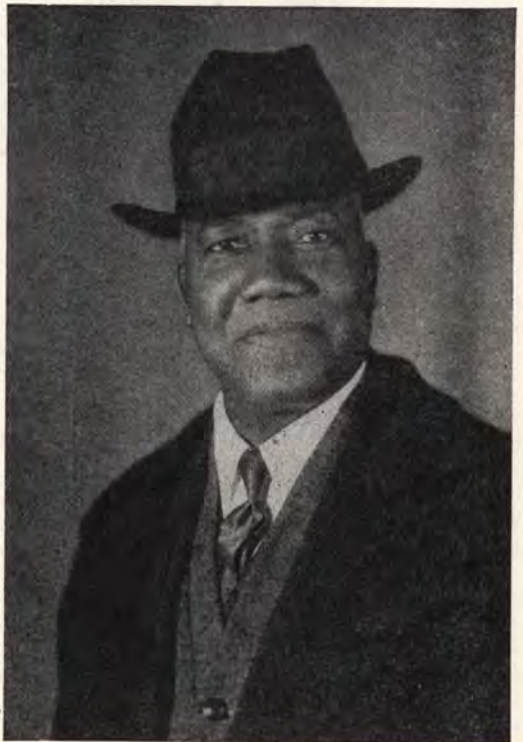
Our next stop was at Greenville, Texas, where I built the first brick church of the brotherhood in this state. This also is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford. We spent a very happy evening in the old homestead with Mrs. Allie Williams and Mrs. G. Nelson as Hostesses. That evening we spoke in the church to a large audience. Here we had a great service, and met some of the people that we had previously pastored for eight long years. Elder Carey, who is doing a great work here.

Our next stop was at Dallas, Texas. We made our way to the home of my sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs.

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**ON TO
LITTLE ROCK
CROSS STREET
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
AUG. 20-26
Rev. L. H. Crawford
President**

MR. D. I. REED
A prominent member of
"Old Kentuck's" church, Lexington, Kentucky, and Secretary of the Kentucky State Christian Convention which convenes at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, July 23-28.



ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

HERE AND THERE IN TEXAS



By Edwin M. Hurdle
2409 Jordan Street

The eyes of the brotherhood of Texas are on the Texas Christian Missionary Convention that will convene in Bay City, August 7-11. President I. Q. Hurdle has sent announcement cards to many members, ministers and officials of the churches of the State informing them of the expense involved for each delegate and visitor.

All delegates are requested to register with \$2.50. This amount will pay for enrollment fee of 25 cents in each Department and meals from Wednesday, August 7 to Sunday, August 11. Each church represented at the convention is asked to send \$1.00 for each member attending.

Mr. R. H. Peoples, General Secretary of Work in Negro Christian Churches in America stopped over in Dallas a few minutes Sunday morning, July 7. His destination was Jarvis College where an Area Council was held July 8, 9 and 10. The council was composed of selected ministers and officials from the Christian Churches in the Texas Area. It was directed by Messrs. Willard M. Wickizer, R. H. Peoples and I. Q. Hurdle. The purpose of the council was to discuss ways and means of improving the work in Texas.

The Christian Plea Club of Dallas will make an effort to clear all balances due the national publication incurred by loss in subscription accounts and single copies before the meeting of our national convention

in Little Rock in August. This will be done even if it is necessary to sponsor a contest or entertainment of spiritual nature. May the other Christian Plea Clubs of the state stress during the month of July the paying of all barnacles due the Plea, as well as selling new subscriptions and copies.

Indications are evident that Texans will conduct a "blitzkreig" in attendance at the National Convention. Every other church member in these parts is carrying the flag of "On To Little Rock." The people down here are really "taking it up." They will really be there.

The members of Romine Street Church were elated and honored Thursday Night, June 20, by the visit of National Presidents: L. H. Crawford and Raymond R. Walton of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ in America. They represented the Church and its auxiliaries in their larger and broader scope. Included in their appeals for attendance and financial support relation to the National Convention was the mention of the Christian Plea. Mrs. E. G. Titus, sister of President Crawford and State representative of the Ida D. Taylor Home was mistress of ceremonies and directed the serving at the banquet that followed. The result was, the two genial gentlemen pepped things up for the National.

At the State Board Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Texas at Boll Street Church, Sunday, June 30, Miss S. P. Walker, of Dallas, State President presided, Mrs. Aran Garrett of Taylor furnished music and Mrs. E. G. Titus of Dallas gave the principal address.

HILL STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Miss Elinor Craig, Reporter
Elder E. H. Allen, Pastor
Louisville, Kentucky

News From Old Hancock

Mrs. Mable Lewis, our very capable Superintendent received a scholarship to the Adult Conference at Lincolnridge, Ky., July 1-7.

Mrs. Felicia Craig, the President of the Missionary Society, has been ill for several months, but is now able to be up. Mrs. Harmon has been carrying on the work.

Mrs. John Thomas, sponsored a very successful dinner Sunday, June 16, for the benefit of the members who are planning to attend the State Convention at Mt. Sterling, Ky.

HAPPENINGS IN MAYS LICK, KY.

By A. D. Gault
Route 2

Mayslick, Kentucky is headed toward its last few days before it goes to the great Kentucky Convention. June was a great month. June 15th and 16th, District three held a fine meeting here and some of our outstanding workers attended. Among those attending were Rev. H. T. Wilson, district president of church work; Rev. I. H. Moore, State Evangelist; Rev. H. D. Griffin of Carlisle; Mrs. Bessie January; Elder J. A. Johnson, President of the Bible School of this District; Mrs. Emily Robinson, District President of Christian Endeavor and Miss Edith Wilson, State Bible School President. Elder J. A. Johnson was elected President of the Bible School for another year.

Raymond R. Walton, our National Bible School President made us a visit. While here he preached a very stirring sermon. Many are talking about his great work in this district. Mayslick plans to have a good report for Little Rock.

On June 7, the big rally day, all clubs will report. We are expecting to be on our way to Little Rock and it is hoped that the churches will come up with their part in the finance. Let us all go forward for better work from the local to the National.

THROUGH KENTUCKY

By Elder Raymond Walton
President National Bible School
Nashville, Tenn.

Your Bible School President was guest of several churches in Kentucky and Ohio this past month. The work at each place seemed to be going along nicely and every where the folks are talking about Little Rock and the National Convention. A very pleasant evening was spent at Chestnut Street Church with Brother Floyd and the other two churches. Miss Edythe Wilson, past Secretary of the Bible School Department of the National Convention and President of the Bible Schools of Kentucky had

much to do with the success of the visit. We have prospects of a very fine and capable young man for the ministry through the efforts of Miss Wilson and her mother, Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick.

The next night found us in a big musical program and a large waiting congregation at Kenyan Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, with Brother and Sister Devine and Brother and Sister L. L. Dickerson of Covington. Many encouraging features of the local work were shown by Brother Devine and the President is grateful to his kindness. With Brother and Sister C. H. Dickerson the next night at Lexington and as usual that warm heartfelt hospitality and the kind, fatherly council of Brother Dickerson which makes a visit with him so profitable. As with the previous nights the other churches came together in fellowship. On Thursday Night we visited with one of the Vice-Presidents of the National Bible School Department, keyman of Kentucky and Deacon of our church at Mayslick, in the person of Brother A. D. Gault. He spared no pains and had folks there from the neighboring towns, Mayslick, Caelisle. It is a pleasure to visit these very small points and have the fellowship with those who are not often visited. The church proved a very efficient hostess and in the near future we plan to go back and visit them. Many invitations have come and we are trying hard to carry the spark of the convention into the whole brotherhood. Elder Kenney of Johnson City, Tenn., State President, has a schedule for us to fill the last of the month. We ask the prayers of the brotherhood.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By E. M. Barrett
Muskogee, Oklahoma

On June 26, we were pleased to have Mrs. Bracy, the National Convention Secretary, with us. She was accompanied by Mr. Roan Jones and Miss Margaret Gladney of St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Bracy's visit was in behalf of the National Convention.

Other activities of recent date have been sponsored by the young people who were planning to attend the Mid-West Young Peoples Summer Conference. Such activities included a Rainbow Lawn Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Barrett. This was sponsored by Miss Betty June Hawkins. A musical fete was sponsored by Miss Dorothy Wofford and a weiner roast was sponsored by Miss Erlene Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Harris took these young people to the

conference at Bonner Springs, Kansas. Miss Johnnie Howard, an instructor in the conference, and Miss Margret Gladney were also in the group. We are now looking forward to our State Convention which will be held with the Pine Street Christian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 8-11 inclusive with Elder Charles Webb as host minister.

BIRCH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Mrs. Ann Lawrie
1568 West 36th Place
Los Angeles, Calif.

The Ladies' Aid Society of this church has a membership of 25 persons, some of which are members of other churches. This group of women have their meeting every two weeks and are steadily building their treasure. Much credit for the good work done by this organization must be given to the new officers.

An old fashioned picnic was sponsored by the Bible School, July 4. Every member of the church and their friends were invited. The spirit of good fellowship prevailed throughout the whole group. It is hoped that this will become an annual affair.

The Missionary Society is looking far into the future. They have plans made for a Bazaar which is to be given before Christmas. Mrs. Nellie Sharp a genuine leader in the Missionary field was the speaker on the Missionary Day, 11 o'clock services. Much honor and credit must be given her. The credit for the meeting of the \$40.00 quota must be given largely to Mrs. Lee, the untiring president of our Society.

At the board meeting for this month a spirit of cooperation was demonstrated in that all are working toward a better church as a whole. Mrs. Ann Lawrie who had charge of the music for the past 3 years resigned her position in favor of Mrs. Francis Johnson whom she felt may carry on this work in a larger way due to her training in this line. Mrs. Lawrie in a spirit of cooperation lends her help in any way is needed.

A unique tea was given by the Choir and was called "A Book Review Tea," Richard Wright's *Native Son* was reviewed by Mrs. William Lawrie. On the 28th of this month the Choir is planning a Dramatic Musical, Mrs. Johnson will arrange the music and Mr. Lawrie will have charge of the dramatics.

ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Oliver Ave. and Lincoln Garden

By Mrs. S. Thompson
169 Seman St., New Brunswick, N. J.

Rev. S. E. Tillman reports a very successful meeting of the States of New York and New Jersey held at the Williamsburg Christian Church. Remembering the program outlined by Mrs. Rosa Bracy and Mr. R. H. Peoples which was in to be carried out by the United Christian Missionary and the National Convention, the churches here raised \$109.54 for its portion. The people of this section wish to express that they have tried to live up to this program under the direction of their leader Rev. S. E. Tillman. Things did not work out as planned but hope is not gone.

During this meeting Rev. Kinard preached a stirring sermon, speaking on the subject: "And Christ said that I am the Way." Elder Tillman delivered the closing sermon, speaking on the subject: "They went out from us, but they were not of us."

EAST VINE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Knoxville, Tennessee

Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Reporter

The East Vine Avenue Christian Church is growing in membership.

Mrs. Dora Grey one of our outstanding members furnished a bed room complete, at the parsonage.

Rev. Kennedy, our State President of the Tennessee Convention and also our State Evangelist held a four day meeting June 11-14. This meeting was enjoyed by all and much good spiritually was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Orr are the proud parents of a fine baby girl. They have named her Billy Jean.

Miss Birdie Chandler is getting along nicely at the Knoxville General Hospital, where she underwent a major operation. Mr. A. D. Grisby who has been ill for a number of months and seemingly was getting along nicely, suddenly took a back set, but at present he is resting better.

"Cross The Country Race" is sponsored by five clubs, using five of the most popular cars, they have had chauffeurs..

Buick, Mrs. Katherine Faulkner; Pontiac, Miss Estella Massingill; Chevrolet, Mrs. Bertha Trout; Plymouth, Mr. B. T. Hutchins; Mercury "eight," Mrs. Irene Watkins.

Each club is responsible for \$50.00. The club raising the most over \$50.00 will be classed as the best car in the race. Each dollar will count for one

mile. Some of the clubs made very good reports last Sunday night. Some are still at the filling station getting their cars in good shape for the race.

The Mercury "eight" gave a lawn party at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Watkins. The beautiful lawn was well lighted, tables were arranged for the comfort of the guest. We had as special guest, Mrs. George Davis and Mrs. W. M. Miller of Dunbar Street. Many games were played and the occasion was enjoyed by all. The success financially was far beyond our expectation. Many events are being planned for this "Cross The Country Race." Won't you come and join us?

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blayton and daughter, Miss Dorris, of Atlanta, Ga. were the guest of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Daniels for the Fourth of July. Mrs. Blayton is the sister of Rev. Daniels. Mr. Blayton is one of the instructors of Morehouse and Miss Dorris is a sophomore at Morehouse.

Your reporter returned a few days ago from Texas where she was called on account of the death of Mr. T. M. Dockery, a brother-in-law. In another article in this issue you will find the account of the death of this outstanding citizen.

FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE

By Alexander Craggett
Cleveland, Ohio

The church during the month of June heard four great sermons from the pastor's son who was serving in his stead while he served on the faculty of the philadelphian summer conference which was at New Concord, Ohio.

The Father's Day service was carried out in a fine way under the leadership of Mr. Anthony Thomas. The messages of the day were brought by F. T. Craggett.

The attendance for the second quarter was much greater than that of the first quarter.

The men's brotherhood will have charge of the service for the second Sunday, and will feature the Imperial Quartette for the morning service, and the Hines Chorus for the afternoon service. The program is in the hands of Mr. Jessie Blair, Mr. Anthony Thomas, and Mr. Eugene Burris.

The Sunday School annual picnic will be held the fourth of July in Metropolitan Park of Chargin Falls, Ohio.

The young people are now sponsoring an "I am tagged," rally. The proceeds of the rally to be used for sending young people to Summer Conference. The young people who are planning on attending are: Miss Helen Howard, and Miss Ernestine Harrison to the Hiram Older, Mr. Kenneth Dabney, and Mr. Booker White to the Hiram Preparatory.

Convention time is almost here again, to be held this year Canton, July 24-28.

Master Buckner Gamby arrived from Boston, June fifteenth, where he was studying music at the Boston Conservatory.

F. T. Craggett will be one of the members of the faculty of the Central Summer Conference to be held at Nicholasville, Ky., and also will be guest of the Kentucky State Convention to be held the last of July.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

4413 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill

By Mrs. Alma Cummings

One of the most beautiful affairs of the season was the twentieth wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Davis on the evening of June 7th. After having come down the beribboned isle to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, they re-lighted their troth amid both solemnity and laughter.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white satin with a wreath of white flowers in her hair and carried a white bridal bouquet. The ladies of the bridal party were attired in pastel shades with bouquets matching their gowns and the attendants and ushers were resplendent in formal attire.

Miss Lucile Ramsey played the wedding music.

A reception in the church parlor followed the ceremony.

Children and Youth's Day was observed June 9th with Mr. Thos. Breen the Director of Religious Education as the principal speaker, his topic was "Christian Religion."

Miss Evelyn Smith, the President of the June Birthday Club, reported \$10.00 towards current expenses.

Mrs. Nellie R. Smith is to be commended for her efforts in making the Annual Evening in Paris an excellent success. The proceeds from affair was \$56.00

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE



By Elder S. Kenney

State President

207 Elmo St.

Johnson City, Tenn.

I have been asked to move the Tennessee State Convention up to two days prior to the National Convention and have a two day session in Memphis, Tenn., then continue our trip on to Little Rock for the National Convention. It will save a 1,000 miles of travel for the Delegates from East Tenn. and about 475 miles for the Nashville Churches. We will open Sunday, August 18th, with a big day with the Memphis Church in Memphis, Tenn. and have a two day session, Sunday and Sunday night, Monday and Monday night. We will have the reports of all churches and their Auxiliaries Monday, and we will give Monday night to the Missionary Society for their program. Since Little Rock is about 145 miles from Memphis, we can drive there Tuesday morning in a few hours.

Since we will have so much to do in one day, we are asking all Delegates to arrive in Memphis Saturday afternoon, August 17th, in time to enroll Saturday. The Memphis church will look for you Saturday afternoon.

The churches in East Tenn. are getting ready for the State and National Conventions.

I have just returned home from Knoxville and Jellico, Tenn. Elder Daniels, pastor of Knoxville church and his people are hard at work getting ready for the Convention. I found Elder Robert Murphy, the Elder of the church in Jellico, Tenn. and his good wife hard at work to keep the church door open in Jellico. The Jellico church has been without a pastor for years. Elder Murphy has repaired the church at his own expense. Elder Murphy had in great program a full house White and Colored people worshipping together.

The little church at Jonesboro, Tenn. is on the Map again. I have given half time to the Jonesboro church this year. We have the largest

Junior Christian Endeavor Society in East Tenn. We have 50 Young People enrolled. The Johnson City church is moving along without a pastor. I will try to help the Johnson City Church out until the Convention. The Bible School and the church club are working nicely in the Johnson City Church.

We are asking each church in the State of Tenn. to send a list of delegates that will go to the State Convention in Memphis, Tenn., August 18th to Dr. J. E. Walker, the Elder of the Memphis church, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn. on or before August 1st.

We are asking all delegates to go directly to the Memphis church for registration, Saturday afternoon, August 17th. Registration fee will be \$1.00 which will take care of delegates Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

LAST CALL

By Mrs. Pearl Craggett
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Co-workers:

We come to you for the last time before the convention. First let me thank the *Christian Plea* for permitting me to give you the National requirements.

I think the *Plea* has been the best in its history. It shows what can be done. It tells me this, that when the leaders go up to our convention with that sweet spirit as was manifested last year and if we will forget ourselves and chosen friends and let Christ lead us and strive hard to bring into fellowship every church and individual and plan a program that can be carried to our churches we can do big things.

As we look over our brotherhood and see our churches split up and our Ministers broken down under the weight of sins of this world, and with dark clouds of War hanging over our heads, let us as missionary women rededicate our lives to Christ and his great cause. You will find a list of states and the number of societies in the state with the names of the presidents. The people we are depending on to bring up your National apportionment and requirements. A black board will be used this year so that the convention can see just what the states are doing, also a chart on children's work. Don't forget that the state is to send \$10.00 and \$2.00 for each society in the state. \$5.00 for unorganized societies, \$1.00 for children organizations.

I am mailing each State President a blank.

States	No. Societies	State Rep.	President of States
Alabama	4	\$10.00	Mrs. A. M. Haygood
Arkansas	5	10.00	Mrs. O. Coles
California	2	5.00	Mrs. Alice Chappell
Illinois	4	5.00	Miss Fenton Hamilton
Indiana	1	5.00	Mrs. Jessie Settles
Kansas	7	10.00	Mrs. Lora Davidson
Kentucky	23	10.00	Mrs. Jonnie Kirkpatrick
Michigan	1	5.00	Mrs. Lena Summers
Missouri	11	10.00	Mrs. A. E. Gilmore
Ohio	12	10.00	Mrs. Pearl Allen
Oklahoma	6	10.00	Mrs. S. A. Pirtle
Tennessee	4	10.00	Mrs. J. M. Daniels
Texas	18	10.00	Mrs. S. P. Walker
Mississippi	13	10.00	Mrs. S. R. Shaifer
District of Columbia	3	10.00	Mrs. E. Hancock
Piedmont District	11	10.00	Mrs. J. H. Thomas
Tri-State	8	10.00	Mrs. V. M. Spencer

This is a list of states and number of societies and presidents which were notified by me.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Titus. Here we had an enjoyable evening. Prof. T. W. Pratt, one of the leading laymen of our brotherhood, and Rev. Mr. Burke and other friends, sat at the table with us to a well prepared dinner.

We had another united service at the Roman Church. Elder Parks of the Boll Street Christian Church and his good people were there in large numbers. We had a great service with these people, and after the services we had an elaborate reception, and the Hostesses were Mrs. Titus and the ladies of the church. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the choir brought glory to the services through their singing. At this time a beautiful cake was presented to the president, with his initials engraved upon it by Mr. Titus and friends. We shall never forget this trip with the churches. We were able to get a few persons to subscribe to the *Christian Plea*. The *Plea* is here to stay, and so far we have been able to have it in your hands every month. Let us boost it, get subscribers, pay subscriptions, these are the things that will keep it alive. And without a Journal, our work will be handicapped.

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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ.

We are going on to greater heights, and more and more do we realize the dire necessity of a real permanent structure in our organization. It is

feasible at this time to so unite our forces as to bring about the possibility of a greater work. The permanency of an organization lies in its ability to stabilize its interest and centralize its forces. Every progressive organization has national headquarters with an executive force directing its work to the best interest of every department and agency. There must be a central executive even greater than the officers if the convention in session, which will direct and promote the business of the convention throughout the entire year, manage property,

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assets, and safeguard the integrity of the convention. With this in mind we offer the following set up as an amendment to the constitution:

I. A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, located at national headquarters, Nashville, Tennessee, composed of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees of the National Convention. These directors to hold office as long as they give bona-fide service.

II. AGENCIES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION, as follows:

- a. Department of Promotion and Finance

- b. Department of Church
c. Department of Women's Missionary Society
d. Department of Bible Schools (Religious Education)
e. Department of Christian Endeavor
f. Department of Publication (Christian Plea)

Each department to have a chairman, vice-chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary.

III. The Department of Promotion and Finance, and the Department of Publication will work directly from headquarters' office throughout the entire year. The Departments of church, Women's Missionary Society,

religious Education and Christian Endeavor Society will be promoted by the respective chairman throughout the year from the National headquarters' office. At the setting of the Convention each department will report and turn over its records and finance to the Board of Directors, which will pay all bills, furnish all stationery, printing and literature for promotion.

IV. The Board of Directors will make an annual report at the business session. It will also determine all salaries and expenses in accordance to the financial standing of the convention.

—Rev. L. H. Crawford
Pres. National Convention

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"Wings Over Jordan"



DR. J. E. WALKER

President Universal Life Insurance Co.; President, National Negro Business League; Treasurer, National Christian Missionary Convention. Dr. Walker will be the Guest Speaker on "Wings Over Jordan," Sunday Morning, August 18, 1940, at 8:30 C.T.S., over a National Hookup of the Columbia Broadcasting Systems through WGAR, Cleveland, Ohio. Tune in and send a message to the station in care of Dr. Glenn T. Settle, Columbus, Ga.

Christian Plea Honor Roll

The following is a list of people, churches and organizations, who have demonstrated by their loyal support to the Christian Plea, their interest in building the Kingdom of God on earth.

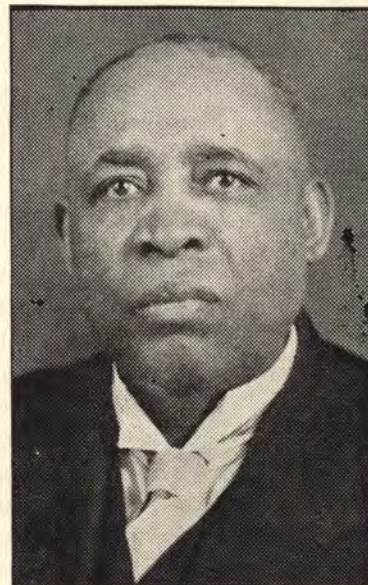
CHURCHES:

1. Mississippi Boulevard Church, Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Secretary, submitted 48 paid subscriptions, the highest number from any church.
2. Cedar Avenue Christian Church, Mrs. Ila Clark, Reporter, submitted 22 paid subscriptions, the second highest number from any church.
3. High Street Christian Church, Prof. J. E. Bean, Reporter, submitted 18 paid subscriptions, the third highest number from any church.

ORGANIZATIONS:

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| 1. Home Missions Division of the U. C. M. S. | \$300.00 |
| 2. The National Convention | 33.86 |
| 3. The National Womans Convention | 25.00 |
| 4. Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio | 5.00 |

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DR. L. H. CRAWFORD
Nashville, Tennessee



MRS. ELIZABETH M. HEROD
Indianapolis, Ind.

National President of the National Woman's Convention of the Disciples of Christ. The widow of one of the great church leaders.

TO THE CHURCHES AND ALL THE AUXILIARIES

The National President is visiting the churches on the Gold Coast with the Avalon Christian Church as host and residing in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Baxter Carroll Duke.

I wish to send you the following message: By vote of the delegates of the National Convention at St. Louis, Missouri, Little Rock, Arkansas was selected as the place to hold the National Convention for the year of 1940.

Your Executive Committee has investigated the place and found everything ready for the entertaining of the Convention. As your humble servants we are urging you to attend in large numbers.

The requirements are:

Enrollment	\$ 2.00
Registration	5.00
Representation of states, districts and areas	10.00

Sixty-first Annual Convention TENNESSEE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

at

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn.
Sun. and Mon., Aug. 18-19, 1940

Elder S. Kenney, President
Elder Blair T. Hunt, Pastor

All delegates are asked to register Sat. afternoon, August 17. Registration fee \$1.00, Badges 10 cents.

Report from churches per member 1.00
We hope that you will try to meet these requirements. You have been loyal in the past and we want to thank you for the cooperation you have given us. We know you will not fail us this time.

May God bless you and keep you. I will see you in Little Rock!

Sincerely yours,

Rev. L. H. Crawford
President

CHRISTIAN PLEA HONOR ROLL

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| 5. Womans Council, Little Rock, Ark., (Mrs. Dean) | 5.00 |
| 6. Womans Auxiliary, Tulsa, Oklahoma | 5.00 |

INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DONE OUTSTANDING WORK:

- Mrs. Preston Taylor, Nashville, Tenn., 379 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, St. Louis, Mo., secured 132 paid subscribers.
- Rev. William Kappan Fox, Nashville, Tenn., secured 62 subscribers.
- Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Memphis, Tenn., secured 48 paid subscribers.
- Miss Carnella Jamison, Indianapolis, Ind., secured 24 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. W. J. Sharp, Los Angeles, Calif., secured 14 paid subscribers.
- Prof. J. E. Bean, Mt. Sterling, Ky., secured 18 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. Ila Clark, Cleveland, Ohio, secured 15 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. Wylma Windsor, Los Angeles, Calif., secured 12 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. A. M. Haygood, Birmingham, Ala., secured 12 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. M. R. Propps, Hawkins, Texas, secured 11 paid subscribers.
- Prof. T. M. Pratt, Dallas, Texas, secured 10 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. Clara Fowler, Columbus, Ohio, secured 9 paid subscribers.
- Rev. R. H. Davis, Chicago, Illinois, secured 9 paid subscribers.
- Miss Naomi B. Legier, S.C.I., Edwards, Miss., secured 8 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. Anne Lawrie, Los Angeles, Calif., secured 7 paid subscribers.
- Rev. L. H. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn., secured 6 paid subscribers.
- Rev. G. W. Rowland, Winston-Salem, N.C., secured 6 paid subscribers.
- Rev. W. D. Campbell, Indianapolis, Ind., secured 6 paid subscribers.
- Elder I. C. Franklin, Port Gibson, Miss., secured 6 paid subscribers.
- C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky., secured 5 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. Willa B. Hunter, Winchester, Ky., secured 5 paid subscribers.
- Mr. Emilo T. Johnson, Warren, Ohio, secured 5 paid subscribers.
- S. B. Wallick, Muskogee, Okla., secured 5 paid subscribers.
- Miss Edith Wilson, Louisville, Ky., secured 5 paid subscribers.
- Miss Ella Mae Alcorn, Louisville, Ky., secured 5 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. Josephine Brashears, Kansas City, Mo., secured 5 paid subscribers.
- Mrs. Leslie Clark, Chicago, Illinois, secured 5 paid subscribers.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS, The Plea extends Congratulations to the Following:

Prof. Edwin Hurdle, 2409 Jordan Street, Dallas, Texas, for editing news for the state of Texas.
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Mrs. Wylma Windsor, California, for outstanding work in securing subscribers and news.

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Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Memphis, Tenn., for her loyal efforts in church work.

Mrs. Alma Cummings, Chicago, Illinois, for her church news.

Rev. William Kappan Fox, Nashville, Tenn., for securing 62 subscriptions.

Rev. Ira Ashe, Georgetown, Ky., for paying all of his accounts to the Plea.

Miss Ruth Robinson, Rockford, Ill., for her faithful support to the Plea.

Rev. R. L. Peters, Winston-Salem, N.C., for his outstanding evangelistic work.

Mrs. Arrah Garrett, Granger, Texas, for the best feature article for the year.

Miss Helen Henry, Waco, Texas, for her outstanding work among youth of Texas.

Rev. I. C. Franklin, Port Gibson, Miss., for his loyal support as a National Officer.

Mrs. W. J. Sharp, California, for her great missionary work for the Plea.

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Mrs. Wylma Windsor reported to Plea for February, 20; March, 10—\$3.00.

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE SOLD PLEAS AND REPORTED FOR SAME.

- Edwin M. Hurdle, 2409 Jordan Street, Dallas, 25 Pleas (back acct.) 2.50.
- Mr. Fred Redmond, 421 4th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn., 10 Pleas, \$1.00.
- Rev. Ira Ashe, Georgetown, Ky., 10 March, 5 April, 5 February, 2.00.
- A. D. Gault, Route 2, Mayslick, Kentucky, 5 June, 5 July Pleas, \$1.00.
- Mrs. Leslie Clark, 3315 Giles Avenue, Chicago, Ill., 10 April Pleas, \$1.00.
- Mrs. Rosa Bracy, 4244 Evans Street, St. Louis, Mo., 5 April Pleas, 50 cents.
- Rev. E. W. Wilbert, 736 Dennison Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, 5 July Pleas, 50 cents.
- Rev. D. W. Heath, 323 S. Wyman St., Rockford, Ill., 10 July Pleas, \$1.00.
- Rev. William Walker, London, Kentucky, 5 July Pleas, 50 cents.
- Mrs. Pearl Craggett, 6708 Belvidere Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, 10 March, 10 April, \$2.00.
- Mrs. H. L. Herod, 4046 Boulevard Place, 5 July Pleas, 50 cents.



MERL R. EPPSE

Chairman Division of Social Studies and Professor of History, Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tenn.; Editor of the Christian Plea.

SPARKS FROM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Did you know that the Christian Church property in Clarksville, Tennessee, is occupied by Baptist? While the Christian minister is trying to start a church in Hopkinsville, Ky.

The Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, has a Daily Vacation Bible School. It opens at 9 o'clock each morning and closes at 12:30. Four workers on the N.Y.A. and W.P.A. are in charge. The average attendance is twenty-five students daily.

What has become of the Cooperative House at Butler University? You know Butler only admits a few Negroes each year. We have only heard from D. W. Heath, at Rockford, Illinois, Foster Craggett at Eureka College. What are the others doing?

Last year Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracey reported \$1407.50. Collected and paid out \$336.56, for office supplies and promotion, for traveling \$254.79, for monument \$400.00 and for salary of Secretary \$116.15. This totals \$1407.50. In other words it cost \$1007.50 to collect \$400. Can we get any place at this rate?

Why do the National officers have expense accounts to the National Convention when they do nothing the whole year for the Brotherhood? It appears to me that a Christian would not ask to be elected to office so that he could get his expenses paid.

Whoever heard of a secretary establishing policies and never consulting the President or anyone as to what she should do. It appears to me an itinerary should be made and reports made regularly.

William Kappan Fox, Honor graduate of Tennessee State College, met Dr. E. S. Ames a few weeks ago. It was very apparent that the Doctor is intellectually liberal but in reality a Negro has never stayed in the Disciples Divinity House. It may be that the Congregationalist may help Fox if the Disciples do not.

Why would the Home Missions Department recommend a \$300 a'd to the Plea on June 7, 1940 without consulting the administrative committee about conditions of the Plea? It appears to me that this is the "Credo of the Tyrant."

Last year in four youth conferences we had 175 Negro youths and 36 instructors out of 9155 youths and 1398 instructors. It looks like something needs to be done to keep up to our 10 per cent quota.

Are Jarvis Christian College and Southern Christian Institute working? Last year 139 Jarvis students produced \$5200 worth of food stuff and 109 students at S.C.I. produced \$5400 worth of food stuff. Eleven graduated from Jarvis and twenty-seven from S.C.I. This year S.C.I. graduated 6 from Junior College and 8 from High School; Jarvis graduated 9. Our only two schools ought to have at least 500 students each. Let's all boost our schools.

There are 21 colleges for whites to study for the ministry. Drake, Eureka, and Butler accept Negroes. It appears that we ought to have a Bible college located in one of our great Negro centers of learning to train ministers and Christian workers.

Why is it that all subsidized Negro workers will not report to their constituency the work they are doing. I am sure that they must report to the one that pays them. Mr. R. H. Peoples and Miss Jamison send news but no others.

It seems reasonable that the Negro brotherhood ought to concentrate on Evangelism only. The deplorable conditions of the churches and the poverty of the communicants with the vision and training of the ministry are in such a state that we are ineffective at all tasks. The U.C.M.S. has the brains and the program to lead us in the right direction but there is no hope for a people who are led by 140 people with less than high school training, 10 graduates of high school, 9 from a bible institute, 29 from Junior College, and 5 who have attended a graduate school.

MT. BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB (S.C.I.)

Mrs. Lesly Clark, Reporter
3315 Giles Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

At the July meeting, the Mt. Beulah College Club installed the officers of the new administration. The new staff has already given indication of leading the club to still greater achievements than it reached in the past.

Rev. Homer McEwing of Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church delivered the installation address. He emphasized the responsibility of the alumni group leaders to the community.

Plans for club calendar for the present fiscal year were enlarged and completed.

Visitors were Rev. C. H. Morris of Drake University and Mr. Murphy Jones of Edwards, Miss.

The annual picnic will be given Sunday, July 28, at Gleason Park, in Gary, Indiana.

The choral club is busy rehearsing for fall engagements. We were very happily surprised to have Prof. and Mrs. Eppse drop in at rehearsal time a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Lula Perkins and sons Frederick, Jr., and Carl have just returned from a visit to their parents and grand parents at Indianola, Miss.

Mrs. Rosa Welch, Linnie and Gale Page are vacationing at Camp Mack in Milford, Indiana.

Mrs. Frank Casey has been on the sick list for some time but she is up and about again.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McFarland are the proud parents of a baby girl.

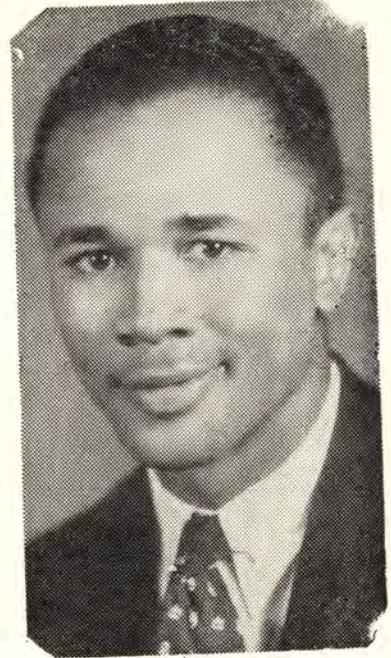
A number of the club members are planing to go to the convention at Little Rock, Ark., in order to have a reunion with the many school mates who live in that state.

New officers installed at the July meeting were as follows: Mr. John C. Lewis, President; Mr. Cyril Robertson, Vice President; Miss Katie Grafton, Recording Secretary; Mr. John C. Clairborne, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Lillian Collins, Financial Secretary; Mr. Leroy Loadholt, Treasurer; Mrs. Ruby Platt Rodgers, Custodian; Mr. U. S. Manns, Chaplain; Mr. Frederick D. Perkins, Reporter.

The Annual Picnic was held Sunday, July 28, at Gleason Park, Gary, Indiana. The members and friends went out on trucks and had a grand time.

After the regular business session of our August meeting, we were very happily surprised to have Mrs. Viola Brown Aills give a resume of her trip east. She traveled through 13 states and saw many historical sights. At many of the stops she enjoyed a happy reunion with former school-mates and friends.

Another surprise of the day was the announcement of the marriage of Mr. John O'Quinn to Miss Cleodia Dawkins, Thursday evening, August 8th, 1940.



REVEREND C. B. FISHER
2024 Dennison St., Little Rock, Ark.

Host Pastor of the National Convention, Pastor of the Cross Street Christian Church, 13th and Cross Sts., Little Rock, Arkansas.



MRS. ROSA BROWN BRACY
4244 Evans St., St. Louis, Mo.

Promotional Secretary, National Convention of Disciples of Christ.

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—1 John, 1-7

NOTICE!

All news must be in by
7th of each month.

TALKING OUT LOUD

Bro. Paul and Bro. Peter

Bro. Peter: I noticed in the Plea that our Eastern Brethren seem to be indignant and hurt over our article in the June issue and demand an apology of us. What are your thoughts on this reaction?

Bro. Paul: We would not be Christ-like if we failed to make an apology to our brothers if we had wronged them; but I feel that we have not committed any crime worthy of making an apology. In our article we were very much interested in a Cause rather than persons. It was not our aim to deny our brethren the rights to change the constitution or to express their views about any article or interest of our Brotherhood. We claim this for ourselves and grant them and others the same. The time has come when men must learn to differ and still love. In our article in which our Eastern Brethren accused us of liking them unto Esau and Jacob, Pilate and Herod they are incorrect. Bro Paul said: "I see in this recommendation the voice of Jacob but the hands of Esau." The word "See" means: "to perceive with the mind." So Bro. Paul saw in his mind rather than likened or made our Eastern Brethren equal with Jacob, Esau or Pilate and Herod. Neither did Bro. Paul interpret them to be guilty of the crimes and sins of these men but only referred to these characters. And "Refer" means to refer to a book, place or person and it does not mean that the one referred to is the book, place or person.

Bro. Peter: You have made the correct answer and I agree with you. I still believe in speaking where the Book speaks and the Book says: "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me." And that is the very thing that our Brethren have done for when they wrote: Pilate and Herod have been looked down upon with contempt by the Christian world, and with this "In Mind" You named one of us Pilate and the other Herod! This to my mind is not anything more than "presuming" for this was not the meaning nor spirit of our article for Bro. Paul said: "It seems to me that Pilate and Herod have gotten together to crucify section No. 4 in the By-Laws." "Seems" means "to create or give the impression" and Bro. Paul was reflecting the impression that the article had made upon him, rather than to reflect upon the writers of the article. We were not dealing with the characters of the writers but with the cause and article written.

Bro. Paul: Our Eastern Brethren have asked, "Could we deny that they have the same love, the same spirit of unselfishness and sacrifice toward

the Brotherhood that our fathers had?" We have never denied nor affirmed that for every man's works or record speaks for himself. Bro. Paul, in quoting you, "We should not only bow in reverence to our Own Preston Taylor and Forefathers but that we should also follow them in love, sacrifice and unselfishness, etc." We commended our Eastern Brethren for their expression that "we should bow in reverence" but also urged that the Brotherhood should go further. In the light of these explanations if our Eastern Brethren still feel that they have been mistreated or dealt with unkindly after reading this article we extend an apology to them and want them to feel assured that we have nothing but deepest appreciation and love for them.

Bro. Peter: Bro. Lewis of Chicago has raised an important question and have asked us to give our opinion in regards to the setting up of an Imperial Qualified Board to be set up by our National Convention to deal with the fitness and qualification of the ministry. I am not clear where the responsibility should be placed what do you think?

Bro. Paul: The question which Bro. Lewis raises is a question that needs to be faced and dealt with but I am not quite certain that an Imperial Board would be the right instrument. The Disciples of Christ is a democratic body, locally, state and nationally and it would be hard to enact such a law to carry out the desires of Bro. Lewis. We are of the opinion that there ought to be a common understanding among churches and ministers that will safeguard all parties and causes concerned.

Well Bro. Paul, as this will be our last meeting until after the National Convention, let us close with prayer. "Our Father, we thank Thee for the accomplishments during this convention year. We are asking of Thee that Thou mayest guide us in all of our deliberations in our convention. May the delegates come with a mind to work and above all to be led and directed by Thy Spirit. Grant that we may come penitent of our sins, resolving to accept our responsibilities of the Kingdom of God. Give us courage and grace to do Thy will. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen!"

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK

By Mrs. H. L. Herod, President
4046 Boulevard Place
Indianapolis, Indiana

The eyes of the great Disciples Brotherhood are turned toward Little Rock, Arkansas as the National Convention of Negro Disciples convene in their 24th annual meeting, Aug 20-27. From all indications this Convention will surpass all former conventions in attendance, in program, and in finance.

As president of the Women's Missionary Convention, I am particularly interested in the pre-convention sessions which are scheduled for the 19th and 20th—Monday and Tuesday sessions. This is a new venture on the part of the women. For several years we have felt the need for having more time for study and serious discussion of the problems of district State and National work. We are stressing the time element. If the leaders of our States will plan to come on time, a great deal can be accomplished. At 10:45 on Monday morning, Miss Saralya Walker, of Dallas, Texas, will lead the women in a worship service, followed by a message from Mrs. Maud Davis. After the worship service, a discussion on problems and techniques for working in the district will be led by Mrs. Mary Van Buren of Missouri. Problems of Leadership by Mrs. S. R. Shaifer and Mrs. H. L. Herod, Christian Education on age level basis—Mrs. R. H. Peoples; the work of young people, Miss Helen Spaulding; Adults, Miss Carnella Jamison; Leadership Education, Mrs. Pearl Allen and Mrs. A. M. Haygood; Relationship of District, State, and National officers to each other, Mrs. A. L. Martin; How to make Field Work more effective, Mrs. M. G. Kirkpatrick; Use of Missionaries, Mrs. J. H. Fuller.

The Resource Leaders, Mrs. J. H. Fuller, Mrs. Preston Taylor, Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick, Miss Helen Spaulding, and Miss Carnella Jamison. Judging from the letters coming in from the women of the various states, the first well planned effort for a pre-convention session will prove highly successful.

It will be necessary for those attending the Pre-Convention Sessions to take care of their own entertainment until Tuesday at such hour as the church in Little Rock plans to begin entertainment of delegates.

During the year we have not been unmindful of the National Convention program as outlined and presented in St. Louis. Although we have said little or nothing concerning it. Personally, I heartily endorse the program. There are some things that are essential to the life of the Negro Brotherhood and the program of the

National Convention seeks to promote some of the essentials. As a great Brotherhood we must learn to do more than one thing at a time. We must certainly learn to do first things first. Let us give up our little petty jealousies. Let us stop knocking, and boost. Let us stop being afraid, and dare.

Under the capable and enthusiastic leadership of the promotional secretary, Rosa Brown Bracy, let us go forward in the name and spirit of that One who said "Lo! I am with you all the way even to the end of the world."

JAMISON'S COLUMN



MISS CARNELLA JAMISON

General Secretary of Missionary Organizations, Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mrs. H. L. Herod will preside over the Pre-Convention sessions which will meet at the Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, August 19-20. This is a change over previous meeting places which was scheduled at the Carver High School. The Little Rock reception committee is making arrangements for this meeting. The Convention conferences plan to help the needs of the people. It is hoped that problems will be brought in and discussed.

Appreciation is expressed to all departments in the church which gave offerings for Work Missions through the United Christian Missionary Society. Regular gifts amounted to \$3,542.55 and special gifts (for new buildings at S.C.I. and area workers)

amounted to \$518.82. Our total gifts for this year were \$4,061.37 an increase of \$138.35 over 1938-39. Letters of Appreciation have gone to all Missionary Organizations.

The total gifts for the new building at S. C. I. up until June 30, were above \$20,000. Offerings are still coming in. If you have not sent your gift it is not too late to do so.

A FEW SINCERE THOUGHTS
ABOUT THIS BELOVED WORKER

Rosa Brown Bracy

A little girl unconscious,
Of this life to which you came,
A little boy was wanted in your place,
That he would for the Master,
Proclaim the Word of God,
A man for God! Your sincere, parents
taste.

But God, the Great life giver,
Sent a little girl along,
For he knew that, male and female
both are one
That he wanted you to do,
No mistake, your work, was slated,
Just for you.

Through the sunshine also shadow
You have worked among the throng
With a loving faithful heart
Your part to fill,
Though by many you were slighted
You went lovingly on
So you in the Master's work
Continued still.

So your life should be example,
To the youth and aged as well,
Who have entered on life's rough
and rugged shore
They should be a star, for Jesus,
And always help to swell
His great Work—However hard—
The Battle go.

You have made a trail for others
By the work that you begun
They can travel in the path that you
trod
Just like Paul, the great Apostle
You can say to comers on—
Follow you as you tried to follow
God.

You will richly be rewarded
For the work that you have done
Do not weaken, do not falter, pass it on
For some day your labor ended
And your crown of life is won
You will hear the voice of Jesus,
Well Done.

—By Sister Isabel Ellison
3035 Hickory St.
St. Louis, Mo.



MRS. ROSA PAGE WELCH
Chicago, Ill.

Leading Mezzo-Soprano and Dramatist. Very busy in the youth leadership interracial movements. Will fly from Canada and Michigan to direct the music for the Little Rock Convention.

TRUE RELIGION

By Rev. G. L. Anderson
Nepton R.D., Ewing, Ky.

Mr. President and friends, I am glad to have the pleasure of speaking to this audience tonight. I wish I could deserve the expression of the President and the kind good will this audience signifies, but it is not in my power to do so tonight on this occasion. I am thinking of true religion and Christianity. We all will admit that Christianity is as old as creation. As I was asked to say something on this program I am ready to give my first simple thought on true Christianity. True Christianity means, we must believe that Jesus has risen from the dead. When the wicked men heard this they were pricked to their hearts. Now here is

our true religion, we must repent and be baptized. Someone might ask why, for the remission of sin.

Dear friends, I am not trying to impose my opinion on anyone who might differ with me. I am only speaking of true Christianity that Jesus left for us. Any sane man must admit that Mother Nature has not left us without a witness of the Living God. We are all believers in natural religion. We agree that health, integrity, and self respect of man proves that we are created in the image and likeness of God.

I am of the same mind as George Fox. He was a Quaker who said that he read of Christ and God but he said he only knew Him from the likeness of his own spirit in his own soul.

I am glad to know that society contains a class of humble souls who believe that the true church believes in the pure doctrine which always bears fruit. It is only good works and brotherly love for each other. Let us put God first in daily works and love each other as little children and God will love us.

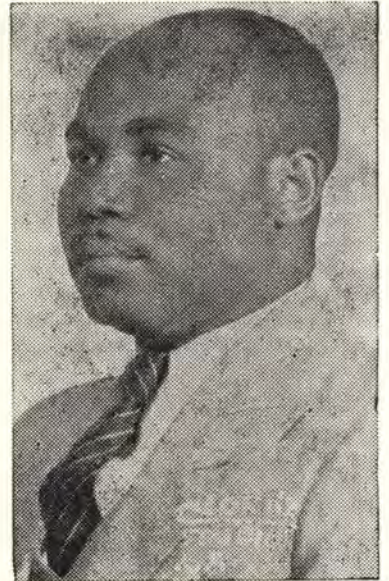
MISS E. MCGILL, DAYTON, OHIO CHURCH WORKER WINS TRIP TO LITTLE ROCK CONVENTION

Miss Elizabeth McGill of Randolph St., Dayton, Ohio, was the recent winner of a Contest sponsored by the Young Adults of Norwood Avenue Christian Church.

Miss McGill will attend the National Convention in Little Rock, Ark.

Other contestants were: Miss Margaret Lee, Miss Helene Harris, Mr. William Lewis and Mr. David Hickman.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN



REVEREND R. H. PEOPLES
National Secretary of Negro Work,
Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

TO THE BROTHERHOOD R. H. Peoples

Authorized by the Program Comm.
of the National Convention
Wm. Martin, Chairman

To the brotherhood:

The program committee is trying to improve the National Convention program this year. The following points are to receive special emphasis:

1. The theme, "Building for Tomorrow."

By choosing this theme the committee is hoping that those attending the National Convention will become concerned about the future of our church. We want each delegate to think seriously about these questions: What of the future of our ministry? Who is to take the place of the "Fathers" that we love so well? What about the future of our women's work? What about the future of our young people's and children's work? What about the future of our State and National Conventions? What about the future departments of the church?

We would like for this meeting to create an interest on the part of our Convention. We would like to see someone or a committee make a thorough study of all our churches to find the answer to some of these and other questions. How many churches? How many members? Where are the churches located? Etc?

2. The Eleven O'clock Conferences.

We are having two types of conferences. The first, the Open Forum type. A special speaker will give a short talk in the main assembly hall on a subject and open it for discussion. The house will ask questions or state other points of view. The second type, Special Conferences for the missionary organizations, those interested in church social work, and superintendents and teachers. (The conference for superintendents and teachers will discuss standards for improving the church school such as the standard for awarding the "Honor Shield.")

3. The program committee is urging state convention leaders to see that every department sends a delegate for each of these eleven o'clock conferences. The program committee is also asking that each wide-awake church send a delegate for each conference.

4. The program committee wishes to suggest to the presidents of each department of the National Convention that all important committees be appointed before the Convention and published in The Christian Plea, and that it be understood that these persons are not to serve on any committee if they fail to pay the enrollment fee.

5. The program committee wishes to give special emphasis to the fact that each item on the program is important. It is our desire to have each person asked to appear on the program make special preparation for his or her part. It takes all of the parts to make a complete program. The success of the Convention program depends upon each person mak-

ing preparation for his part and being there on time to execute it.

NATIONAL CONVENTION CONFERENCES AND FORUM PROGRAMS

1. Minister's Breakfasts

Chairman, S. S. Myers. Secretary, Ira S. Ashe.

Wednesday, August 21, 1940, 7:00 A.M.

1940 STEWARDSHIP YEAR AND THE FIVE YEAR PROGRAM

Presentation of plans and materials, Virgil A. Sly.

Discussion.

Thursday, August 22, 1940, 7:00 A.M.

The Ministry

Presentation, C. W. Longman

Discussion:

1. The office of the Ministry
W. O. Gill, C. E. Craggett
2. The Qualifications for the office of the Ministry, C. H. Dickerson.
3. What is the Minister's Job?
V. G. Smith, E. W. Wilbert.
4. How May a Minister Know When He has Served His Usefulness in a Given Local Church? J. E. Quarles, L. L. Dickerson.
5. Who Is to Help Determine When a Minister Has Lost His Usefulness in a Particular Community and Local Church? B. L. Jacobs, J. E. Blair.

Friday, August 23, 1940, 7:00 A.M.

ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH

Presentation, Willard M. Wickizer

Discussion:

1. What are the elements in the program of the church?
E. J. Dickerson.
2. Who should make the program of the church? Wm. Martin, W. D. Campbell.
3. What are the policies of administering the program of the church? R. Wesley Watson, J. M. Cowan.
4. How is your church organized for administering its program? R. H. Davis, B. C. Duke.
5. Who is responsible for administering the program of the church? P. A. Gray, J. F. Whitfield.

6. Who should be members of the administrative board? B. T. Hunt.

Saturday, August 24, 1940, 7:00 A.M.

PROGRAM PLANNING MATERIALS.

Presentations, R. H. Peoples. Discussion:

1. How to plan a program for the year. P. C. Washington, M. L. Lambert, C. L. Whitfield.
2. Samples of annual programs. C. H. Webb, J. O. Bowles.
3. Election of chairman and secretary for next year.

II. Conferences, 11:15 A.M.

A. Missionary Education.

1. Wednesday, Mrs. Pearl Allen, presiding.
How to enlist the womanhood of the church; Mrs. J. H. Fuller.
2. Thursday; Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick, presiding
Report of Pre-Convention Sessions.
3. Friday; Mrs. Pearl Craggett, presiding.
Materials and methods.
4. Saturday; Mrs. D. L. Gray, presiding.
Age level groups for special work.

B. Religious Education.

Chairman; R. L. Jordan.

Secretary; Miss Edith Wilson. Problem: How to improve the educational program of the church.

1. Wednesday, 11:15 A.M.
Attendance, Standards and other means of promotion.
2. Thursday; 11:15 A.M.
Lesson Materials; Methods and procedures.
3. Friday, 11:15 A.M.
A program of leadership education.
4. Saturday, 11:15 A.M.
A program of leadership education, continued.

C. Social Education.

Chairman, Cleo W. Blackburn. Secretary, Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse.

1. Wednesday, 11:15 A.M.
What is a program of Social Action for Negro Churches?
2. Thursday, 11:15 A.M.
Name and define several projects that should be carried out in a social action program.
3. Friday, 11:15 A.M.
Materials, Methods and procedures for creating interest in and support for the program of Social education in local church.

4. Saturday, 11:15 A.M.

Developing leaders for social education program in the church.

D. Christian Youth Fellowship Co-Pres. (Marian F. Anderson, Foster Craggett.) Secretary, Evelyn Dunn. The program for each day it to be an organized workshop.

1. Study; Worship Committee Will work out a study-Worship program for the total youth group in the local church.

2. Social Life; Recreation Committee. Will work out a service and and recreation program for all the youth in the church.

3. Service and Social Action Committee. Will work out a service and social action program for all the young people in the local church.

4. Personnel Committee. Will work out plans for building up the membership and keeping the spiritual life of each member of the youth group.

III. Forums

Wednesday; S. Kenney, presiding.

THEME: EVANGELISM

1. The philosophy of Evangelism, Paul Kennedy, State Secretary of Arkansas-La.
2. Types and Methods of Evangelism, S. S. Myers, pastor, Woodland Avenue Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Thursday; R. Wesley Watson, presiding.

THEME: THE CHURCH AND THE RACE

1. The Church and Race, Alva W. Taylor.

Discussion:

- a. What is the procedure for correcting the evil of race hatred?
- b. What can the Negroes do to eliminate this evil?
- c. What can the white people do to eliminate race hatred and discrimination?

Friday; S. H. Hairston, presiding.

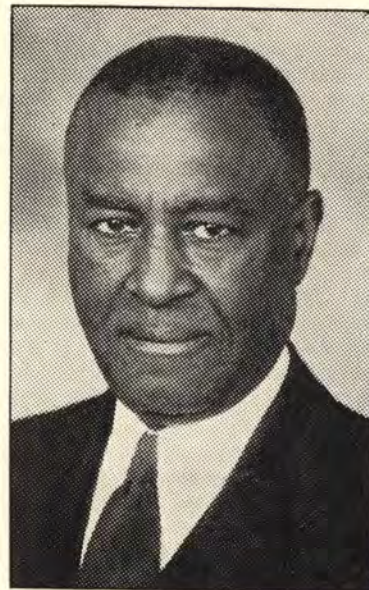
THEME: THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM.

1. The Total Church Program, C. W. Longman, Director of Leadership Education, St. Louis, Missouri.
2. The Relation of the National Convention to the Total program of the Church, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, General Promotional Secretary of the National Convention, St. Louis, Missouri.

Saturday; M. F. Mitchell, presiding.

GLIMPSES AT OUR CHURCH PROGRAM

Volunteer speakers (any one who feels that he has an exceptional local church program may have chance to tell the convention about it by seeing the committee).



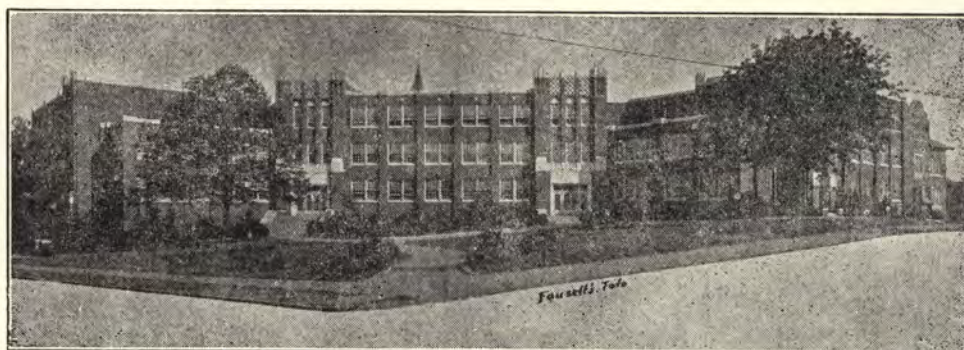
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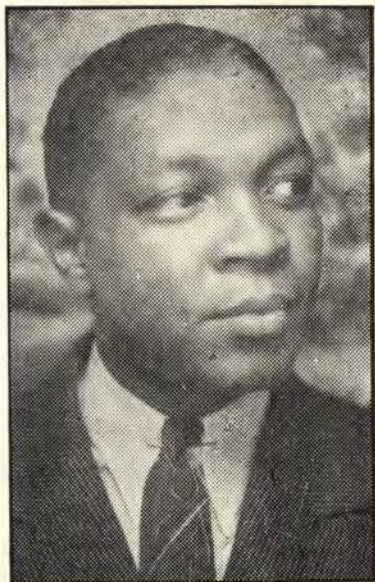
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August 20-27

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NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE



ELDER C. H. HAYGOOD
Birmingham, Alabama

President of the Christian Endeavor Society of the National Convention. He writes from New York, that he is for the National Convention.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MESSAGE

C. L. Haygood

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

July 28, 1940
New York, N. Y.

Members of the Christian Endeavor Friends and Laymen—Greetings and Salutations:

Another summer has come and with it the vacations, and desires to re-create ourselves for the manifold tasks which yet lie before us. The thoughts of those who are affiliated with the Christian Endeavor are turned toward convention time and Little Rock—that national mecca of friendliness and hospitality. We all look forward to the comradeship, pleasantries and spiritual growth which always seem to characterize these annual gatherings of Christian laymen. This year will be no exception.

Aside from these "by-products" of our meetings we must gird ourselves for a session of serious thinking. These are times "which try men's souls." The era is one in which sound thinking, in the face of international conflict, must predominate if America and the United States proper is

to continue on its march towards peace and good will among the commonwealth of nations. The convention can play its role as a unit in fostering an attitude towards the accomplishment of a sane line of thought.

As national president of the Christian Endeavor and dynamic factor in shaping its destiny, I urge and solicit the aid of old and young alike in perpetuating the wholesome activities and spirit of this church's "original youth movement." It has been my painful observation within recent years that the senior element of our conventions have been prone to neglect and manifest little or no interest in the affairs of our junior organization. This is lamentable in view of the fact that the future church is to be founded upon the Christian ideals established in these young people. They only ask for your interest and cooperation.

At this meeting let us work together and fashion the course of all our societies for the good of all concerned—all for one, and one for all.

THE MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARY CHURCH SCHOOL AND STATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY HOLD FINAL ANNUAL MEETING IN CLARKSVILLE

By Miss Ruby L. Watts
Box 238, Coahoma, Miss.

The annual session of the Church School Convention and the Clarksville Christian Church School was held in Clarksville, Mississippi, July 18-21. President E. J. Jennings presided at the meetings.

The local program rendered by the church was given Thursday night. The theme of the Convention was "Victory through Christian Service." The annual address by the President, Mr. E. J. Jennings, disclosed a record of work well achieved during the year and mapping out a larger field of accomplishments for the coming year. An inspiring sermon was preached on Friday night by the State Evangelist, Elder I. C. Franklin. The spirit of the Lord was manifested and all received a spiritual feast.

The group discussions on Saturday morning were a tremendous success because of the able and well chosen leadership of Elder G. E. Lakes, an instructor in Southern Christian Institute.

The forum was conducted as follows:

Theme: "Victory Through Christian Service."

1. Through the Adults.
2. Through the church organizations.
3. Through the Superintendents.
4. Through the Youth.

The young people's Christian Endeavor session under the leadership of Miss L. B. Foster, Field Secretary, was a most interesting session. The delegates from the various churches made reports that were full of inspiration and information which is an indication that the Church is progressing.

The Sunday morning Church School beautifully demonstrated by Mr. E. L. Brown was beneficial to all superintendents of the State. The closing sermon by the President of the Church Convention, Elder Noah Trovillion, was a spiritual renewal. This brought to a close one of the most successful sessions in the history of the Church School both spiritually and financially.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY CHILDREN'S SECRETARY MAKES LAST CALL

Mrs. D. C. Fowler
National Missionary Secretary
(Children's)
1180 E. Long St.
Columbus, Ohio

Greetings, as a last call before our great National Convention.

Dear Co-workers, no doubt some of you will even be packing as you read this, but it is always important to make a last check when we are about to take a trip. Will you do that for your Missionary Organizations? Send with your delegate or otherwise, one dollar for each Children's Missionary Organization in your local Church. This will help to make it a truly great Convention for Christ and the Church and Missions.

Yours in Christ.

KENTUCKY STATE CONVENTION IS HISTORY NOW

The State Convention of the Christian Churches of Kentucky was entertained by the High Street Christian Church at Dubois High School. All sessions were held there from Tuesday until Sunday.

Among the outstanding features was the morning institute with national leaders, Prof. Peoples, Miss Marian Anderson, Miss Jamison, of Indiana; Prof. Washington, of Texas;



REV. WILLIAM D. CAMPBELL

Leading Pastor of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.



PROF. I. Q. HURDLE

Austin, Texas

President, Texas Christian Missionary Convention since 1938. A great civic and Christian leader.



ELDER I. C. FRANKLIN

Port Gibson, Miss.

One of the truly great saints of the Disciples. Secretary of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ. He will be at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Miss Edith Wilson, of Louisville; Miss Rosa Brown Bracey of St. Louis. Each brought something constructive in their various fields in which they proved to be masters. Over a hundred delegates and church workers and many visitors sang loud the praises of the type of entertainment they were receiving at the hands of the local church. Too much credit cannot be given to the faithful members who worked hard to make the convention a success.

Some things that contributed largely to the success of the convention was the large and beautiful modern Frigidaire on demonstration loaned by Baugh and Garner; also a shoat donated by Mr. R. A. Chiles, flour by the Richardson wholesale house, flour and meal by the Mill, hot dogs by the Mahler Meat Packing House, coffee by A. and P., donations by Judge Senff and others, and the welcome address by Rev. Stephenson of the First Christian Church, and other assistance from white friends of the cause. To these and to those of our own group, regardless of denomination who took so much interest in looking after the comfort and happiness of the delegation and seeing to it that the record of "Old Mt. Sterling," famed and noted for its hospitality, is still unshaken, we feel deeply grateful.

Every State officer played well his or her part. Rev. L. L. Dickerson,

of Covington President of the Missionary Dept.; Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Pres. of W.M.S., and Miss Edith Wilson, of Louisville, Pres. of the Bible School, were all at their best in presiding. A. D. Gault, of Mayslick; C. Johnson, of Germantown; Miss Mary Butler, of North Middletown; Rev. Richard Saunders, of Nicholasville; Prof. D. I. Reid were live wires. Worthy of mentioning and among those who have won their spurs as wheel horses are Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Dickerson, of Lexington; Rev. Owens and wife, of Winchester; Rev. Walker and wife, of London; Rev. Saunders and wife of Nicholasville; Revs. J. T. Floyd and E. Allen, of Louisville; Rev. T. Moore and wife, of Little Rock; The Registration Committee composed of Misses Susie Lee Jones, Anna Mae Anderson and Mrs. William Estes. The Finance Committee composed of W. D. Banks, B. T. George, Strother Grubbs, O. W. Washington; Kitchen Committee, Chairman, Mrs. Eliza Jackson; Home Finding Committee, Miss Susie Banks, Chairman; Food and Supply Committee, Mrs. Strother Grubbs, Chairman; Music Committee, Mrs. Stella B. Jackson; Mrs. Letitia Bigstaff of Dining room Committee; Mrs. Eliza Hamilton, Pop Committee, all performed their duties

happily with the greatest of satisfaction.

Through the graces of Prof. Ramey Hamilton, Dubois' popular principal, the City Board of Education granted us the building which served as a great place for the convention.

Many compliments were passed upon Rev. J. E. Blair, pastor, and Prof. J. E. Bean, general chairman of committees and director of the institute, for management of affairs.

In casting their eyes around for a State Evangelist, the convention saw fit to draft Rev. Blair into service and elected him State Evangelist, but he has not accepted the position yet. Prof. J. E. Bean was elected Institute Director for the next convention and a member of the National Convention Committee which meets at Little Rock, Ark., during August. Election resulted, for Bible School: Miss Edith Wilson, President; A. D. Gault, Vice-President; Mrs. Bertha Peak, Secretary; Mrs. A. V. Stockton, Treasurer; Mrs. Irene Smith and J. E. Bean, members of the Executive Committee.

Convention adjourned to meet in Carlisle.

ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

HERE AND THERE IN TEXAS



By Edwin M. Hurdle
2409 Jordan St.
Dallas, Texas

This month of July was one of intense heat, yet Texas Disciples prepared to attend their State and National conventions in Bay City and Little Rock, with all the speed and haste they could muster.

They laid aside every weight that beset them and got ready to enjoy meeting old friends and making new acquaintances; and to hear the minutes of last session. The Texas State Convention was held in the Gulf City mentioned above, August 7-11, where the ocean breezes lose themselves in a tropical setting of palm trees, brilliant flowers, and singing birds.

The number of Christian Plea workers has increased since the first of July. Our hopes are justified that the monthly paid circulation for Texas alone will soon be 400 copies.

Elder F. C. Cary of our church in Greenville is certainly a zealous young man. He plans to re-enter Jarvis College this fall and commute to his church on week ends. He will major in Religious Education.

This column desires to hear from veteran minister, Elder W. M. Henry of Waxahachie. Brother Henry is my father in the ministry. He has sent many students to Jarvis and built many of our Texas churches. Brothers: "He can go." I know, because I have travelled with him and heard him preach in many of our churches in the state.

East Annie Street Christian Church is a commodious brick building and

fine spirited congregation in Fort Worth is without a pastor. This city church, in good financial condition, is a place of opportunity for the right man. Fort Worth is an industrial city and is the fourth largest city in size in Texas. Further details and considerable information can be had about the church by applying to: Mr. W. H. Littles, 1216 E. Hattie Street; or Mr. Whitehead, in care of Elder J. E. Quarles, 1009 E. Leuda Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Here are workers from whom I desire to hear: (mail a postal card to me requesting 4 copies of the August issue of The Christian Plea to sell at ten cents per copy. I shall send your orders to the National office in Nashville. After you have received and sold your copies, you will please send all money in coin container or by P. O. money order to: The Christian Plea, 449 4th Avenue, N., Nashville, Tenn.).

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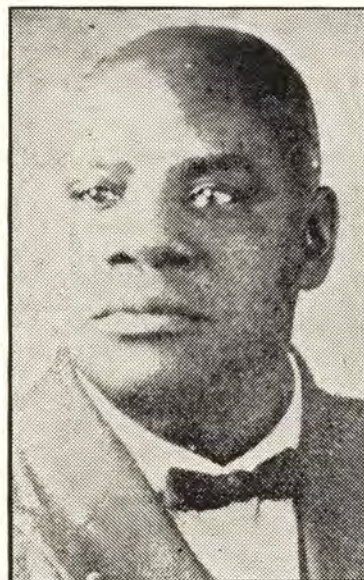
If any of you all do not have time to sell The Plea, please send in the names of other workers from your congregations.

HEARD AT THE CHURCH DOOR

"These church boards surely are hard on the pastor. They are not paying him enough salary.

"We can't expect young men to enter the ministry when they see how our churches treat our older ministers. Our young recruits are too young and our veterans are too old. Lord have mercy upon us poor humble Christians."

"We ought to select a young man from our congregation and present him with a scholarship leading to a degree in Religion. This will provide us with competent ministers in the future."



DR. R. L. PETERS
National Evangelist
614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N.C.

"It seems to me that The Ida D. Taylor Home should be equipped to provide homes for three groups of persons: Aged church workers, ministers and widows of ministers; boy and girl orphans, and Young Men and Young Women who wish to attend Tennessee State College, Fisk University or Meharry Medical College, provided they desired to devote their lives to Christian service."

"Buy a Plea from me. No you can't get one later, you must take it now. It is only ten cents per month. This is our national paper."

"Wanta go with me to Little Rock? I am getting a load for my car. Have room for one more. Won't charge you much. Lemme know by Saturday, will you?"

"They tell me the choir is going to the National Convention. Won't that be grand?"

"(Pastor speaking): If the leader of every one of our auxiliaries will do as I have planned we shall raise \$50.00.

ROCKFORD ILLINOIS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

By D. W. Heath
323 South Wyman St.
Rockford, Ill.

Eighty boys and girls were in a daily Vacation Bible School conducted here at the Booker Washington Cen-

ter by D. W. Heath. Rev. Heath is a graduate of Jackson College, Jackson, Mississippi and Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

This was the first such school ever conducted for colored people of this city. It was pronounced as a great success by all observers and interested persons. The purpose of the enterprise was to broaden the young people in the knowledge of the Bible and to develop an appreciation for the church.

Those assisting Rev. Heath in this fine Christian work were: Mrs. T. M. Doss, member of the Methodist Church, Mrs. Ford (white), the wife of the pastor of the Lincoln Park Christian Church, Mrs. D. R. Heath, wife of Rev. Heath and leader of the school, Rev. S. M. Jackson of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and Mrs. Allen Shaw (white), the wife of the pastor of the Central Christian Church.

Two hundred people inspected the exhibit and witnessed the demonstration of the work which marked the closing of the School.

THE LOOKOUT

July 17, 1940

Mr. D. W. Heath
Rockford, Illinois
Dear Elder Heath:

We wish to congratulate you upon the Vacation Bible School for colored children that you conducted this summer. It was a pleasure to insert an item about it in *The Lookout*. As you will notice when you receive your issue of July 21, we felt that the item was so important that we put it in a box to give it prominence. It is on page twelve.

It is our hope that many other leaders in colored churches will follow your example in providing vacation schools for boys and girls.

Yours sincerely,
Mildred Covington

NEWS FROM OLD HANCOCK

Elder E. H. Allen, Pastor
Miss Elinor Craig, Reporter
610 Finzer Street
Louisville, Kentucky

We from old Hancock are very proud of ourselves. While we are small in number we feel that we are among the largest action.

Mrs. L. O. Allen, our Pastor's wife served as dining room hostess at the Adult Conference at Lincoln Ridge. Miss Edith Wilson was a teacher.

Louisville had the largest attendance at the Central Young People's Conference in Nicholasville, Kentucky. Twelve were present, eight from Han-

cock, the youngest being three years of age.

Eight members attended the State Convention at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

We are striving, not only to continue, but to improve our work for the Master.



DR. M. FREDERICK MITCHELL
Los Angeles, Calif.

Third Vice-President, National Convention of the Disciples of Christ; Pastor, Hoover Ave. Christian Church and Executive Chairman, Citizens Youth Camp. He will preside and speak at the Little Rock Convention. The one person who keeps the Disciples alive on the coast.

COSMOPOLITAN CHURCH PROMOTES PROGRAM

M. Fredrick Mitchell
3309 Hooper Avenue
Los Angeles, California

The Editor and staff of the *Plea* must have felt disappointed for not having seen the work of the Cosmopolitan Church more in evidence through the columns of its splendid paper. California is a far distant field and has a great future in store.

Since returning from the last convention, along with our full program, we have been in the throes of church decoration and repairs. Our church is incorporated under the caption, Cosmopolitan Christian Church. The following activities are promoted besides our regular church activities: Placement Bureau, Vocational Guidance and Social Betterment. The doors of our church and Community Center stay open seven days a week. Our secular program is a means to a Christian end. The Center and very

heart of our activities is to promote and inculcate the ideals of the Man of Gallilee.

We plan coming to the National Convention to make good the expectations of all my colleagues and to make a full report of our Stewardship.

MAYSLICK CLOSES BIG RALLY

By A. D. Gault

Route 2

Mayslick, Kentucky

July was a big month in Kentucky. The Convention and the Pastor's Rally marked the two outstanding events. Mayslick had a rally Sunday, July 7. Four clubs reported. The pastor, Rev. D. L. Botts and his good wife made up club number four. Club number two with A. D. Gault as leader came in first with a total of \$25.15 and Rev. and Mrs. Botts second, with a total of \$20.00. The whole total for the rally amounted to \$85.15.

Those attending the State Convention at Mt. Sterling, were Rev. D. L. Botts, Mrs. Izetta Washington, and A. D. Gault.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Chauncey L. Barrett

R. 3, Box 273-C

Muskogee, Okla.

On Sunday, July 28, Mr. Edwin Barrett, from the local church, and Miss Suetta Cole, of Little Rock, Ark., left to attend the Rock Mountain Regional Planning Conference, Geneva Glen Camp, Indian Hills, Colorado.

Mr. Barrett sends word that the conference is very inspirational and instructive, having the most capable leadership available. He also sends his thanks to every person who aided in making this trip possible for him, including his election as a delegate and all financial aid rendered.

This Conference is interracial and interdenominational.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH LEADS IN BROTHERHOOD

By Mrs. C. E. Rowan

The Women's Missionary Society of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church at Memphis, Tennessee, closed a very successful year, sending \$100.00 to the United Christian Missionary Society at Indianapolis. They met their apportionment of \$70.00 and made an increase of \$15.00 plus the \$15.00 sent to Southern Christian Institute for the Boys' Dormitory. All departments of the church not only came up to their apportionments, but made increase. Without the inspired

leadership of our President, Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, this could not have been accomplished. The team work between leader and members is quite encouraging to the entire membership.

At the last meeting in July, Miss C. E. Paty gave a very interesting talk on "Shifting Populations in America." A great challenge was given to the church. "We must guard that which is committed unto us."

The State Convention convenes at Memphis, Sunday and Monday, August 18th and 19th. A spiritual feast is hoped to be enjoyed by all. From Memphis we go to the National Convention at Little Rock, Arkansas.

I wish to call attention to all readers of the Plea that our own Dr. Walker will speak to us from Cleveland, August 18th, over "Wings Over Jordan" program. I am sure we will all be listening in.



REV. CORNELIUS W. ARNOLD

Dynamic Pastor of Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio.

MONROE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

By O. Wendall Shaw
The Ohio News
Columbus, Ohio

An annual report recently released by the Monroe Avenue Christian Church of Columbus, Ohio, of its activities and accomplishments during the first year of the pastorate of its present minister, the Reverend Cornelius W. Arnold, revealed this church

to be one of the several most progressive Negro churches in Columbus.

The progress of this church under the first year's pastorate of Rev. Arnold, is graphically revealed in the statistical section of the report. Though the membership of this church is quite small when compared with those of many larger Columbus churches, the figures in this report place it relatively on par with the several largest among the colored churches.

During Rev. Arnold's first year of administration, 32 members were added to the church. An employment bureau was established through which more than 80 persons were placed in jobs. The basement of the church building was renovated at a cost of more than \$350, and more than \$35 was given for the furtherance of State work. The church donated to the United Christian Missionary Society \$78.15 for world missions. The total amount raised during the year was \$2200.

The Monroe Avenue Christian Church was among the few colored churches that were successful in conducting a daily vacation Bible school. In fact, the type and variety of services it has rendered to the community, during its past fiscal year, give it high ranking among the few institutional Negro churches of the country.

Rev. Arnold assumed the pastorate of this church on July 15, 1939, and since that time, it has enjoyed greater prominence in the religious life of the city than ever before. This phenomenal stride is perhaps directly attributed to the keen social consciousness of its pastor and his talented wife, who is herself a specialist in the field of Christian education.

Rev. Arnold is active not only in the affairs of his church, but in the religious and civic life of Columbus as well. He is a member of the parent body of the Frontiers Clubs of America, a national organization with headquarters in Columbus.

His first year's pastorate in Columbus closed with an anniversary celebration which lasted a week, and the high esteem in which he is held by the members of his church and the general public of Columbus was impressively demonstrated during the banquet in his and his wife's honor, which closed the celebration. More than 100 members and friends, among whom were some of the leading and most representative citizens of Columbus, attended this banquet, and the popular pastor and his wife received many useful presents. Deacon Hurley presented them a purse of \$20 in behalf of the church.

During his first year as pastor of the Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Rev. Arnold preached 121 sermons,

delivered five addresses, taught 20 Bible school lessons, conducted 48 prayer services, performed eight wedding ceremonies, conducted 10 funerals, placed 38 persons in jobs, gave nine interviews for personal counseling, made 1562 pastoral calls, and attended 12 committees and conferences in the interest of the church.

According to the church's approved annual report, Rev. Arnold himself gave to the church more than any other individual member. His donations amounted to \$96.45 for the year. The next highest donation from Henry Gilbert, elder, an individual member was \$96. Sums collected from many other individual members ranged downward from this amount.

Rev. Arnold's first annual report to the church aptly ends with the following declaration, as an expression of gratefulness to those departments and individuals of his church's denomination who have extended assistance to the Monroe Avenue Christian Church:

"We wish to thank the Franklin County Board and the United Christian Missionary Society for the splendid help they have given the church during the past year, as well as during the years previously. Our best way of showing our appreciation for their kindness is to become self-supporting within the next 18 months. We owe a special tribute to Mr. C. E. Barr, for the interest he has shown in the work and life of the church."

A special article which was recently published in The Ohio State News, said of the now Greater Monroe Avenue Christian Church:

"With Rev. Arnold as its pastor, the Monroe Avenue Christian Church is undoubtedly on par with the leading churches in the city. He is a relatively young man, but is already outstanding for his progressiveness and aggressiveness in the furtherance of church and denominational affairs. With he and his capable wife at its helm, Columbus may expect much of the Monroe Avenue Christian Church in the future."

BIRCH ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

By Mrs. Annie Laurie
1568 W. 36th Place

A great loss has been realized on our part in the passing of Elder Robert Kirkpatrick. He had served as Elder of our congregation for ten years, and the same position at the Christian Church in Indianapolis, Ind. After his funeral here, his wife, Mrs. Ruth Kirkpatrick, and one daughter, Mrs. Bannister of Indianapolis, took the body to Indianapolis for a funeral and burial. Here is where another

daughter and three sons reside, and are faithful workers in the Christian Church. We are sending our prayers to his good widow and children. We are expecting Mrs. Kirkpatrick's return here in the Fall to help us carry on our future church plans.

We enjoyed very much the fellowship with Avalon Christian Church and Hooper Avenue Christian Church during the revival services conducted by President L. H. Crawford. The spiritual fire was rekindled again in our souls, and hearts, as Elder Crawford's voice peeled out true message of old and new. The last night of his stay here Elder Crawford preached at Birch St. Christian Church, with all three churches represented. There was a spirit of love felt, as had not been for sometime. We know Elder Crawford's mission here was of some benefit.

Another splendid Men's Day Program is being planned by Brother Earl Johnson. Such programs have proven spiritual stimulate to all of us.

The Missionary program last month was so inspiring. Mrs. Lee our president, with Sister Sharp really brought an interesting report, and showed the church they mean to make this year a better year for Missions. Misisonary offering was \$8.55.

We are continuing our efforts for our future church, more members are taking new interest, our hopes, and vision remains bright, however it means work, but it's worth such.

We send our sincere greetings and best thoughts to the National Convention in general. Regretting we are not representing in person.

MISS EDITH WILSON, KENTUCKY STATE BIBLE DEPARTMENT SPEAKS AT KENTUCKY CONVENTION

Tentative Dates for District Meetings in Kentucky

District No. 3, to be held at Lexington E. 2nd St. Church, on the third Saturday in September. Session to begin at ten o'clock that morning.

District No. 4, to be held in Louisville at the Third Christian Church on the fourth Sunday in September. Session to begin at two-thirty o'clock.

District No. 2, to be held in Germantown on the second Saturday in October. Sessions are to continue until the next day, Sunday.

District No. 6, to be held in Fairview on the first Saturday in October. Sessions are to continue until the next day, Sunday.

Editorial

(From the Central Gazette—conference paper—Nicholasville, Ky.)
Editor-in-Chief, Marie Harmon.



PRES. P. C. WASHINGTON
Jarvis Christian College
Hawkins, Texas

Greetings faculty and fellow conferees. As the Central Conference draws to a close I am reminded of the very interesting activities and programs that have made this week of conference never to be forgotten.

To begin, the Morning Watch, a very impressive individual worship started the day off right. Then breakfast, classes, assembly, more classes, lunch, rest, activity period, recreation and supper.

Supper is followed by the most picturesque event of the day, vespers, worship out in the open. Then social life, after which came the beautiful friendship circle and group devotions to close the typical conference day.

Cooperation from all of the students in all activities made for the week, one big happy family enjoying the wholesome companionship of one another. The members of the family will soon be leaving for their respective places of dwelling so,

To the graduating class of seniors, there comes a time when even the best of friends must part. Reluctantly I bid you farewell.

To the juniors and sophomores I say, carry on.

To the freshmen, I hope you have found something here that will inspire you to come back.

I know the sentiment of the conference is voiced when I commend the capable and resourceful faculty for their untiring efforts and sincere understanding.

Does It Mean Anything to You?

Does it mean anything to you when you constantly hear the problems of Sunday School workers discussed and

the seeming futility of attempting to find a solution? Does it mean anything to you to face squarely the methods of teaching used in our Sunday Schools today and try to see if the solving of these problems might be in our teaching?

Children and people learn through experience and not through memorizing or reciting. The child who wrote 'I have gone' one hundred times and then added saying 'I have went home'; parents who say "I told her that wearing these clothes would result in poor health" or "I told them that certain practices would result in this trouble, but they paid no attention to me" attest to the fact that we learn through our own experiences in reality or in imagination. Often people can be guided so that they discover in experiences of others those final results which have not yet come in their lives. This is especially true of young people.

Years ago it was thought that children would go to the bad if left alone; they must be seen and not heard because they had nothing of value to say; they had to obey unquestioningly because their ideas were wrong and those of adults right; they had to prepare for the business of life as quickly as possible and so there was no play time; they copied pages of writing in books, did meaningless memorizing, suffered humiliation of the dunce cap and rod if unsuccessful or unwilling. Are we guilty of any portion of this method of teaching in our Sunday Schools?

A little late it was believed that children should be allowed to develop their tendencies without too much curbing. Children are neither good nor bad; they have many possibilities in either direction depending on environment and training.

Are we ever guilty of disciplining the minds of children through exercise with the hope of preparing them for life? Do you still feel that the brain is divided into parts and that each division controls something as memory, reasoning and will power? From this idea came phrenology.

Do you make excuses for the behaviour of individuals by saying that they are passing through this stage or that stage of development? If you do, then you are holding to the theory that man passes through the cave man stage, savage and other phases of man's race development. It would be better for all concerned if the children were guided so that they feel and practice all that is social and Christian.

The inability to get correct change at the store, making a lower rating on the test that was given the second time, and not being able to recall matter when needed proves that learning must be meaningful if it is to be



MISS DALE ELLIS

Executive Secretary, Department of Institutional Missions, Division of Home Missions.

practical. In the field of religion and character we know that penitentiaries contain hundreds of prisoners who know the Ten Commandments but cannot make them useful in their own lives.

Dewey, Kilpatrick, Thorndike and others started experimentation which showed that children are bundles of possibilities. The persons they become the directions they take depend on what they learn by experience. Inherited traits, so-called, have been learned by experience. A boy gets his milk bottle, pleases his mother, or does other things to show his temper from his limited experience. A class behaves or does not because its conduct has been determined by its interest in and a sense of value of the work. If regular experiences in the church should challenge the best thinking and real interest of the class members they (the children) would develop an attitude of serious study and worship.

People learn too from the experience of others as well as by living the experience through projects. Examples are these: two children carelessly cross the street, one is hit by automobile. The other learned of carelessness from injured friend's accident. (2) Children act out characters they see on the screen or that they read of in books.

There must be a full background of experience or children cannot use creatively or reproduce what they were taught; there of necessity must be definite needs of the children that are met. Hence we discover new values in many Bible stories and they take on new meaning and become quite useful. The purpose in learning has

a great deal to do with the value of what we learn and the use to which it is put. Disorder in the Sunday School lets us know at once that the lesson was chosen without any association with the purpose of the learners and used. Purpose of the learners is their key to interest and effort and effectiveness of what they learn.

"This experience-centered method that we should use is summed up as a belief that children are born with tendencies, have possibilities for good or bad and will grow into whatever they are to become through the experience they have. The teacher's task is to guide children through experiences which will result in the habits, desires, ideals, attitudes, which are truly Christ'an. She is more concerned with the needs of their growing personalities than the amount they learn of the past, though she leads them through an experience of the past whenever it will be of service to them.

Knowing Jesus we feel that God is more concerned that each of us should have fresh religious experiences of our own. We shall put our effort rather on leading the pupils through experiences which will give them an understanding of spiritual truth which can be creatively used in building the finest Christian lives and world today."

THE JOHN R. LYNCH MODEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHOOSES INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR ITS MONTHLY MEETINGS

By Alma P. Cummings
5806 Indiana Ave., Apt. 1
Chicago, Ill.

The Celebration of our Pastor's Tenth Anniversary from July 10th to 17th, inclusive; was the high light of the month's activities. The members and friends united in all of the services to make them enjoyable, interesting and inspirational. Some of the visiting ministers and their choirs who were guest speakers and singers of other denominations were the Revs. D. DeWit Turpeau, Jr., Indiana Ave. A.M.E. Church; J. M. Howard, Christ Temple Community, and Bishop Henry L. Caver, pastor of the Church of Christ Holiness, 44th St. at St. Lawrence Ave. The programs of the John R. Lynch Model Community Council, Miss Katherine Johnson, president, the July Birthday Club, Mrs. Anna Strother, President, and the Monumental Baptist Church's Gospel Chorus, whom she presented in recital, and the E. Clark School of Beauty Culture were all very well prepared, excellently executed and spontaneously received by a unified happy audience that filled the edifice each night.



REVEREND BAXTER C. DUKE
Pastor, Avalon Christian Church,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Christian friends: We are praising God for the blessings of the last ten years, for having sent us such a man, who is first a Christian, second, a well prepared leader and last but not least, a gentleman and scholar! Since Rev. R. H. Davis came to us, a permanent Church home has been bought in one of Chicago's finest Residential areas. Two-thirds of the purchase price has been paid, plus interest, since March, 1936. Approximately 375 persons have united with the Church about one-third of this number by confession and baptism. More than twenty-five young people have attended Summer Conferences in Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois.

The school of Christian Education has grown from an enrollment of less than fifty to 300. At present there are 16 classes, three divisions, ten officers and 17 teachers. Our present Official Board, including the Pastor, elders, deacons, deaconesses, trustees, heads of permanent Auxiliaries and Clubs, the Director of Music, Church reporter, Church Clerk, and Church announcers, has a personnel of forty members. When our Pastor came to us in July, 1930 there were only three active auxiliaries. Now we have the following: Church School, Missionary Society, Ladies Aid Society, Men's Council, Women's Council, Youth's Council, Senior Choir, Gospel Chorus, Volunteers Club, Deaconess Board and twelve Birthday Clubs. However, much to our lamentation, The Young Matrons Missionary Society, which became the Missionary Guild two years ago, has ceased functioning since July 1st, this year.



DR. WILLARD WICKIZER

Executive Secretary, Department of Church Development and Evangelism, Division of Home Missions, Member of Joint Executive Committee.



MRS. WILMA E. ERVIN

Widow of the late Dr. J. N. Ervin, Knoxville, Tennessee.

the A.M. and P.M. services, July 28. a recent graduate of Mt. Beulah College, Mr. Cyril Morris, of Jamacia, B.W.I. was guest speaker August 4. The sermons by both of these young men were inspiring. More encouragement and help should be given to them, for the brotherhood is calling for men of this type. Miss Pauline Earthman of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Mr. Calvin Grubbs of Paducah, Ky., were united in marriage on August 3. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkin Jones were wedded August 1. Mrs. Jones is the former Miss Idella Latham of Birmingham, Ala., and Mr. Jones is the son of Elder Murphy Jones of Edward, Miss. Both of the marriages were performed by Rev. Davis at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Davis. The Joneses Church home is Indiana Avenue Christian. Mrs. Katy Smith, who is the daughter of the late Alexander Campbell, a great Negro preacher and one of the founders of our brotherhood, has been ill at the Cook County Hospital for quite some time. Mr. and Mrs. George Davis are having a fine vacation in Kentucky. The Rev. Stafford Campbell, long time pastor in Paris, Ky., is visiting in Chicago, with his two daughters.

We have been able to add 31 members to our Church roll during the past seven months, ten of these by confession and baptism, for which we reverently thank God. Also, we praise Him for the unity, enthusiasm, and fine spirit of fellowship that is being shown by the rank and file of our membership.

Some of the activities of Rev. R. H. Davis outside of his regular duties at our own (Indiana Avenue) Church, during this decade are these: Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, Chicago Christian Ministerial Association, Trustee C. C. Federation, Vice President Interracial Committee of the C. C. Federation, Member Executive Committee Chicago Disciples Union, and Recording Secretary Chicago Ministerial Fellowship and Service League, Member of Committee on Law Enforcement, and recently elected First Vice President John R. Lynch Model Community Council. This last name organization meets once each month at our church for discussion of topics on the development of a Modern Model Community.

The members and auxiliaries who helped in a definite way to make the program a financial success were: Raised by:

Mrs. Marjorie Tramble	\$2.65
Mrs. Irma Mendota	2.41
Mrs. Ola Roberson	1.65
Mrs. E. Usher	2.66
Mrs. Amanda Branch	.65
Mrs. Mattie McGuire	3.36
Mrs. Ella Giles	2.45
Mrs. Ada Page	1.54

Mrs. Irene Abernathy	2.00
Mrs. Christine Adams	7.40
Mrs. Fannie Clark	4.60
Mrs. Ruby Bosley	3.75
Mrs. Elizabeth Pickard	6.15
Mrs. Nancy Farmer	3.00
Mrs. Lucille Palmer	3.70
Mrs. Lucille Watson	3.00
Miss Ottilee Baker	2.50
Miss Empress Cotter	2.34
Miss Lula B. Jones	1.25

The Church School	\$5.00
The Gospel Chorus	5.00
The Senior Choir	5.00
The Missionary Society	5.00
The July Birthday Club	10.00
The John R. Lynch Community Council	5.00
The Volunteers Club	56.75

Total offering during the

Anniversary was \$411.86

We are now busily engaged in framing a Constitution and By-Laws for our Church's program and making plans for a new roof on the building; integrating and enlarging the spiritual life of the members; and emphasizing stewardship as a basic necessity for growth and advancement by means of an intensive evangelical program, Eight Weeks with God.

Miss Fenton Hamilton, one of our loyal and faithful members is a delegate to the National Convention. Mr. Wm. K. Fox, of Milwaukee, Wis., a graduate of Tennessee A. and I. State College, was guest speaker for

Miss Wilhemenia Martin, a recent graduate of Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tennessee, is waiting on word from President Long as to whether she will be accepted at S.C.I. It is good that Disciples are considered in their own schools.

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Crawford Sees Negro Disciples Vanish

Fox Enters University of Chicago

William Kappan Fox, who was ordained by Dr. L. H. Crawford, past President of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ, and who was an active member of the Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee, has officially matriculated in the University of Chicago Divinity School and is now studying for the ministry on scholarships granted by the University of Chicago Divinity School; Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, of the U.C.M.S.; and the Pillman Foundation.

Mr. Fox was an honor graduate of Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tennessee, he extends his thanks to all people who have aided him in his present endeavor. He was denied the Disciples Divinity House Scholarship but at the present time he is washing dishes at the Stagg restaurant twice daily for his meals. In the meantime he has been granted N.Y.A. aid as a graduate student. At the present time he is making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Welch, 3402½ Giles Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESIDENT WATSON SENDS GREETINGS

Chamois, Missouri
Sept. 9th 1940

My Dear Co-Workers:—

As President of The National Convention of the Disciples of Christ of America, I wish to extend you my personal greetings. I feel deeply the great honor which has been bestowed upon me—and as well very keenly the responsibility which is mine. I recognize the great work done by my predecessors, Preston Taylor, Henry

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NOTICE

All churches, Bible schools, youth fellowships and auxiliaries of the church, please send all funds to our National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis, Tenn.

CHRISTIAN PLEA SECRETARIES SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE EDITOR IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES

1. Norwood Christian Church, Pastor, Reverend E. W. Wilbert, 736 Dennison St., Dayton, Ohio; Secretary, Mrs. Edna Riffe, 627 S. Williams Street, Dayton, Ohio.
2. Oxford Christian Church, Elder Sherman Corbin, Sycamore St., Oxford, Ohio; Secretary, Mrs. Flossie Hurd, North Beech St., Oxford, Ohio.
3. Main St Christian Church, Pastor, Rev. Leslie Smith, 533 E. 2nd St., Xenia, Ohio; Sec., Elder I. J. Dickerson, 536 E. Market St., Xenia, Ohio.
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"Visualization And Realization" President Crawford's Annual Address Aug. 20, 1940

..... Brother Ministers, National Officers and Christian Friends: For a few minutes I would like for you to think with me on the subject of Visualization and Realization. When it comes to the sight of seeing by the natural eye, there is a limitation. We can see so far and then, at that price, our eyes may fool us, for we do not always have a perfect eye sight. But I am thinking of another sight, the vision of one's own mind. It may be an inspired conception or it may be a Divine influence exerted in one's own mind, or it may be a vivid picture both to himself and to his hearers of the truth to be imparted through him, but is it enough to have a vision and never see it realized? Apostle Paul said: "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Acts 26:19. All men see visions, some men follow them. Every age has its dreamers and happy we should be that it is so, as the visible world is sustained by the invisible, so men through all their trials and sins and sordid vocations have been nourished by the beautiful visions of their solitary dreamers. Humanity must not forget its dreamers, but must keep their ideals from fading. The dreams of the dreamers should be the realities which we shall one day see and know. First, without a vision the people perish, secondly, it gives them the blue print to go by; third, they build from it and the result—something is done.

First, without a vision the people perish. Father Abraham had a vision
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—MRS. RUTH D. EPPSE
Christian Plea Secretary

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and he went out from the land of his idolatrous ancestors to live by himself and founded a nation for God that gave the Bible and the Saviour to the world. Friends, if we as Disciples of Christ are to build for the future, we **Must** have a vision which is given by God, our Father, and directed by the Holy Spirit. Another vision made Moses a great servant of Jehovah, the inspired statesman and leader of the Israelites; yes and the first author of the Bible. Long centuries ago, God in His love, for humanity gave His commandments to men. He promised certain rewards to all who obeyed those laws but told in no uncertain terms of the sure penalties which would follow their violations. As a result, the path of history is lined with the wrecks of disobedient nations, which crumbled and fell because they did not have a vision.

There are hundreds who have failed. But it is not necessary to go back to Babylon, the Queen of the east, with her swinging gardens and ivory palaces, whose ruins are now the haunts of every unclean bird and beast. It is not necessary to go back to mighty Nineveh, whose crumbling and decayed remains are blown about by the winds of God, as dust on the desert sands. It is not necessary to go back to ancient Egypt and brazen gated Thebes, whose glory, like that of her mummied Pharaoh's, lies buried in the oblivion of the past. No need to go back to imperial Rome, proud mistress of the world, whose temples and towers have crumbled beneath the tooth of time and fallen from her rotten foundation. No need to go back to Capernaum where thousands once watched from its sandy shores the gold of pinnacles of Herod and the Roman galleys of Caesar. But where today the wild Jackal and the fox roam the rank grasses that cover its waste and ruins. It is not necessary to go back to those days for only a few decades ago when France excluded from her national corporate limits and enthroned the Goddess of Reason on the altar of her shrine. Hell broke loose and left the nation weltering in the life blood of her country. At the same time, the Emperor of a mighty empire rode out on the boulevard from his palace to the plaudits of the bowing throngs, monarch of all he surveyed, his word was the final arbiter between nations and between men. Little did he dream what would befall him in the next few years. But what happened is now authentic history. A few years ago, two men on opposite sides of the globe both of them standing in conspicuous positions, spoke strong words con-

cerning the life of today. Words admitting our governmental failures and advocating a standard of righteousness for the people. The speaker of our house of representatives said "The way to make America is to turn back, to retrace our steps to that point where men and women found life good in the simple faith of our forefathers." Listen next to King George the fifth, of England and observe the convictions which come to one who views present day conditions from a throne. He says that the foundation of national glory is set in the homes of people and they will remain unshaken only while the life of the nation is lived in obedience to the will of God. From America's legislative halls and from the throne of England comes testimonies that the security of nations does not rest in the extravagant display of a democracy. Nor in the royal trappings of a throne but in willing obedience to the will of God. For without a vision, the people perish.

Second, it gives them the blue print to go by. Prophets, poets, sculptors, painters and sages—these are the architects of the world that made it possible. The world is beautiful because they have lived, without them, laboring humanity would despair. The vision is worth just what it will bring. It has been well said that visions are the seedlings of realities. Your vision is the promise of what you shall one day be. The greatest achievements were at first and for a time, a dream. Oh, my friends, Peter's vision caused him to realize that God was able to cleanse all nations and thus the Gentiles were baptized in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Preston Taylor, Henry L. Herod, P. H. Moss and others if they had not seen this great national body, twenty odd years ago, we could not today be in this great city as Disciples of Christ building on the blue print of Christ who said "On this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." In the second chapter of Acts on the day of Pentecost this church was really built in the hearts of men and women and we were called Christians first at Antioch.

Third, they build from it. If you will remain true to your vision you will eventually be built of such material. If the true sense to desire—is to obtain; to aspire is to achieve. Jesus said, "Ask, and Ye shall receive." If that is true, and we believe it is, we should dream lofty dreams, for as we dream we shall become. Unless the builder is of God the building will be in vain. Your vision, is ever the star by which your compass is set, it is the promise of what you shall one day give to the

world. Three men were working on a building, a passerby came along and said to one: "What are you doing?" He said: "I am laying bricks." He said to the other: "What are you doing?" I am making ten dollars a day." He said to the other, "What are you doing?" "I am building a cathedral." It is not hard to understand, which one of the men loved his work? Which one of the men had a vision? Which one of the men was going to see his vision realized? In things which are worthwhile there is no such thing as luck. But where do visions come from? The Bible says "Every good and perfect gift comes from above." The thoughtful believe that salvation was to be had by repentance and faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. They held up the bleeding form of the Saviour as God's ultimatum for a sin and man's only hope to escape hell. That is the vision which works the miracle of time and rings the bell of Heaven for joy. Satan has captured some of them, but God never intended it to be so. Civilization and education both started in Heaven for Christianity founded them. But God's love and His ambition for us went infinitely higher and deeper than all the education, civilization and wisdom of one thousand worlds like this combined. Our Mighty God had such an ever present vision of never dying souls being lost in sin, in spite of all the wisdom of the earth could do to prevent it, that He sent His only son to suffer and die for our salvation. Now He gives us a vision of the cross and His love as manifested there. Then we obey the vision, believe in God, receive the pardon, trade sin for the salvation and we are free to build. The result, something is realized. Never forget God's will. They do not come in the music of the dance, nor sitting before the silver screen, nor in shuffling cards at a parlor table, nor in worshipping nature from an upholstered limousine on a beautiful Sunday morning. **NO!** God's vision comes to those who earnestly and honestly are seeking a vision of the cross and who speaking from the depths of sincere hearts like those earnest Greeks of old can say, "We would see Jesus." But after all, it is sin, selfishness, etc., that blinds men to their duty, to their needs and to the visions which God had for them. Why do men sin? Simply because they see the bait but fail to see the hook with its deadly barb. Men and women today need to lift their eyes from the things that would entrap them for the moments of pleasure to the things where real joy abide. Our first parents saw only the apple, never thought the curse of sin, the sting of death or the ruin of

the race. Essau saw the only warm meal on the fire and was blind to the fact that he would forfeit the birth-right blessing. The prodigal of the New Testament saw the pleasures to be brought with his new fortune, ignorant that ruin, poverty, and sorrow would stare him in the face when after a life of sin and shame, his money was gone.

Speaking plainly, people do not see. We today, should give the message of the cross. The good people have had science and philosophy and geology and astronomy and psychology, Socrates and Cicero plus a lot of refined rubbish too long. As a result, there is no God, no function, no fire, no zeal or no enthusiasm. The same old perfunctory and stereotyped routine from one end of the year to the other. And the chief danger that now confronts us is a religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, profession without pardon and Heaven without Hell. But friends, in spite of it all, God's love remains the same. He calls for men and women to get the transforming vision of their lives when He says, "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God and beside me there is none else." If there is one here who feels that in his loss and undone condition he belongs to the ends of the earth, my message is for you. Christ hung on Calvary's cross. May God help you to a vision of Him just now. Oh it is a wonderful gospel; this good news of the love of God to man. I know of nothing to compare with it, as an inspiration to crown one's life. Do you know why Paul could float day or night on the deep? Do you know why he could crawl out from beneath the heap of stones and go right on and preach somewhere else? Do you know why he could be hungry and stand beatings and opposition and stripes? He was in peril on land and in peril on water, in peril among the heathens and they dogged his every step and yet he only said, "Rejoice ever more, pray without ceasing and in everything give thanks." When a man talks like this it pays to investigate. Do you know what secret it was? It was the vision of the Christ before him. The Christ of the cross, his redeemer, his saviour, his Master and his friend. Now, life is filled with people of all kinds, but generally speaking we can divide them into just two groups—those who have had a vision of the cross and those who have not. I say with all earnestness of which I am capable that your eternal destiny hangs on that vision of the cross.

If we are to have realization tomorrow, we must have visualization

today. Look to this day, for it is life, the very life of life. In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence, the bliss of youth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty, for yesterday is already a dream and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day—such is the salvation of the dawn.

- I. We recommend that this National Convention give most of its time the next two years to Evangelization and preparing members for the ministry. We are asking that that will be the true objectives, and that all our departments and churches will make every effort to raise funds for this particular work.
- II. We recommend that as fast as possible that we will place our various states into areas and employ the best men we can find for the job.

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L. Herod, B. C. Calvert, J. N. Ervin and L. H. Crawford. Truly a worthwhile foundation has been laid. And because of their untiring efforts glory and honor shall ever attend their names.

Our retiring President, L. H. Crawford, rightly deserves a place which shall list him with the great leaders of the church. Under his leadership a new epoch was begun—which if guided aright will lead us to a position of solidarity as a race and bind us as brothers even more fully to the co-operative task of the brotherhood.

To carry forward this unfinished task, I do hereby dedicate all of the God given ability that is mine. I realize however that one thing more is needed for the successful attainment of this task and that is the cooperation of every disciple. The program as adopted by our National Convention for 1940 and 1941 is as follows: An increased participation in the World Wide Program of the church by supporting all agencies of our General Work. An inspired learned ministry through the establishment of a fund of \$10,000.00 which will bear the name of Henry L. Herod, Our Fallen Hero. A prepared leadership through the establishing of the Patrick Henry Moss Fund for Religious Education. An Informed Laity, The Christian Plea our Medium. Let us get behind this our Church Organ and come up next year out of the "Red Column" and "A Beautiful Sunset," The Home for Aged Ministers and Workers of the church.

Fellow Workers, this is the program that we as a National Convention have adopted and as your humble servant I am heartily in accord and I have for since 1938, supported it. I will continue to uphold and support it. This program has been developed through the years out of the needs of the brotherhood. In 1938 we decided to put a worker on the field to promote this program. She has worked well, she has made us aware of the needs of continued cooperation with the larger work. She has also made us conscious of the racial responsibility which is imperative if we are ever to take our place as

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1 John, 1-7

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SOME OBSERVATIONS OF TWO YOUNGER PREACHERS

"Timothy & Titus"

Titus, I appreciate your coming by to see me and as we have just closed National Convention, the highest body among us. How did you enjoy it and what do you think of us as a group?

Timothy, I was really glad to have been in Little Rock, it was a great convention in many respects, well cared for and entertained in a most pleasing manner. I will always have a very high regard for Bro. Fisher, his good wife, the officials, the loyal women and friends who took such good care of us. I was very much impressed with our group and do feel that it is a fine thing to have this meeting each year. The Fathers thought well and wisely when this movement was organized, it first of all brings us together, gives us fellowship and furnishes us the opportunity to know the workers, to be known and do some constructive thinking and planning, then it also gives us an opportunity to sit in with our white Disciples and think through with them on all our problems. We do have some fine leaders and a very promising group of young people. I was happy to meet our good Editor and his wife, who had done so much to make our *Plea* one of which we all our proud. I was also inspired to meet our great financier, Dr. J. E. Walker, a man who has made good and has been a blessing to all men; and to greet so many able preachers. I thought well of the sermon brought by L. L. Dickerson, it had the right "RING" it rung true to the *Plea* and and if we as Disciples were favorably impressed with the logical and doctrinal sermon of Blair T. Hunt. I hope next year we will make it more of a "Preaching Center" for who can tell we may have come into the kingdom for such a time as this. For it pleased God to save the world through the foolishness of preaching, not foolish preaching. But Timothy, as I am young at conventions and you are older than I, let me have your thoughts.

Titus, you have made some very good findings and I must say you were really looking the brotherhood over. I observed all that you did, the good work of our able President Crawford also the good work of Mrs. H. L. Herod, I do think that our brethren ought to take lessons from our women in taking the offering. It was done in such a dignified manner and I do hope that at Nashville, "The Athens of the South," that we will have just that class of dignity and solemnity in all of our meetings. And our Sunday A. M. services were

good but so much after say, that I took all the Christ out of what was already done. We as Disciples of Christ must remember that Paul said: "Let all things be done decently and in order not indecently." I hope this year that our Program Chairman will be left free to function and that the Chairman will not just be a "Rubber Stamp," but will fill the office to which he is appointed and if he finds that he cannot he will not accept and let someone else do it who has the courage to fill the office to which he has been appointed. After all we must do our full duty at all times. Titus, has this convention strengthened you any in your faith? And tell me did you receive any impression from the Minister's Council and what did you think of the Recommendation Committee, how were you impressed with the President elect?

Titus: Timothy, I must say that I was greatly impressed with the Minister's Council and enjoyed each session. It is a fine thing and ought to continue. The only thing we did not do as we had planned we had said that we would elect a new president and secretary each year and I thought that was fine to pass it on so all of the men may have something to look forward to. Many valuable thoughts were expressed on our many problems and I know that I will be able to do a much better work this coming year for my having been present. I was much impressed with the office of the Recommendation Committee and think that next year it will be a fine thing for them to endeavor to get the minds of us on some things and act after having that instead of going ahead and doing all of the planning without thinking carefully of the membership. Then it did seem to be influenced by too much "Personal Feelings." Now this is as I saw it, but I could have been wrong as I am just a "Rookie," nevertheless, I saw it. Men come there pledged to do certain things for certain ones not having the good of the group in mind. I think of what John the Baptist said: "He must increase but I must decrease." That will be a fine motto for this our next convention to have. "Christ must increase but I (selfish and wanting my own way, seeking office) must decrease, and as we are just young men let us begin now to set the example for our own flock and for some of our National Convention Leaders. I am not in position to say very much about our president elect as this is about the second time I have met him so I will have to ask you to give me your impressions of him.

Timothy: Titus, I see that you were not asleep at our convention and

I do want you to attend again. I have known the President elect for some time and have served with him on his field and I think that he will make us a good leader. He is a product of one of our schools, therefore, he is out of the right groove, and does have a very excellent background. I have known him to be rather slow on saying that he will do a thing but once he has given his word he will stand by it and do his part. He has pastored some of our most prominent churches and still lives in their hearts. In St. Louis last year, I was standing near him when an Elder in one of the first churches that he pastored said to him: "We had always hoped that our church would be strong enough to have you come back and close out your life's work there for the entire church still regard you as their Pastor and the town is ready to receive you." I thought that was a fine testimony coming from a church that he had pastored almost 28 years ago. I also had the pleasure of talking with some of the people in the area that he is now serving and find that his work there is such that would commend him for any position in this great Brotherhood. For me, and I wish that you too, would make up your mind to get right in behind our president elect and do all that we can to make his administration a success. A minister can do no more than his church will let him do and our new President cannot do more than we a Brotherhood will let him do. I did appreciate the motion of our good treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker to make it unanimous. That was a fine step in the right direction and I hereby pledge my fullest support to this new administration. What about you?

Titus: Timothy, I wish to thank you for what you have said and as you are Father In The Gospel, I will have to look to you for leadership on some of the things I do and I too pledge my support and loyalty to the work of this new administration. I was happy also to meet our "Big Sis," Mrs. Preston Taylor, she is surely alive to every move of this great Brotherhood. But what about our National Work and workers?

Timothy: Titus, we do have a need for our National work and workers and in the past year our worker has done a good work, when we think of the many things that she had to put up with, most of her handicaps came from the inner circle. But this I think that if we all will do more and talk less about what ought to be done, it will be better. Our Recommendation Committee has brought in a fine recommendation, now if each member of that committee would become a "Sustaining Member" the program will be far better off. Why,

don't you know some of them on that committee did not give \$2.00 all of last year. Read over the list carefully. We need Works this year and not so much faith without works. Well Timothy, I want you to come to see me again as you go to your preaching point and we can again Observe some things.

PATIENCE

By Prof. Frederick McKinney
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"Blow the wind ever so fast, it will lower at last." Patience is better than wisdom; an ounce of patience is worth a pound of brains. All men praise patience but few ever practice it; it is a medicine which is good for diseases, therefore everyone recommends it, but few are able to cultivate it. The followers of a patient Saviour should be patient followers. 'Grin and bear it' is the old-fashioned advice, but 'sing and bear it' is a great deal better. After all, we get very few cuts of the whip considering what bad creatures we are. Pain passes and experience comes by it.

Many people are born crying, live complaining and die disappointed. This could be done away with if patience was practiced. They think every other man's burden to be light while their own to be as heavy as lead. The trees bow in the wind and so must we. Every time we complain we miss a blessing. Grumbling is bad and gives no profit, but patience is gold. After the rain comes the sun; after every winter comes spring; after every night comes day. If one door should be shut, God will open another; there is a bright side to all things, and a good God everywhere.

Christian friends let us take to patience instead of finding fault with God's doings. What can't be cured must be endured, at least for a time. "All things work together for good to them that love God." Whatever may fall from the heavens is sooner or later, good for you and me; Whatever comes to us from God is worth having, even though it may seem rather hard at times.

Burdens are heavy to bear, but when our hearts are right with God it is wonderful how easy the yoke becomes. All's well that ends well; therefore, let us go forward into this new year of life with the desire of practicing more patience toward our friends and toward our enemies; always believing and trusting in God.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

1940

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2. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tennessee 5.00
3. Maceo Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tennessee 1.00
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1. E. J. Jennings, R. 1, Box 70, Hermansville, Miss. (Renewal) \$.75
2. Mrs. Anne E. Gilmore, 505 Lafayette St., Jefferson City, Mo. (Subs) 1.00
3. Mrs. Emmeline Scott, 210 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. (Subs) 1.00
4. Elder William Walker, Box 176, London, Ky. (Subs) .50
5. Rev. Edward Griffin, Box 78, Allegator, Miss. (Subs) .50
6. Rev. L. J. Evans, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., (Subs) .50
7. Rev. M. L. Lambert, 204 Jackson St., Reidsville, N.C. (Subs) .50
8. Mrs. Helen Webster, Midway Ky. (Renewal) .70
9. Rev. R. L. Hayes, 1111 Jones St., Little Rock, Ark. (Subs) .50
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1. Rev. D. Bradley, Rogersville, Tenn. (10 Pleas) \$1.00
2. Rev. R. L. Peters, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 1.90
3. Mrs. M. L. Davidson, 512 S. Caldwell, Charlotte, N.C. (by Rev. Peters) 1.00
4. Mrs. Maggie L. McCarty, Mound Bayou, Miss. (10 Pleas) 1.00
5. Rev. E. W. Wilbert, 736 Dennison Ave., Dayton, Ohio (5 Pleas) .50
6. A. D. Gault, R. 2, Mayslick, Ky. (5 Pleas) .50
7. Mrs. Irma Tulloch, 6326 Whitwood Ave., Detroit, Mich. 1.00

SUBSCRIPTION MONEY RECEIVED AT PLEA OFFICE, Mrs. Preston Taylor, Treas.

1. Mr. Harrison Baily, Walnut Cove, N.C. (Reported by R. L. Peters) \$1.00
2. Mr. Solomon Pitts, 1774 Dumesnil, Louisville, Ky. (balance) .70
3. S. B. Wallick, 460 Howard, Muskogee, Okla. (balance on 5 subs) 2.00
4. Mrs. E. Usher, 4543 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill. (1939-40 subs and Renewal) 2.00
5. Mrs. Leona Smith, 508 S. Blain St., Altus, Okla. (Reported by R. Wesley Watson) 1.00
6. Mrs. W. C. Whitehouse, King's City, Mo. (Reported by C. L. Jamison) 1.00

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1. Elder E. H. Dickerson, 340 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky. \$1.00
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6. Mrs. Charlie Tarr, R.R. No. 3, Paris, Ky. .75

JAMISON'S COLUMN

Dear Missionary Organizations:

Now that we have had a breathing spell since the National Convention it is time to roll up our sleeves for another year of hard work.

The following items may serve for a check up as we launch the programs for this year:

1. Your goal acceptance card is due. Are you accepting a bigger load than last year? Our responsibilities are greater than last year. \$2.25 is the rate per minute. How many minute men are in your church?

2. By now you have dropped your quarterly report blank in the mail. We hope that you filled in every item.

3. Woman's Day is not far away (November 17, or 24, or December 1 or 8). Have you planned for it? You will need to plan definitely your program for that day including, speaker, worship, offering, special music, etc. "In Times Like These" is the title of a new missionary-stewardship play which has been written for use on Woman's Day. You will probably want to use it after a fine worship service at your Sunday evening service.

4. February 28, 1941 is World Day of Prayer. The theme "Thy Kingdom Come" will certainly prove challenging. Why not appoint your committee now to work interdenominationally in preparation for that day.

5. See next issue of the *Plea* for high points of the pre-convention session at Little Rock.

WELCOME, NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

At the Little Rock, National Convention Mrs. M. G. Kirkpatrick became the fifth president of the Department of Missionary Organizations. She comes to this office with a wealth of experience having served as president for a number of years of the same department in the state of Kentucky, which she still serves.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick is filled with enthusiasm and zeal for the on going of this work among the women of our Brotherhood. Let us give the entire core of officers of our National Convention our hearty support as we work together to build the Kingdom of God.

ANNUAL REPORT

Every member of missionary organizations will be interested in the report for the year July 1939 to July, 1940. These are a few of the statistics enclosed in the report presented at the National Convention. These and other facts will appear in the 1940 Year Book which will be ready early this winter.

There are at present 172 adult missionary organizations on the mailing list, 106 of which made some offering for missions during the year. There are 17 young people's organizations, 10 of which made offerings, and 15 children's groups, 8 of which helped to support world missions. These figures represent an increase of 14 contributing groups. Regular offerings from missionary organizations for the year closing June 30, 1940

were as follows: Adult societies, \$1,684.45; Councils \$230.20; Young Matrons \$3.00; Guilds \$49.50; Circles \$46.26; Triangle Clubs \$15.05; Unified Youth Groups \$10.00; Children's Missionary Organizations \$21.60; total \$2060.06.

There were held youth meets in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Mississippi. More than 200 young people and 50 adult leaders attended.

Total contributions from Negro groups for the new boys dormitory at S.C.I. are around the \$300 mark. The pledge from this group was \$500. This project needs to be completed.

Since the resignation of Mrs. Ora L. Shepherd as executive secretary of Missionary Organizations, Mrs. Marx, of Pueblo, Colorado has been appointed to succeed her in this office. Mrs. Marx will assume her responsibilities on October 15. We extend to her a hearty welcome as she serves Negro missionary organizations with those of the total Brotherhood.

WOMAN'S PAGE

TEXAS HAS INSPIRING CONVENTION

By Arah Evans Garrett

Box 462 Granger, Texas

Another conventional calendar climaxed August 11, 1940 in Bay City with the Second Street and Cedar Lake churches joint hostesses and Brother Times and Paige host pastors respectively. The royal entertainment of these churches is not always the experience of delegates. The meals were well planned, balanced, wholesome diets, appetizingly cooked and served in abundance. The entire citizenry of Bay City, a town of approximately eight thousand inhabitants, knew the Colored Disciples of Christ were in their town. Each evening the crowd overwhelmingly taxed the church's capacity. Public offerings were always satisfactory. The fellowship was inspiring and the association unusually pleasant and Christian in spirit. Racial barriers were cast down and the first Christian Church swung ajar the doors of her beautiful edifice and invited us there to hear Dr. Barnum, a returned missionary from India, who showed curios and lectured on "Habits and Customs of India." After this hour of entertainment Jarvis College program was rendered there. More graciousness and congeniality could not have been extended the International Con-

vention than this minister manifested in seating and making comfortable the host of our group who went there. The ministers also accompanied on the piano Terry Alexander (the pride of Jarvis as a vocalist).

Sunday morning the aggregation formed a motorcade to Cedar Lake where Brother Paige has written a memorial "page" of history of our church with a modern, spacious rural temple; socially, they are "A" class; economically they are secure; educationally they are placed; spiritually they are charged with that "something" within which motivates one to excel.

As we entered into the Bible School the analogy between our surroundings and the Bible lesson "The works and Words of God" were so pronounced that most of us could readily appreciate Joyce Kilmer's "I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree" as we looked out upon those Spanish moss bedecked gigantic oaks. We too, had the conviction "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree."

Rev. Sansom started us scaling inspiration point with his burning message at eleven o'clock, but when President Hurdle narrated and led "Precious Lord take my hand" we sat on the summit of inspiration mountain. At the close of the service we went back to our physical surroundings on earth where "Gastric-nomic Session" was in order.

These loyal women opened their boxes, baskets, tubs and piled high on improvised tables around the church an exhibit of remarkable culinary art in the form of pies, cakes, chicken salads and vegetables, which cheered the weary travelers on their way, as most of them departed for their various homes after the departure of the delicious food.

Some of us who remained for the evening services used the interval for going to the Gulf of Mexico about fifteen miles away. We were gratified to learn the area of the fifteen miles stretch over which we traveled to the Gulf was farm land of our own group. Presently the mighty gulf served apparently as a dividing line between us and infinity. As we stood in awe marveling as the dazzling sea foam danced upon the majestic waves as they kissed the coast, sprinkling the shores keenly appreciate the morning's lesson and comprehend David's utterance, "The Heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handi-work."

Brother Quarles gave a flaming farewell message at eventide to a great appreciative audience. Thus another convention marked its close.

Were you there or are you counted in the number who habitually and complacently ask "How was it?" Brother ministers, officers of various departments and especially missionary officers and workers, too many are in the "How was it?" group. Do you realize that reports, letters, a few dollars and state officers do not make conventions any more than report cards transcripts and teachers make schools? Without pupils there would be little need for all the physical equipment for a school. Without a delegation of people there is little need or no need of a convention for officers and a precious few followers. The convention is not merely for the citizenry of the town in which it is held, but more especially for the constituents of the state churches. Many of us sacrifice our state convention for the national. It's a fine thing to go to a national convention and cash national fame and glamor, but it's a saner thing to help perpetuate your local district and state that it may in turn integrate into national work. We must learn hard truths face open facts and use religious common sense.

Without the great tributaries of the Mississippi River, the mighty father of waters may become a stagnated frog pond. Without the perpetual bolstering of local churches to a state organization, which in turn dovetails into national work the national work becomes fundamentally insecure. With few exceptions there

are few politicians who ride into national fame without having been active in the local district, state or city. Since some of us are apparently acquiring political "racketeering," we should take on the better qualities of the professional political "racketeer" and rid ourselves of the idea to be an officer at any cost. Why sacrifice a straight forward reputation? Why be "Athaliahs and Rehoboams" and inject politics into a prayer meeting? What office of any organization is worth the low stoop of sacrificing honesty fair play and your religious integrity for an empty Christless honor? Ambitions are great assets when controlled and spiritually steeped; they are dangerous liabilities when uncontrolled and selfishly dyed.

Perhaps your desire for travel may influence your turning your tail-lights to your state convention. Remember Texas has a land area of 262,398 square miles; a water area of 3,498 square miles; a gross area of 265,896 square miles in other words Texas is 825 miles wide and 740 miles long. That's vast enough to satisfy land or water traveling. Texas has some of everything you find in other states. Therefore, try to satisfy yourself in your own state this ensuing year long enough to turn your headlights on the convention city of Palestine the gate way from the west to the "East Texas Timber Region" and "Salt Mine" city.

To the missionary societies may I remind you that last year in Ft. Worth our state president, Miss Walker gave to us a beautifully engraved silver loving cup, as a trophy for the society whose percentage rate of working members is greatest, whose reports are regular and who sponsors some type of youth division of work. This year Miss Walker had to carry the cup home because no society qualified. Sisters, I entreat you not to let this be said at Palestine. Your society can win this trophy for a year. Remember the cup was given in honor of Mrs. Thula Mae Weathers for the thirty seven years of service as state treasurer. What a record! You surely can make a one year record! Any president should be thrilled to take this beautiful trophy to a society who has faithfully worked hard for a year. Try first to work your membership; second, to report regularly each quarter, and third, to sponsor a young people's circle of some type; fourth, to come to Palestine and receive the trophy. That's easy isn't it? Inspire your society to aspire for it. You'll be happy.

Let's "Defrost" ourselves by melting the icicles from the cogs and coils of our hearts with spiritual

fire and human loving kindness. And after defrosting go through a warming up process instead of refrigeration again. That glow of warmth and love will be so tangible, if we get ourselves well fired there will be little trouble in transmitting it to your group and worthy goals will be achieved.

Lest we forget our very alert and graceful national secretary, Miss Jamison was indispensable to our conferences and meetings in Bay City. She was inspiration plus, all other modest and queenly qualities of a missionary representative. Meet her in Palestine in August 1941. It's fine to know her.

Please make your money orders payable to Mrs. Thomas, but mail them to your state secretary. Cooperate with us by helping us keep your record accurate. Thank you.

MRS. JONNIE KIRKPATRICK GIVES CALL

The National Woman's President Outlines Plan for 1940-1941

Dear Fellow-workers:

The great task of reaching our brotherhood and others is much too large a work for one person or a few. Our financial condition is in dire need and in order to overcome this handicap the help of all is solicited.

We are desirous of placing on the field in 1941, a paid children's work also other expenses will be increased through the expansion of the program. This will call for an increased contribution, which you will notice is only a small amount individually, therefore, we humbly plead that not a single one will fail us.

The workers may contact you in person or through communication please respond. The Master's work cannot and will not fail.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the National Convention will be held in August of 1941 at Nashville, Tenn. Let us truly make that our banner year.

The following are the appointments for the ensuing year:

1. National Chairman of membership committee, Mrs. A. E. Gilmore, 505 LaFayette St., Jefferson City, Mo.
2. National Chairman for the Plea and a booster for increase of ministers' salary, Mrs. E. G. Titus, 3511 Kimble St., Dallas, Texas.
3. National Literature Chairman, Mrs. Josephine Baker, 131 W. 11th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

4. National stamp collector, Mrs. Alpha Arnold, 245 N. Monroe St., Columbus, Ohio.
5. National Chairman of personal service committee, Mrs. Fannie Fenton Hamilton, Indiana Ave. Christian Church, Chicago, Ill.
6. National Chairman of Anniversary fund, Mrs. Vivian Lucas, 404 S. 20th St., Louisville, Ky.
7. National Chairman of gleaners, Mrs. A. Harrison, 4030 Cook Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
8. National Chairman on conducting of services for contributions, Mrs. H. L. Herod, 4046 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Indiana.
9. National Chairman of Universal Peace Movement, Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, 1706 Chestnut St., Louisville, Kentucky.
10. National Chairman of Interracial Committee, Mrs. Preston Taylor, 449 4th Ave., N. Nashville, Tennessee.
11. National Chairman of spiritual inspiration, Mrs. Ira Ash, Georgetown, Kentucky.
12. National Chairman of Young Adults, Miss Edith Wilson, 2216 W. Chestnut, Louisville, Ky.

The following are the regional secretaries and the states in which they will work.

1. Mrs. S. R. Schaifer, Port Gibson, Miss; Miss. Ala. Ga.
2. Mrs. Pearl Allen, 5634 Helen St., Elmwood Place, Ohio; State of Ohio, Churches of Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.
3. Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Box 276, Martinville, Va., Piedmont District.
4. Mrs. Sallie Pirtle, 641 Alamont St., Muskogee, Okla.; Kansas, Oklahoma.
5. Mrs. L. H. Crawford, 526 4th Ave., Nashville, Tenn.; Kentucky, Tenn.
6. Mrs. S. P. Walker, 2314 Lucille St., Dallas, Texas; State of Texas.
7. Mrs. Long and Martin 1241 Idlewood St., Richmond, Va. Tri-state.
8. Mrs. R. W. Hancock, 628 Hancock St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Easter Sea-board District.

9. Mrs. Alice Chappelle 3309 Hooper St., Los Angeles, Calif.; Calif.
10. Mrs. Van Buren, 218 N. 6th St., Fulton, Missouri; Missouri and Arkansas.

Through the help of our general secretary, Sister Jamison, others may be added to this list. May I also state that the duties of each of these officers have been fully explained to them in their letters of notification. Also each is asked to raise and bring to the National Convention all the finance that each can possibly raise. I want you to know I am not saying go but come let us be about our Father's business.

Yours in His service, humbly,
 MRS. JONNIE KIRKPATRICK
 2216 West Chestnut St.
 Louisville, Ky.

PRESIDENT WATSON SENDS GREETINGS

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standard bearers in the great work of redeeming the world. It has been at a great sacrifice that our sister, Rosa Brown Bracy has made this contribution. "Thou Shalt not Muzzle the Ox that Treadeth Out the Corn."

This year, I am resolved as President of the National Convention to ask one hundred persons to join hands with me in actually supporting the worker while she goes out to the task. This is the plan. One hundred persons to give \$1.00 per month for ten months of the year to sustain the worker to actually hold the rope while she goes out to the task.

I have chosen you to serve with me as a **Sustaining Member, A Rope Holder** that our worker may go out free to prosecute the task to which we have called her.

Let me have your word of assurance for the cause that I may depend on you for this service. I am,

Very Sincerely Yours,
 R. Wesley Watson

On September 19, 26, and 29, the congregation went to Cedar Avenue Church, where Elder C. E. Craggett is pastor. On the 19th, a fine talk by Professor Merl Eppse, Editor of the Plea was heard and Brother Vance G. Smith brought news of his work. On the 26th, our pastor portrayed, "Christian Stewardship," and on the 29th we were guests of the Christian Endeavor Society. At this meeting all Disciple churches were represented.

Our pastor will speak in Youngstown, Ohio, October 13, for Elder F. T. Barnett.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SECRETARY SENDS OUT APPEAL

By Mrs. D. C. Fowler
 1180 East Long St.
 Columbus, Ohio

Dear Co-workers:

It is my desire to make a great year in our Missionary Organization for children. With a new set-up we trust there will be fine results. The National President, Mrs. M. G. Kirkpatrick is asking that each state president appoint a Children's worker, and each local Missionary Society appoint a Children's worker. The National Children's worker is asking that these people be reported to her. Report blanks and stationery will in turn be sent to these various workers from my office. These are to be filed in order that a record of the work accomplished may be known and to know who is to be held responsible for the work done this Missionary year.

We had our first Children's Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas at our National Convention. The things accomplished were indeed gratifying. We hope to continue this in the National Convention in 1941. We want to enlarge on the work with many more children and more children's workers. With the aid of Mrs. Jennie Smith of Cross Street Church of Christ and her boys and girls we had much to inspire us. Mrs. R. H. Peoples and Mrs. Dorothy Napper, a recreation teacher in Columbus, Ohio, met with the workers and the children each morning. One of the high spots of the National Convention was the reception given in honor of the workers by Mrs. Smith and this group of boys and girls.

NOTICE

Nicholasville, Kentucky is in need of a good middle aged pastor. Good parsonage and cooperation awaits the right man. Write Mr. Felming Black, Lincoln Steet, Nicholasville, Ky.

ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

EAST 83RD STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS ACTIVE PROGRAM

Elder O. Zollar, Pastor
 Elizabeth Wells, Reporter
 2543 East 61st Street
 Cleveland, Ohio

September 8, was our Homecoming Day. At the night services Elder Zollar preached on "The Prodigal son" and also gave a chart demonstration. Many fine comments were offered in praise of this sermon. Mrs.

Berry from the Open Door Baptist Church, Mr. Harris, deacon of the Southern Baptist Church and Elder F. T. Barnett, pastor of the Christian Church in Youngstown, Ohio guest at this service.

The women of the church have formed a missionary society with the following officers elected: President, Mrs. Essie Grant; Vice President, Mrs. Freeman; Secretary, Elizabeth Wells; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. A. Van Dross; and Treasurer, Mrs. Lucy Coleman.

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE STATE PRESIDENT

ELDER S. KENNEY

207 Elmo St., Johnson City, Tenn.

Tennessee is taking on new life. The little Church at Jonesboro, Tennessee where I am giving half time has begun their new years program. I made a visit to Washington College, and found the little church there moving along nicely under the leadership of Elder A. C. Caokley. They expressed their regret of failing to meet the State Convention, and reported to me \$4.00. The minutes will show the same. We are planning to begin the District Meetings in Tennessee for this year. The Presidents, Elder D. W. Bradley of Rogersville, Tenn., and Elder Blair T. Hunt of Memphis, Tenn. will announce the time and place of these meetings.

We have every reason to feel encouraged over the reports coming in from all parts of the state. I have just returned from Little Rock, Kentucky, where I conducted a 14 days revival for Elder I. H. Moore. We had a great meeting. Elder Moore had taken in four before I arrived and five were taken in after my arrival. We raised \$225.18. I met the Missionary Society of that church and presented the *Christian Plea* to them and received six subscriptions. I am mailing the money for same with this writing. I would like to express my thanks to the churches that cooperated with us in that great meeting; Mt. Sterling, Fairview, W. Middletown, Paris, Midway, Germantown, and Carlisle and others. I will begin a ten days meeting in Germantown, October 8th. Pray for us.

THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF TENNESSEE CLOSES SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN THE MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHURCH

By ELDER S. KENNEY

207 Elmo St., Johnson City, Tenn.

The Sixty-first Annual Convention of the Churches of Christ in Tennessee met with the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn., Sunday and Monday, August 18-19, 1940. Elder Blair T. Hunt, and members of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church acted as hosts to this convention. This meeting was indeed a success from all points of view, and we have every reason to feel encouraged over the work in this section, and we trust that every church in the State will enter wholeheartedly into the tasks before them. Elder S. Kenney of Johnson City, Tenn., was again elected president

after having served in that office for nine years. Other officers elected were: Elder D. W. Bradley, Rogersville, Tenn., First Vice President; Elder Blair T. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn., Second Vice President; Elder E. A. Daniels, Knoxville, Tenn., Secretary; and J. W. Hamilton, Memphis, Tenn., Treasurer.

Due to the responsibilities of his work Elder Kenney resigned from the pastorate of the West Main Street Christian Church, Johnson City, Tenn. and will give half time to the church at Jonesboro, Tenn., and the other half to Evangelistic work. With the vacancy of this church there are three churches in the State in need of live ministers willing to work in these churches. Write Mr. Charlie Cope, 205 E. Millard St., Johnson City, Tenn., for information concerning the Johnson City church; Mr. Burnis Harverson, R. 3, Box 26, Savannah, Tenn.; and Mr. Robert Murphy, Jellico, Tenn., for the churches in Savannah and Jellico respectively.

Plans are being made for the District meetings in Tennessee. Elder D. W. Bradley, will work in East Tennessee and Elder Blair T. Hunt will handle the work in Middle and West Tennessee. Meetings will be held in November and March. Pray for us.

NEWS OF THE BUCKEYE STATE EAST 83rd STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2379 East 83rd Street
Cleveland, Ohio

ELDER O. ZOLLAR, *Pastor*

ELIZABETH WELLS, *Reporter*

Services were well attended Sunday, August 18, which was our pastor's first sermon, having arrived in Cleveland, August 17. We had several visitors, among whom were Mrs. J. L. Harris, Mr. Warren Harris, and Mr. Marshall Wisdom of Bluefield, W. Va., Mr. William Harris of Norton, Va., Miss Betty Jayne Chinn of Meadville, Pa., and Mr. John Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brother Cash of the Dunham Avenue Christian Church (white) is a frequent visitor with us. He is a fine speaker and enjoys our hospitality immensely. We are small in number, but, great in our welcome to all visitors.

August 15, we attended the recital of Buckner Gamby, Jr., the eleven year old wonder of the piano, and the son of Elder and Mrs. Buckner Gamby. Elder Gamby preached a series of very fine, soul-stirring sermons, prior to the coming of our pastor.

Under the able leadership of Elder Zollar, and a strong Christian membership, who firmly believes in the doctrine of the Christian Church, we

are going to win souls to Christ and build a Church in Cleveland to the glory and honor of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. His sermon, Sunday, August 25, "The Program of the Church" gave us a strong determination to cling together and put the program over.

MONROE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Columbus, Ohio

The Monroe Avenue Christian Church has been quite happily and actively engaged in its program since the National Convention. Several persons have been added to the church since the National Convention. Mr. Vance G. Smith and Mrs. C. E. Craggett were visitors in the church during the last week in September and met with some workers of the church. Mr. Smith delivered an address to the Frontiers Club a club composed of Columbus business and professional men and of which Rev. Arnold is a member. Prof. Eppse, *Christian Plea* Editor was also a guest of the church while touring the State of Ohio and spoke Sunday evening, September 15.

The Missionary Society recently elected the following new officers. Mrs. Lee Barnett, President; Mrs. Lelia Smith, Vice President; Mrs. Pearl Winbush, Secretary; Mrs. Ferry Huff, Treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Arnold, Program Chairman and World Call Secretary. Mrs. Barnett has also been named the *Christian Plea* Secretary for the church.

The Church has on a Financial Drive for the purpose of taking care of some of the things which need to be done. A new heating plant will be installed in the church. The church under the leadership of the Ladies' Aid Societies presented the pastor with a car last July so as to enable him to do a more effective work. The Women's organizations are doing a splendid work. Many persons are being given employment through the Employment Bureau.

The pastor's sermons are both challenging and uplifting each week. He has just completed a series of Sunday evening sermons on the "Christian Family." We are hoping to secure \$25 for the *Christian Plea* through subscriptions or donations for the year.

FROM THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE

CEDAR AVENUE CHURCH NEWS

By ALEXANDER CRAGGETT

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Cleveland, Ohio

Due to the conventions in July and August there were very few activities. The Women's Day rally under

the leadership of Mrs. Katie White, assisted by Mrs. Laura Shumate and Mrs. Gray, was a huge success. This rally was a success spiritually as well as financially as three persons were taken into the church. This day would have been a success had our National Treasurer spoken from the Cleveland Station when he delivered his address over the "Wings Over Jordan" program. Cedar Avenue had anticipated his visit to the church.

The Christian Endeavor used the same Sunday as a round table discussion with Mr. Foster Craggett as leader and Mr. K. Dabney, Mrs. I. Clark, Mr. E. Burrus, Mr. W. O. Jackson and Rev. C. E. Craggett participating. The subject of the discussion was "The Purpose of the Church." The white young people of the Summer Conference will be guests of the young people at the church Sunday, September 29th, and a day of summer conference will be demonstrated by the young people. It will be under the leadership of Mrs. Gaines Cook.

The Brotherhood Club presented the Shield Brothers quartette. They rendered an excellent program to a splendid audience. Master Buckner Gamby gave his piano recital August 15. He is a student of the Boston Conservatory of Music.

The month of October will be given over for the Building Fund, in readiness for Mr. Wickizer's visit and the pending proposal to secure a permanent establishment for the church.

NEWS FROM OLD HANCOCK

By MISS ELINOR CRAIG

610 Finzer St.

Louisville, Kentucky

Having visited the National Convention, I was greatly inspired by the work of our most efficient leaders. The young people of our church are very interested in becoming such leaders as: Mrs. R. B. Bracy; Miss C. Jamison; Mrs. P. Taylor; Mr. Peoples; Rev. Crawford, Prof. Washington and many others. We believe firmly that through the prayers, encouragement, and careful training by our elder co-workers, that we will reach the goal. The president of our Missionary Society attended church, Sunday, for the first time since October. Due to a long period of illness her absence has been sincerely missed.

GROVE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH ASPIRES TO LEAD

REV. D. L. TRUSCOTT, *Pastor*

4210 New Orleans

Houston, Texas

The Grove Street Christian Church congregation was inspired and uplifted by the wonderful sermon delivered by its pastor, Reverend David

L. Truscott. His text was taken from the 17th Chapter of Luke. A marked improvement in the Bible School gives evidence of departmental development. Mrs. W. F. Thomas is active in the Bible School work.

Grove Street Church furnished the music for the Texas State Convention for the first three days. Under the direction of Mrs. Jeanett Woodson the choir rendered music which was enjoyed by all. The Convention under the direction of its President, Professor I. Q. Hurdle has great plans for the oncoming year.

(EDITOR'S NOTE)

An error was made in the August-September issue concerning Rev. David L. Truscott's training and school. He is a graduate of The Houston College for Negroes, and a major in the field of History.

KENTUCKY LOCAL AND DISTRICT WORK BEGINS

By A. D. GAULT

Route 2

Mayslick, Kentucky

The State and National Convention is over. The various districts of the State of Kentucky are now looking forward to their work. Mayslick is moving along slowly. The first thing on its program is the annual fall revival and basket meeting which will begin September 30 and will close October 6. Reverend C. B. Gentry of Lexington will preach. He is both a qualified speaker and gospel singer. On Sunday, October 6, plenty of food will be on hand so come and enjoy this fellowship. District (3) will hold its fall meeting at Germantown October 12 and 13. We are hoping for a great meeting. Reverend D. L. Botts was greatly missed when he was unable to deliver his first Sunday's sermon. It is our desire that he will soon be able to be back to his post of duty. The officers of Mayslick have decided to do a much better work than they have done in the past. We are also looking forward to a greater work in the State. To this end it is hoped that every pastor and member will lend his support. My desire is that we will march to the front with the National work. Let us all get behind our National leader, President R. Wesley Watson. Let us all lend our support to the *Christian Plea*.

WILLIAMSBURG CHURCH HAS GUEST SPEAKER

By CHERREDELL ELLIS

State Secretary of Evangelist Work
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Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Williamsburg Christian Church had as its guest speaker Reverend S. E. Tillman, pastor of the Antioch Christian Church of New Brunswick, New Jersey, August 25, at its 11:30 A.M. services. Reverend W. F. Keyes, the pastor of this church, and members of the congregation, were unusually appreciative of this visit.

The members and friends of the Brooklyn Church rejoice with the Grant family, 344 South 4th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., over the birth of a boy baby into that family.

THE CROSS STREET CHURCH BENEFITED BY NATIONAL WORKERS

By MRS. JANNIE SMITH

1610 Cross Street

Little Rock, Arkansas

The Children's Workers of the Cross Street Christian Church Mission band met the National Convention leaders. We received much inspiration and encouragement to continue the efforts made in the past months. Mrs. Fowler and her assistants brought us new songs and exercises. We hope to perfect these things before another National Convention.

GAY STREET INSTALLS ELDER RAYMOND R. WALTON

The officers and members of Gay Street Christian Church formally installed their pastor, Elder Raymond R. Walton with a week of services. Raymond R. Walton, comes from Emporia, Kansas where he pastored for three years. While there he was graduated from the College of Emporia with A.B. degree, was elected a member of the National Honor Society of Social Sciences, Pi Gamma Mu, and director of the Colored Hour Program on Station KTSW. Mr. Walton was born in Chicago, Illinois, and attended The American Conservatory of Music, received a Mus.B.E. degree, from Lewis Institute, Crane Junior College, and Ravenswood School of Fine Arts. He has taught at the Mississippi Industrial College, Holly Springs, Miss. In 1935 he was ordained into the ministry at the State Convention of Kansas, at Kansas City. He then pastored in Parsons, Emporia and

Wichita, Kansas. He now serves his fourth year as president of the National Convention, Department of Religious Education. He has worked in several Kansas Youth Fellowship Meets and Mid-west Conferences.

The program was high in spirit during the entire week closing with a special service on Sunday night. Reverend W. J. Faulkner of Fisk University, and president of the Ministerial Alliance of Nashville presided. Reverend Spencer Jackson and his choir from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church participated on the program. Reverend L. H. Crawford of Lea Avenue Christian Church delivered the sermon.

Mr. Forrest Strange, basso from Tennessee A. and I. State College, was the guest soloist. Just before Elder Walton gave his response, he and the chorister, Mr. Ossion Crockett sang "Something Within." Elder and Mrs. John A. Walton of Chicago, Illinois, parents of the minister, accompanied by Mrs. S. Smith, were present at the closing sermons. Elder Walton, Sr., gave the invocation at the night service. On Monday night the Reverend C. A. McLaurine of the Church of God, brought a very powerful message. Deacon B. F. Brown, Superintendent of the Bible school was in charge. Tuesday night was a very solemn one with the Mission Circle in charge under the able leadership of Mrs. Jennie L. Hardin. The four white sister churches were represented. Reverend Harmon, State Secretary of Tennessee was present for one night. Reverend Roger T. Nooe of Vine Street Christian Church, past president of the International Convention gave the charge to the minister. The guest choir was from Crutcher Memorial Church. Rev. J. W. Crutcher assisted the white brethren. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights brought the outstanding men and women of Nashville, as speakers and singers, among whom were Mrs. E. W. D. Isaac, Sr., Mrs. Van McKeever, Mrs. Ida Taylor, Dr. I. L. Moore, Dr. H. H. Walker, Mrs. Cecilia Brown Boline, and Mr. George Silas. Sunday morning the elders and deacons were in charge with Elder Hoyt Braden bringing the message. Mrs. Juanita Brown Patterson, member of Gay Street Church, and teacher at Cookeville, Tennessee, was soloist. Along with a nice purse from the church, the pastor's aid presented the pastor with a large box of groceries. Elder Walton has already started on a very full and active fall program for the church.

ATTENTION—BIBLE SCHOOLS

Don't forget the October rally for the National Convention work. Each school is asked to send \$1.00 to the

Treasurer, Mr. S. B. Wallick, 460 Howard Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma. We hope each school will do its part to help us promote a real program this year.

R. R. WALTON, *President*

EMPIRE STATE HAPPENINGS

By MRS. CHERRIDELL ELLIS

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Brooklyn, New York

The week of September 26 through the 29, 1940 was the week of the quarterly union of the Christian Church of New York and New Jersey. This was held in the St. Philip's Christian Church, 6 Veret St., Brooklyn, N.Y., at 11 A.M. The sermon was preached by Reverend W. C. Kinard, pastor of St. Phillip's Church. He is President of the Union, Reverend W. F. Keyes, Vice President, and Deacon H. P. Melley, Secretary.

CEDAR AVENUE HOLDS OHIO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

By ALEXANDER CRAGGETT

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Cleveland, Ohio

The month of September had many pleasant joys. The third Sunday was Men's Day. It proved not as successful as the Women's Day in August. The women were successful in raising over one hundred dollars. During the latter part of September, the church had as its guest Mr. and Mrs. Merl Eppse. Mr. Eppse, the editor of the *Plea*, spoke to a nice audience. Mrs. Craggett in touring the state was glad to hear the wonderful reports that the churches gave of Mr. Eppse's visits. While in Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Eppse were the guest of the pastor. The church also had as its guest Mr. Vance Smith, regional worker for Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. Mr. Vance accompanied by Mrs. Craggett, State Secretary of work for the State of Ohio, toured the state holding institutes.

The greatest event for September was the District meeting of the Ohio Youth Fellowship held the fifth Sunday at the Cedar Avenue Christian Church. All churches of Cleveland were represented with the exception of two. There were 200 present and a good time was had by all present. The idea for the evening was initiated by Mrs. Gaines Cook, wife of the State Secretary of Ohio Missions. She was assisted by Mrs. Craggett and Kenley Shogrin of the Lakewood Christian Church of which Mrs. Cook is a member. The program for the evening was "A Day at Hiram Summer Conference." Miss Miriam Hinz, of Lakewood was in charge of the program. The following people participated on the program, Jean

Bottomley, Louis Knowles, Kenneth Colley, Shirley Putnam, and Robert Langenham.

BIRCH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH HONORED BY VISIT FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT

MRS. ANN LAWRIE, *Reporter*

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Los Angeles, Calif.

Some interesting people have made the services at Birch Street quite worthwhile during the months of August and September. We were honored at having our New National President and his wife, Elder R. Wesley Watson, of Kansas City, Mo., to visit our church. The credit for this rare treat must go to Brother Mitchell, pastor of a sister Christian Church. Brother Watson's firm convictions on truth and faith were evidenced in his strong spiritual messages. Mrs. Watson contributed to the pleasure of their visit because of her great understanding in humanity. We hope that the National Convention may some day be entertained in Los Angeles. Two great Presidents have honored this city within the space of a few months. We must be worthy people, or, it may be the climate.

There are two Sundays each month devoted to preaching, one for Missionary work and one for Young men. Many people came out to hear the inspiring message preached by Elder W. Bryant just returned from attending summer school in Chicago. Elder Malcom, another promising young man brought impressive messages; it is hoped that he shall have the opportunity to be heard at a National Convention.

Brother Johnson, a new member, has been taking the initiative in the programs sponsored by the young men. These services are always looked forward to with much anticipation. Missionary Day, led by Sister Alma Miller for one month and Brother Johnson for another, is a day the members enjoy. Both of these people bring new ideas and thought to these services.

After the passing of Elder Robert Kirkpatrick, a new Elder in the person of Deacon Samuel Dyer was made to take his place. Elder C. B. Torrance is still filling the pulpit until the selection of a pastor is made. Many people have been contacted for this place but no one has been selected. It has been enjoyable getting acquainted through the letters written in by interested persons.

Brother Booth, secretary of our Church Extension Board, of Indianapolis, met us in a call business meeting and gave us some important facts about church properties. We appreciated his interest. We decided to slack up on our new location and get an efficient leader to assist us.

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES ECHOES

The Indiana Avenue Christian Church
4413 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
By

ALMA P. CUMMINGS, *Reporter*
REV. R. H. DAVIS, *Pastor*

Echoes of the National Convention were given recently by Mrs. Fannie Clark, and Mrs. Cynthia Martin, and Miss Fenton Hamilton. It was pleasing to note that Indiana Avenue had contributed \$25 to the support of the National Convention this year. Some of the officers elected for 1941 in the National Convention were from our own church. They are Mrs. Fannie H. Clark, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Department and Miss Evelyn L. Smith, Corresponding Secretary of the Christian Endeavor Department and Chairman of the Publicity Committee for the Young Peoples Fellowship Movement.

Reverend and Mrs. Baxter C. Duke of the Avalon Street Christian Church, Los Angeles, California, were guests at the morning services, September 1. Reverend Duke gave a little history of the Avalon Church and Mrs. Duke favored the congregation with a song. Reverend W. J. Bryant was also a guest from California.

Bishop William Mitchell of St. Louis, Mo., was the guest speaker at Indiana Church during the 44th session of the Holiness Convention held at Christ Temple, Chicago.

Closing the second quarter, we are happy to report to the brotherhood and to the workers in the field that our evangelistic services, eight weeks with God, opened on September 18, has been well attended. Our spiritual strength has been renewed.

Twelve certificates will be given to candidates during our Home Coming Services, Sunday, October 6. We are praying that many will come to receive a spiritual blessing.

The new constitution for our church has been completed by the committee and has been presented to the Official Board. It has had their endorsement and will be submitted to the church at the first church business meeting. We are now enjoying the new roof which has been long needed.

The Birthday Clubs are working hard at programs. The August Club with Mrs. Essie Bond, president is leading in funds raised. Mrs. Minnie Davis, Chairman of the Deaconess Board, will sponsor the recital of Miss Orita Bruce Wilson, Sunday, October 13.

The Senior Choir entertained Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Grubbs, newlyweds, with a kitchen shower party in the new home of Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, our directress, on Thursday

evening, September 19. The Choir's Home Coming party was a means of bringing together former members and new and prospective members. One basso that took time out from his many duties and brought smiles and cheers by his pleasing voice was Reverend R. H. Davis. The first musical of the season will be an all Negro Composers Program, especially planned for music lovers of Chicago, sponsored by Mrs. Goldie Martin, for October 20.

Sisters Stevenson, a Washington and Brother Bond are ill. We ask your prayers. We also pray for the guidance of our Nation in the present world conflict.

REPORT OF MR. R. H. PEOPLES

The 1940 National Convention marks the end of the fifth year of service of the national secretary. It would seem profitable at this time to take a retrospective glance at the past to note the progress made and to get a basis for a future plan of work. Time and space will not permit a detailed picture of the field as it was five years ago. Suffice it to say that a very friendly and receptive constituency met the efforts of the secretary on every hand. There was a demand from the adults as well as from the young people for a training program. The field was truly ripe unto the harvest.

The first year was spent very largely getting acquainted with the field. The secretary participated in One Day Conventions, visited local churches, state and district conventions, and attended special brotherhood and interdenominational meetings.

"FORWARD WITH THE TEXAS BROTHERHOOD"

Annual Message Delivered to the Fifty-ninth Annual Session of the Texas Christian Missionary Convention, Bay City, Texas

By I. Q. HURDLE, *President*

Who has not at some time, on a desert or in the mountain, stretched beside the dying embers of a campfire, looked into the starry distances and voiced within his own heart the words of the Psalmist, "The Heavens declare the glory of God and the firmaments sheweth His handiworks"? The heavens are telling the glory of God. For out of this very silence there comes the voice of One who has created order out of Chaos and "who can bind the chains of the Pleiades and loosen the bands Orion, bring forth Mazzaroth in his season and guide Arcturus with his sons." (Job 38, 31-32).

It is time for us to gird up loins like men and go forward. The war-times scare brings us face to face with peculiar conditions. Are we today, less brave, even though we profess to have more intelligence than our forefathers? We need men and women of vision, who fear no evil, to lead in the great work of the future church. These men must go into the highways and byways and they need more spiritual, intellectual and financial assistance. May we be more serious minded and give diligent study to the hope of our future.

I have travelled throughout Texas, during the past twelve months and I have found many opportunities to help people. I have seen many places where our work is in great need of men, strong men. Men who are willing to dare and to do.

I have met with men who are able to give financial aid, if the proper approach is made. I have met with men who are poor; some poor in health, some poor in spirit and some poor in this world's goods. All these need help. With the right kind of organized effort, we can help in all these circumstances. "There is a Chinese saying, that "when the rich become too rich and the poor too poor, something always happens." Our rich are now too rich and our poor are too poor and we see something is happening. This seems to be true in all walks of life and in all nations.

I have visited some congregations where the hope of the future depends upon the amount of energy we put into the work in those places. In San Angelo an opportunity has been lost. Temple is in the same condition. Coleman and Abilene are stretching forth their hands, saying "Come over into Mascedonia and help." (Small groups worship together there.) We should go to the rescue of the faithful disciples in those places. Other points need to be touched. Belton and San Antonio are neglected points. Danville, an active body of workers—faithful few will welcome a man as pastor. Pittsburg church might be rescued. At Edna, one man still stands and declares he will never bow to Baal. Members of many of these places worship with other groups, but I have found that all the real Christians are not by any means satisfied.

Is life so dear or peace so sweet that we will lie supinely upon our backs and listen to the siren that lures us into that slumber of dreariness which makes us unconsciously wind ourselves in a web, binding ourselves and our posterity forever on the couch of laziness and ignorance, thereby making of our generation a laughing stock and a mock of Christianity? God forbid it.

God helps those who help themselves. No man can expect to count himself independent, if he forever

calls upon his brother who is weaker than he to help him become the man he desires to become. So it is with us. The strong should bear the infirmities of the weak. Why not confess our weakness and then ask for help to become stronger? Is that a hard task? I have mutual aid from every man I meet. I help him in some respect and he helps me in another. Mutual aid is a great help in our every day lives. Build greater churches and the churches will build greater characters.—Amen. Small contributions by every member will help our work to go and grow. "If you cannot give your thousands, you can give the widow's mite and the least you do for Jesus, will be precious in his sight." This saying still lingers in the hearts of real workers. It is not how much we do, but how well we do what we find to do. The small things help to make up the larger ones. Forward with the minor items and the major part of the work will begin to move out with greater inspiration.

We close this year with the satisfaction of knowing that there is indeed a great field and the harvest is also great. We need workers. I hope this convention will see fit to choose men and women who are able and willing to do; who can and will. While the leaders are going forward, the entire group of disciples should follow without complaining, but be whole-hearted and true-hearted.

With all the glory of God that is above us and His guidance he promises to give, may we close with the prayer, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O, Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer."

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we use District Presidents as District Evangelists the ensuing year, to hold District Board in the usual manner.
2. That the President of the Convention shall, with the assistance of the State Board work out an itinerary for all field workers. (Any worker who desires to make his or her own itinerary may do so, but have it approved by the President of the Convention).
3. That we urge all churches to comply with all regulations of the National Convention and United Promotional Work; that every congregation respond liberally to every financial call.
4. That every member possible shall subscribe to the *Christian Plea*.
5. That in our work in education, we endorse Jarvis Christian College and lend every effort to help to maintain the Senior College Rating; that we help to select the very best young men and women that can be found and

use our influence in helping them to secure a Classical Education from Jarvis Christian College.

6. That we encourage and help to maintain an Annual Youth Conference in Texas.

Respectfully Submitted,

I. Q. Hurdle, President

CENTRAL REGION NOTES

By V. G. SMITH, *Secretary Director*

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Danville, Ohio *fy*

With the support of the entire leadership of the state convention a tour was made of nine of the churches in Ohio to emphasize the state program.

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Lockland was in the midst of a fall evangelistic campaign. Elder W. E. Owens of Winchester, Kentucky was in charge. This program prevented them from entertaining the team. Elder H. E. Fowler is pastor of this church.

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Wehrman Avenue Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, Elder M. F. Frazier, longest pastorate in the state, has no building for other than Sunday morning worship, was not able to receive the team.

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Fifth Church, Cincinnati, was the only one in that area that was able to have us, but a visit there was deferred as the district meeting of District I convenes there October 26. Elder S. C. Devine, pastor.

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In Cleveland, both of the churches were represented in the audience. Professor Eppse of the *Christian Plea* spoke on the same evening. Elder O. Zollars pastors the 83rd Street Church and Elder C. E. Craggett pastors the Cedar Avenue Church.

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Canton was visited by Mrs. Laura Shumate, vice president of the State Bible School Convention, Mrs. Pearl Craggett, general secretary of the State W.M.S. Convention and your reporter. A fine audience was present although the pastor, Elder S. J. Compton was unable to attend.

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Elder F. F. Barnett, pastor at Youngstown, requested the services of the Regional Secretary-Director for a sermon and Conference with the membership of the Federal Street Church. Other members of the team had been presented during the District Meeting on September 15. For this reason they did not return on the next Sunday.

Monday, Columbus was visited. The Pioneer Club was visited and in the absence of Mr. Eppse, the reporter was introduced and made a short speech. Elder C. O. Arnold, pastor of Monroe Avenue Church, is a member of this club which is made up of lawyers, social workers, ministers, business men and executives.

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Xenia, Elder Leslie Smith, pastor, had the most complete preparation for the occasion. A covered dish supper was served thirty persons and an address was made by Mrs. Pearl Craggett. Short speeches were made by others. The rest of the evening was spent in conferences with members of the church relative to the state program. A splendid choir of adults and young people furnished the music.

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The Oxford Church is without a pastor but is having services each week with Elder Sherman Corbin and Elder S. C. Devine. The church has been covered, interior decorated, all adding to the comfort and beauty of the church. The church has a fine local Christian Youth Fellowship carried on under the direction of Mrs. Herber Bradley.

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Warren is being served by Elder S. J. Compton of Canton on two Sundays. They are endeavoring to pay off the remainder of their building debt within the next five months. Mr. Ned Murray is the local elder who has been holding the congregation together along with Elder Claude Johnson's assistance.

YOUNG ADULTS IN THE CHURCH

V. G. SMITH

Central Regional Secretary-Director

469 W. Walnut St.

Danville, Ohio *fy*

September 29, marked the birthday of activities of the Young adults of the Norwood Avenue Church (Dayton, Ohio). Two days previous and on that date the young adults had a program planning a retreat with the subject, "What the Church Means to Me." Friday night, following meditation, a thorough evaluation of the year's work was made. Some indication of the area in which future activities might move and the session was closed with an effective worship led by the vice-president, Mrs. M. McLemore.

Saturday afternoon, Mr. R. H. Peoples, National Secretary and President P. C. Washington formulated a series of recommendations that could guide the future year's work of the group. The afternoon session was

marked by an excellent informal discussion on the topic "My Church and Me" delivered by Elder Wesley Matthews. Mr. Peoples led the closing devotion.

The evening session was initiated by a meditation by Mr. Peoples. Reverend R. T. Parks, pastor of the Santa Clara Christian Church of Dayton, presented an address and led a discussion on "Problems of Christian Living." Mrs. Edward Owens and Miss Viola Riffe presented the closing worship.

Sunday was Young Adult Day at Norwood Avenue Church. The choir was composed of the young adults and the worship was led by them. A sermon, "The Imperativeness of Christian Growth" was heard. Forty dollars was raised in the general offering and ten dollars on the building fund.

A dinner was served in the church. An executive committee met and

suggested a budget and the entire group had an afternoon session. Mrs. Viola Waiters, Executive Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. of Dayton gave the address.

Miss Viola Riffe, president of the group attended the Central Planning Conference of the United Christian Youth Movement in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and assisted as an adult counsellor. Mrs. Marguerite McLemore, vice-president attended the Young Adult Camp at Wildwood, Ohio in 1939. Miss Elizabeth McGill, National Secretary of the Christian Youth Fellowship, is secretary of the young adult group. She represented the Norwood Avenue Church at the 1940 camp at Wildwood. Mr. Edward Owens, directs the music. Mr. Daniel Gaskins is financial promoter and Elder Wilbert is organizer and sponsor. Mrs. E. W. Wilbert is treasurer and wife of the pastor. V. G. Smith, Regional Secretary-Director, assisted with the Retreat.

Beaumont; Prof. I. Q. Hurdle, president of Convention, Austin; Rev. R. H. Peoples of Indianapolis; and Mr. Williard Wickizer and family of Indianapolis. Several local workers also attended.

Pres. P. C. Washington has returned from the Kentucky State Convention held in Mt. Sterling, Ky. While there he assisted Rev. R. H. Peoples with the Conference held for Ministers and Church Officials each morning. On Wednesday night Pres. Washington delivered a sermon for the Convention body.

By special invitation, arranged by Rev. Severson of First Christian Church (white) Mt. Sterling, Pres. Washington, accompanied by Rev. Peoples and Miss Carnella Jamison, talked to the Adult Education Conference (white) at Midway, Ky. Thursday afternoon.

On his return, Pres. Washington preached at the Centennial Christian Church in St. Louis, Mo., Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. E. J. Dickson has returned from Hiram, Ohio where he served as instructor on the faculty of the Hiram Younger and Older Young Peoples Conference held at Hiram College, July 14-28th.

Pres. P. C. Washington, Rev. E. J. Dickson, Mr. Terry Alexander, and Mr. J. W. Jackson left Wednesday morning, Aug. 7th, to attend the Texas Christian State Convention being held at Bay City, August 7-11th.

Among the July visitors on the Jarvis campus were four faculty members from our sister school Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. They were Mrs. Ella Hobart, Miss Naomi Legier, and Miss Wright.

The August visitors include Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith all of Indianapolis, Indiana. Both groups of visitors spent much time observing various activities on the campus, looking through the many buildings, and visiting friends.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

MT. BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB (S. C. I.)

Chicago, Ill.

By Mrs. Lesly Clark, Reporter

3315 Giles Avenue

Chicago, Ill.

Sunday, September first, the regular meeting of the club was held with 22 members and visitors present. Among the visitors the following were former S. C. I. students:

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Perkins, Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Pless Henry, Detroit Michigan

Mr. Cyril H. Morris

Miss Julia Flowers, S.C.I., Edwards, Miss.

Miss Ruth Robinson, Rockford, Ill.

May I mention also these younger members of the club family who were present at the meeting: Master Carl Melvin Perkins, Walter McFarland, Jr. and Master L. Fleming.

The executive committee recommended to the club, an informal dance for the next social event. This will be given in October or November.

Another recommendation was that club members visit other churches than their own from time to time. The first visit, Sunday, Sept. 15, at St. Mark M. E. church. 10:30 A.M.

A card of condolence was sent to Mr. Joseph Lewis whose wife passed away August 25th.

The Choral Group had the honor of appearing on the program of the National Association of Negro Musicians which convened here the week of Aug. 19, Miss Sudie Jones was soloist.

Mrs. Rosa Welch appeared as guest soloist on the program with Mr. R. Nathaniel Dett at the Negro Exposition, Sunday evening, August 18th.

Our local reporter, Mr. Frederick D. Perkins reported that pledges to the amount of \$70.50 have been taken for a new dormitory. It is our hope that in a few days at least \$50 of that amount will be sent to the college. We hope that as you read what other members and friends are doing you will be encouraged to do likewise.

Miss Ophelia Caston is on the sick list.

Miss Rosa Brown of New Castle, Pa. visited in the city for a while.

Your national reporter had the privilege of spending Labor Day week-end in Michigan. It was enjoyable I assure you.

JARVIS COLLEGE NEWS COLUMN

Reported by Mrs. T. C. Dickerson

Several seniors successfully completed their work at Jarvis Christian College during the 1940 summer session and will receive the A. B. degree in Education at the Annual Spring Commencement exercise.

The Workers Conference which was held at Jarvis College was well attended by leading Ministers and Church workers from over the state of Texas. Among the leaders who attended were: Miss S. P. Walker of Dallas; Rev. F. C. Cary of Greenville; Bro. S. J. Sansom of Dallas; Rev. J. E. Quarles, State Evangelist, Fort Worth; Rev. J. J. Hawkins of

Youth Movement

THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

MISS MARIAN F. ANDERSON

This is a summary of the speech delivered by Rev. Raymond Baldwin, Director of Religious Education of Kansas, at the Christian Youth Fellowship Banquet in the 1940 National Convention.

In the introduction, Rev. Baldwin mentioned three very important facts concerning the Christian Youth Fellowship. First, that this is a volun-

tary plan and not a draft system. Second, that the National leaders are interested in the plan as well as state directors because they have seen the value of it. Their purpose is to arouse enthusiasm concerning such a plan in the local church. Third, that the Christian Youth Fellowship, as such, does not cost money, but anything worthwhile does—however, the cost attached is so small that it need not be a hindrance in any case.

In order to be really helpful, information concerning any subject should answer four questions, he stated. These four questions were as follows: The whom—; the when—; the where—; and the why.

I. Who should be interested in, and Make up the Christian Youth Fellowship?

1. All of the young people in the local church.

2. Interested pastors and youth leaders.

3. The age of the ministers makes no difference, we need the whole group, not a "hole in a group—"

II. When should the Christian Youth Fellowship Function?

1. The entire year.

2. It may be started any time and continue as long as the church and the young people are interested in the church.

3. The time is ripe for a Christian Youth Fellowship when a desire for it has been established and advance preparations made for it.

III. Where will the Christian Youth Fellowship function?

1. Within a person himself.

2. Within a local church group.

3. Within a local church.

4. Between churches of a given community.

5. Within a district; with the state; and as a national movement.

6. Within every youth group and organization of the church.

IV. Why should we have the Christian Youth Fellowship?

To carry out the purposes as outlined in the Christian Youth Fellowship.

1. To develop Christian personality among young people.

2. Develop purposeful fellowship.

3. To unite young people in Christian activity.

4. To train young people for active work with children, young people and adults.

5. To prevent duplication and overlapping of youth interests and activities.

6. To lead young people to a full allegiance to Christ.

Rev. Baldwin added a fifth and sixth point to this discussion, in this manner—. Results of the CYF and how to begin to organize one.

V. Results—We-sults—as he calls them

1. The entire church becomes interested in the young people and all the young people become interested in the entire church

2. Young people are not thought of as the whole church but as a fraction of it. (We hope not improper fractions)!

3. Activities as well as talking is the result.

4. Local church, state, national and international work as well as missionary activity become a part of each participant.

VI. How to begin: To establish the Christian Youth Fellowship in your church

1. Believe in it yourself.

2. Enlist others in the idea.

3. Train the leaders thoroughly and in advance.

4. Work hard at it and work it hard to get it started.

5. Evaluate results and the process as it continues.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, and Secretary of Navy, Frank Knox, recently appointed by President Roosevelt, were urged by the N.A.A.C.P. to remove all discrimination against Negroes in the armed forces. "The refusal to fully integrate Negroes who constitute the largest minority group in this country tends to destroy that unity which is necessary to the success of the new defence program."

The George Washington Carver Foundation, incorporated, February 10, 1940, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, was started by a gift by Dr. Carver of (thirty-three thousand dollars). This was given as a nucleus in hopes that a substantial endowment would be raised. The income from this endowment is to be used in the promotion of agricultural and chemical research as applied to the native plants and resources of the southern region. Fellowships will be granted in line with the purposes of the foundation as income is available. The continued development of the Carver Museum will also be promoted by the foundation.

Negro undergraduate enrollment in colleges and universities in 1930-40 showed an increase of 6.6 per cent over 1938-39, according to a survey of ninety-seven schools, and a total enrollment of 37,830 students as of November, 1939, with women constituting 57 per cent of the total. Nine institutions now offering work leading to the master's degree, enrolled

629 students during the fall of 1939, an increase of 31 per cent over the preceding year.

—Baltimore Afro-American,
May 1, 1940

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Continued discovery of oil in Mississippi may lead to improved educational facilities for Negroes there, as it has in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma . . . In the poorer Southern states, mainly agricultural, all education has suffered, and Negro education most of all. Increased revenue everywhere has always meant increased attention to Negro school needs.

—Pittsburg Courier, Editorial
April 20, 1940

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An example of rural community cooperation has been demonstrated through the activities of Booker T. Harrison, agricultural extension agent for Caddo Parish, Alabama. He called together Negro farm leaders from eight communities and a week's training was given in mattress making. In a recent round-up of his parish and he found that more than a hundred homes have one or more new or remodeled mattresses which are adding to the comfort and health to the people and has stimulated cooperative enterprise among the Negroes with whom he works. It is encouraging to know that this trend of living is being brought to the Negro.

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Christian Team Rolls On



TEAM ON WHEELS

Miss Carnella Jamison; Pres. Peter Washington;
Rev. R. H. Peoples



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Pres. P. C. Washington; Rev. R. H. Peoples, Miss Dale
Ellis; Miss C. Jamison; Dr. Willard M. Wickizer

DR. WILLARD M. WICKIZER SEES CHANGE IN EVANGELISM

In the October 10th issue of the *Christian Evangelist*, Dr. Willard M. Wickizer relates 'the changing status of Evangelism.' While he did not specifically say that the change was for all Christian it is to be assumed that he meant it for all Christian evangelism, regardless of race, creed, or faith. It is interesting to note that what he said is more true among Negroes than it is among whites. I feel it is because Negro ministers are not as well prepared and do not keep up as well as other races. They are trying to run their churches of the twentieth century on the old ideas of John Wesley and Whitefield. Many items come to our desk stating that Elder so and so is running a revival here or there. It appears to me that all Negro ministers should get this issue of the *Christian Evangelist* and study the contents of this article.

He says of the old revival, "It was more than a religious project; it was an occasion for social fellowship. Since the revival was unusually scheduled at the dull season of the year, when the demands of making a living were at a minimum, everybody was free to go, many who went for purely social reasons were caught by

WHO WILL WIN THE TRIP TO NATIONAL CONVENTION?

Secretaries Send in Reports—Drive Begins
Reports up to November 15, 1940.

1. Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, 83rd St., Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio 5 Points.
2. A. D. Gault, Route 2, Mayslick, Kentucky 5 Points
3. Mrs. J. C. Riffe, Norwood Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio 1 Point
4. Mrs. Ann Lawrie, Birch St. Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif 1 Point

the preacher's message and responded to the invitation." He further states that life is "both rich and complex"—no one has to choose between going to church and boredom. Opportunities for amusement and for social intercourse are available almost everywhere. People are very busy. This makes the following five steps important. "(1) Evangelistic Methodology, must shift from a project to a program basis, becoming a continuing emphasis in the life of the church. (2) Evangelistic Methodology must shift from a primary emphasis on mass Evangelism to one of personal Evangelism. (3) There must come a reapproachment between religious education and Evangelism. (4) There must arise a new type of Professional Evangelist. (5) Evangelism must rest on a broader base."

Twenty years after Booker T. Washington was dead, a group of researchers found Negroes whitewashing their cabins twenty miles from Tuskegee, expecting the arrival of their 'Black Moses.' It has been several years since the U.C.M.S. has had a staff of Negro field workers of any size. September 30th a black and green Chevrolet 'Carryall' was loaded with all the roving colored paid Missionaries of the U.C.M.S. and was headed for the land of sunshine, in the south where the "Indians fought and fought and died, and the Negroes laughed and laughed and multiplied."

Here in dear old Dixie is where one finds more churches, fewer schools in any other part of the country. Here is where one finds sixty-five percent of all the Negroes of the country and fewer Disciples churches than in any other place in the world. One Negro

NOTICE

All churches, Bible schools, youth fellowships and auxiliaries of the church, please send all funds to our National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis, Tenn.

educator said in response to such few schools and low salaries, "It is too much of a compliment to pay Negro teachers to think they can do so much on such a little."

The *Christian Plea* is happy that this trip was made. We are happy that it was composed of President Washington, Reverend and Mrs. Peoples and Miss Jamison. The report to the *Plea* office of nearly fifty subscribers and church news and letters of congratulation is most heartening. It is too bad that they could only stay for one day conventions, quick rallies and "super field visitations," but never-the-less when they rolled up to places in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, southern hospitality was about them.

The Negro brotherhood needs more such visits. It needs more great leaders like these. There should be more Negro Disciples in the South than any other place in the world. The records shows that there are more Disciples churches in Africa than in the United States. I think it is because of the *Plea* being taken to them.

NATIONAL CONVENTION VOTE

\$600 For Scholarships 1940-41

The recipients are:

Vera Webb—Jarvis College \$50.00
Verba Lyons—Jarvis Col. 50.00
James Kinnigworth—S.C.I. 50.00
Foster Craggett—
Eureka College 100.00
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Ernest Smoot—Jarvis Col. 50.00
Wm. Fox—Uni. of Chicago 100.00

Total \$600.00

This fund is for the aiding of Negro students to become Christian Ministers and leaders. It would be fine if they would write the *Plea* and let people know what they are doing.

SUBSCRIBERS TAKE NOTICE

Your subscriptions are now falling due for another year. Renew your subscriptions immediately by sending your money direct to the *Christian Plea* Office.

—Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse
Christian Plea Secretary

CHRISTIAN PLEA APPEAL

The U.C.M.S. has appropriated \$400 to help the *Christian Plea* providing the National Convention raises \$200. Kindly make all donations to the *Christian Plea* payable to Mrs. Preston Taylor, 449 Fourth Avenue, N., Nashville, Tenn.

EVANGELISM

NATIONAL EVANGELIST SENDS NEWS OF WORK IN TRI-STATES

Rev. R. L. Peters

614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N.C.

The work of the National Field workers, Dr. P. C. Washington, Professor and Mrs. R. H. Peoples, and Miss C. Jamison shall have its reward. The manner in which they presented every phase of endeavor by the Colored Disciples is surely to have its effect. The people of this area are anxious to keep abreast of the work through the columns of the *Christian Plea*. Select persons have been chosen to put this journal into the hands of every person. Such capable people are always welcome.

The Spencer Memorial Church, Winston-Salem is making steady progress through the efforts and co-operation of the pastor and congregation. The Bible School under the leadership of James Brown is growing. Beautification of the church and good services brings a steady flow of new members into its fold.

The First Christian Church, Concord, N.C., boasts of a treasury of \$200 and all clear of debts. Reverend and Mrs. P. K. Alexander work hand in hand in Christian leadership.

The Congregational Christian Church, Mt. Pleasant, N.C., has two people in Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Douglas who are carrying on the work and building up the departments of the church.

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Patterson are enjoying the parsonage constructed during the pastorage of Elder C. H. Dickerson. They are doing effective work in Stuart, Va.

Reverend R. L. Peters carried on evangelism in the following churches: First Christian Church, Bailey Town, Walnut Cove, N.C. (2 Accessions). First Christian Church, Concord, N.C. (10 Accessions); Spencer Memorial, Winston-Salem, N.C. (20 Accessions).

Church Directory: Spencer Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., Rev. R. L. Peters; Ninth St. Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., Pastorless; First Christian Church, Bailey Town, Walnut Cove, N.C., Rev. C. M. Robinson; Parkgrove Christian Church, Wilks Co., N.C., Rev. J. W. Mack; Center Tabernacle Christian Church, Greensboro, N.C., Rev. E. D. Holt; First Christian Church, Concord, N.C., Rev. P. K. Alexander; Congregational Christian Church,

Mt. Pleasant, N.C., Rev. B. A. Douglas; Phillipi Christian Church, Cuckoo, Va., Rev. I. L. Buie; First Christian Church, Stuart, Va., Rev. Eugene Patterson; Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Va., Rev. Eugene Patterson.

THE TRI-STATE ECHOES Virginia—West Virginia—North Carolina

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying

this is the way. Isa. 30-21."

By Rev. R. L. Peters, National Evangelist.

614 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone 7863.

Evangelism

Fellow Ministers and Co-workers in the Master's Vineyard: everywhere and through the brotherhood, I am calling your attention to the Spiritual Condition of the Churches. Have you noticed the great falling off in attendance? And along all lines? The Spiritual conditions of the church are at a very low ebb. I can remember the time, and that has not been so many years ago, when the church could put on a Revival and there would be a large number converted and Churches crowded. Now, it is quite different, you may run a Revival for two or three weeks and you will not get many souls converted and the attendance is very small. What's the trouble? The Church has lost the "Pentecostal Power."

The New Testament Church was a praying Church, in fact it was born in prayer, Acts 2nd chapter. They prayed for the sick and imprisoned and they were healed and jail doors were opened. Today, there are but a very few Family Altars. We need to go back to Christ and the Family Altar. We need to go back to Christ and the Apostolic Church in Doctrine and in practice. Read the following and give me your full co-operation.

A BACK-TO-CHRIST MOVEMENT WHAT IT IS

An effort on the part of Christian Believers to deepen the Work of Grace in their hearts, and in the lives of those other Christian Believers they touch: and

To make this deepened and enriched Christian Experience available and applicable in the solution of problems growing out of wickedness and indifference in our homes, in our Church and in our Community.

HOW IT IS CONDUCTED

The simple lines along which the Back-to-Christ Movement is conducted, are these: An effort to emphasize

the **Family Altar** where the reading of Holy Scripture and prayer may be conducted by some member of the family, and where the other members of the family are invited to be present at some time each day, or as often as possible.

An effort to give more emphasis to the religious devotions as conducted in groups, clubs, auxiliaries and other meetings where men and women feel the need of God's guidance in the deliberations, the plans and the conduct of matters involved, and in the purpose for which these meetings are assembled.

WHO CONSTITUTE IT

The Christian Pastor is recognized as the leader of all Christian movements. The movement must originate with any of the pastors or all of them who are willing to unite their efforts along the lines set forth.

The Christian Pastor is expected to lead the movement in his own parish and among his constituency, and to unite with all of similar minds in creating an impact against wickedness wherever found.

Christian workers from the various churches are invited to enroll themselves into the movement, and under the direction of their pastor are expected to serve as agents in enlisting others to subscribe to the program of The back-to-Christ Movement.

The Movement is launched on the broad principles of Christianity. However, the method used will be left to the judgement of the enlisted pastor and the regulations of their respective churches.

An effort to create an atmosphere out of which may come an evangelistic wave—the necessary basis for Revivals and an ingathering of new recruits to the benefits of, and the growth of Christian influence applied to our daily program.

BACK-TO-CHRIST PLEDGE

Believing in the principles as herein set forth defining and governing The Back-to-Christ Movement, I am willing to endorse it, and enlist as one of its workers through the months of September, October, and November, 1940; and to re-enlist for another period, if after the three months' trial period, the Movement has proven beneficial and effective.

The Annual Session of our great National Convention at Little Rock, Ark. passed into History Aug. 23, 1940. There were present Delegates and Visitors from all parts of the United States and abroad, meeting that great army of Christians. I caught a vision of the Great Judgement Day. I saw some coming from the West and some coming from the North, some coming from the East and some coming from

the South. Coming from the Convention I called Officers and members of Spencer Memorial Church together and made up our fall Program as follows:

1st: 40th Anniversary of Rev. R. L. Peters, Pastorate in Winston-Salem, N. C.

2nd: Repairing and remodeling the Church Building.

3rd: To do special Evangelistic work in holding meetings for Weak Churches free of charge. Following is my report in brief:

Clemsons, N. C.

Nelson's Chapel Church of Christ

Sermons	1
Accessions	3

Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

Congregational Christian Church

Rev. B. A. Douglas, Minister

Sermons	5
Results: Taken from the Church building, (Stone) and the entire Membership, (around 40).	

Douglas, one of our Ministers strong in the "Faith," has been serving this church for more than a year and he deserves the credit of having won this Congregation. Elder B. A. Douglas, has a very fine wife, who helps him in his Ministry.

Spencer Memorial Church

Sermons	10
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Walnut Cove, N. C.

Rev. C. M. Robinson, Minister

Sermons	10
Accessions	5
No. Marriages Celebrated	3
No. Funerals	
Total No. Sermons	26
Total No. Accessions	8
Total No. Miles Traveled	250

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Elder William Kappan Fox, a recent Honor graduate of Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tennessee, received his admission card to the University in general and the Divinity School in particular.

He is in Chicago now making arrangements for his living quarters since the Divinity House would not accept him. Dr. W. H. Harmon, State Secretary for Tennessee, has materially aided Mr. Fox in many ways. Dr. Wickizer is doing all he can. Mr. Fox is fired with a zeal to make good.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE



By R. Wesley Watson
President of National Convention
of Disciples of Christ
Kansas City, Missouri

November 5th, 1940

To Our Fellow Workers:

This comes to let you know that we deeply appreciate the many fine encouraging letters from some of the workers in response to our call for "Rope Holders." Our own Dr. J. E. Walker was one of the first to send his assurance in. Since then we have had word from "The Noblest Roman of them all," R. L. Peters, Mrs. H. L. Herod, I. C. Franklin, C. L. Whitfield, L. L. Dickerson and C. H. Dickerson, M. F. Mitchell, A. W. Jacobs, J. R. Jordan, R. C. Malloy, Lorenza Evans and Jason Bowan. We do appreciate these very fine assurances. I have already sent in my two months dues on "Rope Holders." Fellow-Workers, let us answer and support the cause, for it is a program that must go over and go over in a big way.

What we have today has been left by the Fathers and we have much to do. Let us face it bravely and do our best for the Cause, and if we do, God will bless our efforts. It is my conviction that we have come into the Kingdom for such a time as this and we must rally for the glory of the Christ.

Our General Secretary, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy will be writing you again and again, let her know that you are with the program and let her know it by an "Ocular Demonstration" (M.F.R.) I am happy to read of the very fine work that is being done. May God's continued blessings rest upon the work and workers. I have made a visit in California and will get word about it in my next message.

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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.

1 John, 1-7

NOTICE!

ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY
7TH OF EACH MONTH.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Season is a time when our past acts of the year stab our conscience. Like a stinging arrow it gives sudden insight into some tangled area of living. The American white man has found it is much easier to be prosperous than it is to be civilized. Soon a call will go out for "Race Relations Sunday." It will take place February 9, 1941. They will label it Interracial Brotherhood month. It is during this time that Christians will strive for an Ideal Tomorrow but will borrow in the process of its attainments from the falsehoods of yesterday.

It would be much better if all whites could suddenly turn black and blacks turn white. Then one group would find out what it means to be in the other's place. The Negroes were brought to these shores one year and one month before the Pilgrim Fathers landed. The Pilgrim Fathers, fleeing from persecution and abuse, and after a year's fruitful harvest, gave thanks for a bountiful storehouse. They thanked God for the fruits of their labor.

Two hundred and forty-five years of labor of the black man without a pay day is not too long for him to give thanks that he is in a country such as we had in 1865. It was the prayers of our forefathers and the few white Christians which gave us our Freedom. Seventy-five years have passed and today the Negro Christian has much to be thankful for. Let us cling to the faith of our forefathers. There is one thing we can be thankful for and that is that the lust for greed, hatred, war and destruction is no part of our past. We live in a time like this to be thankful we are Christians.

SOCIAL ACTION

Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse

Mrs. Preston Taylor, our Disciples of Christ, woman leader, made a speech before the Conference of Negro Land Grant College, November 16, 1940. This conference is composed of the seventeen Negro Land Grant Colleges and four private colleges. They met in Chicago.

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Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, has been notified that she is the recipient of a Scholarship at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

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William Jayweh Ayers, a native of Africa, Box 446, Youngstown, Ohio, is an active Disciple and is the Plea Secretary for the Youngstown

church. A picture and a statement of his like will appear soon.

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December 3-4, 1941 is the time set for a conference on relations between the United Christian Missionary Society and the National Negro Christian Missionary Convention. It is time, after fifteen years, to see if it will work to be a Christian, one to the other.

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A picture of the Junior Choir of the Canton, Ohio, Christian Church will appear in the next issue.

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Dr. J. E. Walker, our National treasurer, was on the right side politically. He was a National speaker for the New Deal. One can see him now as the titular leader of Black Democrats. He is now a National power in the political arena.

CHRISTIAN PLEA SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RENEWALS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

NATIONAL FIELD WORKERS REPORT THE FOLLOWING SUBSCRIPTIONS, Mrs. R. A. Peoples, 2521 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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15. Elder John D. Henry, 121 Front St., Clayton, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
16. Elder W. B. Parks, 335 Coleman St., Rocky Mount, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
17. Elder J. E. Dunn, Route 5, Kinston, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
18. Elder A. L. Hart, Route 3, Box 202, Bailey, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
19. Elder J. S. Johnson, Goldsboro, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
20. Elder H. D. Davis, 816 Tower Hill Road, Kinston, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
21. Elder James S. Hopson, Route 1, Box 27a, Dreweryville, Va. (one year Sub.) .50
22. Elder E. F. Johnson, Box 35, Dover, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
23. Rev. G. W. Rodgers, Route 2, Hawkins, Texas. (one year Sub.) .50
24. Elder A. Parker, 317 N. East St., Inds-ton, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
25. Elder T. H. Daniels, Route 1, Box 86, Pantego, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
26. Elder W. H. Peele, Route 2, Washington, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
28. Elder W. M. Grantham, 116 Lisbon St., Clinton, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
29. Elder L. D. Wiggs, Route 2, Box 84, Goldsboro, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
30. Elder C. E. Williams, Route 3, Clinton, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
31. Elder S. W. R. Keys, Route 2, Box 24a, Jamesville, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50

32. Elder W. G. Best, Selma, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
33. Elder T. B. Hoyle, 704 Bunnel Ave., Elizabeth City, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
34. Elder J. H. Harper, 305 N. Orin St., Kinston, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
35. Elder G. T. Taylor, 115 Federal St., Smithfield, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
36. Elder D. C. Brayboy, Calhoun, Ala. (one year Sub.) .50
37. Mrs. Elizabeth Cottrell, 22 Bragg St., Montgomery, Ala. (one year Sub.) 1.00
38. Mrs. A. F. Jackson, 217-6th Ave., W., Birmingham, Ala. (one year Sub.) 1.00
39. Mr. Columbus Hinson, 42 Mill St., Montgomery, Ala. (one year Sub.) 1.00
40. Mr. Joe Purdew, 600 E. Hernandez, Pensacola, Fla. (one year Sub.) 1.00
41. Mrs. M. Jackson, Route 1, Box 274a, Birmingham, Ala. (six months Sub.) .50
42. Rev. L. L. Graves, Route 5, Box 77, Reidsville, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
43. Mrs. Sallie Meadows, Old Lexington Rd., Route 6, Box 110, Winston-Salem, N. C. (one year Sub.) 1.00
44. Rev. P. E. Carter, 5 Druid St., Greensboro, N. C. (one year Sub.) 1.00
45. Mr. J. W. Mullins, P. O. Box 295, Reidsville, N. C. (one year Sub.) 1.00
46. Mrs. Emma J. Galloway, Route 3, Box 64, Reidsville, N. C. (one year Sub.) 1.00
47. Rev. H. O. Wilson, 845 Overbrook Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
48. Mrs. Beatrice Bailey, 604-8th Ave., N. W., Roanoke, Va. (one year Sub.) 1.00
49. Miss J. K. Spencer, 536-9th Ave., N. W., Roanoke, Va. (one year Sub.) 1.00
50. Rev. Theodore Nelson, 2102-3rd St., W., Birmingham, Ala. (one year Sub.) .50
51. Mrs. Eudora Conic, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. (one year Sub.) 1.00

MISS CARNELLA JAMISON, MISSIONS BUILDING, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, Reports the Following:

1. Mr. L. Folk, Route 1, Box 57, Hampton, S. C. six month Sub.) .50
2. Mr. I. H. Husser, Route 2, Ridgeville, S. C. (six months Sub.) .50
3. Mr. I. C. Campbell, P. O. Box 45, Miley, S. C. (seven months Sub.) .60
4. Rev. William Ritter, Allendale, S. C. one year Sub.) .50
5. Mr. C. M. Wagner, 123 S. Georgia Ave., Concord, N. C. (one year Sub.) 1.00
6. Rev. P. K. Alexander, 155 Mahan St., Concord, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
7. Mrs. (Rev.) Wilma Ingram, 198 S. Georgia Ave., Concord, N. C. (one year Sub.) .50
8. Rev. Jesse Robinson, General Delivery, Century, Fla. (one year Sub.) .50
9. Mrs. Daisy Parks, Goldsboro, N. C. (six months Sub.) .50

SUBSCRIPTION MONEY RECEIVED AT THE PLEA OFFICE, Mrs. Preston Taylor, Treas.

1. Mrs. Daisy S. Frierson, 865 Sherman Ave., Springfield, (Renewal, 1940-1941) \$1.00
2. Mrs. Elizabeth F. Bowen, Mayslick, Ky., (Renewal, 1940-41) 1.00
3. Mrs. Precious Burnley, Route 1, Box 13, Sandy, Texas, (Renewal, 1940-41) 1.00
4. Mrs. J. B. Lehman, 2623 Clinton Ave., Jackson, Miss. (Renewal, 1940-41) 1.00
5. Mrs. Anna C. Davis, 879 Roache St., Indianapolis, Ind. (Renewal 1940-41) 1.00
6. Mrs. James H. Hathaway, Sr., 716 Preston St., Louisville, Ky. (Renewal, two years) 2.00
7. Mr. John Boyd, 1106 Ridge Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C. (Renewal, 1940-41) 1.00
8. Mrs. Amanda Davie, 2217 N. 5th St., Kansas City, Kansas, (Renewal, 1940-41) 1.00
9. Mrs. Nola Scott, 2249 E. 61st St., Cleveland, Ohio (one year Sub. club rate) .75
10. Mrs. Grace Wilson, Box 6, McKinney, Texas (one year Sub.) 1.00
11. Mr. Kenney Smith, 456 Sherman Ave., Springfield, Ohio. (one year Sub.) 1.00

CHRISTIAN PLEA SECRETARIES' REPORT
Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, 83rd Street Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

1. Mrs. Nola Scott, 2249 E. 61st St., Cleveland, Ohio. (one year Sub. club rate) .75

2. Mr. Roosevelt Freeman, 3614 E. 143rd St., Cleveland, Ohio. (one year Sub.) .75
3. Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, 2543 E. 61st St., Cleveland, Ohio (one year club rate) .75
4. Mr. Doolin, 2664 E. 65th St., Cleveland, Ohio. (one year club rate) .75
5. Mrs. Amanda Van Dross, 2249 E. 48th St., Cleveland, Ohio (one year Sub. club rate) .75

Mrs. J. C. Riffe, Norwood Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio.

1. Mr. Henry France, 721 Randolph St., Dayton, Ohio (one year Sub.) \$1.00

Mrs. Ann Lawrie, Birch Street Christian Church, Los Angeles, California.

1. Mrs. Alpha Johnson, 1411 E. 14th St., Los Angeles, Calif. (1 year Sub.) \$.75

A. D. Gault, Christian Plea Secretary for Mayslick, Kentucky Reports.

1. Mrs. Margaret Franklin, Route 2, Mayslick, Ky. (one year Sub.) \$.75
2. Mrs. Lillian Bolden, Mayslick, Ky. (one year Sub.) .75
3. Mrs. Maggie Cross, Route 2, Mayslick, Kentucky (one year Sub.) .75
4. Mrs. Carrie Anderson, 115 E. 4th St., Mayslick, Ky. (one year Sub.) .75
5. A. D. Gault, Route 2, Mayslick, Ky. (one year renewal) .75

CHRISTIAN PLEAS sold and reported for Miss Ruth Robinson, 2420 N. Church St., Rockford, Ill. (5 October Pleas) .50
Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, 2543 E. 61st St., Cleveland, Ohio (5 October Pleas) .50
Mrs. Ann Lawrie, 1568 W. 36th Place, Los Angeles, Calif. (20 back Pleas sold) 2.00

SECRETARIES SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE CHRISTIAN PLEA IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES

1. Mrs. Edna Riffe, 627 S. Williams St., Dayton, Ohio, Norwood Christian Church.
2. Mrs. Flossie Herd, N. Beech St., Oxford, Ohio, Oxford Christian Church.
3. Elder I. J. Dickerson, 536 E. Market St., Xenia, Ohio, Main St. Christian Church.
4. Mrs. Daisy Frierson, 865 Sherman St., Springfield, Ohio, Fair St. Christian Church.
5. Mrs. Hannah Barnett, 552 Albert St., Columbus, O., Monroe St. Christian Church.
6. Rev. S. J. Compton, 2431-13th St., N. E., Canton, Ohio, Canton Church of Christ.
7. Mr. William Ayers, P. O. Box 446, Youngstown, O., Federal St. Christian Church.
8. Mrs. Frances Robinson, 707 Pine St., Warren, Ohio, Fulton St. Christian Church.
9. Mrs. Margaret Burrus, 2226 E. 83rd St., Cleveland, Ohio, Cedar Ave., Christian Church.
10. Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, 2543 E. 61st St., Cleveland, Ohio, 83rd St. Christian Church.
11. Mrs. Pearl Allen, 563 Helen St., Elmwood Place, Ohio.
12. Rev. L. L. Dickerson, 3235 Beresford Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
13. Miss Edith Wilson, 2216 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.
14. Miss Ruth Brown, 330 Bush St., Covington, Ky.
15. Mrs. Carrie Lee Clemons, Box 107, Sharpsburg, Ky., Fairview Christian Church.
16. A. D. Gault, Route 2, Mayslick, Ky., Mayslick Christian Church.
17. Mrs. Emma Sanders, 469 W. Walnut St., Danville, Ky., Second Christian Church.
18. Professor J. E. Bean, 408 E. Locust St., Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.
19. Catheryn McGill, Hustonville, Kentucky.
20. Miss Ida White, Columbia, Kentucky, Second Christian Church.
21. Mrs. Davis Robinson, Route 3, Campbellsville, Kentucky.
22. Mrs. Roy Elliott, London, Kentucky.
23. Mrs. Anna Bell Ross, Crab Orchard, Kentucky.
24. Mr. Carlton Finch, 521 Lincoln St., Paris, Kentucky.
25. Mrs. Mable Lewis, 610 E. Finzer, Louisville, Kentucky.
26. Miss Anna Jones, Star Route, Sharpsburg, Kentucky.
27. Miss Frances Tipton, 502 E. High St., Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.
28. Mr. E. E. F. Byers, 75 Cline St., Concord, N. C.
29. Mr. E. L. Battle, 315 Clay St., Kinston, N. C.

30. Mrs. Mattie Graves, 1699 E. 12th St., Winston-Salem, N. C., Cleveland Ave. Christian Church.
31. Mrs. Hattie Ephriam, 13 Deneaux Court, Charleston, S. C., Mt. Olive Christian Church.
32. Mrs. A. M. Haygood, 212 10th Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala., 11th St. Christian Church.
33. Mrs. W. E. Ervin, 1643 Dunbar St., Knoxville, Tenn., Vine Ave. Christian Church.
34. Miss Emaline Bradley, Box 152, Rogersville, Tenn., Rogersville Christian Church.
35. Miss S. T. Garrett, 2010 Grand Ave., Parsons, Kansas.
36. Mrs. Julia Wilson, 1434 Chandler St., Topeka, Kansas.
37. Mrs. Mary Van Buren, 218 E. 6th St., Fulton, Missouri.
38. Miss Mary Ratten, 815 Caomanche St., Okmulgee, Oklahoma.
39. Reverend R. H. Davis, 218 E. 44th St., Chicago, Illinois, Indiana Ave. Christian Church.
40. Mrs. Irma Tullock, 6326 Whitewood Ave., Detroit, Michigan, United Christian Church.
41. Miss Daisy Sylvester, Barnegat, N. J., Mt. Zion Christian Church.

PRESIDENT OF THE PIEDMONT DISTRICT CONVENTION CELEBRATES TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



Reverend Samuel Henry Hairston
Preston, Va.

Reverend Samuel H. Hairston, successful teacher and minister was born and reared in the section of the country in which he has since made his livelihood in these two professions. Reverend Hairston, differing from most well prepared men chose to stay in the rural county in which he started thirty-one years ago. Reverend Hairston since completing his first degree has gone to several schools to keep abreast of the times in the field of teaching, attending S.C.I., Martinsville, Va., St. Paul's N. and I. School, Hampton Institute and Virginia State College.

Elder Hairston has been connected with the Christian Church since boyhood and has especially been interested in the rural church where he has devoted his entire time as pastoring. At the present time he is serving a group of rural churches that have been under his pastorage for twenty-five years. This group of churches

comprise the New Bethel which he organized and built in 1933; Mt. Olive East, rebuilt in 1934; Antioch, one of the oldest churches in the Piedmont District, and Meadow which is now being rebuilt. Each of these churches is principally free of debt. His work as President of the Piedmont District has been a successful one for seven years. His work in the community has been a monumental one as he is highly respected as a spiritual, educational and civic leader.

The program celebrating these twenty-five years of service began Monday, September 23, and ended Sunday, September 29. Each days program had an outstanding speaker and was held in the various churches in which Reverend Hairston is now pastoring. The first day's program was held in the Antioch Church and had for its speaker, Reverend S. P. Hairston, of Bassett, Va.; Tuesday, at the Meadow Church, speaker, Reverend R. T. Anderson, Stone of Acton, Va.; Wednesday, at Mt. Olive Church,

speaker, Reverend R. T. Anderson, of Martinsville Va.; Thursday, at Mt. Olive Church, speaker, Reverend J. W. Goode, of Buffalo Ridge, Va., and Reverend J. L. Law of Martinsville, Va.; Friday, at New Bethel Church, speaker, Reverend Hezekiah Morris, of Martinsville, Va.; Saturday, at Mt. Olive Church, entertainment and guessing contests, sponsored by all the young people of the nearby churches, the last day of celebration was held at the Mt. Olive Church, Sunday, and had as its speakers, Reverend J. C. Hairston, of Martinsville, Va., and Reverend G. W. Rowland of Winston-Salem, N.C. The last day of the program was an all day affair and much enjoyment was had by all. The women spread a well prepared old fashioned dinner. Representatives from congregations of the churches made presentations at the close of the afternoon services. Reverend S. H. Hairston responded to this whole program and expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the excellent manner in which they had honored him.

Propps won the prize for baking the best textured and most beautiful cake in the contest.

Mrs. Helen Quarles is visiting the campus this week-end, November 2. She was called to the bedside of her sister-in-law in Hawkins. When her sister improved, she came to Jarvis for a short visit.

SEPTEMBER JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE Hawkins, Texas

"Around the Campus"

Venita O. Carney, Reporter

Jarvis Christian College opened on September 17 with a "BANG." Students have been steadily streaming in until the enrollment figure is nearly the 200 mark. Ten states are represented to date. They are: Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida, Kansas, Illinois, and Indiana.

The year began with practically the same faculty personnel. However, there has been one addition in the person of Mrs. Odessa Howard-Waters who is serving as Dean of Women. Mrs. H. E. Quarles retired at the close of the 1939-1940 school session and her duties were assumed by Mrs. M. A. Wallick, former Dean of Women. Miss Rebecca Hill resigned her position as librarian a few days ago to work in the same capacity in Tillotson College of Austin, Texas. Our loss is Tillotson's gain.

President P. C. Washington is on a Conference Tour through the states of Indiana, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida this month. It is the desire of the Promotional Department of the United Christian Missionary Society to make Home Missions mean more to the brotherhood through contacts with Home Mission Workers.

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Dean and Mrs. E. J. Dickerson are the proud parents of a daughter, Duryea Hazellanne, born September 29.

Professor J. C. McCoy, instructor of chemistry, gave the campus its initial surprise this year by introducing to the Jarvis family Mrs. J. C. McCoy. Mrs. McCoy is a very charming addition to our family, and we happily welcome her. The newlyweds are at home to visitors now in a very attractive apartment in the Teachers' Cottage.

Coach Mosley's son, Charles Clinton, Jr., is residing on the campus with his father and attending the Hawkins High School. His ambition is to play in the college band.

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Dr. M. L. Edwards has been adding modern equipment to the Health Department of Jarvis. His latest purchase was an X-Ray machine which will be of invaluable service to the community and the institution. He

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLEGE Hawkins, Texas

"Around the Campus in October"

Venita O. Carney, Reporter

The Philanthropos Club composed of aspirants to the ministry entertained Mr. C. W. Plopper on October 20 at a tea during his stay at Jarvis to audit the campus accounts. This is predicted to become one of the outstanding cultural organizations on the campus.

On October 29, Dr. M. L. Edwards administered the tuberculin test to 181 persons. Readings were made on the 31st. Dr. Edwards plans to counsel each person on his findings.

Over fifty members of the Galloway Bible Class from the East Dallas Christian Church visited on November 3, which represented the third anniversary of the observance of Galloway Fellowship Sunday. The day was a success and enjoyed by all. Special commendation is due the faculty, the officers of the Christian Endeavor, and the working committees. The day's activities began at three o'clock. The period from 3 to 4:30 o'clock was devoted to games. From 4:30 to 5:30 o'clock, lunch was served out of doors consisting of potato chips, barbecue, pickles, relish, cookies, and soda water. Immediately following this program, a short variety musical program was given. The crowning features of the day was the Christian Endeavor Service and the Friendship Circle which was directed by Mr. R. B. Galloway, the dy-

namo of the Sunday School Class. The Galloway S. S. Class gives a scholarship each year to one of the Jarvis students. Mr. James Curtis is recipient of the scholarship this year.

All classes are working in the Miss Jarvis Contest. The Juniors are the most enthusiastic at this barometer reading. The proceeds of the contest will help the Athletic Committee to liquidate a bill for musical instruments for the Jarvis band. The Athletic Committee has furnished the first instruments for a Jarvis band. Training in the mastery of the instruments has begun, and students are practicing now to become proficient in the manipulation of the instruments. Enthusiasm is running high.

President Washington returned to the campus on October 31 accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Peoples and Mrs. Connie, Dean of Men, at Southern Christian Institute. On the evening of October 31, a lecture was given about the tour of the group and pictures were shown of the work which is being fostered in the Christian brotherhood. The lecture and pictures were enjoyed by all. Jarvis heartily welcomed the return of its president.

Miss Edith Hatcher of Taylor, Texas, visited Jarvis campus on October 25 and 26. Miss Hatcher, who was a former student of Jarvis, is conducting a cooking school for the purpose of advertising some of our best brands of flours, baking powders, and shortening. Miss M. R.

has been busy with his health examination schedule along with his classes in Health Education.

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A "Get Acquainted Party" is scheduled for the student body on Friday, October 4. Plans are in the making to make this evening one of fun and frolics.

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The football results have not been so encouraging to date. Texas thrashed us 20-0 and Wiley 30-0. However, the spirit in the team is high and the determination great; so, we are expecting Jarvis to bring the "bread and bacon" home from now on. Coach Mosley is putting his best into developing a winning team this year.

NEWS SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Edward, Mississippi
Miss J. A. Howard

The students and faculty of Southern Christian Institute greet you for the first time this school year.

Our enrollment is increased over last year with the tenth grade exceeding the other grades in number. The freshman college class is also numerically strong with eleven additional students over last year.

We are pleased to welcome to our staff Miss Fannie Lee, as an instructor in the grades; Miss Virginia Nichols, English Department; Mrs. Dora-Hutton Conic, an early graduate of S.C.I., as "Mother" to the young men; and Miss Jessie Wright, the sister of Miss Bessie Wright, as laundry matron.

On leave of absence for a year for studying are Miss Hazel Bacon, Home Economics and Mr. James Ratten, Science. Mrs. J. M. Cowan is the new matron of Smith Hall.

Miss Anderson is located at Indianapolis with her sister, Miss Allie Anderson. Miss Evans and Mrs. Barnes live in Jackson on what is fast becoming "S.C.I. Row" as their apartment is located between the Lehman's and the Bebout's.

President and Mrs. Lehman, emeritus, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on October 6. On the 13th they were our guests in a celebration of their fifty years of service to the school and to humanity elsewhere. It was a privilege to all to hear Mrs. Lehman as she talked with us and gave some of the very earliest history of S.C.I., in our Sunday morning worship service. On the campus, to aid in that celebration, were: Mr. and Mrs. Bebout, Mrs. Barnes, Miss Evans, Mr. Paul Lehman Mr. Hanna, Miss Martha Hanna, and to our de-

light Miss Dale Ellis found it convenient to be with us that date. President and Mrs. Lehman were presented with a bouquet of huge golden chrysanthemums.

President and Mrs. Long attended the Mississippi State Convention at Hattiesburg.

Our campus was host to the October meeting of the Interracial Intercollegiate Council. Dean Cowan addressed the assembly. Five schools were represented. The November meeting was at Tougaloo College with seven schools represented. Our own school was well represented with seventeen students and nine staff members.

Prof. and Mrs. Peoples, President Washington, and Miss Carnella Jamison were on our campus for a while as they ended their extensive tour of the Southeast in the United Society's Carryall. They left the Carryall with S. C.I. as a probability of its being used by a quartette, and Mr. Long in some publicity work.

Our Traveling Library, under the supervision of the librarian, Miss Mary Bassett, has extended its services to rural schools as well as families. On a recent trip books were distributed to twelve schools.

Dean Cowan leaves the first week in November for a Mission Festival in Enid, Okla.

The Y.W.C.A. has undertaken the responsibility of sponsoring one all-school social per month. The October social was a Leap Year party with the girls calling for and escorting the young men to and from the party.

A Goop Party sponsored by the Sophomore College class was a suc-

cess with ping pong and Bingo the added attractions.

On Halloween the 12th grade presented for our pleasure a one act play by Maeterlinck, "The Intruder." Under the supervision of Miss Irene Mahoney, it was exceptionally well done. Other than the play the group had the telling of appropriate stories, and a parade in which all who were masked took part. Junior Jacobs, dressed as a modern flapper, and Jean Long dressed as a ghost received prizes for their costumes.

In October the Faculty was the guest of President and Mrs. Long, Misses Bassett and Legier for a Sunday night supper. The November hosts were Dean and Mrs. Cowan and Miss Howard.

Mrs. Conic recently paid a visit to Jarvis College.

Mr. Benlehr, a returned missionary from India spoke to our group in September as he and Mr. Perry, Secretary of Mississippi, began a tour of the state.

Visitors on the campus include the following:

Mr. Cowan, the father of Dean Cowan.

Mr. Plopper, of the U.C.M.S.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conic, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conic, Mrs. Dr. Barnes of Jackson.

Mrs. Ella Hobart is home again after spending two weeks in Vicksburg Sanitarium where she underwent an operation. She is convalescing as rapidly as can be expected.

Mrs. Susie Brayboy Campbell was a visitor when her daughter, Norvella, was ill. Mrs. Campbell is an old student of S.C.I.

ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

DISTRICT THREE IN KENTUCKY HOLDS FALL MEETING

By A. D. Gault

Bible School Secretary, District 3
Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.

We held our fall meeting of District 3 at good old Germantown, October 12, 13. We had a large number of ministers present which included Rev. L. L. Dickerson, President of the State Convention and also Secretary of the National Convention, H. T. Wilson, President of the church work of District 3, H. D. Griffin of Carlisle, Vance G. Smith, Regional Secretary, and S. Kenney of Johnson City, President of the Tennessee State Convention. We had Miss Mary Butler of District 6 and delegates and workers from all the places in the District. A joint committee on future work was held. The work outlined was accepted by the members of the District. The next meeting will be held in Carlisle

the second Saturday and Sunday in January. Our Youth Meet will be at Millersburg the second Saturday and Sunday in March.

Our State Board Meeting, October 18, at Prall Street Church in Lexington was fine. We took in \$47.91 and after the meeting Rev. William Walker, pastor of Crab Orchard gave me \$1.25. Rev. J. E. Blair has accepted the State Evangelist position. Let us give him our support.

MAYSICK CHURCH IS STILL ON THE FIRING LINE

By A. D. Gault

Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.

We are thankful that the Mayslick Church was able to carry on its work in the absence of minister, Rev. D. L. Botts who has been ill. Rev. C. B. Gentry carried on the fall meeting which began September 30, and closed out October 6. The women provided

food and the officers and Rev. Gentry closed the meeting with the sum of \$103.15 taken in and a new member from the Methodist church.

Money has been raised for the winter supply of coal and a program given by the Lewisburg church helped us on the light bill. Rev. Botts surprised the congregation by returning and bringing a good sermon. He is still on the sick list but we are looking to the day when he will be well again.

EAST 83rd STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH MARCHES STEADILY ON

Elder O. Zollar, Pastor
Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, Reporter
2543 East 61st Street
Cleveland, Ohio

We were glad to have with us Sunday, October 27, Mr. Cash and Mr. and Mrs. Woods and son, members of the Dunham Avenue Christian Church. Mr. Woods pastored for us during his vacation last summer. Elder Zollar was highly praised for his fearless sermon which he delivered in the afternoon at the Open Door Baptist Church.

Our rally was a success. The women raised the highest amount of money. We are greatly appreciative to have Elder Gamby present so often. He adds much to the ever increasing Bible School and the mid-week prayer services.

November 15th will be our Baby Popularity Contest day. Three babies will be participating, the baby daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Hall, the granddaughter of Elder Bergeon, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dickerson.

THE LAWRENCEBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH INSTALLS A NEW MINISTER

Elder C. B. Gentry, the youthful, able young minister of Lexington, Kentucky, was installed as minister of the Lawrenceburg Christian Church with great honors under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. Elder I. H. Moore delivered the message using as his subject "The Charge Paul Gave Timothy." Elder Gentry will conduct his own revival. Look for results in the next issue.

XENIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS ON UPWARD TREND

By James Dickerson
535 East Church St.
Xenia, Ohio

The Xenia Christian Church shows a decided upward trend. It is putting on new life financially which is a very good barometer that the spiritual

life is renewed also as these two factors rise together. Xenia is also becoming interested in reading about the Brotherhood through the Christian Plea.

EAST SIXTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH ASPIRES TO REACH GOAL

Elder P. L. Searcy, Pastor
O. D. Henry, Reporter
515 N. Lottie St.
Oklahoma City, Okla.

East Sixth Christian Church has taken on new life and has added to its membership fifteen adults in the last five months, four by baptisms and eleven transferred. We plan to have a new church building started by spring or early summer. The goal we have set for our treasury is \$2,300 for the year 1940-41.

ROBBIN STREET CHURCH HAS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Miss Ruth C. Brown, Reporter
330 Bush Street
Covington, Kentucky

The Robbin Street Christian Church celebrated its 20th Anniversary and Rev. L. L. Dickerson celebrated his third year of pastoring the church, October 13, 1940.

The Sunset Harmonizers of our church gave a program at the Methodist Church in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. The Four M's gave a program in Walton, Kentucky. They also went to Dayton, Ohio and sang on Sunday afternoon. They were well received.

GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION CONVENES IN BARNEY, GEORGIA

By Lorenzo J. Evans, State Secretary
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Ga.

The Georgia State Convention met at Barney, Georgia for the annual meeting, October 24-27. President H. J. Johnson of Valdosta presided at the opening session. The general theme for the convention was "How to Advance Christian Ideas."

The Institute sessions connected with the convention were carried on by L. J. Evans, State Secretary, Atlanta, Ga. Two courses were taught, **Being a Church Member and Planning a Church Program.** The adults as well as the young people were interested in these subjects.

On Friday, October 25, Reverend Bruce Nay, Secretary of the white churches of Georgia was present, also Reverend Raymond W. Black of Atlanta, Ga. They brought very helpful messages to the convention. Reports from the many churches and church organizations revealed that the work is moving forward. The officers are as follows: President, H. J. Johnson,

Valdosta, Ga.; Vice Pres., J. Thomas, Eastman, Georgia; Secretary, Annie Smith, Oconie, Ga.; and Treasurer, J. D. Nelson, Oconie, Ga. State Secretary and Evangelist, L. J. Evans, Atlanta, Ga.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH BEGINS FOURTH YEAR

By T. K. Rouse, Reporter
5631 30th St., Detroit, Mich.

This congregation is just entering in upon the fourth year of its existence. Our pastor, Rev. R. L. Jordan, is very hopeful of the future outlook as we are growing as rapidly as is expedient. On Sunday, October 20, we had a visit from Elder Arthur Cross and ten of his members. Brother Cross is the pastor of the Church of Christ, of Remus, Michigan, a primitive church. This church is very active and we want the Brotherhood to know them better. Brother Jordan preached for them last June and is invited back again. Remus is 150 miles north-west of Detroit. We urgently request all Disciples coming to Detroit to get in touch with this church.

WINCHESTER CHURCH MAKES PROGRESS

By Elder William Owens, Pastor
231 West Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky

The church at Winchester, Kentucky, feels very grateful for the blessings received in the past convention year. Though one church among fifteen others in a small town we have been able to pay our pastor, and keep him in one of the best parsonages in Kentucky. The church is clear of every debt and it endeavors to keep in the clear. Last year we were visited by our National President and had two revivals with the National Evangelists, Elder Kenny and Elder Peters in charge.

We still are blest with some dear 'old soldiers of the cross' who have been giving their 'all' down through the years. Some of these are Sisters Rucker, Woodford, Oustus Manse, Mary Currie and Sister Taylor, the mother of our church clerk and pianist, Brother Travis, father of State Vice President Elenora Brent, Sister Bly, Brother Custus, father of William Custus, now gone on and Sister Green, grandmother of the young Timothy George Frazier and Elder Hutsell.

Young Frazier was ordained for the ministry and is pastoring Step Stone and Fairview. He is doing a fine work and goes at it in a serious manner.

The Club workers of the church are carrying on their part in the work in the church. The Business Woman's Club has paid for the parsonage and is purchasing victory bonds to repair

the church. A new club is the Semper Fidelis, and is aiding in the current expenses and the pastor's salary. This club is presided over by Mrs. Beatrice Gay. The Young People's Club is a victory bond buyer and ably lead by Mrs. Willa Mae Hunter, wife of our only colored physician and daughter of the Late Elder Brown of Mt. Sterling and neice of Noah McGowan of Washington, D.. The Delsartes club is an effective club open to all members of the church. It also supplements the current expenses.

Before returning home from the National Convention a week was spent in Lockland, Ohio, in Evangelistic work by Rev. Owens. The reception was gratifying both spiritually and financially. Winchester asks the prayers of the Brotherhood for its continued success.

FULTON STREET CHURCH CLEARS DEBT

Mrs. Frances Robinson, Reporter
707 Pine Street
Warren, Ohio

The Fulton Street Christian Church is thankful that under the able leadership of its pastor, Reverend S. J. Compton that it will soon lift the debt of \$86.00. The pastor and official board plan their work together so effectively that the church is steadily going forward. We have in Mr. Frank Crenshaw, a newly ordained deacon, and one who has taken a firm stand in the cause of Christian living.

The various departments of the church work in harmony with the whole program. Under the leadership of Mr. Emilo Johnson, Superintendent, Sister Vera Pearson, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Samuel Johnson, Secretary, the Bible School is doing a fine piece of work. On the first Sunday in December (Ladies' Day) the Missionary Society will present a stewardship play entitled, "In Times Like These." Mrs. Ettella Gear is president of this organization. The Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies under the leadership of Miss Mary Emma Barkley and Mr. Emilo Johnson respectively are doing fine work with the young people. The hearts of all the people of the church rejoice when they hear the voices of the children as they sing the many songs they have learned under the direction of Prof. Battles. On October 27, they went to Youngstown with their pastor to render music for the last day of a rally sponsored by the West Federal Street Christian Church. Mrs. Gear and Mr. Stubbs sang solos. Rev. Compton was guest speaker for the pastor, Rev. F. T. Barnette.

Reverend Compton's 15 year old son, John R. Compton, Jr., preached

an inspiring sermon on the topic, "King Agrippa." In preparation for the Youth Conference in Columbus, Ohio, November 22, 23, 24, a joint meeting will be held by the young people of Fulton Street and the young people of the Central Christian Church, November 17. This fellowship between the two groups is always helpful.

Mrs. Lewis E. Lee, who was Miss Lula Mae Foster before her marriage, is a member of Fulton Street Church and a graduate of Warren G. Harding High School. Mr. and Mrs. Lee left Friday, November 1, for Little Rock, Arkansas for their honeymoon.

CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder S. J. Compton Pastor
Minnie Watkins, Reporter
955 Carnahan Ave., N.E.
Canton, Ohio

The Church of Christ was the guest of the Mt. Calvary Second Baptist Church, Sunday, October 20. The junior choir rendered its services under the direction of Elder J. R. Edwards and a very interesting sermon was preached by Elder Compton entitled, "Men Wanted."

On October 27, the pastor and some members attended the district meeting in Youngstown, Ohio, where Elder Compton preached.

An interesting incident which occurred during the week of October 27 was the surprise birthday party given for Elder Compton by the members of the church. The party, which was on Thursday night, was even more hilarious as it was also Halloween.

John Compton, Jr., gave an inspiring sermon at the Fulton Street Christian Church in Warren, Ohio, where Elder Compton is pastor. Offices held by Mr. Compton are as follows: State President of the Christian Endeavor, District President of the Church Department, President of the Christian Endeavor, and also teacher at the Church of Christ.

NEWS FROM DANVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH V. G. Smith

Elder E. L. Saunders has been pastor of the S. Second Christian Church in Danville, since August and every department has felt the enthusiasm and careful planning of the pastor.

October 30, the first of a hoped-for series of Fellowship Banquets was held in the church basement, Mrs. L. G. Smith, chairman of the committee. About thirty members partook of the excellent repast.

Elder L. L. Dickerson, State President was present and delivered the major address, completing the month of Stewardship. His subject was, "Stewardship" and he paved the way for the presentation of the spending budget of the church from August thru October.

Notable among the accomplishments were the painting of the church, the repairing of the pulpit covering, and the purchase of rubber treading for the aisles of the auditorium.

The Men's Club, known as the Willing Hand, Mr. Lawrence Smith, President, has taken responsibility for the electric and gas bills. A committee to pay for the treading has reduced the debt from \$56 to \$19 in less than two months. The Loyal Workers Club of women has paid for the furnace purchased some years ago except for a small sum. A Youth League organized since Elder Saunders arrived is contributing regular sums to the church besides having inspiring meetings. A Hi-Triangle Club of the individuals from 10-16 years of age is also at work and has put over a Sunday Afternoon Tea and a Pie-Walk successfully within the last two months.

All of the finances of all divisions of the church were reported at the Fellowship Banquet. The Bible School, Mr. Joshua Shannon, Supt., keeps its attendance up with about 30 each Sunday. The W.M.S. has recently been re-organized as the president, Mrs. Cynthia Nichols died after holding the office for over ten years. It has assumed responsibility for giving missionary information to the entire church thru use of the evening services on the fourth Sunday night in each month. The young people use the third Sunday as their day of special emphasis.

The program of the Fellowship Banquet also included an original poem by Mrs. Sadie VanHoltz, an inspirational message from the official board by Mr. Felix Ross, an elder, and a talk on Fellowship by the regional worker, V. G. Smith.

MONROE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. Hannah Barnett, Reporter
852 Albert St.
Columbus, Ohio

Our work continues to go forward under the leadership of Brother Arnold.

October was one of the best months in the history of the church. Our fall rally which was quite a success came to a close. All outstanding bills were paid and two splendid persons were added to the church. The pastor's salary has been kept up along with

other current expenses during the past sixteen months.

Quite a large delegation attended the District Convention (white) which convened in Columbus. We felt highly honored when our pastor was named Secretary of the District.

The Missionary Society is planning a fine program for Women's Day. We are hoping to raise at least half of our National apportionment on that day.

The choir with several additional voices is preparing a Christmas Cantata under the leadership of Mr. Barksdale.

The Aid Societies of the church are doing a splendid work under the leadership of Mrs. Ailene Saunders and Mrs. Myrtle Gilbert.

During the month of November the pastor is presenting a series of sermons on the Doctrine and Philosophy of the devil, and last but not the least, the pastor and elders are planning a training class for the deacons and elders. How wonderful it would be to have officials after the New Testament Pattern. We can assure you that several subscriptions for the Plea will be coming in from the Monroe Avenue Church.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

4413 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

By Alma Cummings, Reporter

Our eight weeks with God's Evangelistic Program will close on Friday night, November 15. The spiritual life of our church is showing definite signs of improvement. Our Mid-Week Prayer Services, under the leadership of our pastor, have been the best in the past fifteen years. The weekly attendance has doubled.

It would be a fine thing if every pastor in our Brotherhood would try this program.

The Deaconess Board, under the leadership of Mrs. Minnie Davis, sponsored a very enjoyable and successful recital on Sunday afternoon, October 13. Mr. Orita Bruce Wilson sang beautifully to a large, appreciative audience. Our own Director of Music, Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, reputed as a Chicago pianist, par excellence, was the accompanist. Over \$100 was raised for current expenses.

On Sunday evening, October 20, the Senior Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, Director; Mrs. Elizabeth Pickard, president; and Miss Lucille Ramsey, pianist, resumed their Monthly Musical. Doctor Pratt officiated as Master of Ceremonies in his own inimitable way.

The members of the Choir presented a picturesque scene with their beau-

tiful robes and inspiring renditions. The entire program was unique in the presentation of music by Negro composers only.

Mrs. E. Milton Johnson contributed extra interest to the occasion by her informational lecture and superb performance of one of her own compositions at the piano.

Our Church School, under the leadership of four outstanding young people, Mr. Thomas P. Green, Mr. James H. Kittrell, Mrs. Fannie H. Clark and Miss Evleyn L. Smith, is making substantial gains in weekly attendance.

There was tense spiritual emotion and great rejoicing among the members and friends of Indiana Avenue Church, Sunday morning, October 27, when Mr. and Mrs. John O'Bannon, former loyal members who had moved their memberships to the Christian Science Faith, were re-fellowshipped into the church of their "first love."

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, members of the Church of Christ, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, also united with us.

Mrs. L. H. Crawford the wife of Reverend L. H. Crawford pastor of the Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee, who was in our city visiting her sick sister, who is much improved, visited our Sunday morning services several times in October and November.

Mr. George A. Arthur and Mr. A. L. Foster, Executive Secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Urban League—both were visitors recently at our Sunday Morning Service.

EAST VINE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs W. E. Ervin, Reporter

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Our Missionary Society is moving along nicely. Our plans for the Woman's Day program are well on the way. We plan to give the play "In Times Like These."

Brother Harry Grisby and Mrs. Ella Looney are on the sick list.

Mr. Carl Percy of Detroit, Mich., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Allie Percy.

Our Pastor's Aid Club continues to do a piece of outstanding work. This club has paid some of the big obligations of the church.

Plans for our Fellowship Dinner are being made. This dinner is an annual feature of our church. It is given in honor of the members who enter the church within twelve months.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Armbrister, an old citizen of Knoxville was held at the church Oct. 30th. Mrs. Armbrister was not a member

of our church, but her five children and many grand-children belong to this church.

The Young Peoples' Club met at the home of Mrs. Theresa Ellis, Sunday, Nov. 3rd. Mrs. Ellis is the very capable president of this club. Plans for the year were outlined at this meeting.

Mrs. Birdie Chandler is visiting in Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Ada Chandler is visiting her parents in Shaw, Miss.

Our weekly prayer meetings are very interesting and are largely attended.

BIRCH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

By Mrs. Ann Lawrie
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Los Angeles, California

The Birch Street Church reports they hope to have a new pastor by December 1. The spiritual and financial side of the church is in good condition. The membership has fallen off. New interest is expected when they have selected a pastor.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL CROSS STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The Woman's Council has started the new year with renewed inspiration and report that the meetings have been financially successful and well attended. They have a new plan for raising money, having initiated the idea of an autographed quilt. This plan has netted them the sum of \$37.00. The president of the council has appointed twelve women. They are charged with the duty of raising an allotted sum of money. The hope to reach the goal set for the year. They have plans for their Thanksgiving dinner which is to be given at Mrs. Daisy Dean's home.

REVIVAL IS FELT IN COMMUNITY

By Carrie J. Clemons
Box 107, Sharpsburg, Ky.

Reverend H. D. Griffen of the Carlisle Christian Church has concluded a widely felt revival which began October 14 and closed Sunday, October 20. There were seven additions to the church and \$40.41 taken up in collections. Music was furnished by various churches from nearby towns and churches in the town. All were enjoyed and appreciated by the

large numbers who attended to hear the inspiring sermons and give praise to the Lord.

A new minister was installed as pastor of the Fairview Christian Church, October 6, 1940. Reverend George Fraizier who has taken over this work is a prominent young enthusiastic man. His great aim is to win souls to Christ, and put the great program for the master over to the people.

NATIONAL WORKERS PRAISE WORK OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. E. E. F. Byers, *Secretary*
75 Clive St., Concord, N.C.

The National Workers in their recent tour visited the First Christian Church, Concord, N.C. This visit proved to be revealing to both the visitors and to the members of the church. Much praise was given to the pastor, Reverend Alexander, for the fine work he is doing. In turn the graphic form in which this team presented their work left a lasting impression upon these people. Reverend and Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Dr. P. C. Washington, and Miss C. Jamison, who carried this work on were entertained in the homes of Reverend and Mrs. P. K. Alexander, Mrs. Ella White and Mrs. E. Esther Byers.

NEW CHURCH GOES UP

By E. J. Jennings, President
Mississippi State Church School
Convention
Hermanville, Mississippi

The President of the Mississippi State Convention expresses thanks to his faithful followers for having chosen him as their National Convention delegate to Little Rock, Arkansas. The fellowship with old acquaintances and meeting new people was a source of pleasure.

The completion of the King David Chapel Christian Church is to be announced sometime this year. The first service was to be held on the 4th Sunday of October. It is being erected on the highway and has one acre of land. It has two class rooms, space for choir and ample space for pulpit. The auditorium is 40 by 30. It is hoped that when this church is completed the Brotherhood will be proud of it. Contributions towards its construction will soon be published.

CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS

Vance G. Smith, *Director*

The District Meetings in Kentucky met in October. This was the first meeting since the State Convention in Mt. Sterling. The business period was used to elect officers in all but Dist. No. 6 which elects its officers in the June meeting preceding the State Convention.

Dist. No. 4 jumped the gun by having its meeting Sept. 29th in Louisville. Mr. George French was able last year to make his district the banner district in the newly projected Church District Convention. Mr. A. D. Cooper is president of the Bible School Department.

District No. 2 which met Oct. 12 in Lexington changed some officers. Mrs. R. L. Saunders took the Bible School presidency held so efficiently the last four years by her husband. Mr. Willie Robinson, a layman from Nicholasville, became president of the Church Convention. Mrs. Ellena Webster kept the presidency of the W.M. S. Department. This district is planning a joint program committee to plan its program for the year.

District No. 3 met in Germantown, Oct. 12, and elected the same officers to head up the convention departments. Elder Botts, the pastor, was ill at that time, but Elder S. Kenny of Johnson City, Tenn. was holding a revival for him.

District No. 6 met at N. Middletown, Oct 5-6, Elder I. H. Moore, pastor. This district is working on a year's program with all departments cooperating.

The Children's Work Regional Conference promoted by the International Council of Religious Education, held in Cincinnati, Oct. 7-8, was attended. Mrs. A. P. Arnold, member of the Ohio State Convention, was also present.

October 18th, the Kentucky State Board met at Prall St. Church for its autumn meeting and many of the churches as well as districts reported a portion on their state apportionment.

October 26, the First District of Ohio met at Fifth Church in Cincinnati, Elder S. C. Devine, pastor. Four of the five churches in the district had delegates present.

October 27, Springfield entertained the Second District. This marked the last day the church would be in its present quarters as they were tearing out the wall to finish in the next few weeks the church building that Elder H. C. Poston has been able to lead the congregation to finish since he has been pastor of the church.

Other activities centered around

the Fellowship Banquet held at Danville will appear elsewhere in this issue.

THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP — WHAT IS IT?

By Rev. Vance G. Smith

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First, the Christian Youth Fellowship is the church program for its young people. When a church has come to recognize the need and needs of its membership between the ages 12-25 inclusive as being peculiar. When it has planned to project certain self-governing groups to plan and execute a portion of the church program for and with that group, that church has a Christian Youth Fellowship.

There are certain characteristics of a group that is the Christian Youth Fellowship that will be discussed in a later article. This will identify the C.Y.F. in the local church by definition. If a Church School class has these characteristics and is the only church sponsored grouping for young people, that is the Christian Youth Fellowship of that church. If a Christian Endeavor is organized and functioning in the church with the definite characteristics to be mentioned later, and has the approval of the church as the agency for work with young people, that society is the C. Y. F. of that church. If there is a club or forum group that is carrying the functions of the church with the youth members and non-members of the community and embodies the C. Y. F. characteristics, it is the Christian Youth Fellowship of that church. Any organization or group that is aligned with the principles of the C. Y. F. and is successfully working with young people, that organization or group is the Christian Youth Fellowship of that church.

Sometimes there are two or more functioning organizations that are working with youth that follow the C. Y. F. regimen. If these two organizations have a point or agency for meeting to coordinate the total church program for young people as sponsored by that church, the church has a C. Y. F. that embraces the two or more organizations and the point or agency of correlation.

Primary and foremost, the Christian Youth Fellowship is the church program for its young people.

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for its young people. Without this organization, there is always unrest among the young people—an ever searching for something!

Our young people need religion given to them on their own level. Oh yes, they attend church services each Sunday but they don't get an opportunity for self expression. Are we as 1940 young adults going to stand idly by and see our organizations crumble at our feet? What are you doing? Many say that the Christian Endeavor program is built around adults who make the plans and execute them—not giving the young people a chance. I have watched patiently and carefully the attitudes of our young people. They either want to run way ahead, most times off on a tangent, accepting no one's advice or they won't work at all. It is for this reason I believe that the older adults of our church have had to take over the Christian Endeavor work.

As modern young people who are deeply interested in the Christian Church, I believe we should think of the present status of the world as a challenge. Are we building Christian Characters through the organizations which we have in our keeping? Are the lives of the young people of our communities being made better because of our church activities?

If we become united through Christianity we will forget petty jealousies, misunderstandings and the desire for power. Our hearts and minds will be turned toward the beaming light of Jesus Christ and will march forward doing good for our fellowmen.

YOUNG PHILOSOPHERS DEDICATING THEIR LIVES TO THE CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY

By Helen E. Henry

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Even though ours is a troubled world today, there are those of us who still look forward to a streamlined age. There are those of us who say to our young people, "Young man, young woman, if you want to be somebody, if you want to get some where, kick out of your boots and take your fling." But there is still a very small group of Christians who say to them, "Young philosophers if you want to be somebody, if you want to get some where dedicate your lives to the purpose of Jesus."

Giving a very simple definition of the word philosopher we will say it means friend of wisdom and by dedication we mean setting apart for a purpose. Every young man or woman is a friend of wisdom, for we all want to be wise. Every youth for him or her self a purpose, even though many of them are contrary

to the purpose of Jesus. Each of us should realize that the life which does not have Him as its center is empty for He is the Christian's philosophy.

In setting one's self apart for a purpose there is one very grave obstacle he or she must fight to conquer, that obstacle is self, for so often self blinds a life to the christian philosophy and deafens it to God's purpose. A number of years ago there lived two youths one a king the other a prophet. The purpose of God was too soon forgotten by the king. Self made him forget, self made him transgress against God's law, self made him usurp the Priest's place at the altar, self made him fail. On the other hand that young prophet accepted and dedicated himself to God's purpose and in the year king Uzziah died he saw the Lord sitting upon a throne. He was high and lifted up. Knowing his weakness and discerning his imperfections he fell on his face and cried "Woe is me for I am undone." In humility he confessed his sins and accepted God's purpose. The path was dark for God did not delude his mind with ideals of success. He painted it with disappointment, sorrow and defeat. The way was hard, the results were few, yet a half century he was the mouth piece of God. Fearlessly he fulfilled the purpose, never counting the cost. Oh, for just a few more who are willing to choose his purpose, dedicate themselves to it, forget self and never count the cost. Young philosophers choose the simple principles and teachings of the Master Teacher, for it is through our knowledge and acceptance of these alone are we able to have abundant life.

Society says today that young people are responsible for just about all our social ills. Statistics show that more than half of our crimes, almost two-thirds of our murders, more than a half of our robberies, about two thirds of our buglaries and three-fourths of our automobile thefts are committed by young people. Penal records show that the largest percentage of persons in any age group in these institutions are those from the age of eighteen (18) through twenty-four (24). But we, who love young people know that the fault is not in them. Passing through the state of Kentucky once we saw fields and fields of tobacco, fields which youth did not own. They tell us from time to time that you are so restless, everything is wrong with you, the truth is, we are living in a restless age. We seek solutions to our problems everywhere. We go to the Psychologist and he tells us we need mental peace. We step over to the Economist and he says we need

economic security and all will go well. The Sociologist says we need a complete change in our social phenomenon and all will be fine. The Pathologist says do away with all pathological structures and the world is safe. And Jesus said, "and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." He is the greatest Psychologist, with Him men everywhere can have peace, "Come unto me ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." He is the greatest Economist, "Consider the birds of the air they don't work, I take care of these, are not ye more than they?" This great social pathologist came that all might have life. Lift him up and there won't be any mental unrest. Trust Him and we will become economically secure. Have faith in Him and He will bring to pass that much needed change in our social pathological structure. We just need to dedicate our lives to His purpose.

Ah young friends of wisdom, give yourselves over to His purpose. Boldly and fearlessly step out for Him. Heart aches, and sorrows, disappointments and besetments will doubtless come to you, for they come to all of us. There will be times when the world will crush you and some times cave in on you. There will be times when seemingly you stand alone. But just keep scaling the rugged steep with all your spines and as you scale, remember His promise to us: "Lo I am with you always even until the end."

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a group of readings and Miss Linnie Welch played two piano numbers. Several groups of spirituals were rendered by the Ensemble. The concert was concluded by Mrs. Welch singing as a request the "Crucifixion." We are busy rehearsing for a recital which is to be given in the spring.

At the December meeting we were very happy to have as our guest speaker, Rev. Fox, a graduate of Tennessee State College and now a student at the University of Chicago. His message was very interesting.

Plans are being made for the Christmas party which is to be given, Dec. 28th and the joint social (six other clubs) to be given on January 25th. Mr. James Brooks is still very ill.

The Dormitory Fund is steadily growing under the leadership of Mr. Frederick Perkins. The committee plans to send a Christmas gift for the new dormitory.

WORKING IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

H. D. Griffin

P. O. Box 222

Carlisle, Kentucky

Dear readers of the Christian plea:

No doubt, as you read the pages of this most valuable magazine, you will be surprised to find in it a few lines written by me. The long silence, I must confess, is in no way a sign of inactivity on my part. As the days have come and gone, each has found me busy on the job for the Master, hastening on my part of the work of Kingdom building. As I pause here for inspection of the work done. I find much to thank God for. But right here I am confronted with the thought of how humanly we are, and of how Godly God is, for there are times when we feel best fitted for the task, but God may see differently. So to clear up my mind and get that peaceable satisfaction, I turn to the First Corinthians, Third Chapter and the latter part of the thirteenth verse which reads thus: "And the fire shall try every man's work and of what part it is."

Heretofore, I have had the love the advise, the counsel of a dear companion, but, it pleased God to call her from labor to reward. On November 18th, at 6:00 o'clock a.m., in the city of Jackson, Mississippi, the summons came and she took her flight. She was faithful to the end, and showed no signs of dread but continued to advise both young and old to be faithful to the church and to God. Her remains were laid to rest in the Forest Grove Christian Church Cemetery at Patterson, Mississippi. Left to mourn her loss with me are: two daughters, Mrs. Berthena O. R. Yans, and Mrs. Mallory

MT. BEULAH COLLEGE CLUB OF CHICAGO

Mrs. Lesly Clark
4119 Prairie Avenue
Chicago Ill.

At the November meeting of the Mt. Beulah College Club, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch was guest speaker. She gave a very interesting resume of her summer work. Mrs. Cynthia Martin, Mrs. Beatrice Jones Brown and daughter all former S.C.I. students were visitors. On October 13, the choral club gave a concert at the Christian Church at Harvey, Illinois. Mrs. Studie Jones sang a group of solos; Mr. Lemmie Johnson rendered

Alexander, both of Washington, D.C. two sons, Ernest Griffin of Columbia, Mo., and Percy Griffin, of Washington, D.C., two brothers, three sisters, seven grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. We bow our heads in submission to the

will of God.

We also take this opportunity to thank our many friends for their loyalty to her and sympathy for us during the entire period of her illness. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

EVANGELISM

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM

Mrs. Savannah Peters Friday, who for more than a year has been under the care of several able Physicians, for severe stomach trouble, underwent a major operation, is now up going to church, attending to duties in the home and expecting to return to her job in the Cigarette Department of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. first of Jan., 1941. She wants to thank her many friends all over the country for their prayers and nice gifts they sent her during her affliction.

Owing to the severe illness of Mrs. Savannah Peters Friday, my daughter, I was hindered from getting out on the Field this fall to make long trips, therefore, we have been tarrying around Jerusalem. The School of Evangelism is now in session and both men and women are enrolling as students. We hope to get Dr. Ash, pastor of 2nd Christian Church Georgetown, Ky. to come over and spend one month with us as an Instructor in our school this year. Our people know him and they all love him and we know he is a prepared man and can do us much good. "Look out, Dr. Ash." Be ready when we call.

The strong appeal for Rope-holders, made by our National President, is just the thing and we people in this area are getting lined up and hope to send our first report to our National Treasurer in January, 1941. We like the way and manner in which the president has begun his administration and we believe and hope that it will be successful.

We have just seven months 'till time for us to meet in National Convention at Nashville, Tennessee. Let us, first of all, major in Soul Saving, for that's the Mission of the church. Christ said, "As my Father hath sent Me even so I send you."

Then remember your obligation to the conventions, both National and Local.

Listen, our national officers should inform every state, all churches in each state or district, all auxiliaries in each state as to their apportionment. To the U.C.M.S. and the National Convention.

I am praying that we all may pull together and make a report along

all lines that will surpass all previous reports.

I am yours on the Firing Line
Rev. R. L. Peters

VIRGINIA — WEST VIRGINIA — NORTH CAROLINA

Tri-State Echoes

By Rev. R. L. Peters, Field Sec'y
614 Hickory St.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Echoes from Churches in Virginia
Rev. Eugene Patterson, of Tazewell, Va., pastor of Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Va. and First Christian Church, Stuart, Va., speaks out as follows:

The Lord is wonderfully blessing our work; both Churches making fine progress. Midway Christian Church closed the fall Revival with a large number of accessions. Rev. Blair, pastor of Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Ky. did the preaching. He is a real Gospel Preacher, and a good mixer, takes with the people. Our offerings during the Revival and all of the months of Oct. and Nov. were above the average. We have witnessed cold winter weather since late fall began, snow, rain, and sleet. *First Christian Church, Stuart, Va.*

Work progressing, Spiritually and financially. Preparing to build Stone Church. The stones have already been purchased and paid for. Rev. Patterson is a splendid young man, a good New Testament preacher, a soul winner. He finished the prescribed course of study in the School of Evangelism, Winston-Salem, N. C. *Phillipi Christian Church, Cuckoo, Va.*

Rev. I. L. Buie, minister, is progressing slowly but surely.

Rev. I. Long and Mrs. E. M. Long are contending for the "Faith," in Richmond, the Capital of Va. The Va. Christian Missionary Society has a lot bought and paid for that they will give to the Negro Disciples of Christ whenever we put a trained minister on that field, which we plan to do the first of June, 1941.

Echoes from the Churches in N. C.

Spencer Memorial Christian Church, Winston-Salem, the mother of them all, is making splendid progress Spiritually and financially. During the months of Oct. and Nov. quite a deal of repair work has been done

on the church and a furnace installed with a twenty-year guarantee. Some one unites with the church regularly. Sunday night, Nov. 24th, the young people ranging in age from 8 to 16, made the good confession. All are candidates for baptism.

Sunday, Dec. 1, 3:00 p.m., Rev. P. K. Alexander, pastor of First Christian Church, Concord, N. C., preached a powerful sermon; he was accompanied by his choir, usher board and congregation. They motored from Concord to Winston-Salem, a distance of 65 miles. Rev. Alexander is one of our "Front Rank Preachers."

First Christian Church, Walnut Cove, N. C.

Rev. C. M. Robinson, minister. The church is on the upward trend continually.

Rev. E. D. Holt, is minister of the Christian Church in Greensboro, N. C. Rev. B. A. Douglas is minister of the Christian Church in Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

Rev. J. W. Mack is minister of the Parksgrove Church, Wilkes Co. N. C. All say their work is in splendid condition.



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If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other.

1 John, 1-7

NOTICE!

ALL NEWS MUST BE IN BY
7TH OF EACH MONTH.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Religion in Life

By Rev. Ernest A. Ham
Pastor, Seventeenth Street Christian Church
Nashville, Tenn.

"I came not to send peace, but a sword." A strange saying this, to come from one at whose birth an angel said, "I bring you good tidings" and an angelic choir sang, "Peace on earth, good will among men." Of Him Isaiah said, "His name shall be called Mighty God, Prince of Peace; and the government shall be upon his shoulders."

Christ's desire is peace, but He knew that the road to lasting peace must first cross a battlefield. First the sword, then the olive branch. Christ was no starry-eyed reformer, persuaded that He had only to reveal the form of truth to change evil men into Sons of God. Incessant struggle is the price of progress and peace. The Prince of Peace must be first the Prince of Righteousness, and as such He must unsheathe the sword against hate, greed and selfishness. And evil thus attacked will fight viciously for its life and privileges. But the faith of the Prince and His daring swordsmanship lead the way to victory and then peace.

In such a manner shall we, His followers, bring to a war-torn world peace. But the price of peace is the defeat of injustice and greed. We must not only profess, but fight to exalt love and honesty as the foundation truths of "peace on earth, good will among men."

Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes,
Beyond the tragedy of the world at strife,
Know that out of death and night shall rise
The dawn of an ampler life.

SOCIAL ACTION

Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse

Justice Black on November 25, 1940, delivered the unanimous decision which set aside the conviction of a Houston, Texas Negro man sentenced to life imprisonment for criminally assaulting a white woman. The defendant, Edgar Smith, contended he had been denied his constitutional rights because members of his race had been "systematically excluded" from Harris county grand juries. Justice Black explained that only five of the 384 grand jurors who served in Harris county from 1931 through 1939 had been Negroes, and added: that chance and accident only could hardly have brought about the listing for grand jury service of so few Negroes from among the thousands who have undisputed legal qualification.

Restrictive covenants made among white people to exclude Negroes from certain districts have been found to be invalid by a recent Supreme Court decision in the celebrated Hansberry case in Chicago. It is now possible for Negroes to buy real estate and live where they may afford the kind of life they desire.

Dr. J. E. Walker, our National Convention Treasurer; Dr. Frederick Patterson, Pres. of Tuskegee, and other members of the steering committee of the National Negro Business League were tendered a banquet Monday evening, December 9, at the Black Hawk Restaurant, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Walker, President of the National Business League was the principal speaker. There were 68 members of the Nashville branch present.

Twelve Disciples of Christ Students at Tennessee State College

At the Tennessee State College, we have in our student body of 1500, Miss Gladys Marie Holt, Rockford, Illinois; Miss Clara C. Washington, Memphis, Tennessee; Miss Annie P. Ewing, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Elizabeth Grinstead, Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. Edward Hambrick, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Lena C. Harris, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Helen A. Piersawl, Wyoming, Ohio; Miss Mildred Powell, Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. Jesse M. Roberson, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Marjorie G. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Mr. James D. White, Nashville, Tenn. These are all Disciple Students.

President R. Wesley Watson, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Rev. L. H. Crawford, Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Prince Gray, Miss Carnella Jamison, and Rev. R. H. Peoples met a committee of White Disciples in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 2-4 to study the relation between the Negro work represented by the National Convention of Disciples and the existing white agencies. We hope to have a report of this meeting the next issue of the Plea.

Negro Mess boys on one of American Navy ships, after reporting the horrible condition under which they had to work, have been dismissed. The Disciples Social Action Department should look into the matter and let the Negro Brotherhood know what is the Christian way in a Democracy.

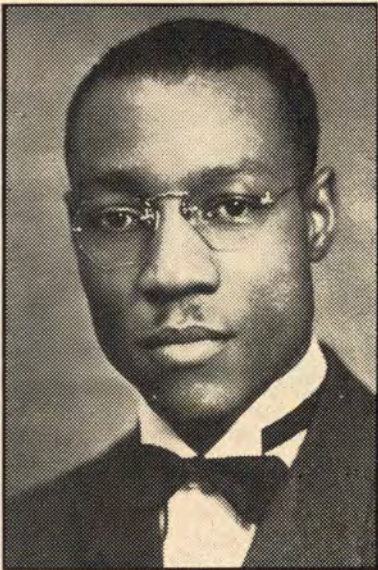
J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr., a 16 year old Negro boy at the University of Chicago, has been initiated into Phi Beta Kappa.

ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERHOOD

OHIO PASTOR CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Elder W. J. Ayers, Reporter
P. O. Box 446
Youngstown, Ohio

The second anniversary of Elder F. T. Barnett was celebrated with the thirteenth year of the West Federal Street Christian Church. Services and programs were rendered each Sunday afternoon from Sunday October 6 to October 27. The Sun-



ELDER F. T. BARNETT

day morning sermons were delivered by the pastor. His effective work in the church leadership in the Christian work of the community was rewarded by the large numbers that attended this celebration. The churches in the District were represented as follows: Oct 6, program by local church and young people, Elder W. J. Ayers, speaker, subject, "The People Had a Mind To Work." Sunday, Oct. 13, the East 83rd St. Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, was represented with Elder O. Zollar as guest speaker. Sunday, Oct. 20th was represented by Elder C. E. Craggett and a beautiful solo rendered by Mrs. Washington McCall. A climax to the services on Oct. 27 brought the Warren and Canton Churches. A capacity audience filled the church as a beautiful sermon was preached by Elder S. J. Compton and music was rendered by the Children's Choir of Warren. The Federal Street Church rejoices in the fact that all of the old pioneer members are alive with the exception of Sister John Keys, and two having

left town, Brother John Coleman, and Sister A. Turnstine. These people are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Callens, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. John Keys, Mr. John Coleman, Mr. W. A. Jackson, Mrs. A. Turnstine, Mr. Richard Mitchell. Sister Callen's absence from the church has been greatly felt due to an accident early in the summer.

For the month of October the sum of \$135.98 was raised. The pastor was presented with a purse of \$36.00 as a token of love and appreciation for his two years of great service. On the fourth Sunday morning, two young people came forward and made confessions which brings the membership of the church to 71. The membership two years ago was 58. Over two thousand dollars have been raised and of this over seven hundred dollars have been added to the building fund treasury. We are planning to purchase property of our own soon. We are thankful that the Lord has blessed us so much.

CLAY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Paducah, Kentucky
J. O. Bowles, Pastor

The Clay Street Christian Church observed "Woman's Day," December 1, in a very effective way. The women had charge of the services throughout the day. The 11 o'clock Worship Program, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, was appealing. Mrs. L. K. Bishop, the wife of the Pastor of the First Christian Church, was the guest speaker. With her well-prepared, well delivered soul inspiring message, Mrs. Bishop was able to hold the entire audience as spell bound as if it had been enchanted. So impressed were we with the message that we are enclosing a copy of the story by Eleanor B. Stock, which Mrs. Bishop included in her address. We hope you will publish this very beautiful story in the forthcoming issue of the *Plea* for the benefit of the *Plea* readers.

The "Woman's Day" offering totaled \$35.00. With Mrs. J. O. Bowles as President of the "Woman's Council," the women are making a very definite contribution to the growth of the church. Mrs. Bowles really makes things "hum."

Elder Bowles, who has been on the sick list for more than six months, is now convalescing. We feel quite sure that things will take on new life as soon as he begins following

up his thought-provoking sermons with personal calls.

The Clay Street Christian Church Choir is sponsoring a Sacrificial Luncheon on the third Sunday in December at 2:30 o'clock. Rabbi Fine-silver of the Temple of Israel will deliver the message.

We are pleased to say that the Clay Street Christian Church has been able to keep up with all bills since the coming of the present pastor (including the pastor's salary).

The Pastor conducted a ten days' meeting at our small church in Illinois in November, with Elder A. D. Little doing the preaching. Each sermon was profoundly soul-stirring. Any church would be honored as well as benefited to have Elder Little to serve in a revival or as pastor. As the result of the preaching of Elder Little, five were added to the church. A total of \$46.79 was raised. The Illinois church has a membership of only 26, including children.

Officers of the churches of Christ throughout the Brotherhood, I hope you will take notice: \$22.50 of the \$46.79 raised during the revival at the Illinois church was raised by the official board, that is, that amount was actually paid by the officials. These officials are young men.

With every good wish that all the joys of the gay festive season which we are fast approaching, may be yours, we are,

Sincerely yours,

The Clay Street Christian Church

EAST 83RD STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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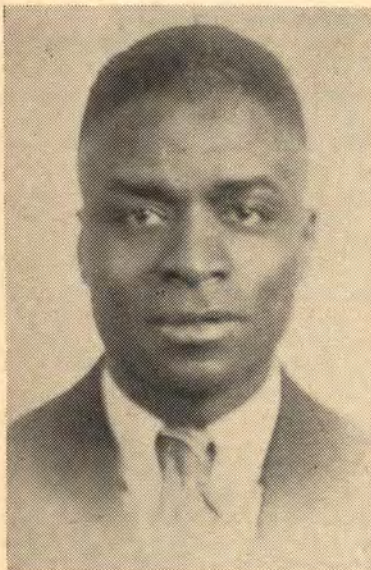
Our Baby Contest was a huge success. The money raised was beyond our expectation, with Master Wm. Dickerson, Jr. winning first prize. The program, under the direction of Miss Nadine Scott, our organist, was fine. Mr. Anthony Thomas of the Cedar Avenue Christian Church rendered three wonderful solos, two spirituals and a lullaby. The lullaby was very appropriate for the occasion.

Little Delores Alexander gave a reading that held a sermon in its meaning. Her sister, Joyce, recited a poem. Last, but not at all least, was a piano solo "The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise" by Miss Nadine Scott.

We were guests of the Cedar Ave. Church's "Homecoming Day." Elder Zollar delivered the sermon at 3:30 p.m.

OUR AFRICAN BROTHER

This is Jaywheh, a member of the Dey (pronounced Day) Tribe. The 'Dey,' among many of the tribes in Liberia, means "The River." The tribe along the St. Paul River—from its mouth to about thirty miles inland was known as the terrible Dey. Even the cape where Monrovia, the capital of Liberia is now



WILLIAM JAYWHEH AYERS
Youngstown, Ohio

situated was once the stronghold of this mighty tribe.

In 1822 when a group of American Negroes went to Africa to found a new haven they settled among the Deys. At first the natives were friendly, then hostilities broke out—the mighty spear, and bow and arrow proved inferior to the gun and powder of the new-comers. The Deys were beaten off and pushed farther in the interior. Even today Monrovia has a significant meaning to all the natives in Liberia. By them it is called (Du-Caw or Du-Baugh) which typifies the resounding report of a cannon. The Deys were conquered by a cannon.

My father and my uncle had received some education at a Lutheran Mission, and so they decided that their sons, too, should be educated and be able to speak the English language—which is a mark of distinction among the natives. At five years of age my uncle placed me in a mission school where I remained until 1914. This was a turning point in my life. It was here I met Dr. E. A. Ayers, another missionary who was laboring among the Golas. After remaining with Dr. Ayers three years he decided to bring me with him to America to be trained as a missionary.

In 1927 I came in contact with a group of Disciples of Christ and

have united with them—enjoying their views, believing their doctrine, and wanting to propagate the New Testament Christianity to my brothers across the sea. In God's own time I hope to be instrumental in telling the blessed story to the Deys.

MEMPHIS CHURCH AWAKE

Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter

Men's Day, observed the second Sunday in November at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, proved quite a success. The amount raised for this effort was \$300.00. The ladies have held full sway on all Special Days since the building of the new church three years ago, but on November 10th, 1940 they gave way to the men. Rev L. H. Crawford, pastor of Lea Avenue Christian Church at Nashville, was guest speaker for the day. All who failed to come out on that day missed a spiritual feast, as Rev. Crawford in his soul-stirring sermon made all present happy as he preached on "Building On Firm Foundations." There were additions to the church on that day for fellowship and baptism.

On Sunday, November 17th, the ladies of the Bible School, Class No. 1, teacher Dr. J. E. Walker, had breakfast in the Assembly Room for their visiting friends. Thirty-five breakfasts were served to the ladies with Misses L. M. Scott, E. Luster, Mesdames C. Roach and Aline Lowe acting as hostesses.

The Woman's Missionary Society is sponsoring a program Sunday Night, November 24th, at eight o'clock with Mrs. J. L. Mitchell as Mistress of ceremonies. The regular monthly meeting of the Society will be held at the residence of Miss Roxie R. Crawford, 625 Mississippi Avenue.

The year's subscription for *The Christian Plea* has expired. Here's hoping we will send in fifty paid subscriptions from the Mississippi Blvd. Church by the first of the year. Such a fine paper cannot be run without financial backing.

CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder S. J. Compton, Pastor

Minnie Watkins, Reporter

955 Carnahan Ave., N. E.
Canton, Ohio

On Sunday, November 10, 1940, the Community Chorus of Massillon, Ohio, gave a program at the Church of Christ. The chorus sang many songs, including spirituals, and solos.

At the Youth Meet held at Columbus, Ohio, the Church of Christ sent two youths. They were Miss Marylene Bradley and Mr. John Compton. On her return Miss Bradley gave an interesting report on the happenings at the Youth Meet.

During the absence of our pastor, the services are carried on by Elder Edwards and John Compton. Elder Compton is in Warren, where he is also pastor.

NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH OPENED

Springfield Ohio Christian Church
340 Fair Street



By Mrs. Daisy S. Frierson

Sunday, Nov. 10th, 1940, the members of Fair St. Christian Church went into their new Edifice with Sun-rise service.

The processional formed in the old building, which is now the dining-room and marched out onto the side walk, led by Ushers Wm. and Miss Lola Hinton followed by the Pastor, Rev. H. C. Poston and Elder Cecil Jones carrying the Alter Bible, followed by Elder Kenney Smith. The Pianist, Mrs. Fredericka Hinton headed the Choir, all robed in new black robes followed by the children and visitors. All marched into the new Building singing, "Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." The Bible was placed on the Altar, the Pastor took his place, the Choir formed in front of Altar for Consecration, then to the Choir Box. Songs, prayers and expressions were had. A lovely lighted cross adorned the Rostrum. The occasion will be long remembered by all present, for it was a lovely scene. There were some of the founders who have been spared to witness the long hoped for desire, in the persons of sister Nannie Dickerson, who is now the oldest member and her daughter, Mrs. Luella Mitchell, who was our first pianist, sister Chloe Gilliam, Elder W. P. January and wife, sister Lillie, sisters Daisy S. Frierson, Faustai Smith, Agatha Bascome, Mary Poston, Deacon Frank J. Frierson,

Brother Mckinley Hinton, and others. Elder H. C. Poston was called to the pastorate June 23rd, and has since been busy planning and directing the work and the workers.

We feel that God saw our need and guided Elder Poston and wife to us. He has made himself known and heard throughout the city.

After the Sun-rise service, a very hearty Fellowship breakfast was enjoyed in the Parsonage. Church-school at 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock Worship.

We are planning to have a week of House-warming from Dec. 1-6. Each department will have a night. We are looking forward to entertaining the Ohio State Convention, July 30 to August 3, 1941. The dedication will be in early Spring, 1941.

The congregation was pleased to have had a surprise visit in late summer by Prof. and Mrs. Merle Eppse.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF ILLINOIS, INC.

Martha Trimble

Dear Brother Eppse:

I must tell you and the readers of *The Christian Plea* about the delightful experience I had recently, serving and worshiping with the Indiana Ave. Christian Church, Chicago, Ill.

Brother R. H. Davis is the pastor of this congregation, and we had been working together in a campaign to vote the taverns out of a community not far from his church. He and his board invited me to come to the Sunday School where I could meet with all the Juniors and Intermediates. There were fifty present, and I used the black board and experiments to show what alcohol does, according to scientific demonstration. The girls and boys were serious, alert and responsive. They gave every evidence of splendid training and self discipline.

At Brother Davis' invitation, I then preached to his congregation. The house was well filled. Two robed choirs rendered beautiful music and led the worshippers in heart felt singing. It was a joy to speak with Christian men and women who were so filled with the Spirit of Christ.

The Indiana Ave. Church is to be congratulated on having Brother Davis as Minister. He is sincere, untiring, fearless and intelligent. He is a factor in building the spiritual life of his community. He is devoted to his people, to his Master, and to the work of the Kingdom. I should like also, to say that Brother Davis is fortunate in being able to serve such a fine group of people. People as well as pastor have assumed a

place of leadership in the community. The Lord is blessing them, and will bless them.

FROM NATURE'S AIR CONDITIONED CITY

Bluefield, West Virginia

N. J. Dickerson

Box 83, Bluefield, W. Va.

Since the resignation of Elder P. E. Carter, The Jones Street Christian Church has been "carrying on" under the leadership of Elder G. M. Dickerson. Elder Dickerson is no stranger in Bluefield and vicinity. It was under his efficient leadership that our church edifice was built a number of years ago.

The Bible School is doing good work. We have just closed a rally for membership and finance. Mrs. Esther Booker and Miss Louise Anderson, captains of the "Reapers" and "Binders," respectively, led enthusiastic groups with much success. The Reapers were the victors. Plans are now under way for a Christmas tree and program.

The Junior Missionary Society engineered a surprise birthday dinner for our pastor, Elder G. M. Dickerson, Monday evening, December 2, at the church. A large and jolly crowd gathered around the table to eat and to wish the "young" pastor a happy birthday. Visitors from out of town were: Mrs. G. M. Dickerson and daughter, Edna, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris. Miss Louise Anderson, Prof. C. G. Thompson and your humble servant were the Toast Committee. Miss Geraldine Charlton is president of the Society.

YOUNG MINISTER BUILDS TWO CHURCHES

By Elder Cecil Jones

340 Fair Street

Springfield, Ohio

One of the most outstanding young ministers we have in the entire Brotherhood is Elder H. C. Poston, a graduate of Lincoln University of Missouri, a former Principal of Negro Schools, the builder of our fine church at Padaucah, Kentucky, and who is now building a fine new church at Springfield, Ohio, which will be ready for occupancy the middle of November, and who has already completed a new modern parsonage, this same year in Springfield.

Elder Poston specializes in church building and finance. He has trained himself in this new field of endeavor and ranks at the top among our ministers for this work. He has studied this work from all aspects as he knows blue-prints, estimates and lumber prices. He delights in

going into places where the work is dead and building up the church and making the place of worship as a place of beauty. After this angle of the church life is done he is willing then, to move on to another place and carry on this same work. His services are in great demand. Churches are continuously seeking him as he meets the needs of the day.

He came to Springfield, Ohio at a time when the church only had 23 members, no parsonage and could pay the pastor less than four dollars per week and were worshipping in a very small inadequate building. That was six months ago. The church had been left some money from an estate three years ago, but due to the terms of the will no money has been collected to the present date. Yet, through the leadership of Elder Poston, the membership has increased; we have built a nice fine modern parsonage and furnished it; we have built a \$2,500 modern church building, which is now ready for occupancy and the offerings of the church average twenty-five to thirty dollars every Sunday out of which we are able to pay the minister fifteen dollars per week, plus a parsonage, water, lights and fuel. In one week the church raised one hundred and sixty-eight dollars. The first service in the new church will be on November 10. Dedication of the church will be in early spring when many of our friends over the Brotherhood can plan to be with us.

LEXINGTON KENTUCKY NEWS

By C. H. Dickerson

340 Ohio St.

Lexington, Ky.

The "Gospel on Wheels" was a real treat to the readers of the *Plea*. Much pleasure is derived from the news articles that are published in the *Plea* concerning the entire Brotherhood. The East Second Street Christian Church is closing the old year with a good record and with harmony and peace for all. Some rousing meetings have been held during the fall, one under the leadership of Brother R. L. Saunders. It is suggested that some twenty people should stand for the hundred dollars the National Convention is to raise for the *Christian Plea*.

Congratulations to R. W. Watson in his attainment of the Presidency of the National Convention. It has been a long road. His success should be as all his predecessors. Reverend L. H. Crawford is now the only one living.

It is hoped that the Committee on Relations will discover existing problems without trying to make up

new ones. The state President, Brother L. L. Dickerson, will do Evangelistic work for the month of January when the State Board meets.

We wish for the *Plea* the support of all and a Merry Christmas. None can have a Christmas with the Chist left out.

MAYSLICK CHURCH ON FIRING LINE

A. D. Gault

Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.

We kept the home fires burning in November Saturday night, Nov. 2, the spiritual singers of Lewisburg sang at the church sponsored by Elder G. L. Anderson. The good women served supper and the money raised went for the light bill. Elder Botts is able to preach now after a long illness. The church program was outlined by the visiting team of Vance G. Smith, Regional Secretary and Mrs. Edith Wilson, State Bible School President, and Prof. R. H. Peoples.

The Christmas season is now being looked forward to with a tree program sponsored by Mrs. Anna Belle Johnson.

ACTIVITIES OF DISTRICT THREE AND THE STATE WORK

A. D. Gault, *Corresponding Secy.*
Kentucky Convention

A joint program committee of District 3 met in Paris, Kentucky. The work was outlined with the aid of the Field workers. The next meeting will be held in Carlisle, Kentucky, January 11th and 12th. The hospitality of the women was greatly appreciated by all. Since the State Board meeting, Oct. 18, I have received money from the following churches on their apportionments: Crab Orchard, \$1.25; Columbia, \$1.25; Shady Grove, \$1.00; London, \$2.25. I would like to say to the churches in the State, we have a big program to carry on and everybody's support is needed. We are asking that help of the apportionments will be in by the next State Board meeting in January. Those that are working with Districts are asked to pay through your District meetings.

COVINGTON KENTUCKY NEWS

By Miss Ruth Brown

330 Brown Street

Covington, Ky.

The Sunset Harmonizers rendered a program in Mt. Sterling, Ky., on Nov. 11, 1940. To contact these sing-

ers write to James Brown, President 330 Bush St. Covington, Ky.

The 4 M's rendered a program in Newport, Ky., Nov. 7, 1940. The program was most successful.

The Sunday School had a program on Nov. 3, 1940 for the benefit of raising money for Christmas presents. The evening was very successful. Mrs. G. Woods was chairman of the program and Miss Ruth Brown, Treas.

The Anniversary of the church and its pastor, Rev. L. L. Dickerson, Oct. 13th to 20th was very successful. Fifty-two dollars and fifty cents were raised.

The Robbin Street Christian Church on Nov. 3rd to 10th had a week's meeting. Much was gained from this meeting.

On Nov. 17, the Robin Street Christian Church went to Rev. Lacy's, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati Ohio, the Methodist Church which broadcasts every Sunday night at 10:30 over W.C.P.O. Rev Dickerson preached and the chorus sang. They had a crowd represented.

Rev. Lacy will come to us Sunday Nov. 24, and bring her good people with her.

MT. STERLING KENTUCKY NEWS

Elder J. E. Bean

408 East Locust Street

Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

Among the many events and activities that have been connected with the High Street Christian Church of late, may be listed the following: The return of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Blair from Tazewell, Va. where he held a revival, closing with a great success. The visit of our National Team workers composed of Prof. Peoples and Vance Smith and accompanied by Miss Mary Butler. Much information and inspiration came with this promotional drive and the high Street Christian Church is looking forward to another one of those fine visits in the near future. The Church Aid Society headed by Mrs. Eliza Jackson, President, sold over one hundred turkey dinners, Thanksgiving Day. In a three weeks' drive led by the pastor in November, the church was much revived spiritually and one hundred and seventeen dollars were raised. Out of town guest speakers were: Rev. William Owens of Winchester and Brother George Frazier, pastor of Fairview and Stepstone. Both were at their best and their choirs and messages were inspiring. Elder Blair and Prof. J. E. Bean attended the State Board meeting at Lexington; a crowded house and an appreciative audience witnessed the play, "Slabtown Con-

vention" from Winchester, managed by Brother and Sister Owens. A large crowd in a bus and automobiles accompanied them and their play. One of the latest organizations of the church is the Christian Worker's Club, headed by Deacon Strothers Grubbs and wife, Sister E. Bigstaff, Hatie Norris, Susie Banks, Maggie McClure, Line Hathaway, Eliza Jackson, Lee Kelly, Naomi Douthett, Stella Edgar, Maggie Reeves, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Blair, Brother and Mrs. Booker T. George, Sister Emma Tuplett and Sarah Bailey, Armor Jones. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lucille Jones. The Box Social given by the club at the church was quite a success; Mrs. Mary Nelson, newly elected president of the Woman's Missionary Society has a well planned program for Sunday night; Mrs. Amy Stockton and Prof. J. E. Bean attended the Sunday State Board meeting at Lexington. The sick list is Mrs. Maggie McClure, Wheller Bailey, Will Oldham. A fifty cent rally has been announced by the Trustees for the third Sunday in this month; an Institute for young people will be held at this church the third week in January, Prof. Peoples and his National workers will be here. An attendance of seventy-five is the goal set for the Sixth District of which Miss Mary Butler is president. Every one is asked to put his shoulders to the wheel to make this a big success. Rev. Blair and family and Mrs. Susie Lee Ester attended the Institute at Sharpsburg. Prof. Bean addressed the Young People's meeting at Little Rock under the direction of Mrs. Alice Hillman.

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

By Cherribell Ellis

State Secretary of Evangelistic Work
1595 E. New York Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Services were held at the usual 11 o'clock a.m., Sunday, Dec. 1, at the Williamsburg Christian Church, sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Keyes. The text was taken from the 11th Chapter of St. Matthew and the 28th Verse. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and his subject was "The Spiritual Hospital."

The Williamsburg Christian Church mourns the death of Sister Mamie Breland of 668 Rockaway Ave. She was a faithful Missionary member of the Senior Choir.

BIRCH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Mrs. Ann Lawrie
1568 W. 36th Place
Los Angeles, Calif.

Elder Walter J. Bryant is the selection for pastor of Birch Street Christian Church. He is a graduate of Chicago University and now attending Chapman College. Great expectations are anticipated for the coming year under the leadership of our new pastor. We all extend our best and sincere wishes to him.

Last Sunday closing 11 o'clock services, Elder C. B. Torrance baptized four persons making a total of seventeen persons joining church during the eleven months of his acting pastorate.

Brother Leon Coleman will have charge of the Missionary Program the 3rd Sunday of this month. Young People's Day each 2nd Sunday is always a program of interest with new talent always enjoyed.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Mrs. J. A. Towns
846 West 26th St.
Indianapolis, Ind.

Many things have been happening at the Indianapolis Second Christian Church since I last wrote this paper. In the early summer one of our girls, Helen Anderson attended the Central Conference for Young People, in Kentucky. Several of our members attended one day of the State Missionary Conference at Bethany Park (the conference ground of the Disciples of Indiana) where on the afternoon program, Rev. Campbell led the devotions, a group sang and the vocational program of Flanner House were presented and Dean Cowan, who was with us, had an opportunity to thank the Missionary Women of the Indiana District for their help in building Lehman Hall.

Most of our groups continued activities throughout the summer with their meetings. In September, preparations were begun for the planning of the fall and winter programs and Home-coming. A committee with Mrs. Nellie Anderson, a church worker of long experience and success, as chairman, made possible a successful Home-Coming with the building crowded, a delicious turkey dinner and more than \$400.00 raised through a State Rally. On that day the programs of the organizations of the church were put into the hands of the members in pamphlet form.

Among the outstanding programs of the fall have been the report of the National Convention under the

direction of Katherine Blackburn Missionary Society, Mrs. Josephine Baker, President; the 15th anniversary of the East End Calendar Club, Mrs. Mary Taylor, President with a program and reception for the church. President Washington preached on Sunday preceding the trip made by the team.

Another program with Rev. William Rothenburger, pastor of one of the largest white churches, talking about his South American trip and showing moving pictures was enjoyable. This meeting was sponsored by the Liberal Arts Guild, Miss Gertrude Harris, chairman and J. H. Hamlin, president of the group.

Recently, President Long and a quartette from S.C.I. furnished the program for the night service. A contribution for their travel expenses was made to them. They were also guests at the Thanksgiving Breakfast and service. This Thanksgiving activity is an annual affair sponsored by the Circle, Mrs. Clara Hill, president, Mrs. J. A. Towns and Mrs. R. H. Peoples, chairman.

This Sunday, Woman's Day with Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, National Missionary President as speaker, a tea in her honor will be held in the afternoon. The Every-member canvass will be made also on the second Sunday, with 10 teams of men and women going direct from church where a lunch will be served into the homes of solicited pledges for the support of the 1940 budget. This is being directed by the Finance Committee, Dr. H. L. Wales, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Towns. Much redecoration has taken place in the church.

One other outstanding achievement is the Vesper held each Sunday afternoon in Lockfield gardens, a government housing project. This piece of work was conceived by Rev. Campbell, presented to the inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance and the Lockfield Council for their approval and support. A different preacher

brings the message each Sunday. Rev. Campbell is known as Director of Religious Education for Lockfield. We are looking forward to a busy and happy Christmas Season.

THE FULTON STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By Mrs. Frances Robinson
707 Pine Street
Warren, Ohio

We are glad our church is going forward. The young people with the help of the white Central Christian Church raised enough money to send five delegates to the Youth Conference in Columbus. Those who went were: Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Murray, Mrs. Frances Robinson, Miss Mary Emma Barkley and Miss Knoxie Barnes. They have all returned determined to do a bigger and better work in our church and in the town. Mr. Emilo Johnson and Mr. Clifton Pool were made Elders of the church after the resignation of Elder Ned Murray, Sr. Mr. Clifton Pool has just recently returned to the fold. We had a visitor in the person of Elder Ware of Newtonfall in the morning and Mrs. Samantha Frazier, a great Missionary worker of the Second Baptist Church who was with our women on Ladies Day. Miss Carrie May Robinson, a member of the Christian Church has returned to Detroit to live. She was a good worker in the Bible School and sang with the Junior Choir. The Junior Christian Endeavor is very busy as they are planning on giving away Christmas baskets. The committee working is: Misses Karatha Brook, Ester Jackson, Bettie Lue Williams, Leola Toles, Mary Emma Barkley, and Rosa May Murray. They are also busy studying the Christmas play we are to have on the 30th of December.

Fulton Street wishes for its Christian friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE NEWS

By Miss Johnnie Howard

During the month of November, it was the good fortune of our school to have on the campus Mr. Glenn L. Morris who presented an interesting lecture and thrilling demonstration on the magic of electricity. Mr. Morris is an artist in his field.

The quarterly meeting of the Jackson district met with our church on the third Saturday and Sunday in

November. Mr. Thomas Brooks, a young ministerial student from Virginia, is chairman of this district. Rev. Johnson, Pastor of the First Christian Church in Jackson gave an inspiring message on the young people's program Saturday night.

November 21st, our Thanksgiving Day began at 6:00 a.m.; program began with a Sun-rise service; at this service our church choir thrilled the audience with several beautiful anthems. Prof. L. E. Cousins in a brief but thought-provoking message ana-

lyzed the true significance of Thanksgiving. Miss Wright and Mrs. Hobart gave us the sort of feast befitting the day, fowl, oyster dressing and all the other foods suggestive of Thanksgiving Day. In spite of a rain that fell most of the day the Reds and the Blues, our football teams, under the coaching of Dean J. M. Cowan, gave the sport lovers an exciting game. The traditional Amateur hour was sponsored by the matrons, Mrs. Eudora Conic and Mrs. J. M. Cowan. The high point of the evening was a solo by Mr. Willie Moore of Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Moore received the gong last Thanksgiving Day in the midst of singing, "Mr. Frog Went A-Courting." On this Thanksgiving night he began the same solo on the very same note that occasioned the gong before. Major Bill Heath permitted him to finish. Visitors for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Bebout, Mrs. Allena Barnes and Miss Myrtle Evans. Two last year students returned for the day, also. They were Miss Ruth Cobbins, a junior at Tougaloo College, and Mrs. Beulah Parker McCloud of Jackson. Special Sunday School and Church offerings were taken in observance of the day.

Lehman Hall is the pride and joy of all who behold it! The plaster work is very nearly completed, and the windows are making it look quite livable. Pres. Jones of Piney Woods School was a recent visitor on our campus; he was seeking ideas from our Lehman Hall that will aid him in the construction of a planned building on his campus.

Mr. Long and the Freshman College male quartette are touring Indiana in the N.C.M.S. carryall. We are hoping that this promotional work will bring tangible results. Through a system of study conceived by Pres. Long the young men are keeping up their scholastic work.

All of the organized classes are engaged in money raising projects which adds much to the social life of the campus. On November 30, the Sophomore class presented a play that was written and produced by their sponsor, Mr. L. E. Cousins. We feel that we have a budding playwright in our social science and dramatic professor.

Mr. Emory Ross was a recent chapel speaker. It was a privilege for our students to have heard and seen so great a friend to humanity as Mr. Ross.

On the 29th and 30th of November, S.C.I. was host to a Workers Conference composed of church workers in the state. Most of the veterans were here. Many younger ones in the work were privileged to meet in

this beneficial conference with Miss Jamison and Mr. Peoples.

Miss Sadie Shaffer who is president of the Negro State Missionary Society gave the Woman's Day message to our group on December 1st. In the evening the 12th grade class presented a play, "The Lady At the Window."

The young ladies of Smith Hall received an advance Christmas gift on December 2. Through the thoughtfulness of their matron a beautiful radio was 'set up' in their very attractive lounge.

The Y.M.C.A. is trying to build a practical program. Their most recent move was to adopt two needy families for the remainder of the school year. On the 14th of the month the Y.W.C.A. will sponsor their first money making project of the year—a carnival. The Community School P.T.A. will have one booth. A Greek letter organization has joined the family of organizations on our campus. No sorority is suggested at all! The college young women, seeing the need of personal improvement along many lines organized and selected for their name the two Greek letters, Delta and Zeta.

Dean J. M. Cowan represented the school at the funeral of Mrs. H. D. Griffin on Nov. 24th at Patterson, Miss.

The Sophomore college class is beginning a six weeks experience in practice teaching; they are receiving this experience in the college training school and in one of the nearby rural schools.

Christmas vacation begins at 3:30 p.m. December 20, 1940. Students and teachers are looking forward with a great deal of joy to that date and hour.

Best wishes for a merry Christmas!

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Hawkins, Texas

"Around the Campus"

Vernita O. Carney, Reporter

Woman's Day was observed on December 1. The program was very inspirational, the source of inspiration being embodied in the message of Mrs. S. I. Dixon of Longview, Texas. Her address demanded the respect of men and challenged the integrity of women. Over \$15 was raised with many more promises which made the missionary society anticipate a Woman's Day offering of over \$20.

Because of inclement weather, the meeting of the Texas Board of Trustees was postponed from November 26 to December 10. Miss Dale Ellis,

secretary of the Home Department of the United Christian Missionary Society, was present to attend the meeting which was scheduled for November 26, but she will be unable to return for the December 10 meeting. She was pleased with the progress of the school.

The Christmas holidays will begin this year at 3:30 on the afternoon of December 21 and will end at 7:45 o'clock on the morning of December 31.

Jarvis has experienced a "bumper" crop this year under the scientific direction and ceaseless toil of Mr. C. A. Berry, superintendent of the farm. The old power house has been converted into a sweet potato curing house where there are stored 900 bushels of sweet potatoes. Nine hundred gallons of sorghum syrup have been made and 295 gallons of ribbon cane syrup. The year's production consists of the following:

1,118 bushels greens, 1,879 pounds English peas, 260 dozens spring onions, 675 dozens eggs, 250 dozens radishes, 63,270 pounds milk, 37,640 pounds beef, 47 bushels beet, 12 bushels lettuce, 25 bushels spinach, 30 bushels turnips, 1,750 pounds mutton, 42 bushels carrots, 10,100 pounds cabbage, 750 pounds squash, 8,690 pounds snap beans, 551 bushels Irish potatoes, 1,682 pounds Lima beans, 50 old hens, 4,280 pounds cucumbers, 425 bushels tomatoes, 440 dozens ears corn (roasting), 250 gallons blackberries, 10,280 pounds green peas, 275 bushels dry peas, 25 bushels peaches, 10,280 watermelons and cantaloupes, 975 buckets sorghum syrup, 6,272 pounds pork, 1,230 bundles oats, 2,100 bushels corn, 1,050 bushels sweet potatoes, 175 tons silage, 2,150 bales Bermuda hay, 125 bales peanut hay, 320 bales sorghum and pea vine hay, 150 bales cane pumming hay, 6 tons sorghum heads and milo maize, 300 buckets ribbon cane syrup, 382 pounds bell peppers, 970 pounds okra, and 25 bushels onions.

In reviewing the future occupational interests of the present student body, we found them many and diversified. They were as follows:

Air Craft Designer, 1; County Demonstrator, 1; Dentistry, 1; Musicians, 2; Mechanical Engineering, 1; Pharmacy, 1; Physician's Assistant, 1; Stenographers, 2; Undecided, 94; Ministry, 5; Brick Mason, 1; Coaching, 3; Undertaking, 2; Missionaries, 3; Nursing, 2; Physicians, 6; Scientist, 1; Teachers, 50; Vocational Agriculture, 4.

The Athletic Committee is sponsoring an all faculty program on December 6 for the purpose of raising funds to pay for the recently purchased band instruments. Jarvis-ites are ral-

lying nicely to the call for financial assistance.

Interest is running high in the Jarvis Sunday School. Class No. 5 with Mrs. L. J. Uggans as instructor is giving the Twelfth Century Class with Dean Dickson as instructor keen competition so far as raising money is concerned. This class has held the banner for the past three Sundays, the receipt of the banner being based upon the largest offering. They have also turned over to

the superintendent \$2.25 which represents the cost of one minute of work over the world. This is the first Jarvis Sunday School class receiving the title of "minute class" for making this contribution to the United Christian Missionary Society.

Mrs. Katherine Phillips-Young visited the campus on December 3. Mrs. Young was a former Jarvis student and now resides in Dallas, Texas.

WOMAN'S PAGE

BROTHERHOOD WOMEN TAKE NOTICE

Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, President
2216 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.

Illness of two of my children has been much of a handicap in the last two months. However, anxiety and prayers for the work have been constantly a part of me.

I was ordained Nov. 24th, and this made me feel keenly my responsibility to Christ and my fellowmen.

At present I am attempting to describe the functioning of the duties of the officers published in Oct. issue of the *Plea*.

Mrs. A. E. Gilmore, 505 Lafayette St., Jefferson City, Mo., first vice-president; is the chairman of our membership committee, whose duty is to see that every member in our missionary organization is enrolled by paying 10 cents for this year.

Mrs. Titus, 3511 Kimble St., Dallas, Texas, second vice-president; is a booster for our minister's salaries and for our national paper, *The Plea*.

Mrs. J. Baker, 131 W. 11th, Indianapolis, Ind., third vice-president; is our literature chairman, whose duty is to see that each missionary society use our program material and to stress reading of other religious books, for our development.

Mrs. H. L. Herod, 4046 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Ind., has charge of our quiet hour during the contribution service.

Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton is chairman of the World Peace Committee who brings to us about a 10 minute address on World Peace. Her address is, 1706 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. P. Taylor of Nashville, Tenn. is chairman of the inter-racial committee, whose duty is to select one speaker of the other group to bring a message to us about 10 minutes long.

Mrs. A. L. Martin of Chicago, Ill., with Mrs. E. Long of 1214 Idlewood, Richman, Va. is to look after the

work in Tri-State area, also Mrs. Martin in the state of Illinois.

Mrs. A. Arnold, 241 Monroe Ave., Columbus, Ohio is chairman of stamp collectors, whose duty is to solicit as many stamps from each individual as possible or its equivalent; one, two or three cents stamps or postal cards to be forwarded to our corresponding secretary, Sister Daniels, 310 Temperance St., Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Vivian Lucas of 404 So. 20th St., Louisville, Ky. is chairman of our anniversary fund, whose duty it is to see that every disciple contributes 25 cents as our Golden Jubilee contribution.

Miss Edith Wilson, 2216 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky. is the organizer of our young adults, whose duty it is to organize young adults throughout the country.

Mrs. Alma Harrison, 4030 Cook Ave., St. Louis, Mo. is chairman of our national gleaner, whose duty is to read concerning Ruth, the gleaner, and collect the small amounts monthly from each individual or group throughout the country, such as pennies, nickles, dimes, etc. Forward same to the treasurer designating donors and place.

Mrs. Fenton Hamilton, 6440 Rhodes St., Chicago, Ill. is our personal service chairman, whose duty is to see that each missionary organization has a personal service committee. This committee looks after the welfare of the members of the church as well as the community, along the line of spiritual, physical, moral and social life.

Mrs. L. H. Crawford, 449 Fourth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn; Mrs. Mary Van Buren, 218 E. , Fulton, Mo.; Mrs. Sallie Pirtle, 641 Altamont St., Muskogee, Okla.; Mrs. J. A. Thomas, Box 276, Martinsville, Va.; Miss S. P. Walker, 2314 Lucile St., Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Ernestine Hancock, 628 Hancock, Brooklyn, N. Y. are asked to take over the responsibilities of regional secretaries, whose duty, through the cooperation of Miss Jam-

ison, is to visit missionary societies, organize new ones, pushing the council plan, and use of program material and also encourage personal reading as well as group reading. Encourage quarterly remittance to U.C.M.S. National and State. Urge cooperation with Sister Bracy representing our national program. All of the officers with the exception of Mrs. H. L. Herod, Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, and Mrs. Taylor will proceed as follows: Contact the state president and inform her to contact her district president, the district president, in turn, contact the local presidents. If no district, contact the State, who in turn, contacts the local. Contact the local president if no other provisions. Since this set-up means added expense, we are asking each officer to personally be responsible for money raised through her own effort. I also am going to attempt to raise money. All money raised should be sent directly to the treasurer by money order. The sender hold the receipt. Be sure to designate what channel. Money may also be brought to the convention if raised near the month of August.

The enrollment of states and the single society in the state remain the same.

Each district is asked to send a representative and enroll with two dollars. Each individual member who sends to the U.C.M.S. society three dollars or more, (this includes Women's Dollar and the dollar for Easter and also dues), will have her name placed on the honor roll at our national meeting and a list sent to the U.C.M.S.

FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE BUCKEYE STATE, COLUMBUS, OHIO

Mrs. D. C. Fowler
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National Secretary Children's Missionary Society

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, Ill., was a brilliant success in Columbus during the week of November 23rd. As we turned on the radio to listen to the "Lighted Window," a devotional program which comes on the air daily except Saturdays and Sundays, we were thrilled to hear a familiar voice echo these words: "And He Never Said A Mumbling Word" etc. Even though we were aware of the fact that Mrs. Welch was not due in town at that particular time, the voice itself told us that it was none other than that outstanding singer, Mrs. Rosa P. Welch of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Welch assisted with the singing at the Interdenominational Inter-racial Youth Conference which was held at the beautiful First Congre-

gational Church on East Broad St. of our City, also at the Memorial Hall.

A very lovely tea was held at the Y.W.C.A. on East Long Street at which time Mrs. Welch was the guest soloist. The attendance was a splendid one. Everyone was overjoyed with the renditions of several selections including French, German and one semi-Spiritual. Mrs. Welch was accompanied by one of the leading organists of the city, Prof. J. Cleveland Lemons. The tea was sponsored by the Missionary Society of Monroe Ave. Church of Christ and the Unity Guild.

Mrs. Welch was the house guest of Dr. Burkhart's daughter (white) during her stay in Columbus. On Sunday evening, November 24, she was the guest soloist at Dr. Burkhart's Church, at which time she was graciously received by an appreciative congregation. We are anticipating an early return engagement of this brilliant young woman.

Our first district meeting in Springfield, Ohio was a joyous one. There were two cars of people from Columbus who enjoyed the hospitality of the Pastor and his lovely wife in

their lovely new parsonage. The Church which has had a long long struggle can feel proud for the things that they have accomplished. We certainly rejoice with them in their great achievements and harmony which is certainly theirs. We cannot get away from the old saying, together we stand, divided we fall, for no Church is at its best when it is divided, with half of its members without, while sickness, death and those things for which the church is to share are unconcerned. God forbid that we should boast, save in the Cross of Christ. Today as never before the need of guidance of Christian leaders is great.

Brother Harvy W. Baldwin passed away on Nov. 21, 1940 after a long illness. He leaves to mourn his loss, a father, one sister, five brothers and a host of other relatives and friends.

Sister E. B. Hairston will spend the winter months in the sunny city of St. Petersburg, Florida. We will certainly miss her and hope for her a safe and pleasant trip.

We are asking the prayers of all in our endeavors here in our city.

the young people, such as, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Boy Scouts, Community Centers and School playgrounds. In places where these agencies do not exist the church meets this obligation. This is demonstrated by the Christian Youth Fellowship in which the young people of the church are actively engaged in the Christian Endeavor and not dominated by the adults of the church.

The needs of the youth are predicated upon engaging their interests. A program of study that is outlined to present matter because it is something the youth *should* have will not be accepted by youth. However, this same material may be presented at times and in such ways that the interests of the youth are aroused and stimulated. Utilizing interest to meet needs of a technique. Interest of young people may be widened and expanded infinitely by leaders who have imagination and vision. What did not interest youth when preached may be of great interest if put into story form. What may have been completely lost when delivered in a lecture may become of lively interest when presented for discussion.

To base a program on interests, the interest must be known. How does one find the interest of youth?

1. The interest finder as used in Young People's Conferences, or as found in the Study Manual of the C. Y. F. may be adapted to the situation.

2. A series of conferences with the young people may indicate some of the interests.

3. A public discussion where things are presented and those having little or no interest are eliminated and the most discussed points made the basis of the program.

4. A careful study of the activities of young people and their group life will yield many clues that indicate the interests.

5. School teachers, parents and leaders of youth in other realms can help give some indications of the interest of youth.

6. Reading of youth and their activities elsewhere may help to locate areas in which youth may find an interest.

The discovery of interest and the molding of the material to meet their needs to make its appeal at the point of the interests is one of the main processes of the C.Y.F. yet, any less ideal in regards to the church program for its youth is not worthy of the support of the young people or true to the program of Christ.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR COLUMN

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Greetings, Fellow Endeavors:

First of all, I would like to extend to each of you a New Year's Greeting with the hope that the New Year will bring us bigger and better Endeavors with more spiritual cooperation from all.

The Editor of our paper has been very kind to give us this column with the *Plea* that we use it as the Christian Endeavor Column, for this I am sending thanks. We hope that through this space we may be able to contact each of our helpers.

What Should The Christian Endeavor Do In Our Churches

The Christian Endeavor should consist of those young people in our churches that we bring in or those that may come in to begin training for Christian leadership and service. Much of our time should be spent in using the right methods of getting these young people to come into our fold with a desire to remain there.

The Christian Endeavor should develop wholesome attitudes toward all phases of the church to such an extent

that every Christian Endeavor worker will soon learn that any part of church work is honorable and that it should meet the needs of the community. Every boy and every girl should learn early in life that they some day must take the present leaders' place in the church and they should learn to participate effectively in the church work. This can only be done by building up desirable attitudes towards our church work.

Until we see you in the next issue, yours for a better Endeavor.

THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP WHAT IS IT?

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I. The Christian Youth Fellowship is the church program for its young people. II. The Christian Youth Fellowship is a youth program that attempts to meet the needs and interests of the young people. The needs of youth vary in different communities. In the larger cities certain agencies meet the recreational needs of

NATIONAL CONVENTION PAGE

TEAM ON WHEELS SAYS

"Yes They are Disciples of Christ"

By R. H. Peoples, *National Sec'y.*

For a long time I have heard much talk about the churches of Eastern North Carolina and about our Eastern brothers, but it was not until the past October that I had an opportunity to visit with them.

We (the team) were given a very hearty welcome everywhere we went. Our itinerary was so arranged that we could make two visits into that section of North Carolina. Upon our arrival the women had just begun their Annual Home Missions Convention which was held at St. Mary's Church, Baily, North Carolina. Although we went without an invitation we were never accorded a more cordial welcome and we have never been more highly entertained. It was at this meeting that we were privileged to meet some of the leaders of the assembly which was scheduled to meet two weeks later. We had a most wholesome fellowship with the women in their convention and by the close of that meeting we had been made to feel quite at home.

Of course, you probably want to know what we think about them now that we are far away from North Carolina. We quote the Aim and Plea of the church as recorded in their minutes for 1939 as our answer.

"General aim of the church: Restoration of the New Testament teaching and practice."

"Plea of the church: No creed but Christ; no book but the Bible; no name but Divine. Where the book speaks, we speak; where the book is silent we are silent. In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

They say this has been the slogan of the brotherhood for more than one hundred years, and for their assembly since 1872. We were forced to conclude that they were Disciples of Christ.

During these 68 years of organized life they have made some real progress in the use of the democratic procedure. Each local church directs its own affairs, but when that church or its pastor refuse to abide by the regulations of the assembly, upon the recommendation of the Council Board, the assembly withdraws its fellowship from such a church or pastor until the offender is willing to abide by the regulations. There are many more very fine qualities

that we observed which time and space will not permit me to record here.

We have a standing invitation from the Chief, who is the presiding officer of the assembly, and the leading pastors to come at any time.

CENTRAL REGIONAL NOTES

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November was spent in the state of Kentucky. More than two weeks were spent in local church visits and attending meetings. A team of workers carrying the convention program, both state and national, spent thirteen days in the state and visited more than sixteen churches.

Nov. 1, I held conferences with local leaders on a Community Youth Retreat for Sharpsburg and vicinity. The retreat is being launched by Mrs. Sara Jones of Sharpsburg with the cooperation of the churches in the town and Fairview, Ky.

A joint planning committee for the Central Region met Nov. 9, in Cincinnati at the Fifth Church, Elder S. S. Devine, pastor. Seven agencies that are cooperating in the region were represented.

Nov. 10, Elder R. H. Peoples, Elder L. L. Dickerson, Miss Edith Wilson, and V. G. Smith were in Covington. Germantown was visited in the afternoon where Elder Botts is pastor. Mr. J. A. Johnson, one of the elders of that church took three of the members of the team to Mayslick. Other members of the team who were used at various times of the itinerary were Miss Mary Butler, N. Middletown, president of District No. 6, Mrs. Willie M. Hunter, Winchester, General secretary of State W.M.S., Convention.

Nov. 11-12, Paris, Millersburg, Lexington, Nicholasville, Carlisle, Little Rock, N. Middletown, Mt. Sterling, Winchester, Sharpsburg, Georgetown, Midway, and Danville were visited and one public service held.

In Paris, the Third District held a program committee meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. A. D. Gault for Mayslick and planned a program for the rest of the meetings in this convention year. A program for the year for the meetings of District No. 2 was also planned on the trip. Nearly \$40.00 was raised.

Nov. 22-24 was spent at the Ohio United Youth Conference where 2751 young people gathered from all over Ohio for the state-wide, interdenominational, inter-racial conference in the history of the church life of the state. Seven Negro Christian Churches were represented.

TENNESSEE NEWS

By Rev. Raymond Walton
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School

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Tennessee Youth Hold Weekend Fellowship at Rogersville

Under the direction of Rev. Raymond R. Walton, pastor of Gay St. Church, Nashville, Tenn. and Rev. D. W. Bradley of Rogersville, Tenn. the state fostered its first Christian Youth Fellowship, November 22-24 inclusive. Miss Carnella Jamison, General Sec'y. of Missionary Organizations of the United Christian Missionary Society assisted as co-director for which the state was very appreciative of her efforts. The theme of the meet was *Uniting In Action*. Miss Bessie Thomas, a city school teacher of Johnson City, and daughter of the late Prof. J. H. Thomas, founder and president of Piedmont Inst., Martinsville, Va., led the games and discussion groups. The young people were so inspired that they decided to have another youth meet in Johnson City next April.

East Tenn. Holds District Meeting

The Rev. E. A. Daniels and the East Vine St. Church of Knoxville, Tenn. were hosts to the District Meeting, December 5-8 inclusive. The president, Elder D. W. Bradley of Rogersville presided over the meeting. Appearing on program was Elder S. Kenney of Johnson City, and State President of Tenn. Convention who preached Friday night on "The Highway of Hope," Elder R. R. Walton, Vice-president of the district, state director of youth work and National President of the Bible School Department of the National Convention, preached on Saturday on "The Reward of Christian Suffering" and directed a song feast. Elder Bradley preached on "Leadership." A tentative program was made for the next meeting which will be held jointly with the Christian Youth Fel-

lowship in the spring. One of the high points of the meeting was the reviewing of the Christian Church Doctrine.

Bible School President Makes Visit

After spending several days in Indianapolis at the Relationship Committee meeting of the National Convention and the representatives of the International convention and its agencies, I had the pleasure of meeting the staff of officers and teachers of the Second Church School at Indianapolis under the direction of Mr. Ramsey, the superintendent and Elder D. W. Campbell the able pastor of the church. I went from there to Dayton and enjoyed a fine fellowship with Elder Eli Wilbert, pastor, and Brother Riffe, the State Bible School president of Ohio. Plans were made to visit the state in the spring with Brother Riffe accompanying. On to Knoxville to be in the East Tennessee District meeting and to check on the schools of the district. We are trying hard to make this the best convention year yet. Due to unavoidable circumstances the rally which was to have been the second Sunday in October will have to be set up to the second Sunday in January at which time we are asking each local school, of the convention to send one dollar or more to the treasurer, Mr. S. B. Wallick, 460 Howard St., Muskogee, Okla. We hope that each school will do its best to help make this rally a success. This, the first call of its kind, is very urgent.

President R. Wesley Watson Reports On Golden West Trip

In the month of Sept., Mrs. Watson and I were privileged to visit Los Angeles, California as the guests of my friend and classmate, M. Frederick Mitchell, pastor of Christ's Cosmopolitan Christian Church. We were greatly impressed by the beauty of the city, the many places of interest and the great opportunities for our church.

We found there some very earnest disciples and are much concerned about building a great church. It was my privilege to preach the Anniversary Sermon of Brother Mitchell who had a week of Services. A splendid audience greeted us, the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the choir, under the leadership of Prof. Archie Harris, lifted us to spiritual heights. The members wept as we spoke to them out of God's Word and encouraged them and pastor to carry on in Jesus' name.

In the afternoon many of the City Officials, visiting ministers, social workers and members of other

churches were present and spoke of the good labors of Brother Mitchell. Letters were read from many of our brethren and sisters, also, telegrams from the Governor and State Officials. Brother Mitchell has served our church 20 years on the coast, he has contributed to the life of the city as a social worker, civic leader and through his employment office he has helped many persons. Over a thousand pass through his office a month and by his Godly counsel he has revived many souls on the road of life. And all these years he has been on the job preaching the gospel.

Brother Mitchell and good people did everything to make our stay a pleasant one. We had a great fellowship, preaching and counselling over the church and religious matters. Our churches are hard at work. We enjoyed a fine fellowship with Brother and Sister Duke and his good people, preaching to a large audience. They are having a great program at Avalon Christian Church. They are engaged in a great work and are kept busy at all times and yet found time to make it pleasant for us. A very large audience greeted us the Sunday we preached there and after a splendid worshipful program we spoke to them concerning the church. We found some very great souls at the Birch Street Church and spoke for them one Sunday evening. They expressed themselves as being as well pleased with our being present.

We were happy to be with Brother Jacobs in his work, preaching at both of his missions, he and his good wife are greatly concerned over the work and stand ready to give their all for the sake of the church. His fine children are growing in the interest of the church and we will not at all be surprised if one of the boys does not follow in the footsteps of "father."

As we think of that great state and its many opportunities we do believe that it would be a great missionary investment to have a full time Evangelist for the State of California. Our group arrives there at the rate of 150 per day and among them will be many disciples and they must be won to the church or be lost in the program of the church.

Mrs. Watson and I will have pleasant memories of the great joys that were ours and the many hospitalities extended us and we will ever be mindful of Brother Mitchell for having made it possible for us to make the trip and add to our list such big hearted souls.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM

Kansas City, Missouri

Incidentally, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy is our elected General Secretary. The appeal which was sent asking 100 men and women to share with the President as a "Rope Holder" while she goes out to the task is an appeal to support the worker. Whoever goes out to the field must be supported. The working of the field is important. Unless the churches are contacted and the people are informed there can be no vision and where there is no vision there is no interest.

The program of the National Convention should be achieved. It can be if the worker is kept on the field. All "Rope Holders" are asked to make remittances on or before the 15th of each month with a check or money order made payable to The National Convention and sent addressed to Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy c/o Universal Life Insurance Company, Memphis, Tenn.

\$400 TIED TO THE ROPE

When President R. W. Watson, made his appeal to the Brotherhood to send in money to hold the "rope" he did not mention that Mrs. Preston Taylor, Elder L. H. Crawford, and Dr. J. E. Walker had already pledged their credit and goodwill to \$500.00 to keep the rope going last year. Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy was present when this obligation was made. This was done with the specific understanding that Mrs. Bracy would and could go out on the field and raise enough money to take care of this and bring more money to the National Convention. It is true she went out. It is true she raised money but nothing was applied to this debt from the Field Secretary of the Convention.

It is imperative that what money is raised on the field should be applied to this obligation. Therefore, the brotherhood is asked to send all funds to our National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker so that we can get this burden lifted from the Rope.

From the funds which have been sent to Dr. Walker, \$100 has been paid. The balance of \$400 is due and past. Let us throw our money on this rope and pay this debt so that our few trusted leaders will be in the position to help us again when we need it.

MISS CARNELLA JAMISON'S COLUMN

Christian Youth Fellowship Piedmont Youth Rally

The Piedmont Youth Rally had more than sixty youths and adults in attendance. The Reidsville churches were provided sumptuous hospitality.

Eleven churches in the area were represented. One of the special features was the accumulation of a \$30.52 gift for Miss Maria Dayoan of the Philippine Islands who was their missionary at the conference. The sum is to purchase a much needed typewriter which Miss Dayoan will use upon return to her home next spring.

EASTERN TENNESSEE

Youth Meet — Rogersville November 22-24

Seventeen youths and six adults spent time in discussion and planning a more comprehensive youth program for the churches in Eastern Tennessee.

The theme "Uniting in Action" was defined in terms of the youth of the churches represented (Johnson City and Rogersville) working together to seek the cooperation and interest of the youths of Jellico, Knoxville, Bristol, Jonesboro and Washington College, Telford.

Contact will be made in the Knoxville quarterly meeting in December. Plans are underway for the spring meet of the churches in this area. Misses Mary Fugate, Rogersville, and Ruth Martin of Johnson City are co-presidents of the area. Adult leaders who served in the meet are: Miss Bessie Thomas, Johnson City; Rev. D. W. Bradley, Rogersville; Rev. R. W. Walton, Nashville; Miss Carnella L. Jamison, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Books and Materials

For those who are continuing the study in stewardship the small book* "Stewardship in the Life of Women," H. R. Wallace is highly recommended. Several groups are using it already for additional study.

*1940 Hand Book:

For a scope of the work of the United Christian Missionary Society you will find the new handbook invaluable. One hundred and ninety-one pages of facts, general information and pictures—plus a complete directory of missionaries, make up this booklet edited by Mr. Virgil Sly of the Department of Finance Resources. The price of 15c is actually below the cost of production to enable all groups to have at least one copy.

Our study of foreign field—China:

Here are sets of materials which you will all like. The China packets are simply fascinating. It would take oh—so much space to describe each one, so I shall tell you that "China on the March"* is the title of the adult study while "Indomitable China"* will be pleasantly surrendered to the young people. The cost of each packet is 50 cents. Place your order at once and be prepared for the January meeting.

World Call:

The Christmas rate subscription (for one year), price of \$1.00 is available now.

*Order from—Sales Literature Section, The United Christian Missionary Society, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Missionary Organizations

Dear members:

May I use this medium to extend Season's Greetings to each of you? It has been agreed among most of the folks in Indianapolis that national cards will be exchanged among us. The difference in the usual cost will be used for those who are in dire need.

Our New Executive, Mrs. H. B. Marx, is in the office. These are especially busy days for her as she becomes acquainted with her tremendous responsibilities. However, a letter has gone to each adult local society from Mrs. Marx concerning service gifts. You will want to take note of what she has to say and make plans in your group.

As promised, the first section of the report from the pre-convention sessions is in this issue of the *Plea* and the entire report in the booklet form fill go to each local group and to individuals on request.

Your Woman's Day offering counts on your goals. Be sure to get your offerings in the mail as soon after the occasion as possible. I am sure that each group which prepares this special program will be greatly enriched.

The Choss Street Church, Little Rock, writes that a panel discussion "In Times Like These" was used on their Woman's Day program. They report a helpful and inspiring service. What did you do?

How are you progressing with study materials? One copy of the book "Across the Fruited Plain" was mailed to fifteen groups which increased their offerings \$5.00 or more over that of last year. Notes of appreciation have come from some groups which also stated the use which will be made of the book.

Take note of the section: Books and Materials. Several of these make

good Christmas gift suggestions.

The following local organizations mailed the first quarterly, September 31, report blank to Carnella L. Jamison, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana: Mt. Siani, North Little Rock, Arkansas; Second Church, Indianapolis, Indiana; Columbia Second, Columbia, Kentucky; Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, Mississippi; Centennial, St. Louis, Missouri. Hi-Tri, I-Tri, C.M.O., First Christian, Concord, North Carolina; Norwood Ave., Dayton, Ohio; Mississippi Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee; Romine Street, Dallas, Texas; Clark Street, Greenville, Texas; Boll Street, Dallas, Texas; True Vine, Paris.

The quarterly reports for the second quarter are due December 31. Will you be in the number to get yours in for the second quarter?

Wilbur J. Hardiway, a Negro real estate insurance broker, has become President of the City Council, Gary, Indiana.

Of 30,890 Negroes enrolled in college, 1939-40, 3,913 were graduated last June, including 237 with the Master's degree and 9 with the degree of Philosophy.

Competent Negro engineers are now employed by the Consolidated Air-Craft Corporation, San Diego, California.

Dr. Albert Einstein says, "As for the Negro, this country has still a heavy debt to discharge for the troubles and disabilities it has laid on his shoulders; for all that his fellow citizens have done and are still doing to him."

The C.C.C. Corps has 150 Negro camps and only two have colored personnel. Our Social Action Committee should look into this matter.

The American Catholic hierarchy has been asked to establish a Department of Negro work. Why don't the Disciples of Christ do likewise?

Negro students have been admitted to the dormitories of Michigan State College, Lansing, Michigan.

HOW THE BUSINESS MAN AND THE EDUCATOR MAY COOPERATE FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY IN MANAGEMENT AND SERVICE IN OUR BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Address Delivered By Mrs. Preston Taylor, Greenwood Park, Nashville, Tennessee, At the Conference of Negro Land Grant Colleges, Metropolitan Community Church

41ts and South Parkway

Chicago, Illinois

November 12-15, 1940

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am here to represent business women. The topic: "How the Business Man and the Educator May Cooperate for Greater Efficiency in Management and Service In Our Business Enterprise" should be revised to include the Business Woman. My remarks shall be drawn primarily from the experience I have had with a business which has been going for over fifty-two years in the same city and at the same place.

My late husband, Elder Preston Taylor, was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, November 7, 1847. He spent his early days at a time when a meeting like this would be impossible because there was no such Schools, Colleges and Universities as you represent today. My contribution to this panel, must, by necessity, be drawn from the philosophy and the guiding principles which he used. You will pardon my referring to him but I feel that you can better understand what I think we should do in this matter of cooperation when we are enlightened about what our pioneers have done before us.

My husband was never privileged to acquire a complete formal education. He never attended any school. At the tender age of seventeen he enlisted and fought in the Civil War. After the war he became a stone cutter. He went to Lexington and Louisville, Ky., seeking work but the feeling about Negro and whites working side by side closed doors against him. He then appealed to the lowly, working Negro and started in the contracting business. His first contract was to build a two mile railroad, running from Mt. Sterling, Kentucky at a cost of \$75,000. Being a consecrated Christian, he felt the urge to preach and became the National leader of the Disciples of Christ. He built their largest church at Mt. Sterling and established a school at New Castle, Kentucky. He then came to Nashville, Tennessee, where he built Gay Street Christian Church and later Lea Avenue Christian Church. While he was pastoring and building these churches, he entered into the Undertaking business in 1888. He also

found time to be a leader in the Masonic and Odd Fellows Lodges. He purchased one hundred and forty-two acres for a cemetery and with these enterprises he labored until he passed in 1931.

I relate these experiences to bring to your attention that all of these accomplishments were attained by a man who dared to labor in a city of colleges populated by probably more educated Negroes than any place in America. The philosophy he used was:

1. The common man must be made to feel that he is a brother and an integral part of the community.
2. People, common and educated, must get superb service at all times. He never talked or acted as if he were above his clientele.
3. He kept accurate records of all transactions.
4. He never gouged or sold anything that people did not want.
5. He always kept up with the latest and best line.
6. He did not exact huge profits from transactions.
7. He would not abuse his competitors.
8. He did not cater to class or caste.
9. He was always charitable to all.
10. He never resorted to trickery or chicanery.
11. He always tried to be Christian and reliable.

With these principles tried for years and with the success attained by him, I commend to you the above things which the educator should instil in the students. The impact of organized glamor and exaggerated tastes exposed in our Negro colleges, has manifested itself in larger charge accounts in the stores and a tendency on the part of our elite to whiz by the Negro business. When our educators will integrate the Negro situation as it truly is, in their theories of progress, then the Negro business can become an important part of Negro life.

As Dr. Abram Harris has pointed out that "In spite of the fact that since the beginning of the present century, individual Negroes have accumulated sizable fortunes in the practice of medicine, from real estate promotions, from the operation of Negro newspapers and from recreational enterprises, from the manufacture of hair straightening, and skin bleaching goods, and, in most recent years, from the lottery business, known as playing the numbers, Negro life has never afforded the economic basis for the development of a real black middle class." This leads us inevitably to a new procedure. The purchasing power of ap-

proximately 890,000 Negroes in the South's seventeen largest has been estimated at \$500,000,000. The purchasing power of all the Negroes in the United States has been estimated at two billion dollars. With these figures before us, it seems reasonable that the Negro business should attract more people to its counters and wares. The enrollment of eighteen Southern States show in 1932 we had about two and a half million in the elementary and secondary schools. There were about forty thousand Negroes registered in colleges. With this vast group of people under the guidance of you educators, the record should show that Negro business is getting stronger and better; but the contrary is true. In 1932 we only had 25,801 stores operated by Negroes. We employed only 12,561 people and the total sales showed only one hundred and one million dollars. When one studies the types of business and the training of those who enter business, one will see that the great majority are not college trained. We only have twenty-three banks and twenty-nine sizable insurance companies. Most of our lodges are bankrupt. The trend is downward when it comes to Negro capital for Negro business.

I present these figures to you so that you can see that cooperation is needed. Negro business and its problems should be an important part of the Negro College. Our young people should be encouraged to trade with Negro businesses.

What has become of the Colored Merchants Association? What does the National Negro Business League do? How sound are the philosophies of Don't buy where you can't work? Don't spend your money where you can't work? These are a few of the many efforts to boost Negro business. But our problem cannot be reached and solved by a mass hysteria. We have got to so educate our youth in money, finance, marketing, advertising and merchandising that they will trade, own and operate a Negro business because it has the goods and services which satisfy human needs.

My husband always labored with his principles. I have done likewise. Until Educators insist on leading the way for our youth and setting examples for them, the future of Negro business will become less attractive. There is no color line in commerce. There is no Negro way of doing anything. We rise or fall on the great economic principles of our day. We must learn them and attract all other Negroes to them. When this is accomplished the School and the Stores will be one and all Negroes will be the recipients of the profits which emerge.