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President Calls for Unity
The time in which we live today, makes it imperative for every Disciple to be on his toes. The stress, strain, and struggle of these days present to the church its greatest challenge. The unrest of humanity in this weary world is a yearning for God.

The love of God is all sufficient for this hour, if we, His Disciples, would dedicate our lives to Him. We are stewards of a great heritage, and are obligated to be faithful with the trust placed in us by our Master. Into the vineyard we must go with haste. We have been laboring in the shadows too long. The Master calls us again and again to enter the white fields. This sacred task and responsibility lie at the feet of the church of which every Disciple is member. There is no doubt in the minds of true Disciples that Jesus is the hope of the world. That peace and good will among men are desirable and obtainable. Jesus knew very well that if His Church was to be effective in the life of humanity, it must be united. Union means everything when it is perfect—it satisfies desire, simplifies need, it looks into the future and becomes the very essence of success and happiness. The greatest tragedy of tragedies is to set men’s hearts against one another, rather than to set them with one another and all against the forces of the devil. There is no time for a pulling away. If we, the Disciples, are going to lead men in uniting the church of God, we must practice unity within our own ranks. Jesus prayed that we be one, and gave His high and holy purpose for praying. The burden and purpose of His prayer is expressed in John 17:21, when He said, “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee; That they also may be one...” (Continued on page 2)

MISS CARNELIA JAMISON

Carnella Jamison resigned from U. C. M. S. She tendered her resignation to the U. C. M. S. and the National Board, December 20, 1944, to take effect immediately.

It is rumored that she is going to the Avalon Christian church to direct the program of youth. Miss Jamison has made a fine record in the five years she has been with the U. C. M. S.

I Was Impressed...

By Frank Lewis
College of the Bible
214 E. 4th St., Lexington, Ky.

I was impressed by the National Convention of the Negro Disciples of Christ. I consider it a privilege and a pleasure to have attended many sessions of this convention. I did not attend these sessions for curiosity’s sake, nor for the want of something better to do. I attended that I might (Continued on page 2)
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in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." The key to Pentecost was the togetherness of the Disciples. They were in one place and in one accord. Their witnesses had power to move men, and cause them to marvel at the mighty workings of God through them. They witnessed with power and understanding. They had a dying conviction. With much courage they faced their trials, persecutions and hardships. Disciples in every age have been willing to witness and proclaim the love of God as revealed to His Son, Jesus Christ. The job and the work of the kingdom of God belong to His disciples. If we are His disciples, then the responsibility of preaching the gospel becomes the duty of every disciple.

The National Convention provides us a method of cooperation in the great enterprise of the kingdom. It makes possible fellowship and gives us a sense of belonging to a great church. The National Convention has undertaken to build our churches into a greater fellowship, to witness by preaching the gospel. We shall first endeavor to strengthen the things that remain and increase our services to the churches. The National Convention voted to put into operation a program of cooperation with the United Brethren Missionary Society and other brotherhood agencies. To put this new plan to work, we must have more money, and the National Convention must carry its share of the load. The National Convention is at the cross roads. It must demonstrate its ability to do what it says it will do. Our word of honor is at stake. We can, and we must. So every one of us must be in one accord in praying for the success of the convention, in supporting the work, in boosting the program, and in building good will everywhere for Christ and His kingdom.

In the November issue of the Christian Plea, I brought you up to date as to the progress we are making with the Long Range Program. The committee, appointed in Columbus, Ohio, in October, 1944, did make a study of the plan and presented to the executive committee a fine report. This report was given careful consideration by the executive committee and the report was adopted. This adoption assured the putting into operation of the plan. We will not be able to put the plan to work as soon as I predicted. It will be far better to take enough time, and set the organization upon a sure foundation, rather than to hurry it. As soon as we get the plan ready for execution, we will print it in the Christian Plea. So you must get the Christian Plea to keep up with the work.

The budget calls for $18,600.00 a year. Of this amount, the National Convention must share $5,000.00. The UCMS and other agencies will carry the rest. We cannot afford to do less than our best. If we follow this simple plan, we will reach our goal. Write and tell me what is happening in the life of the church. The Christian Plea will inform you as to what is happening in the life of the church. Every family should have the Plea in their homes. Good literature is worth its weight in gold. The Christian Plea will inform you as to what is happening in the life of the brotherhood. Every church should have a Christian Plea secretary, to see that the Plea is in every home. Remember, together we move forward and build the Kingdom of God. We cannot afford to do less than our best. If we follow this simple plan, we will reach our goal. Write and tell me what you will do as an individual and as a church.

S. S. MYERS,
President of the Nat'l Convention

Let me offer you a simple method of raising the $20,000.00 this year:

- 500 disciples to give $10.00 each, $5,000.00.
- 1,000 disciples to give $5.00 each, $5,000.00.
- 20 churches to give $200.00 each, $4,000.00.
- 40 churches to give $100.00 each, $4,000.00.
- 100 churches to give $25.00 each, $2,500.00.

There should be some special gifts equaling $1,000.00. This would make a grand total of $21,500.00.

The regional Vice-Presidents and the State Presidents must take hold of this program and give it their best thought and service in their states and areas. If we could reach such a goal as $20,000.00, it would give dignity, security and assurance to our work. I would like to hear from all the Regional Vice-Presidents who have not answered by letters. There are two corrections to be made. R. L. Jordan was named for Georgia. He is Regional Vice-President of Michigan. J. S. Johnson should be dismissed as Regional Vice-President of Michigan. H. J. Johnson is named for Georgia. Would like to have a letter from all who were appointed as chairmen, as I would like to know if you are going to serve.

Let us stand by the Christian Plea. Every family should have the Plea coming into their homes. Good literature is worth its weight in gold. The Christian Plea will inform you as to what is happening in the life of the brotherhood. Every church should have a Christian Plea secretary, to see that the Plea is in every home. Remember, together we move forward and build the Kingdom of God.

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know and better understand that for which our Negro Disciples stand, and the goals they are trying to achieve. After meeting with them, then conversing with many of them, and listening to the challenging addresses of their speakers, I can only say that I was greatly impressed.

The most impressive element of this convention was the emphasis that was placed on achievement. Almost every
speaker sent out his challenge for the Negro to show himself approved. Never did I hear them ask for anything but that which is fundamentally the right of every human being—they ask for opportunity. They want the opportunity to rise economically and to advance educationally that they make their contribution and show their worth to society. Those who take an intolerant attitude toward the Negro often think of him as always wanting something given to him. This certainly was not the mood at this National Convention. They want their equal rights, but they do not want any special privileges handed to them—they want only opportunity to prove themselves worthy of these rights. Surely Christian people can look only with favor upon such an attitude.

I was impressed by the contribution of the Christian Youth Fellowship to the Convention. Its members proved not only their talent and their Christian sincerity but also that they have an aggressive desire to help establish the Kingdom of God. The resolutions they submitted to the convention gave evidence enough of their eagerness to have better racial understanding along with the leavening of the Christian spirit throughout the world. Their worship services throughout the program would be difficult to surpass. Each of these programs aided me to catch the vision that the Negro Christian Youth Fellowship is having. This vision of a better practical interpretation of the Christian message must not be marred by disappointment. Their eagerness, their Christian spirit, and their visions are challenges to their white brothers. These challenges to share in kingdom building we must accept. These young people and their leaders are not only to be congratulated, but they are to be heeded and cooperated with.

There was a deep impression made upon my heart by the individuals I met and learned to know. Their humility, their objective thinking and their Christian spirit made them so impressive that they could not help winning one's affection. When I heard them speak and sing, and when I listened to them in conversation, I could only feel that it was nothing more than the lack of understanding that holds strong the barriers between the white and the Negro races.

I was impressed unfavorably by the attempt of the minority of the convention to condemn the cooperative work of our brotherhood. Even though the convention voted unanimously to work in closer cooperation with the United Christian Missionary Society there were those who evidenced an unwillingness to abide by the decision of the whole. The disharmonizing note struck by this minority group was unfortunate in that it did bring disturbance to a smooth running convention. Even though this discord existed, I felt very much at

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ELDER L. L. DICKERSON

Elder L. L. Dickerson represented the National Christian Preaching Convention at the National Board meeting of the National Christian Convention. He was not in a position to say how much finance they will contribute, but hinted that it would be announced later.

Arnold In California

Inglewood, Calif., Dec. 22.—Committee on Negro Evangelism, appointed by rally is purchasing property of Shorb Avenue Church of Christ for $12,000. Shorb Avenue Church was offered $15,000 cash by several denominational churches. This property is located in midst of community of 15,000 colored people. C. W. Arnold is already organizing colored church, using this building on Sunday afternoons. This is emergency, and we urge interested churches to pray for and generously support this enterprise. Send all funds to G. Fred Hoy, secretary and treasurer, 215 East Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.

Committee: Harold Burkhart, chairman; G. Fred Hoy, secretary and treasurer; C. C. Root, Don Sites, C. W. Arnold.—From Dec. 30th, "The Standard."
The Ninety and Nine Men's Christian Brotherhood

By Dr. Orval D. Perterson
Yakima, Wash.

This organization of men of the church, which is usually built around a Bible class, has been flourishing for a number of years in churches of Washington, Northern Idaho, Oregon, and elsewhere. The classes have joined together in state organizations and are supporting several worthwhile projects which include evangelistic teams, youth camps, camps for boys and girls, and scores of local projects. The object is of the men in Washington and Northern Idaho are as follows:

1. To mobilize the unused manpower of the church.
2. To teach and train them for leadership and service to the local church.
3. To undergird the entire program of the local church.
4. To foster and encourage a spirit of personal evangelism among the men of the church in order that "others" may be won to Jesus Christ and to His church.
5. To organize Men's Bible classes wherever practical.
6. To organize gospel teams, sending them into our rural communities for teaching and preaching service.
7. To assist the state board of our churches in maintaining a team of evangelists on the field, by underwriting a part of the salary budget.
8. To encourage men to study the missionary program of our church, to the end that men may have a part in the support of this worthwhile endeavor.

The aims of the Ninety and Nine Men's Christian Brotherhood are threefold.

First, To seek out the unsaved man and bring him to Jesus Christ.
Second, To awaken the unused man of the church, bringing him into a deep sense of personal responsibility regarding his relationship to the building of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men.
Third, To actively cooperate with other recognized agencies of the church in building a program of service that will strengthen and revitalize the local church, and to aid in the extension of the teachings of Christ throughout the world.

For several years W. F. O'Conner, of the University Christian Church in Seattle, Wash., has been president of the Washington and Northern Idaho Men. Each year the men are responsible for a session at the State Convention, at which time they hold their business meeting and elect officers.

Editor's Note: This article was written at the request of Brother Robert Wilson, a member of First Christian Church, Yakima, Wash. We are most grateful for Mr. Wilson's interest and appreciate this article. We would like to hear more about the Ninety and Nine Men's Club movement.

National Field Workers Report for December

By Dr. C. L. Parks
Nashville, Tenn.

On the 30th of October we reached Nashville from Calhoun, Ala., where we had spent three fruitful days serving the, already reported, Alabama State Convention. We spent three days in Nashville before leaving on November 3rd for Louisville, Ky., where we experienced a most pleasant fellowship with Elder F. D. Floyd, President of Kentucky State Convention, and pastor of the Third Christian Church, Louisville, Ky. Elder Floyd is an experienced warhorse and when he, his choir, and congregation had brought to an end a most inspiring devotional service, there was nothing for the preacher of the hour to do but to preach. At the conclusion of the message, the invitation was extended and three souls were moved to identify themselves, openly, on the side of God's people—two by baptism and one by transfer. It was one of these services where everybody was made happy because of a consciousness of the Spirit gift in our midst. All left rejoicing and we personally welcome the day when the opportunity is ours to re-visit Third Christian Church, Louisville, Ky.

One other thing we would like to mention about the Third Christian Church in Louisville, before passing on, is this: The church is being remodeled, and those of us who have not seen it within the last six months will not be able to recognize it, except from the outside. On the inside, it is beautiful to behold, and the interior structural changes are in keeping with the demands of the church, community and of our organized brotherhood.

On the 5th of November, we returned to Nashville and spent five days there catching up with correspondence and giving consideration to
plans, now on foot, to hold several Institutes. (Brethren, you will hear more about this within the next sixty days.)

On the 11th of November we felt it was necessary for us to make another trip to Jacksonville, Fla., that we might do our part in boosting the morale of the little group there who had reasons to be discouraged because of unexpected disappointments. Arriving there on the 12th, we found that they were not discouraged, but were moving forward under the impact of sustained hope and faith, undisturbed. We went to encourage them but the fact is they, with patient and happy expectancy of a worthy solution to the problem they face, encouraged us. Thank God for this group whose faith and determination and hope and endurance levels off in this all pregnant phrase, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

The 21st of November found us leaving Jacksonville for Nashville, and reaching home on the 23rd, there we spent the rest of the month.

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home because the same tendencies are to be found among the White Disciples.

Today as never before we need better racial understanding and cooperation. We have aimed at such a goal theoretically but we have done little from a practical point of view. It seems to me we are trying to understand the Negro like many people try to follow Christ—from "afar off." We read books about them, we preach sermons on bettering race relations, we have round-table discussions, forums and conferences, but, generally speaking, that is the extent of the effort. All talking and no action seems to be one of our greatest shortcomings. Jesus recognized the futility of this when he said, "Everyone that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man...."

In our search for the answer to the racial question why can't we try fellowship? How can we help unless we understand? and how can we understand unless we know? and how can we really know unless we have Christian fellowship together? My appreciation and understanding of our Negro brethren have been greatly enhanced because of the personal fellowship I had with them. What has happened to me can and will happen to others—if others want it. Together we must work if we are to realize, "Thy will be done on earth."

Pres. and Ex-Press. Looks
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son that the vote be made unanimous and this motion was passed unanimously. The charge of electing an "Open Membership Man" is false, based upon letters written by a disgruntled member of the church. Testimonies have been given by the church through its officials and the Christian Ministers Alliance of Kansas City and by the Tri-State Evangelist who is also a member of the church. Those who are publishing and contending that the convention split on an "Open Membership Man," since the X-ray reveals that he is not an "Open Membership Man" removes all props out of the "Alleged Split."

Pres.: Say, Bro. Ex-Press., have you heard the question asked Dr. J. E. Walker by one of the members of the trustees of the U. C. M. S.?

Ex-Press.: No. What was it?

Pres.: Dr. Walker was asked, "What effect would the wing that left the convention have on the brotherhood?" Dr. Walker replied instantly, "What wing? Only a few feathers of the wing fell out."

Ex-Press.: Thanks. I think that was a fine answer. After all, Bro. Pres., this question of "Open Membership" being practiced by any of our ministers is just a "big bugaboo." No one has been able to put his finger on one case that has existed or now exists. It is a creative tool of them who have been interested in deceiving and misdirecting the brotherhood program for selfish gains. When I hear talk by them of "Open Membership" I think of a man who went to a cafe and asked the owner would he want to buy some frog legs? The owner asked him how many he had. He said a car load. The owner said I could not use that many. He was then asked could he use twelve dozen? He said no. Then the man said would you buy one dozen? The owner said yes. After two days the man came back to the cafe and brought eight. The owner of the cafe said: "What kind of a man are you? You said that you had a carload of frog legs and when I ordered just one dozen you come bringing me the legs of just four frogs. Explain it to me. And the man said, "Well, sir, you see, I was judging by the noise they made."

Pres.: Bro. Ex-Press., your observations are very true, clear, and pointed, with these facts going to the brotherhood will make it possible for them to make a wise choice based upon the truth. I am positive that the choice of the brotherhood will be on the side of truth. And if this is true, and it is true, there can be no doubt about the preservation of the unity and the fellowship of our great brotherhood. As we face the future together with Christ who is the Truth, the Life, and the Way, our destiny is assured.

National Board Hears Report Of Special Committee of the Executive Committee

By Merl R. Eppse

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20, 1944.—The Long Range program was molded into real form at the Plamer House in Indianapolis, Ind. The high churchmen who were present are as follows: Virgil Sly, John Davis, W. Wickizer, J. E. Walker, C. L. Parks, R. S. Davis, Paul Preston, J. Eric Carlson, Levi Cartwright, R. S. Peoples, R. L. Jordan, Carnella Jamison, S. S. Myers, Elizabeth Herod, Edith Bristow, H. B. Marx, R. L. Hopkins, Wm. Peary, George Oliver Taylor, M. R. Eppse, G. Torburis, R. L. Watson and L. L. Dickerson.

The enthusiasm was high and the meeting was harmonious throughout. President S. S. Myers will announce the National Convention plans as soon as they are ready. In the meantime, elsewhere in this issue of the Plea, one can see the form it is taking.

It is up to the colored leadership now to either make the work go or return it to its former place. It was the consensus of opinions at the meeting that it will be a great success.

DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS
YOUR "PLEA" WILL NOT BE DELIVERED UNLESS YOU PAY NOW.
Bro. C. L. Whitfield
Makes Plea for Unity
October 26, 1944.
Elder W. H. Taylor,
1702 Madison Ave.
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother Taylor:

I received a copy of your paper, "The Christian Informer" yesterday. I think the general workmanship and layout is very nice. However, I regret so much that this had to come to pass, there are so many ways to achieve any good end.

I feel, Brother Taylor, you should, in fairness to the great organization you have severed connection with, be careful to give true impressions about everything you publish. In regard to the proclamation of President Bragg which you published, it is my humble opinion that every word of it including the date should have been published, or none at all. If a part of a document is published, people may get the wrong impression. Without the date, there is a chance that somebody will think this occurred since the National Convention and be influenced thereby.

I am a lifelong Disciple of Christ, and as long as I live, I intend to stay with the brotherhood, regardless to what any few men may preach or practice. Solomon said, "In a multitude of counsellors there is safety." (Not a multitude of splits.) (Prov. 11:14.) All of us together were capable of taking care of any real issue that might have arisen in the whole brotherhood. You know what Jesus said in John 10 chapter about those who run away. I feel you have missed something that doesn't exist as far as our work is concerned. Please refrain from writing me up, or my church, in your paper.

C. L. WHITFIELD.

October 26, 1944.

To whom it may concern:

An article appeared in a recent issue of a paper called "The Christian Informer" about the reorganization of district work in the Eastern Seaboard Area. Lest the impression be given that this meeting and organization occurred since August, the secretary of the said United Christian Missionary Convention takes this means of advising the whole brotherhood that the meeting mentioned in the said "Christian Informer" with no date attached, actually occurred about five months ago, long before any of us knew that a plan to split the National Convention was in formulation.

Yours 100 per cent for the National Convention.

C. L. WHITFIELD.
United Christian Convention.

National Women's President Sends Message to All Women

By Mrs. J. A. Towns
846 W. 26th St.
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Friends:

Happy New Year. I have wanted so much to write to each of you personally and tell you about the meeting of the Executive Council in Columbus, Ohio, in October, on the week-end preceding the International Convention.

Mrs. Pearl Allen told you about the Ohio Board Meeting. I enjoyed meeting with them and listening to their plans for the year.

In the inspiration and fellowship of our meetings, we planned for our work in a way to reach the interests of all of us.

We are concerned about the total program and are urging you in your churches to assist your ministers in reaching the best of our young people for Christian training and preparation for Christian service. It is our privilege to encourage and enlist these young people.

Second, We discussed increasing our goals of giving, membership, World Call, and Christian Plea subscriptions.

We analyzed our records of last year, as reported at the convention and agreed that, in most cases, we could improve. You will be hearing from Miss Jamison about this.

We discussed National Convention projects and are suggesting the following to you:

1. A sacrificial luncheon or breakfast given by societies and states, at a time most convenient for them and the proceeds sent to the national treasurer, Miss Fenton Hamilton, and the report made at the convention.

2. A state rally to be conducted by the area workers and the money sent to the treasurer.

A National Service Project suggested was that we make layettes for babies and send them to the Department of Social Welfare, of which Dr. James A. Crain is secretary (222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana). They will then be sent to the places of greatest need.

Another project, that clean, used clothing, in good condition, be sent to Southern Christian Institute, Jarvis College, or Hazel Green.

An item of interest to you will be that Indiana Ave. Church Missionary Society was the recipient of the Loving Cup. You will know from the Minutes of the meeting the requirements for entering the contest for the cup. It will be awarded at the convention.

We looked forward to the convention and planned for a Sacrificial Breakfast on Woman's Day from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. The offering at this meal will be the offerings from the meals you have had in your societies and states and will be reported at this time.

We will use women as ushers on Woman's Day.

3. We will create a choir from among the singers present with Mrs. Rosa Page Welch and Mrs. Alberta Craggett in charge.

We talked of many things. Mrs. Marx was with us on Saturday afternoon and presented in her capable way the National Project. My only regret is that all of you weren't there, to share with us your counsel.

We worshipped on Sunday morning in the Monroe Ave. church, with Rev. C. W. Arnold as pastor.

I attended a part of the International Convention and received from it, what I always do from that meeting, great sermons, messages, information and inspiration. We were glad so many of our women were in attendance.

Then in November I went back to Columbus to attend the Second Biennial Assembly of the United Council of Church Women. I had missed the first meeting of this united group, but
had attended several other National Conventions of the Council of Church Women before this United Council came into being. It was an excellent meeting. I suggest that you read the article about it in the January World Call as reported by Miss Genevieve Brown. Mrs. Alberta Craggett and I represented you.

While there I met with and talked to a group of the members of the Monroe Ave. church. By this time L. L. Dickerson was pastor. On another night I was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bush. Mrs. Bush made arrangements for us when our Executive Council met there and we were grateful to her also for her hospitality.

Then on Woman's Day I was the guest of our Dayton, Ohio, church. (Rev. Wilbert is pastor.) I was the guest in the home of Mrs. Susie Oufutt while there and enjoyed visiting her. She had been one of my childhood Sunday school teachers.

There are other things to tell you, but won't you write to me, more often? I have appreciated hearing from some of you. Tell me your news, so that I can share it with others and don't fail to subscribe for the Plea.

Disciple Sparks

Elder R. H. Peoples, besides pastoring the Christian church in Indianapolis, is attending Butler University and spinning plans for the Negro work. It is rumored that he is anxious to get back into the harness after an absence of two years. When the plan is announced, one can see that he has had much to do with it.

Cishy is gone. The absence of a good man makes a difference in a home.

Elder W. E. Henry, of Texas, has accepted the call to Central Christian church, Louisville, Ky.

Elder Eugene James is pastoring at East Crockett Street Christian church, San Antonio, Texas.

Elder R. H. Peoples, Foster Craggett, John Eubanks, and four more adults met with nine young people to make a blue print for the Christian Youth Fellowship. The meeting was called for January 12th and notices were sent January 10th. This is the way restless youth act toward an irreducible fact—sorry—too fast for me.—Eppse.

From the Capital of the Buckeye State, Columbus, O.

By Mrs. Clara Fowler Bush

Greetings, and best wishes for peace, from the Monroe Avenue church. It is with great joy that the church can say we are standing together, knowing that divided we fall. I need not tell you that Eld. L. L. Dickerson is truly a great gospel preacher, that the brotherhood knows, and that he is moving on in a splendid way. Our attendance is increasing in all the departments, beginning with the Bible School.

Last Sunday was "Homecoming Day" and "Roll Call." Although the earth was a blanket of ice such as we never had before, almost every member answered "present." About one hundred members remained for fellowship dinner. This was followed with a get-acquainted social hour and impromptu program. Elder Dickerson presided. Calling on each to do what they least expected made it a day long to be remembered. As we came to the closing song a spontaneous, warm hand of fellowship was begun by Elder Bush, and enjoyed by all.

This Lord's day we again enjoyed a great day. The pastor brought two great sermons. In the morning the subject was, "Shall the Dry Bones Live?" The evening subject was, "There is Something in a Name." Truly these two subjects will long be remembered. The church is fortunate in having this great gospel minister.

Next Sunday will be our $1,000 Rally Day. Each member is asked to give 10 dollars. We will tell you more about this.

Last but not least the church is presenting Mrs. Rosa Page Welch in a recital February 8th in the East High School on East Broad street. The auditorium seats over one thousand. We hope to fill the house. We are looking for a great success in this endeavor and we solicit your prayers as we work together. In times like these, with the nations at war, we pray that we will not look back but press forward hoping the church can bring the peace. God grant it.

Let us make our Christian Plea bigger and better by reading it, writing and subscribing to it.

United Christian Church

Detroit, Michigan

G. J. Harvey, Reporter

December 10, 1944, was a day in the history of the United Christian Church that will long be remembered. The mortgage burning drive was a great success. The hearts of the entire membership were grateful and rejoiced, knowing that God had blessed them to clear the indebtedness of the church. The faithful membership has struggled for a long period of time to reach this goal. Dr. De Witt Jones was guest speaker. He gave a very interesting and inspiring lecture. There were many visitors. The mortgage was burned by pastor, Rev. R. L. Jordan.

The new President of the Christian Endeavor Society has had thirteen meetings this quarter. The discussions have been very helpful and interesting.

The society has been thoughtful in remembering the sick with greetings, and was able to cheer one of the sick with carols at Christmas time. The attendance has been fair for this quarter.

Activities of Alabama State Work

Miss Sadie Williams, Reporter

Montgomery, Ala.

Since our State Convention in October, that burning desire to do something about our work here in Alabama has dwelt with me continuously. Though the task is a hard one, for the field truly is white and harvest plenty, with so few who will go, I feel that my little, will hardly do any good, but with God's help and guidance I'm happy to render what little I can for His cause.

On the third Sunday in December, I was called on by the missionary ladies of the Mt. Zion Christian church at White Hall, Ala., to come and take a part on their Woman's Day program. Bad weather kept them from the regular day set aside for that purpose, but these faithful workers were determined it wouldn't go blank and I've never witnessed such a spirit for mission as existed there. The program started at the Bible school, which was my happy privilege to conduct, and continued with a brief synopsis of the origin of Woman's Day, by Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Glover, the gospel singer from Selma was present and thrilled the audience with his singing.

The pastor, Eld. Chas. Mitchell, brought a very forceful sermon that should live forever in the hearts of men. Bro. Mitchell has a very bright prospect at White Hall, with such capable leaders as Mrs. Rosa White, Mrs. Clemmie Brayboy, Mr. Jackson...
and several others, to say nothing of a lovely choir that can hardly be surpassed. He should be able to make this one of the leading churches in the state. Much praise is to be given Mrs. White, who is president of the Missionary Society for this splendid type of service. The sum of $35.00 was taken for this special effort.

Miss A. E. Williams visited the 11th St. church, Birmingham, during the Christmas holidays and report of the very fine work there by Elder Jeffries and his congregation.

The people at Mt. Pleasant church, Mathews, Ala., with Eld. P. H. Bennett, is striving hard to remodel their church and making a very fine showing with only a small group of workers.

Our own church here in Montgomery is very much pleased with our new pastor Eld. J. H. Howard and is looking forward to a big year ahead. The young people over the state are really for the conference this year instead of the youth meet inasmuch as we only have one. I receive a plea from some of them often asking me to please do what I can in a way along with Elder Jefferies to make this meeting possible. We hope the headquarters in Indianapolis will help us to make it possible for them. We will be so pleased for any of our brethren to stop in any of our churches in Alabama for a visit sometime.

South Side Christian Church
436 E. 46th Place
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. R. E. LaTouche, Pastor

South Side Christian Church has just closed a glorious year, both spiritually and financially. We were quite fortunate in paying off the indebtedness on our building and began raising money on our new church. We have closed the year with a very satisfactory sum in the bank in the building fund and also in the current fund.

We have had the finest of cooperation from our members. They carried the work on splendidly during my illness. The Lord has blessed us by giving us some fine Christian workers and we all are working together lovingly and faithfully.

We closed the year with twelve baptized converts. We have added over thirty to our members during the year and many warm friends have been made. We had three deaths during the year. Our Elder, Bro. John Walton, Mrs. Ella Crawford, the founder of our church. Our church was organized in her home about thirty years ago. Bro. Walton was the father of Elder Raymond Walton, one of our strong young ministers. Sister Cowan passed away Christmas eve and was buried on the 28th of December. We miss them from our midst, but they still live on. Brethren, we wish you a very prosperous year in your work. Pray for us that we may go forward.

Ninth Street Christian Church
1026 Ninth Street
Des Moines, Iowa

December was another successful month for our church work. The Christmas tree and program was an event of happiness for the youngsters, each child received a toy or a useful article.

Beginning in '44 with (11) eleven children, (3) dropped out and 15 were added, making a total of 23 at the present. Through the children, Sunday school offerings of $47.17 were raised.

Two adult members joined our band this month.

The Policy Committee and architect met Friday, 22nd of Dec., and they promised us a remodeled Chapel to worship in Easter morning. A modern structure of a church plant will be erected as soon as we can get a permit to build.

The church nursery is on its way. Four children are receiving day and night care at present. We plan to raise $2,000 in '45. We need your prayers.

Mrs. V. L. Hawkins, Reporter
3-Mile Creek Christian Church
Olar, South Carolina

By A. L. Brabham
R. 1, Box 30
Olar, South Carolina

We are getting along very well spiritually and financially under the present condition. We have a united group and we work together in every respect. We have preaching once per month and prayer meeting once a month; communion two times a month. Our new pastor is Rev. Rogers Williams of Columbia, S. C. We hope that he makes a good success in this new field. We are trying to do business for the King. We have lost hope by death Rev. B. J. Kease, Bro. Jeff Ayer, Bro. Loadhalt, and Sister Innes Bridland of Brooklyn, N. Y. While it's our loss, we hope it's heaven's gain. Our quarterly meeting will convene with the members and friends of the Cherry Grove Christian Church, Miley's, S. C. Elder Wilmon Ritter is the president. We hope to do more this ensuing year for the Master than ever before. We beg the prayers of the entire brotherhood that we may continue in the faith which was delivered to the saints. Yours in Christ.

Corinth Christian Church
Kilgore, Texas

Rev. E. J. Dickson, Pastor
Kilgore, Texas

Mrs. Almeta Henderson, Reporter

Corinth is grateful to report the blessing that God has stored upon us during the year of 1944.

On our pastoral day, which was the second Sunday in December, we had a splendid service. Rev. Dickson preached an outstanding sermon from the subject, "Putting Life Into Christian Experience." We enjoyed it much. We are always proud to hear him each month. We miss Mrs. Dickson very much and hope she will be with us beginning of our new year's work on the second Sunday. We planned a Christmas program and Christmas tree. Several gifts were purchased to make our superintendent, teachers, students, and loved ones happy, but due to unfavorable weather we failed to have it. Now we are looking forward to a new year for a bigger and better meeting and put our lives into Christian work.

As the new year approaches and loneliness of hours falls upon us, Father give me strength, and eager not to fear, for thou art with me. I know that pains must come, and we must pay for every birth with death—and death is just the prelude to a greater life. Give me fortitude to put away my selfish scheme of things, the heartache, memories that sap my strength. I pray, dear Father, for my loss, we hope it's heaven's gain. Our quarterly meeting will convene with the members and friends of the Cherry Grove Christian Church, Miley's, S. C. Elder Wilmon Ritter is the president. We hope to do more this ensuing year for the Master than ever before. We beg the prayers of the entire brotherhood that we may continue in the faith which was delivered to the saints. Yours in Christ.

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The Editor solicits other writers to send manuscripts.

PROF. MERL R. EPPSE, Editor.
Corinth Christian Church
Kilgore, Texas
Rev. E. J. Dickson, Pastor
Almeta Henderson, Reporter
Route 2, Box 260
Kilgore, Texas

Under the able leadership of Rev. Dickson, our church has grown from a small acorn to a huge oak in Christ Jesus. Since our revival, we are all back at our post of duty. Sunday school is going over in a big way with large attendance. On the second Sunday, Sept. 10th, was another splendid day. Rev. Dickson always brings spiritual food. He has been called back as pastor. We are glad to report that our church, in spite of the decreasing membership due to service induction and war essential work, Corinth church still has an upward look and outstretched arms toward our Heavenly Father and an “Onward” motto for the coming year.

Sister Almeta Stoker, partook the Lord’s Supper with us. We were grateful to have had visiting us Mrs. Judge Daniels of Kilgore. Her remarks were very much in place. We also were proud to have with us Sister Oliver Jacobs of California. We are still asking your prayers, that we may continue to go on in the name of Christ Jesus.

Antioch Christian Church
New Brunswick, New Jersey
A. B. Washington, Secretary
169 Leeman St.
New Brunswick, N. J.

We are about to come to the close of the year of 1944. We are glad to say that during the year the Lord has wonderfully blessed us; last year at this time, we were without a church and had to worship in the home of the pastor. But today we can say as David of old said, “I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.” Our feet shall stand within the gates of old Jerusalem. The faithful few live up to the resolution as made in the beginning of the year. That was to pull together, of which they did with prayer and faith, and today, praise God, we can worship under our own vine and fig tree. Although not completed, we can praise God for His wonderful blessing, that He bestowed upon us. On the 14th of Nov., we celebrated our pastor’s 13th anniversary in the basement of the church with a testimonial dinner. Table was spread for 65 guests from Plainfield and Metuchen. Elder Nuhi, pastor of the Church of God in Christ of Plainfield, had charge of the program. Mrs. Thomas Holman, wife of Rev. Thomas Holman of Metuchen was director of ceremonies.

There were solos and songs rendered by members of the church in Plainfield. Mrs. Janie Williams of the First Baptist Church of New Brunswick, recited an essay which took the attention of all. A violin solo was rendered by Mr. Arthur Anderson, the new undertaker of our city. After a delightful program, the presentation of gifts to the pastor was by our organist, Miss Dorothy Edwards, of Jersey City, the granddaughter of the founder of the church. The pastor received a handsome overcoat from members of the various auxiliaries and a pair of sheelined kid gloves from the Sunday school and 45 dollars in donations from friends. This was followed by another violin selection, after which the secretary gave the history of the church. Rev. S. E. Tillman started the church in the home of Mrs. Mary Edwards, in the year of 1931, with just her family, which consisted of three persons. After worshipping there for several months, he was able to get a small place, 20 x 30, a frame building, which rested on four underposts. After fixing up the place with seats, light and heat, he began to gain followers, which were about 30 or more members. In 1934 he resigned and took up work on New Street. He organized the Rescue Christian Mission, which was a charitable institution.

He gave his utmost attention to giving shelter and helping the poor and needy with food and clothing in their distress. It was in the year of 1938 that Rev. Tillman was recalled to the church, after there had been five or six ministers that had tried to make it go but failed. Rev. Tillman, after considering the call for more than three months, finally accepted. He started to rebuild the small structure and when he made application for a building permit, they gave him one to tear it down, as it had been condemned a year before. Now they were without a place of worship and for several years. By this time the members had been scattered, some joined other churches and Mrs. Mary Edwards, the founder, had passed to her Heavenly Father. She had faith. These three women clung to God’s unchanging hand to carry on the work of Antioch Christian Church. They were Sister Esther L. Tillman, the pastor’s wife, Sister Lillie Mae Font, and Mother A. B. Washington, who kept the church together until now. In 1941, the pastor seeing that these three women could not be shaken by the wind, decided to open up his home for service. He spoke out the fullness of his heart as God would give him the message. While so doing, the people passing by would stop and listen. Some came in and some joined us. On September 17, 1942, four members raised our first $10 toward the building of our church and in June, 1943, we started to build on the same site where the little church, 20 x 30 stood and today we have a church that is a credit to the community. It is being built without mortgages, we pay as we go. We have on the church roll about 30 members. We have a choir that can’t be beat, under Mrs. Roberts Sanders, president; Missionary, Mrs. Lillie Mae Font, president; Pastor’s Aide, Mrs. Ora L. Johnson, president; Sunday school, the father church, Mother A. B. Washington, Supt. (Eld. G. Font and Eld. G. Edwards, Assistants); Pastor, Elder T Taylor, and our good deacon, Samuel Sanders.

We are asking the prayers of the brotherhood for our continued success. Our pastor and choir will go to New York December 11th, to the Elder Brodie Church, where our pastor will preach and the choir will render services.

Third Christian Church
Louisville, Kentucky

Elder F. T. Floyd
Buford Murray, Reporter

Through the able leadership of our superintendent, officials and teachers, our Sunday School is continuing to grow in attendance and financially. During the past month Elder Floyd had charge of the Sunday School programs.

He secured guest speakers from other churches. The topic for the month was Thanksgiving. The total amount raised was $16.00.

For the past four months our church has been one of the liveliest spots in the city. For the first two months the men were busy with the Men’s Day Rally. It was very successful. They raised a total amount of $788.44 and then for the last two months ending Nov. 26th, the women observed Woman’s Day, with Miss Henderson as chairwoman and captain, along with five other groups of women. Their rally too, was a success. They
closed their drive with a splendid program. For their morning program they had as their guest speaker Mrs. Ruby Jackson, one of our brilliant school teachers and member of the R. E. Jones Temple. She used for her subject "A Great Faith" and under her theme she spoke from the following topics: "Harmonious Faith," "Saviorhood of Jesus," "Sins of the Flesh," "Sins of Temperament," "Sins of Omission," "Universal Faith and Victorious Faith."

She completed her talk with a timely poem. Everyone was electrified with the way she spoke and how she brought out each point. Mrs. Cor- delia French introduced the speaker.

For their afternoon program they had as their guest speaker Miss Hazel Ross of New Albany, Indiana. She is also one of our city school teachers. She used for her subject, "Postwar World; What are You Going to Do?" She spoke of the problems the church will have to face when the young men return from war and the part women should take and also child delinquency.

The musical part of the program consisted of solos and the group singing of the senior and junior choirs. Then came the anxious moment. The report of the captains and their groups. The captains were as follows:

1. Mrs. Rose Henderson $181.45
2. Mrs. Elsie Murray 104.72
3. Mrs. Lulu Hicks 89.15
4. Mrs. Elizabeth Green 184.10
5. Mrs. Julia Ramsey 120.80
6. Mrs. Alice Tyler 225.22

Total $905.44

Late reports are expected. Everyone left rejoicing.

**Arkansas News**

I wish to make a report of the Women's Day Program which was held at Mt. Sinai Christian Church, Dec. 3rd. The program was very interesting. Mrs. Bertha Collins gave a paper, subject, "The Call," which was very interesting. Miss Mary V. Moore, the field worker, made an address. She gave an address to the women on this day and what it means. It was enjoyed by all. The next was an address by the writer on the schools and what they mean to the races. This address will be sent to the Plea later. Mrs. Mattie Hall, our president, gave remarks asking for everyone to give a dollar. This being dollar day. Those who gave a $1.00 were Elder J. W. Farbes, Mrs. Mattie Hall, S. L. Bostick, Mrs. Mahala Moore, Mrs. Alvah Bynum, Eld. T. R. Moore Those who gave 50¢ were: Mrs. Bertha Collins, Miss M. V. Moore, Mrs. H. C. Mothershed. Those who gave 25¢ were: Mrs Annie Brock, Mrs. E. Peyton, Miss Bernice Peyton, Mr. G. L. Brock, and Mrs. Clara Williams 10¢, Bro. Foster 25¢. Mrs. Lendora McFarlen. Total $1.00.

We would like to make our report for the States Developing Fund, Nov. 5. In our State Convention, our Future Work Committee gave a plan to raise our State Development Funds. Nov. 5 each year for the expenses of the Field Worker. Those rallied on that day, S. L. Bostick, Eld. T. R. Moore, Mrs. Mahala Moore, Mrs. Alvah Bynum, each gave $1.00; Len Dora McFarlen 50¢, Bro. Williams 50¢, Bro. G. L. Brock 25¢. We present an outstanding minister in the city of the Methodist Church. He gave a worthwhile message in person of Rev. Aclin, which was enjoyed very much. He and his officers gave $2.25. He gave $1.00 himself. We were glad to have the fellowship of these people. Public offering and what all gave was $9.75. On Thursday night following, Eld. O. B. Garner of Oklahoma gave a message on Victory. He explained several of the victories but emphasized the victory expressed for the cause of Christ. Russellville work sent $5.00 to treasurer.

**MONEY TURNED OVER TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA TREASURER, MRS. PETERS TAYLOR, FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1944**

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Late reports are expected. Every-

Our Visit to the Southern Christian Institute

By R. E. LaTouche

5406 South Michigan Ave.

Chicago, Illinois

This past summer, Mrs. LaTouche and I were visiting our relatives who are living in the State of Mississippi.

While in the state we visited the Southern Christian Institute to see our former Alma Mater, which had something to do with our preliminary start for life's service. And also to see our friends and the boys whom we sent there from our church and city. Indeed, it was quite gratifying to us as we note with great pleasure the splendid development of the school along all of its aspects.

Our first experience was the congeniality exemplified to us by President Long and Professor Thomas the night of our arrival. It was after 11 o'clock, but they served us gladly. The day following we met the fine staff of teachers, well cultured and also the fine body of students, more girls than boys. The physical aspect of the campus also captivated our attention. We saw the beautiful teachers' cottages, beautifully furnished, the girls dormitory which we have seen before looking cheerfully and inviting to those who come. The college building, another beautiful modern structure with the chapel for religious worship, well equipped. We watched with a deal of joy the privilege given to the young people in the dining room at mealtime for religious training and Christian education. We spoke at the noonday worship in the chapel and the students were in charge of the worship service. I think this is a glorious opportunity for our young people to develop themselves for Christian service in our churches.

The high rating of the institution has made it very outstanding in the state of Mississippi and throughout our brotherhood.

We visited some of the classes while the teachers were at work, which was encouraging to us. Of course being interested in Mr. Fox, who is our Timothy in the gospel, while he was a student at the University of Chicago, he worked with us in our church. He is teaching religion and I am sure that his teachers, Professor Eppse and Dr. Ames and others will be glad to know that he is doing a great work in Mississippi. I hope our readers will pardon me for this personal reference. I want our readers to know that the
Evangelism on the Home Front

By R. L. Serey
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Whenever we think of the word evangelism, we think of the true and tried method of introducing Christ to others. Evangelism on the home front then, is the medium by which we relate the Christ we know, to the rest of the people around us. Let us think of the evangelistic spirit among the Israelites, the family of God. The crisis of the religious development of the nation was to be the question of its ability to advance to the ethical conception of God and salvation. After the vast majority had failed in moral discernment, Israel gradually approached its doom. However, there was a remnant of true Israel who under the leadership of the prophets, were obedient to the vision of God and His salvation. They proclaimed righteousness and obedience to the divine will of God, as the condition of God's favor and the mark of His presence. (Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.) Even though disaster threatened the nation, the prophets warned the people and their leaders against the false reliance of material resources, political diplomacy, and ritualistic performances. In our evangelistic efforts today, the people have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. Thus by ways and actions, they tell God that His method will not get the job done. The prophets of old, preached obedience to God, social justice, and personal purity as the only hope of the nation. Because of this evangelistic spirit, tension between the ever growing degenerating, secular majority and the resolute spiritual minority continued until exile. Then the political fabric was shattered and ruined; and the political history was closed. Though the state perished, the remnant, the suffering servants and the people of Jehovah survived. In evangelism, we must think of the true and the remnant, the suffering servants and the people of Jehovah survived. In evangelism, we must think of the true and temperate spirit of evangelism in the pre-exilic Israel. Israel failed to realize it, but the idea will live on, and will claim recognition in any future conception of salvation. Listen to Christ as He speaks to His disciples: “Go not in the way of the Gentiles, nor enter ye into the city of Samaria, but go ye rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and preach, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” They experienced through evangelism salvation in a new form. Why did they need evangelism; Because they were conscious of the need of the soul for which the ism of the Pharisees were inadequate, yet they hoped and looked for the consolation of Israel. Then the evil traits of human nature were let loose, political power of Oriental empires were exhausted, and Rome moved with gigantic stride toward the East. And with their confused program, their mixture of spiritual and natural elements, the freeing of the people of God had to depend upon the spirit of evangelism. I am sure you will agree with me along this line that we are in need of the old fashion evangelistic spirit. We have advised and revised, until Christ has been put out of the picture. Now what shall we do? Listen to God through Haggai 2:8, “Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? And how do you see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison of is at nothing?” There are those of us here who witnessed the Christian church in her first glory, when it was a Christ-centered church, accepting the Bible only as a guide from earth to heaven, marking them which caused divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which they had learned, and avoided them. (Rom. 16:17.) It was a non-denominational church. But since that time, the agencies stepped in with the spirit and power of the Oriental empires, and with their confused program and mixture of modern elements, they have diluted the gospel of Christ, made slaves out of free servants, promoters out of evangelists. The church today is suffering for the lack of evangelism on the home front. We have met the same problem that Peter met when Christ said unto the twelve, “Will ye also go away?” Peter said unto Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Jno. 6: 67-68.) The free church was bound by the laws of Christ to go into all of the world and preach the gospel to every creature. But the modern church is bound by the laws of the UCMS. In Acts 20:28, we read these words, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know that after
my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. (Acts 20:29.) From the passage just given, we see the Holy Ghost directing the affairs of the local church. But since that day things have changed. We have secretaries appointed from our sub-heaven, Indianapolis, to direct the affairs in each local church. Where do we go from here—heaven or Indianapolis? If evangelism is to be carried out properly on the home front, then we must obey God rather than man. Through evangelism, religion proclaims the ideals of redemptive suffering which finds its final expression on Calvary. So evangelism on the home front will bring about a spiritual and moral renewal to those who love God and will bring us all to the realization that we are our brother's keeper. The job is not complete until the last person shall have been told: not only about the cross of the Christ, but also the Christ of the cross.

Little Bethlehem Christian Church
Venola Dillard, Reporter
R. F. D. 1, Box 216
Leasville, N. C.
P. E. Carter, Pastor
905 Druid St.
Greensboro, N. C.

This comes as to let the entire public know that Little Bethlehem is still striving spiritually and financially under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. P. E. Carter.

Homecoming day was observed the 4th Sunday in November, 1944, with a large crowd in attendance and the offering amounting to $288.89. Lord's Day, December, 1944, which was the regular meeting day for Little Bethlehem Christian Church was highly enjoyed, with so many of our members from out of town home.

Offering was raised for one of our most beloved members, who was unfortunate to lose her home by fire and everything therein. The amount raised for Sis. Emily Courts was forty dollars ($40.00).


Reflections . . .

As we look back for a moment, reflecting on the year just past, we realize how much your friendship has meant to us. We appreciate your cooperation when shortages of help and materials are causing unavoidable delays.

We are glad that so many friends ordered Bethany Sunday School materials, books, and other merchandise during the year. It was the biggest sales year in our history.

Looking Ahead Into 1945

We anticipate still more opportunities to serve you in 1945. Some of the Graded Lessons will be new, and the improved Uniform Lessons will be well launched. New electives are on the way, as well as some wonderful Bethany books for your enrichment and inspiration. Please let us know in what way we can be of service to you.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, St. Louis, 3, Mo.
NATIONAL PROGRAM CALLS FOR $5,000 NOW

In a 90-day drive, each church is to send to Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tennessee, $1.00 per member as their quota; 500 Disciples are asked to give $10.00 each; 1,000, $5.00 each; 20 churches, $20.00 each; 40 churches, $109.00 each; 100 churches, $25.00 each, and others special gifts totaling $1,000. Start now. Launch your National Convention Program at once. Report your progress to the Christian Plea.—M. R. Eppse, Editor.

The President and Ex-President Looks—Brotherhood

S. S. MYERS, President
R. WESLEY WATSON, Vice-President

Pres.: Bro. Ex-Pres., in our previous visits together we looked at our brotherhood through the eyes of the present and also of the past. Out of the past has come to us a rich heritage for which we are obligated to be faithful stewards of. Our fathers had faith in the future leadership of the church, their faith in the future obligated them to the extent of giving first themselves to make possible and real a living and going church building the Kingdom of God. Our observation of the present as relates to the national convention prior and after being held in Lexington, Ky., portrays to us two definite schools of thought. One by a small minority better known by the phraseology of Dr. J. E. Walker as a “Few feathers out of the wing” who felt that the convention could do its best work by severing its relationship with the United Christian Missionary Society, but the majority felt that the problems existing which were not satisfactory to both groups could be best solved by remaining with them and working them out together in the spirit of Christ. Because of the unrest and dissatisfaction that existed in the life of the brotherhood the commission on “Long Range Program” had its birth in the national (Continued on page 2)

Women’s President Sends Message

Dear Fellow Workers:
It has been nice to hear from so many of you and to have your expresssions of cooperation in our work. I am sorry that it wasn’t possible to get in touch with all of you, to tell you that Miss Jamison was leaving us to go to Avalon Church Community Center. I used all of my influence to get her to stay, but the advantage offered so outweighed what we had that really I could understand. I did write to a few, all of the national officers and several of the state presidents, to tell them of the tea and shower which the missionary society of Second Church held for her messages and gifts came from most of them with promises from others. We had a fine time and she was grateful. We held the tea at the home of Mrs. Josephine Baker on Sunday, Feb. 4.

No doubt, this comes late, but I hope you observed with the other women in your community, the World Day of Prayer and the Brotherhood Day and Race Relations Sunday.

It is time now for us to be thinking about Easter. Please tell us how you observed it in your church. It might be an acceptable time for the sacrificial meals.

I haven’t had reports on Woman’s Day observance from any of you. Please let me know.

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Unified Promotion

The American Christian should be concerned—

About the boys, and girls, men, and women, of the city streets;
About the rural homes and churches, the source of much of our strength;
About the housing needs of congregations in city, village and country;
About the aged minister and missionary of the cross;
About the men and women in shops and factories whose standards of living are below the American minimum;
About people of all races within our nation.

The American Christian should be aware of the responsibility which rests on him, as an individual, to lift Christ in the nation. Brotherhood causes stand ready to minister for Disciples of Christ in these areas of great need in our land, but that ministry is limited by the participation (Continued on page 2)
Presidential Address (Continued from page 1.)

The convention at Columbus, Ohio, and not in the so-called "sub heaven." The work has been done and has been unanimously approved at the Lexington, Ky., convention in August, 1944; you were present at the meeting in Lexington, Ky., and were elected a member of the National Board which is responsible for the execution of this plan. You have been privileged to sit in two meetings of the National Board, where the plan was carefully and prayerfully considered. What is your verdict as to the possibilities of the success of this plan?

Ex-Pres.: Mr. Pres., first of all I want to re-emphasize that this Long Range Program is the "Products of the brains of our group." "A Creature of Color," as our own Rosa B. Bracy use to say: "It is our baby." I believe in it and most heartily endorse it for it is a step in the right direction. It is not a division nor a segregation as some would have you believe; but it stands for unity, fellowship, and cooperation in its truest sense. It gives us a sense of belonging to and places upon our shoulders definite responsibilities of planning the work, selecting the workers, administering and directing the program among our churches through the workers. It provides us with a national office, a national staff, that is responsible to the national board which is responsible to the national convention. Never before in the life of our brotherhood have we been presented such an opportunity to share in such responsibilities. This is an answer to our critics who would have the public to believe that we are denied such a fellowship. "The Supposed Sub Heaven" from which we shall take orders from now on is our National Christian Missionary Convention which is a creature of our local churches, based upon volunteer membership. No one denies that the church is autonomous in its government. Therefore I commend this program to the churches of our brotherhood, to me they are the "Sub Heaven" from whence all orders come by their choice to be members and to support the National Convention of Disciples of Christ.

Pres.: Bro. Ex-Pres., you have hit the nail square on the head as hard as C. L. Whitfield did in the Christian Plea of January, when he quoted Solomon: "In a multitude of counsellors there is safety (not a multitude of splits) and my way of solving a problem is by grappling with it and not by going where it does not exist." The Long Range Program provides a medium for a multitude of counsellors where the problems are open to all for a frank discussion by all, because the board is bi-racial in nature it presents an opportunity to help solve the greatest problem confronting humanity. If peace, good will and harmony are to be the common blessings of mankind it must come through Christian cooperation for Dr. Aggrey well said: "You cannot make music by playing the white keys alone and you cannot make music by playing the black keys alone, but you must play both the white and black keys." I appreciate this very helpful "Look" with you and will see you in March.

WOMEN'S PRESIDENT SENDS

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Pray for the work around the world and remember especially our need for a secretary, in these difficult days.

Sincerely, Genneva Towns

National Convention Women's Executive Council

COLUMBUS, OHIO

The meeting opened at 7 P.M. with the president, Mrs. J. A. Towns, presiding. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. A. L. Martin of Chicago, Illinois.

Remarks by the president, in which she expressed her appreciation of the attendance at the meeting. Minutes from the Pre and National Convention were read and approved.

The Agenda was read and adopted with the following addition. That the Ohio Planning Board make its report in the Executive Council.

A discussion on the Honorarium, for the past president, Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick, was clarified. Mrs. E. G. Titus and others were in the meeting when Mrs. Kirkpatrick found that the amount had been paid to her upon entry to the office.

The following amount was appropriated to the president: $50.00 for Honorarium, $50.00 Traveling expense, $25.00 Office supplies.

It was suggested that in the event that the National president visit a state meeting that the state which invited her, would pay at least one-half of her expense. It was further suggested that the full expense of the National president would be paid, (Continued on page 3)
when responding to an invitation of a local society.

Honorary: for the Recording Secretary, $10.00, Corresponding Secretary $25.00, Treasurer $10.00. A motion was carried that an additional $5.00 be paid Mrs. Allen for compiling of Minutes (1944 Convention).

Miss Jamison read a report coming from the Loving Cup award, which stated that Bowles St., Dallas, Texas, won the cup. Miss Jamison having rechecked the record, found that there was an error, that the Indiana Avenue Church of Chicago, Illinois, had the highest percentage, and was therefore entitled to the award. A motion was carried that the cup go to Indiana Avenue Church, and that the old cup be sent to Mrs. Ida Taylor, of Nashville, Tenn., (to be held by her).

Mrs. E. G. Titus, and others, asked that the twelve (12) items for the Loving Cup be broken down in a simpler form.

The President appointed the following committee on the Loving Cup:

Mrs. C. E. Craggett, Chairman
Mrs. E. G. Titus
Mrs. A. L. Martin

A motion was carried that a presentation of the Loving Cup be made at the National Convention.

Adjournment.

SATURDAY MORNING
OCTOBER 14, 1944

The meeting was opened at 9:10 A.M., with the president, Mrs. J. A. Towns, in charge. Devotion was conducted by Miss F. Hamilton of Illinois.

Expense of the officers to the Executive Council was clarified. The full fare for the President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer; one-half fare for First Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Ambassador of Good-Will, and Area Workers.

A motion carried that the state president and secretaries be invited to attend the Executive Council and share their ideas but not vote, with the state paying their full expense, or sharing in their expense.

In view of the fact that the state of Illinois did not have organized work, Mrs. A. L. Martin of Rockford, Ill., was appointed as a state representative from the state, along with some officer from the other churches who may send one officer each.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
OCTOBER 14, 1944

The meeting opened at 2:10 P.M., with the president in charge of worship, conducted by Mrs. H. B. Marx, Executive Secretary of the Missionary Organization Department, who gave us a wonderful message on "The Year of Dedication and the National Adult Project."

On Dedication, she gave us the thought that if we dedicate our life anew, we would be able to carry a worthwhile program to our local churches, and that we must build a better world through a better church.

Project—We must raise the level of our giving. There was a call for 150 missionaries, 100 for foreign missions and 50 for home missions. Miss Jamison expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Marx for her timely and inspiring message.

The plan of having a key woman to send articles to the Christian Plea was highly endorsed by the ladies, and that the editor be contacted so that we would be able to have a definite date when the paper would be sent out. And that we have a space called woman's page. Miss Jamison was asked to be editor-in-chief of this page.

Miss Jamison appointed women to send in reports to the Plea on certain definite subjects. Miss F. Hamilton on Stewardship, Mrs. Martin, Historian—a brief history, Mrs. Dean, Reports and Future Work.

Finance Goal and Budget was adopted for the year 1944-45.

Traveling expense for members of the Council (annually) $300.00
Office expense for the officers of the Council 165.00
Christian Plea 50.00
Scholarship Fund 50.00
Miscellaneous (speakers, etc.) 25.00
To support ten (10) Native Evangelists in Africa 500.00

Total $1,090.00

Adjournment.

SATURDAY EVENING
OCTOBER 14, 1944

7:30 P.M. The house was called to order by the president.

Worship was conducted by Mrs. E. G. Titus of Dallas, Texas.

The president outlined some highlights for the Pre-Convention Session, August, 1945, at Nashville, Tennessee, as follows:

1. That all sessions of the meetings begin on time.
2. That we use women as ushers for the offering on women's night.
3. That we create a woman's choir with Mrs. Alberta Graggett and Mrs. Rosan Page Welch in charge.

4. That we have a Sacrificial Breakfast at the National Convention, on Women's Day, hours from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.

Miss Jamison asked each state worker, who was present, to encourage their local society to increase their representation fees, as much over $2.00 as possible.

The following projects were suggested for the states.

1. A sacrificial luncheon, at the time best fitted for that state with offering for Women's Department, National Convention.
2. A state rally which would be conducted by the Area Worker of that state. All money would be sent to the National Treasurer and report made at the National Convention.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
OCTOBER 15, 1944

The meeting opened at 3:10 P.M. with the president presiding.

Worship was conducted by Mrs. Campbell of Ohio.

Miss Jamison gave an analysis on our goals and asked some of the states to increase their giving. She also talked of making Calendars for the States, which would acquaint us with the days to be observed.

For National Service Project—That we would make Layettes for babies, and send them to Mr. James A. Crain, 222 South Downey Avenue. They would be sent to places of greatest need.

2. That clean used clothing be sent to Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis College, for their mission stores.

Miss Jamison gave a brief report on the planning meeting that the Ohio State women had outlined.

Report of the Loving Cup Committee.

Loving Cup Requirements (revised).

1. That the society shall hold twelve (12) regular meetings, with programs using the current study material or other suitable materials.
2. That the society shall hold twelve (12) Executive meetings.
3. That the president or some member of the society participate in some meetings which give opportunity for personal enrichment, and leadership development.
4. That the quarterly reports shall be sent to the National Secretary (Miss Jamison) and also State Secretary (where requested).

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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 seventh of each month.

EDITORIAL

Christianity In Action

The prime requisite of Christianity is that its adherents must exhibit a life of Christian action. The primary commands of Jesus—"Come, Tarry, Go"—were issued as an invitation and challenge to the early disciples and followers. This message is as vital and as much needed today as when Jesus proclaimed them more than nineteen hundred years ago. History has revealed individual after individual, beginning with the apostle Paul and the early Christian converts down to the latest person who has dedicated his life to full-time Christian service, who sought to put into practice the total requirements of Christianity.

It is always heartening to note the conversion of adults, but it is a real thrill to watch a child or a young person mature and grow into full Christian stature. Particularly is it impressive and challenging to watch a group of young people gathered in interdenomination and ecumenical conferences as they recognize that their personal opportunities and privileges for service are actually their individual obligations as Christians.

"Christian Youth Building a New World" was the challenge presented to two thousand young people gathered at Lakeside, Ohio, in June 1938. Youth from every nation who could attend, assembled in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1939, with the prayer and challenge "That They All May Be One." Under that same theme five hundred students from colleges in the United States and Canada met for a meeting of the Student Volunteer Movement to hear the report and needs of foreign missions. The young people who were at Estes Park, Colorado, in June 1942 were not satisfied in saying "Building For a Christian World." They wanted it expressed more concretely. They said "Build Today For a Christian World." We, ourselves, expressed the same idea with the challenging theme "Lift Christ Now."

Two underlying themes have been in the minds of the young people who have been at these meetings and, in turn, have been passed on to the groups they represent. Namely, young people are conscious of the needs and problems of their churches, their communities, and the world. Secondly, they are willing as young people to meet their obligations to these problems and needs. In other words, young people have decided to "Be the World They Want." These young people are sincerely dedicating themselves to this thing they believe and are making all manner of sacrifices to prepare themselves for their job through formal education and supervised experiences.

One of the most discouraging features of our own brotherhood is that too few of us have caught this challenge. Are you aware, young people, of how few of you are taking advantage of our Christian colleges? Do you realize that only a handful of you are preparing for Christian service? A recent check was made, during the National Convention Young People's Committee meeting and less than twenty-five young Negro Disciples were in training.

We invite you to know the thrill of giving of your life for others. We challenge you to explore the possibilities of full time Christian service in your own life. We want you to compare your chosen vocation with the vocations of Christian services. If you find two distinct groups of vocations you have not realized the utmost meaning of Christian living. In other words, we challenge you to make that vocation a full time Christian service. "We beseech you, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto the Lord." We dare you to put Christianity into action!

ALBERTA AND FOSTER CRAGGETT

NATIONAL CONVENTION

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5. That the society must sponsor at least one (1) organization for young people and children.

6. That the society shall be represented in the State and National Convention.

7. That the society which gives the largest amount above the giving of last year, according to its membership, shall be awarded the Loving Cup.

Submitted,
MRS. C. E. Craggett, Chairman
MRS. E. G. Titus
MRS. A. L. Martin

Disbursements

For Transportation—

Mrs. J. A. Towns .................. $125.00
Miss Fenton Hamilton ............. 15.19
Mrs. E. G. Titus ................. 24.17
Mrs. A. L. Martin ............... 5.98
Mrs. W. Walker .................. 4.75
Mrs. C. Doolin .................. 11.03
Mrs. P. Allen .................... 10.76
Mrs. D. Dean ..................... 11.71

Total .................................. $208.59
The Women's National Convention Executive Council adjourned with a series of prayers for our leadership and the women through the brotherhood.

Mrs. J. A. Towns, President
Mrs. Daisy Dean, Acting, Rec. Sec.
Miss Fenton Hamilton, Treasurer

Report To the Brotherhood

Dr. C. L. Parks
National Secretary
Nashville, Tennessee

The week of November 23-30, I spent at home, in Nashville, catching up on correspondence and preparing to fill a December 3rd engagement at Woodland Avenue Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo. By invitation from the Women's Council, I agreed to preach for them and have fellowship with them on the above date, celebrating "Women's Day." I arrived in Kansas City on the afternoon of December 2nd, and on Sunday, December 3rd, tried earnestly to fulfill my mission. Though it was raining and the streets were covered with ice, both services were well attended and the effort, which was largely financial, was truly a success, but in the money gathering one soul enlisted for the cause of Christ. I lived, while there, in the home of Elder and Mrs. Myers, who find great joy in making one welcome.

I left Kansas City on the evening of December 4th, to attend the Home Mission Planning Council, which convened in St. Louis, December 5-6, but I stayed through December 8th, that I might be in attendance at the meeting of the committee on "Effective Ministry." On the evening of December 8th, I left for Nashville, and home and remained there until December 18. On this date I went to Indianapolis to attend the Dec. 19-20 meeting of the Executive Board of the National Convention. I only stayed in Indianapolis two days. Arriving home on Dec. 21st, my schedule ended for the year 1944.

January 2, 1945, found us up and at it again. This time we journeyed to Indianapolis to set plans in motion for our ministers Institute project. While there we perfected these plans in addition to getting out letters of invitation to ministers of the Texas and Kansas City, Mo., areas. The Texas Institute will be conducted at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, Feb. 6-9, and its area includes Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Kansas City Institute will be conducted at Woodland Avenue Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 13-16, and its area includes Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas. We have three other Institutes scheduled—One at Martinsville, Va., March 6-9, for West Virginia, Virginia, and Western North Carolina; one at Goldsboro, N. C., March 13-16, for Eastern North Carolina and one at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., April 3-6 for Mississippi, Alabama and Western Tennessee. We have not yet scheduled the Area Institute for Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Eastern Tennessee but hope to be able to announce it soon.

On the evening of Jan. 6 we left Indianapolis for Brooklyn, N. Y. Our train was six hours late, causing us to miss the morning service at Stuyvesant Height Christian Church, of which Elder R. E. Hancock is pastor, but we did visit with him that night. Bro. Hancock and his people know how to make a traveler feel at home. The following morning we traveled to Atlantic City, N. J., to attend the meeting of the North American Home Mission Planning Council, spent three days there and then moved over to New Brunswick, N. J., to visit Elder S. E. Tillman and his lovely flock. Our stay was pleasant and inspiring.

Antioch Christian Church, under the leadership of Elder Tillman has really done a creditable job. Their church has now been hulled in with concrete tile, the cover is on and all windows and doors are in and they have bought most of the ceiling, and there is no indebtedness on the church. We preached for them, Thursday night, Jan. 11th, and conferred with the church leaders, Friday night, Jan. 12th. They contributed $4.00 on expenses.

On Jan. 13th, we traveled to Baltimore to visit with Elder C. L. Whitfield and the Mt. Olive Christian Church congregation. No place or people has given us a greater welcome. At both services, the people were there and gave unstinted support to the efforts of the day. Elder and Mrs. Whitfield and the whole congregation let us know that another visit would be welcomed. The contribution was $14.32 on expenses. We left Baltimore on the morning of Jan. 15 for Nashville by way of Indianapolis, completed our journey, reaching Nashville on the morning of Jan. 18.

Being in Nashville, we preached at Gay St. Christian Church. This congregation is beginning to do things under the leadership of Elder G. T. Moore, their new pastor. We had an enthusiastic service and the contribution was $3.04 on expenses.

Jan. 25th found us moving over to Indianapolis again in order that we might have further clearance on our Institute project, and after spending one day there returned to Nashville, Sunday, Jan. 28th, in a union service of the three Nashville churches. This was truly a meeting to be enjoyed, three church groups grouping for closer fellowship. It is our earnest hope that this may not die, but bud into greater fruitfulness. There were three ordinations, two Elders and one Deacon. Contribution on expenses was $6.00.

Rev. Richard A. G. Foster Wins New Title

Chicago.—"One man employment agency" is a new title won by New Haven's remarkable colored pastor, the Reverend Richard A. G. Foster.

The minister of the second oldest African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in America, founded in 1820, has found jobs for 2,702 Negroes in New Haven in the past two years. His outstanding record in his four years as minister of the Varick Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church is told by two Connecticut newspaper men in an article in the February issue of Negro Digest titled "The Preacher Who Battled. 1400." Formerly a southpaw pitcher and a 9.7 dash man, dynamic Reverend Foster has upperd his church membership from 40 to 600 in his four years in New Haven.

In his little rundown church in Dixwell Avenue, only a few blocks from Yale University, he has worked out a successful pattern of race relations for New Haven.

His accomplishments as related in Negro Digest by Lylall Hutton Hill and Sando Bologna include election as a Republican alderman in a normally Democratic district, election as secretary-treasurer of the Ministers Association of great New Haven, although he is the only colored minister in the Association. He has won praise from the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America for his work in finding jobs for Negro residents in local war plants.

The Reverend Foster explains his philosophy on race relations as follows: "All I ask is that America be American. The black man is not out of step with America, but America is out of step with him. All the Negro wants is the best opportunity to become the best citizen."
An Open Letter to Our Churches

Dear Brethren:

Many of our churches are suffering for lack of ministers. This is particularly true of the small churches in town and country. Ideally, they need a specially trained ministry, giving them full-time leadership. Until after the war, however, and perhaps considerably longer, due to the ministerial shortage, large numbers of our churches are likely to have no pastoral leadership at all. How can they be served?

There are school teachers, lawyers, and other well-educated men who are elders, and who can do something for these churches. They can be spared by the more fortunate larger churches, at least for the present. If they think they cannot preach, they can learn enough about preaching to render at least temporary service. They can also learn, if they do not know, what the spiritual needs of rural people are. They can give counsel and leadership to the churches during the time when better prepared men are not available. Then they must be willing to step aside when the supply of ministers returns to normal, and return to consecrated lay service in their own congregations.

They should accept reasonable pay for their services, even if they have adequate income otherwise. They can use part of this for travel expenses, part for books to help them serve better, and put the remainder into a mission fund, or give it to help some special need of the rural churches. Surely it should be used so as to help some rural work, or missions, not for the urban church, which already has a larger proportion of money than the rural churches have.

The future of our brotherhood lies in our town and country churches. About half the members and half the leaders of our urban churches of tomorrow are in today's rural churches. If they do not receive the benefits of preaching, and wise leadership today, they will not be useful in the church tomorrow.

Consider your area carefully, and be sure that there are no churches without at least this minimum service. Sincerely yours,

EDWARD D. HAMNER, President
Disciples' Rural Fellowship.

Who Is Responsible?

MRS. L. V. ISAACS
Jarvis Graduate of '39
Henderson, Texas

Realizing this is wartime and social conditions and economic problems are not normal, there is somebody responsible for quite a few existing conditions. My outline discussion follows:

1. THE CHILD'S PROBLEM:
   a. His going to work too early, earning practically nothing and losing time out of school.
   b. Being his boss, coming and going places not respectful.
   c. Eating hot-dogs for breakfast, dinner and supper. Never a meal at his home table.
   d. Girls (particularly) wearing slacks to school, on the streets, and if by chance to drop by a church, wear them there.
   e. Why children do not attend church? Why do they not know the Lord's prayer? etc.

Who is responsible?

Then, if the family becomes weak in any respect, “Who is responsible?”

Now, my summary is this: The child’s problem could be solved by a well-organized community through the the schools and churches, with prepared teachers and preachers, unselfish, thoughtful and ready minded not work towards self honor. If the community is well organized by the public schools and churches, then the child has a chance to help too. No parent receives anything worthwhile from his child; the child receives nothing worthwhile at school. I am almost convinced to say that every day the teacher is eighty-five percent responsible.

Now again my subject: Christian day leadership we all could say should possess the following qualifications:

a. The highest educational guidance.

b. Become friends to other denominations instead of enemies, for all make up the same community.

2. MOTHERS AND FATHERS:
   a. Why let your child work if you are able to support him?
   b. Why rob him of his elementary schooling, even if you did or did not get yours?
   c. Why let him choose night life so soon?
   d. Why not plan your home meals and encourage family socials at your table?
   e. Why not take him to Sunday School and church, then he knows where to go.

Then, if the adult is not informed on social conditions and situations to improve the social status “Who is responsible?”

3. CHRISTIAN LEARNSHIP AS I SEE IT.
   a. The church is one family.
   b. The officials are the sisters and brothers.
   c. The “mere” members are the offsprings.

Non-active members and drop-byeers are our reflectors. Since the “mere” members are the herd or grandchilden, the leaders are the children, the non-active members and friends are the reflectors, then as “true leaders,” we should all be very cautious of our daily talk, walk and activities; ever mindful of our reflecting as well as reflectors.

Should we neglect preparedness for leadership our reflecting will focus dimly for the herd.

“When I was a child I spake as a child.” (1 Cor. 1:13)

If I ever do or say anything worthwhile I owe it to “my mother and my school, Jarvis Christian College. And if I never do or say anything worthwhile, I owe it to myself.”

All Peoples Christian Church
And Community Center
MISS CARNELLA L. JAMISON
Los Angeles, California

During the month of November it was possible to visit “All Peoples.” It would be good if all of you could do the same, for there you would see “all children and young people” playing together in harmony and the adult leaders “working together for good.” This is one of the project supported by our offerings for Home Missions. It was formerly the Japanese Christian Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Genung are the directors of the project. They are consecrated and capable leaders. What is actually happening can best be described by a few paragraphs taken from their recent news letter which follows:

“High points dot the year 1944. We are thrilled at the addition to our staff of Miss Wenona Wilkinson of China, a great personality, and of a Negro nursery teacher, Mrs. L. B.
February, 1945

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Hance. Thus we are becoming truly inter-racial. Our staff already included a fine Mexican teacher of the neighborhood. We enjoyed happy experiences at YMCA camp, where one of our Korean boys was camp mayor; two weeks at summer conferences where Dan was tried out as a director and where five of our junior high youngster—Chinese, Negro, Indian, Korean, and Armenian—were well-received and made real contributions to the program; two “retreats” with our older groups, with the young people thinking seriously about the meaning of Christianity and brotherhood; some excellent vesper services, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas; occasions when we have been able to help some of our neighbors when they needed it; a month’s furlough during which we attended a Sunday School convention; some excellent vesper services, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas; occasions when we have been able to help some of our neighbors when they needed it; a month’s vacation during which we attended a YMCA convention; and were on the program of the International Convention at Columbus. In this period we also spent over two weeks with Frances’ parents in Ohio and enjoyed a short stopover in Chicago.

Disappointments, too, are with us. Chief has been our failure to exert an enduring influence on many of the more delinquent youth of our area. Discouraging is the community response to our more serious activities, especially the worship services. It is a help to find on our return from the Convention that one or two members had fostered a break-up of our group of high school young people. Often we have been slapped in the face by the deep-rooted prejudice of some “Christians” among us, and by “white Americans” who refuse our groups admittance and embarrass our non-white young people. Such experiences do have their effect on our work.

So we stand where we did a year ago—possibly able to point to progress, but unable to boast of great success of advancement. What the future holds we know not. We are encouraged by the great victory for forces of democracy over the race-baiters who inspired the evacuation of Japanese-Americans, and will welcome A. J. A’s to our work. And we still are thrilled by the possibilities of an “All People’s” church—an island of brotherhood and genuine democracy, where children of God can come together and blend their hearts and voices in the words, “Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will.”

Your continued support is heartily enlisted in this project of Kingdom Building.

LOVING CUP AWARD

WOMAN’S DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL CONVENTION 1944

The Loving Cup is awarded the Missionary Society of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago. This society met Honor Roll requirements and had an offering of $258.00 for a goal of $140.00 with $118.00 as an increase. Also on the Honor Roll are Boll Street, Dallas, Texas, and Mississippi Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee.

Committee on Awards—Mrs. Agnes Smith, Chairman; Miss J. K. Spencer, Mrs. E. B. Titus.

TOTAL CHURCH MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

(All departments included) to U.C.M.S., July 1943 to June 1944

The following are some facts taken from the financial report presented at the Lexington Convention, 1944.

In which bracket will your church come by June 30, 1945?

$75—$100

Cross St., Little Rock, Ark. $89.10
Avalon, Los Angeles, Calif. 100.00
Boll Street, Dallas, Texas 150.00
Central, Louisville, Ky. 76.00
High St., Mt. Sterling, Ky. 95.30
1st Christian, Mound Bayou, Mississippi 83.83
East Annis, Fort Worth, Texas 80.00
$100—$150

West Side, Des Moines, Iowa 108.33
Stuyvesant Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y. 122.50
Reidsville, N. C. 105.00
Norwood, Dayton, Ohio 136.91
Fayette, Martinsville, Virginia 136.00
 Ninth Avenue, Roanoke, Va. 107.00
$150—$200

South Side, Chicago, Ill. 155.00
Mt. Olivet, Baltimore, Md. 185.00
Jarvis, Hawkins, Texas 199.50
$200—$250

Centennial, St. Louis, Mo. 223.50
$250—$300

Mississippi Blvd., Memphis, Tennessee 283.50
$300—$350

Boll St., Dallas, Texas 300.95
$350—$400

Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill. 369.00
$400—

S. C. I., Edwards, Mississippi 490.75

A CORRECTION—MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION WOMEN’S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 13-15, 1944

Page 1, Paragraph 4 should read: It was voted that the Executive session and those attending shall be known as the Executive Council, and its membership shall consist of National officers, including Area workers, State presidents and secretaries.

Page 2, Paragraph 3 should read: A motion carried that the state presidents and secretaries shall be members of the Executive Council with the state paying in full or sharing their expenses.

Any interested women of local churches may attend the Council and share their ideas but not vote. They or their local churches may bear expenses.

YOUTH MEETS

To the strains of the familiar hymn “God of Our Fathers” youth throughout the nation are singing the words of a hymn written by Harvey Lord, a young minister in training at Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma. The new hymn was written to be used in connection with the youth theme for this year, “Thy Paths Our Chosen Way.”

“Paths Through Southeast Asia” then is the theme for Youth Meets. It is youth meet time again. Already Kansas has had its annual state inter-racial meet with nearly five hundred in attendance. Your Meet, whether large or small, is the most important one to you. Be certain to promote a liberal offering to be applied to our (national committee C.Y.F.) share ($2,500.00) of the Christian World Friendship Project ($4,000.00). Several local groups have sent offerings. The youth meet offering may either be accredited to local churches or on your state goal. Please designate.

Youth Meets listed for 1945 are:

Dallas, Texas, (date tentative)—Miss Alva Shackelford, Director.

Oklahoma, March 16-18—Mrs. E. M. Barrett, Director.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 16-18—Mrs. E. W. Bristow, Director.

Winchester, Ky., March 23-25—Miss Mary Butler, Director.

Mississippi, April 27-29—Mr. W. K. Fox, Director.

Little Rock, Ark., May 4-6—Mrs. Daisy Dean, Director.

South Carolina, June 1-3—Mrs. Ennie Miller, Director.

Materials are developed around the five Christian Youth Fellowship Committees and is of missionary content based on the current foreign missionary study. Your meet on “Paths Through Southeast Asia” holds many pleasant surprises in store. Many of our families have members in the South Pacific hence this study really strikes home.
The Church and the Post-war World

R. O. Thomas
5622 S. Wabash Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

The young people of the Disciples of Christ Church realize that the period following the present war will be a very crucial one in the lives of Christians everywhere. Therefore, it is necessary that Christians prepare now to think and act in anticipation of the radical changes which the present war is bringing about. As Christians we feel that the message of the Christian church should be inclusive, that is, religion should be interpreted in the light of the present or current needs of the people.

The following problems are demanding and will demand definite action on the part of Christian people.

I. A Christian society has a primary responsibility for the economic and social welfare without which the spiritual life is impossible. Joblessness in the post war world will bring about idleness, the destruction of personality and character, and under the present life of unrest will breed revolution and chaos.

II. Discrimination and segregation are unchristian as well as undemocratic and its practice in the churches, the armed forces, public transportation facilities, and other phases of American life must be eliminated.

III. There is urgent necessity of individuals attaining a basic formal education so as to be able to cope with present and future conditions, with emphasis on ministers and Christian leaders.

IV. Disfranchisement through the poll tax is denying American citizens their civil rights and constitutes a sin against the American people and God.

V. There is greater need for the conservation of home and family life.

VI. Aware of the lack of an adequate number of leaders and prospective leaders to fill the vacant pulpits that exist in the brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ, we feel that there is a serious need for the recruiting of young men and women to serve humanity in this capacity.

Fear, bigotry, antagonism, egotism, isolationism, have no place in Christianity! There is a greater need for Christian unity! Christians can best get together by working together!

The church must work coordinately with other social institutions which are concerned about the alleviation of human suffering and the enhancement of life.

Christian Americans are looking to the church for leadership in business, economic, political and social problems as well as in religion. We must take the lead! The church cannot and must not fail!

Stewardship

Miss Fenton Hamilton
National Treasurer
Chicago, Illinois

The work of stewardship in the church is vital to the present life and the on-going-ness of the Christian movement. The times in which we live and the problems which confront us as Christians call for a forward looking, dynamic and ever active program.

The work of the steward may be thought of in the sense of a trusteeship. By this is meant the work of the steward is that of responsibility for someone else. It is for the ever growing cause of the kingdom of God that the steward works. What he possesses is not his own in the selfish sense, but he holds it as a trust. He passes it on for the benefit of others; he works and shares so that others may have the more abundant life.

The 1944 program in which the women of the Disciples Church participated is an outstanding example of real stewardship. In the first instance our concern for the welfare of our fellow Christians in other lands led the women to concentrate their efforts in raising funds to support and develop the work in Jamaica. The struggles which churches in foreign fields are undergoing is not too well understood by most of us. Those of us who are members of the American churches are in a favored position. We are really able to support our own causes at home, and we can by that same token give aid to those peoples and churches located in other lands. This is indeed a challenge to our Christianity and our devotion to the cause of world-wide brotherhood. The work which the women did is an example of stewardship in action.

In another instance the women of the Disciples Church combined their efforts to raise $300,000 in 1944. The purpose of this effort was to make possible this amount of money to help educate one hundred and fifty young people for missionary work at home and on the foreign field. The women did not reach that goal last year. It is necessary to carry forward in 1946 that effort to complete the fund. One hundred and fifty trained workers at home and abroad means that our missionary work will be secure. This corps of workers will be qualified to begin their work, and likewise they will be able to transmit their knowledge and skills to those they serve and thereby develop other leaders in the local and native areas. Such aspect of our stewardship program can and must be carried through.

We should make a mistake if we did not look at the work we have done, and the work yet to be accomplished in the light of our Christian ideals and faith. That after all is our sole motivation. It is our undergirding principle. When we dedicate ourselves to this task and make possible these goals for training and recruiting, we have made the first step in implementing our aims and ideals. They thus become incarnated in the satisfactions which those we help receive from our labors. If every woman in the church will personally and collectively dedicate herself to the task we can make 1945 a great year in our Stewardship work.

In laboring for others we enrich our lives in joyousness and love. We extend to others the blessings which we have received so abundantly. Each person so aided by our stewardship program will become a personal ambassador for the slowly but surely advancing program of the Kingdom of God.

Think On These Things

R. L. Sibcy
Oklahoma City 4, Oklahoma

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there by any virtue, and if their be any praise, think on these things. (Phil. 4:8.)

To the brotherhood in general: Let us think on the things which maketh for peace. It has been said that, Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. If we were to think on the things that are written, and the things that are true, there would be no argument in our brotherhood. Why lose so much time discussing things which are not, and at the same time lose sight of the things which are? Some time I wonder if some of our brethren know just what a brotherhood is? If we think on the
thing that is true, we will come to the realization that the same thing which made a brotherhood years ago, will make a brotherhood now.

**WHAT DISILLUSIONMENT THE CHURCH HAS MET**

Instead of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we get propaganda; machinery, instead of the words of life; and those whose faith still cling to the Plea, which we have loved so long, are being stigmatized. Let us think on these things.

In the early church of which we claim to be a part, we had no such rule. We don't even read where they had any conventions or not. We say we believe in the Book, yet the Book has never made the way in which any local church did its missionary work a test of fellowship. So why do we? We have men and churches in the brotherhood, who have never supported the organized work, yet they are in the brotherhood. I would like to know by whose authority and in whose name do we get this foreign attitude? Be it known to the brotherhood of America, that I am and always will be a member of the Christian Church, and by virtue of my being a minister in the Christian Church and a true believer in the Plea, I am a part of the brotherhood. But at the same time, there are some things which others might support which I cannot. I will always support the church. And I have no authority to support anything that Christ does not endorse. Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. (Ps. 127:1.) I am not a member of the Disciples' Church, neither am I a member of the Disciples' denomination; I am just a Christian only, trying to cling to the walls of certainty, and divine patterns for the kingdom of God. I am not an isolationist, but I read in 2 Cor. 6: 14-17, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? What concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? What agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; and God hath said, I will live in them and walk in them; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore, come ye out from among them, be ye separate, saith the Lord." "If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed. (2 lion is pastor.

**Mississippi News**

**Mrs. Ethel E. Chambliss, Reporter**

**Tillman, Miss.**

The Port Gibson District No. 1 held its quarterly meeting of the Church School, with the Forest Grove Christian Church, of which Elder J. C. Neil is pastor, January 27-28.

Theme of the program, "Learning and Living the Christian Way Through the Church."

The meeting was conducted by the district superintendent, Bro. Taylor Jackson.

On the first day after devotion, naming committees, enrollment, and a melody, a soul stirring sermon was preached by Elder J. H. Henderson, the 9th chapter of Acts. He chose for a subject, "What will you have me to do?" after which an invitation was extended by Elder N. R. Trevillion.

On that afternoon came reports of schools which were requested to report. $3.00 and 25 cents delegate's fees. There were four schools out of eleven that came up to their appropriation, namely, Providence, Bro. C. E. Chambliss, superintendent, $3.50; Pine Grove, Bro. A. J. Stampley, superintendent, $3.50; Rose Hill, Brother George Nailor, superintendent, $3.50; St. Luke, Brother E. M. Williams, superintendent, $3.50.

A discussion followed on the theme, led by Brother Emanuel Williams, followed by Brother C. E. Chambliss, and closed by Brother R. K. Wynn. The discussion was very interesting. After an offering, we had a big dinner, regardless of the fact that foods are rationed.

On Sunday, Church School was conducted by the local superintendent, Brother Connie Wells, after which our district superintendent presided.

Conference class was taught by Brother Rufus Wynn. The lesson taught was "Jewish Feasts," of which the whole assembly took part in class.

After a solo by Miss Azel Williams, we listened to an inspiring sermon, preached by Elder Johnie West, 13th chapter of John, 34 verses. He chose for a subject, "A new commandment that I give, that you love one another."

Money raised in this meeting $35.03.

The next meeting will convene in April, with the Providence Christian Church, of which Elder N. R. Trevillion is pastor.

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Mrs. Terry, Reporter
January 4, 1945.

Good old 1944 has gasped its last breath. He wasn't such a bad fellow. How well do we recall when he arrived a year ago. He was greeted with smiles and cheers, everybody was his pal. They thought he was a fairy godmother, that he would make all their wishes come true. The old year did its best. He lived up to his contract. Never did he miss one of his 366 shows, but now that he has left the stage nobody asked him to come back for a curtain call. Yes, "1945." May he bring happiness and favorite twenty-four times a day— he came around to prince and pauper alike, and handed each one of them sixty minutes apiece. It was up to us to save them or throw them away. Now that he has gone to eternity we wish him Godspeed and give a royal welcome to father time's newest son, "1945." May he bring happiness and peace to the just and enlightenment to the unjust.

The Thanksgiving was illuminated by the birth of Wilma Emma Mosley to the family of Dean and Mrs. Charles Mosley. The Dean is all smiles from the pleasure of walking the floor with the baby at night and little brother, Gene, enjoys playing nursemaid. . . Mrs. Cobbins and Mrs. Terry visited in Decatur, Alabama.

Woman's day was observed by the Mission Society, of which Mrs. B. L. Jacobs is president. Mrs. Terry delivered the address. A special appeal was made for Self Dedication.

The twelfth grade, under Miss Hill's sister, Marjorie, who is studying at Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, was a very pleasant visitor on the campus. The homes of the Thomases and Mosleys and the Mansion were centers of campus hospitality.

On January 3rd the busses, automobiles, trucks, trains and other forms of conveyances began bringing in students and teachers and this morning everybody seems to be here ready to start a New Year's work with the school enrollment near 400 students.

Happy New Year.

Mrs. S. L. Bostick Sends
Greetings From Arkansas

I wish to extend greetings for the New Year to one and all and much prosperity in the Savior's work. Elder T. R. Moore, the pastor of the Mt. Sinai Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas, is going forward with the work. He is using every two months to repair the church. There has been several additions since last year. This little group raises from $75.00 to $80.00. The secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. L. Brock, reports about $600 cash.

We are praying for great things in the future. It was quite a treat to have Elder W. M. Martin and family from Fulton, Missouri, to drop in a few weeks ago, and left us a great message. "Loveth thou me says Jesus to Peter." The message was impressive. All who were present enjoyed it.

Message to Women of Arkansas

Mrs. S. L. BOSTICK
December 3, 1944, at Mt. Sinai Christian Church was Woman's Day Program. This great organization has been effected since 1874 in Ohio by the great women who had visions to work together throughout the countries of America with it woman heading up with its day of cooperation. What is it all about? Is that this great big-hearted women brought a zeal with a vision to help the brotherhood to civilize the nation. Through this organization there has been about 35 schools, both white and colored. They are supporting ten foreign fields aside from supporting missionaries and teachers in America, civilizing and converting as well as educating them. We will mention some things that have been done and are being done for our Negro schools.

Louisville, Ky. It was the finest school for preparing men for the ministry. We will mention some of the material which are the Dickerson brothers, D. L. McMickens, and W. M. Martain, Jr. The latter two are from Arkansas. Also Elder Mose Mitchell and others I cannot mention. Next Lun, Alabama. The principal at this time was Prof. L. C. Franklin and wife, who was teacher. They sent a man to us by the name of Elder Pfeifer, who served as pastor in Arkansas for about three years. Third college is Jarvis at Hawkins, Texas. President Washington at present. But President Ervin and Mr. Frost were the first workers sent there. The latter was from Arkansas. President Ervin served there for several years. President Washington gave a report. For the past 15 years from 1 to 45 students from all sources sent out 354 to all parts of the country and one to Jamaica. The president has effected an efficient work. He has a very fine board mixed with white and colored. They too have sent out very fine material for Arkansas. We have a very fine man, Elder H. A. Armstrong, who is pastoring Martinville, Va. There was a very fine start there. I learned for the shortage of finances on our part these schools had to go down. S. C. L, which is one of our greatest schools, with Prof. J. B. Lehman serving as president for about 35 years. He and Mrs. Lehman had the patience of Jobe with our people. Yet they gloried in the work. They went there under adverse circumstances with the southern people under his leadership hundreds of students have been turned as leaders for our people. He was the cause of Jacob Kinley going to Libra, Africa and starting a school there. That was the hardest task undertaken. Now comes President John Long with his big heart going forward with the work there.

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February, 1945
There has been several equipments added to the school since the passing of J. B. Lehman. Lehman Hall was one of the buildings erected in his memory. There is a water tower in that building which cost $7,500. There has also been $16,000 sent by the missionary women of the North for the heating plant. We won't have time to mention all the great things going on at S. C. I., but we would like for you to know the motto: "Make the most of your best for the sake of others. Now concerning the material that has been sent out from these colleges to our churches from these schools. To think of the material means grateful to our race. Mr. Long reports that 6,000 students have been sent out from there within the last 15 years. We shall try to give you the names of some of the material. Our great hero, Prof. Moss, who served his people for 19 years with untiring effort. Pres. Washington of Jarvis. Prof. Peoples, a great leader in school. I. C. Franklin, Z. H. Howard, Detsy Blackburn, Beasie Chambers, Eld. P. C. Gray, Rosa Welch, a great singer, Mrs. Roxie Sneed, of Mt. Bayou, Miss., in business. Mrs. Fannie Johnson in California, doing work, Eld. S. S. Meyers, who is our president of National Convention and is an outstanding worker. R. A. David, who is doing work in Chicago. Other helpful material in Arkansas. Eld. B. H. Armstrong, Miss Mary V. Moore, part time field worker, who teaches school each year. Mrs. Maud Livingstone and Mrs. Mahala Moore, who are teachers also. We should never think of doing anything but missionary work for the progress of the church. Then comes Miss Carnella Jamison, who has done wonderful work for our young people in the churches. She has done everything possible to cooperate and put the program over. Last but not least, the S. C. I. has sent 150 men to aid Uncle Sam.

The great women of the U. S. A. have said that there is great work to be done in building up the kingdom of heaven throughout the world, and that we can do great work through God. "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," saith the Lord. I am giving you this message from my heart to all the Missionary Societies of America that we labor for the Master until the work is done.

Our offering for this day was $13.35.

Corinth Christian Church, Kilgore, Texas

MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, Reporter

REV. E. J. DICKSON, Pastor

Jan. 14, 1945—I am always glad to make such report as this, for the beginning of the new year. Everybody was on the alert and at their post of duty. Sunday School opened at the regular hour by Supt. Bro. Elmo Jacobs. Very large attendance. Devotional spirit ran high. Bro. Hughly Jacobs was in charge. Pastor Dickson brought the Scripture lesson. Afterward favorite Bible verses by congregation. Pastor Dickson is one among the best outstanding pastors and leaders in the state. He brought to us another message worthwhile for us to take home with us and put into our everyday life and practice. We feel proud of him and his good wife, who is our pianist. B Class No. 2 is still banner class. Sister Mattie Zora Jacobs, teacher. Our church is demonstrating the greatest spirit of unity and goodwill that we have ever experienced. Where there is unity there is strength. We are moving on in a fine way, both spiritual and financial. The offering $32.00. Pastor Dickson and wife have been so loyal to our church and the entire community. So at the end of their year's task, the church well wishers and friends gave them a large box of gifts, tokens of appreciation and also donations of money, which Prof. Archie Sanders presented to them with much joy in his heart.

I must say the Lord has blessed us wonderfully, and I am praying that the good spirit will remain and enable us to do more and more, if we only trust Him.

New Mt. Olivet Church, Henderson, Texas

REV. T. A. ARMSTEAD, Pastor

L. V. ISAACS, Reporter

Dear Christian Friends: Once more we are happy to inform you of our standing. As each Lord's day passes we are all well fed on the bread of life, through the pulpit teachings of our good preacher. The regular church program continues.

Our church is a beautiful large building on a healthy hillside and can be seen from every direction. Plans for improvement are to go forward as soon as the weather moderates and money is obtained. Anyone passing through is cordially invited to stop over and worship with us.

Remember, Christian friends, our motto is "Steadfastness."

Antioch Christian Church, Oliver Ave., Lincoln Highway New Brunswick, New Jersey

ELDER S. E. TILLMAN, Minister

A. B. WASHINGTON, Secretary

Another month has passed and we are still working on the building, which has a sure foundation, for the people had a mind to work. The first Sunday in the new year was a high day. Our pastor preached in the morning and at 3 o'clock the Pastor's Aid Society, Sister Ora L. Johnson, president, had a Bible drill, which was very inspiring and helpful. The evening program was conducted by members of C. Y. F. Bro. Lenie Fryer had charge. Our pastor being broad minded, allowed the two young men, Bro. Fryer and Bro. Ulice Pitman, who are aspiring for the ministry, to speak. They did very well. After this, Elder Edward took charge and the Holy Communion was served. On Jan. 11th we had a short visit from our National Secretary, Elder C. L. Parks from Texas, who spoke to us on Thursday night of the fullness of his heart as God gave him the words. On Friday night he spoke to the leaders of the different auxiliaries and explained to them how to be more efficient in their work. He left Saturday, with a promise to return some time in May, and we hope by that time that our church may be better fitted to entertain visitors.

Well, let us return to our church on Sunday, the 14th. It was a bad day outside, due to the weather, but nevertheless we had a good time all day. The choir held its program under their leader, Sister Roberta Sanders. They sang praises to the glory of God. Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God. (Psalm 147:1.)

The third Sunday was our ushers, Sister Hattie Pittman, president. They also rendered a nice program in the discussion of "If I Am Not a Christian, What Am I?" It was very well discussed. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord, than to dwell in tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:1.) At the night service the power of the Holy Spirit came as a mighty rushing wind and four came forward and joined the church, one for baptism. Let us not forget our missionary, which is one of the main auxiliaries of the church. They always have a spiritual program. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even
East Sixth St. Christian Church,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 

R. L. SERCY, Minister

January was a very good month for the East Sixth St. Church. The Lord blessed us with two additions for the month of January, and on last Sunday, which was the first Sunday, we had Elder T. J. Hill to take membership with us. He is a minister of the Church of Christ. Our total offering for January was $636.25. We celebrated our brotherhood dinner with a general fellowship on Jan. 24. The principal speakers were the leaders of each auxiliary and the pastor. We had 104 for the fellowship. At this service the program and budget for 1945 was presented and accepted. Our goal for 1945 is $8,000.00. We raised a little above $6,000.00 in 1944. Our missionary goal for 1945 is $300.00 for state work, $500.00 for missionary education, and $150.00 for general evangelism, which is $750.00. We ask the prayers of all that we continue in the work of the Lord.

Midway Kentucky News
ELDER T. R. EVERETT
Box 192
Midway, Kentucky

I must say that this has been an eventful year for us here in the church work in a financial way. We have been able to cancel all of our indebtedness; while we have not grown very numerically or spiritually. A reasonable excuse can be offered for our failure numerically is because of the scarcity of the population. Everybody here belongs to some church, but very few attend anybody's services. The church members have come to believe that prayer is non-essential to growth of a spiritual organism. Hence, we do not go to prayer meetings. But one of these days the churches in America will wake up to find themselves weighed in the balances and found wanting.

God told Israel to go and possess the land. But they, Oh, no. We cannot do it for those giants over there and we are but as grasshoppers in their sight. But God said I will go with you. No! No! And we all know the results.

Bethel Christian Church
Route 2, Coila, Mississippi

MRS. CARRIE A. GRIFFIN, Reporter

Our heartiest greetings from the Bethel Christian Church, go out to the entire brotherhood. As we have turned over a new leaf in our history, let us all pray that this will be a year of general and specific evangelism by individuals and groups. This cannot be done without the spirit of love and fellowship.

We cannot accomplish without being of one accord, as were the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

Only a hint to our ministers. There is no time for mud-slinging or personating. No minister need be hobbled by another in this great big field that is overrun with sin and pride. Say as Paul did, "We are workers together with God."

Don't be narrow. Take the PLEA and Informer. Read both carefully and prayerfully. Our job is to save and not to destroy.

What will the post-war church be if we do not eradicate these antagonistic evils among the brotherhood? Preach the same thing, pray the same prayer, and sing the same song. Brighten your light, let the Church of Christ have its place.

I was greatly impressed to say the above and more; and I am sure you'll overlook my digressing.

Back to doing at Bethel. Bethel Christian Church has gotten along well under the leadership of Elder I. C. Franklin, who had previously served as evangelist and president of the Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention. He came to his charge once monthly, from Port Gibson, Mississippi. The church was and is spiritually and financially alive. Although he came once monthly. Our district evangelist, Elder George Walls, and our District Church School, Superintendent Elder A. L. Keyes, would bring spiritual messages sometimes.

Besides our obligations to our minister in charge, the church school, women's work, and young people play well their part to the work generally.

During Elder Franklin's charge, we completed and equipped the church with seats, a nice heater, and pulpit, which has a beautiful enclosure. The church is very large, and is beautifully decorated on the interior and exterior.

This edifice was begun during Brother S. D. Yarbrough's charge and completed during Brother Franklin's charge, therefore, we tip our hats to both.

This church has approximately one hundred fifty members more or less.

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PROF. MERL R. EPPSE, Editor.

the Methodist; and 2 from the Baptist. Finance $216.48. In 1943: 6 reclaimed; 10 by baptism; $4.05 for foreign mission; contributed to minister $340.00 plus a nice suit of clothes. 1944: 2 reclaimed; 11 by baptism; 1 from the Methodist; 1 from the Baptist; ordained four deacons; gave for foreign mission $22.15; contributed to the minister $296.33, of this three soldiers sent contributions.

Brother Franklin is leaving the charge in peace and fellowship. Brother Yarbrough is returning. The homes spared no time in giving hospitality. Our thanks for his services, and our well wishes go with him to other pastorates. Hoping that he will still stand up for the defense of the church.

We also hope that our present minister will earnestly hold up Christ, that He will draw all men unto Himself.

The Keyes will think of Brother Franklin as the boy who rode behind our Dad to charges in Claiborne County, where his home was Dad's (Elder J. G. Keyes) home and who gave us consolation in his memorial services, December, 1942.

I will not tarry next time.
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President and Ex-President

Looks:—Brotherhood

Pres.: Bro. Ex-Pres., since our last visit I have been thinking that we should give the brotherhood some advance information about the national office, its staff and program. We are all concerned about the national office. It seems most certain within a few months plans will be consummated and the national office established to serve our brotherhood. When this is accomplished and the machinery put in motion through our national secretary, the success of it will depend upon the whole hearted cooperation of every disciple. I believe when the plan is thoroughly understood that it will win respect and confidence as well as the support of all of our churches. To my way of thinking, there are two or three things that must be made clear to our brotherhood, if we are to make progress and further enrichen the heritage left us by our “Fathers.” These things are we must have “Faith in God, Faith in Jesus Christ,” “Faith in the mission of the church” and “Faith in ourselves.” There also must be love for God, and for all men. And an eternal hope and abiding love for God and man. If we build upon these three, “Faith, Hope and Love,” nothing stands between us and the goal.

Place of the Negro

In Our Brotherhood

By P. C. Washington

When it comes to the consideration of the place of the Negro in our brotherhood program, we should consider what is actually needed in order for the Negro to take his place along with all other persons in the field of Christian service.

First of all, there are some pertinent questions that should be answered as to the part the Negro should play in the total program of Kingdom Building from the standpoint of the Disciples of Christ.

One of the first questions that should be answered is as follows: Is the Negro something that is different from other racial groups that are identified with our brotherhood? If that question is to be answered in the affirmative, then, the Negro is qualified to receive a different program from the other groups. On the other hand, if their question is answered in the negative, then why should it be necessary to make a special program to serve the Negro Disciples that is different from the program of the brotherhood as a whole.

Those of us who have given some time to the study of psychology, especially genetic and educational psychology, have found that all through our educational tests and studies, (Continued on page 2)

S. C. I. Minister’s School

Ends; Pastors Organize

The Second Annual School for Town and Country Pastors held on the campus of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., closed Friday, February 16th, after a two week study session, attended by thirty ministers, representing five denominations, one hundred individual churches and twelve towns in Mississippi. The school was held by Southern Christian Institute in cooperation with the Home Missions Council of North America, Inc., representing 23 different denominations. The promotion and supervision of the school was under the direction of the Rev. Wm. K. Fox, of the Department of Bible and Religious Extension of Southern Christian Institute.

The theme of this year’s school was “The Kingdom of God in the Countryside.” The faculty consisted of President John Long of Southern Christian Institute, Mr. B. L. Jacobs, Superintendent of the Farm at Southern Christian Institute, Mr. V. A. Edwards, Director of Religious Extension at Fort Valley College, Fort Valley, Ga., Rev. Mr. R. B. Gayden, Dean of Religion at Natchez College, Natchez, Miss., Rev. Mr. Donald F. Piekelight, National Field Representative of the Home Missions Council and Mr. W. E. Ammons, State Negro A. A. A. Agent of Mississippi, Jack-
PLACE OF THE NEGRO

(Continued from page 1)

there is no indication that there is any difference in the human mentality that may be classed as distinctively racial. All the tests and studies in the biological sciences reveal nothing in the germ plasm, the blood stream or in the function of the glands or nervous system to indicate such a marked difference in the biological and physiological mechanism as far as the Negro is concerned to justify any special treatment for him on any level. If that is true mentally and physically what should our thinking be as Disciples of Christ regarding our spiritual relations.

If democracy and Christianity mean an opportunity to work out just and spiritual relations that will be for the best interest of all concerned, then those of us who are Disciples of Christ should seek the best ways and means to do that for the good of the Disciples of Christ not on the basis of race or color but on the basis of human beings attempting to bring the Kingdom of God more fully among men on earth. This will necessitate participation on the part of the Negro in the total brotherhood program in every activity within the framework of the present existing organization.

Why should the Disciples of Christ have a new or special organization set up for Negroes? Why should the Negro Disciples want such an organization? Why should the white Disciples want such an organization? Would this be a forward step or a move backward?

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From one point of view, we are at the point where the A.M.E. groups were in the beginning of their organization, but for the Disciples of Christ to follow that pattern would be a tragedy as far as the Christian pattern is concerned.

Any steps that might lead the people to think or feel that there is a possible desire to separate our brotherhood into a white work and a Negro work will not serve the best interest of humanity. The unselfish desire of the Disciples of Christ should be full participation of all groups, races, and all colors at every point of contact in the promotion of the united program through one united organization.

It is peculiar that even labor organizations can see the necessity of getting together racially and cooperating largely for the common good of the common laborer, but the Disciples of Christ must divide themselves into two camps, one a white camp and the other a Negro camp. And perhaps, each will have the audacity to pray, "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" or "that we may be one," and yet refuse to come together and work as a unit for the promotion of God's Kingdom.

I wonder if it is not a fallacy to pray to God that he might do for us what we stubbornly will not do for ourselves even though the opportunity presents itself. The fact that we set up another organization that in itself may lead someone to thank or believe there is a division, such an idea perhaps may discourage others. Such would be an abnormality in Christian service and fellowship.

Therefore, we should seek to lead and encourage the youth especially with the hope that youth will do a better job of actually living the Christian religion than the adults of the present generation. It is our indispensable duty to give the youth of our land an opportunity to witness a living demonstration of Christianity in the field of service and brotherhood unity. A failure on our part to so demonstrate may necessitate the rise of a future generation that will condemn us because of our lack of spiritual normality.

Financially also, two organizations will prove to be more expensive than one. During these days when money is plentiful, the burden may not be so heavy and perhaps can be cared for with apparent ease, but when changes come and money is not so plentiful, what then? It may be that we might regret the fact that we have two organizations when one would suffice.

Any program that is suggestive of a division or separation is not in harmony with the Christian's view of service. There must be full cooperation and full participation in the united effort of our brotherhood program from the standpoint of all national groups. We do not need a set of new principles in Christianity. We simply need to practice and vitalize the existing principles of this religion.

Likewise, the present organizational setup is sufficient to give fields
A fitting climax to the successful school was the organization of the Mississippi Council of Town and Country Pastors. The Rev. Mr. Thomas Coleman of West Point, Miss. was elected president; Rev. J. V. Wase, of Ackerman, Miss., was elected vice-president; Rev. E. R. Caston, of Gloster, Miss., was elected secretary; Rev. Mr. Wm. K. Fox, of S. C. I., was elected executive secretary-treasurer; Rev. Mr. A. E. Brooks of Edwards, Miss., was elected chaplain, and Rev. R. A. Irving, of Edwards, Miss., was elected critic. At present the council is divided into the following districts: Central District (Edwards headquarters, contact A. E. Brooks); Northeast District (West Point headquarters, contact T. Coleman); Southeast District (McComb headquarters, contact V. L. Moore at Gloster); South District (Gloster headquarters, contact E. B. Shorts); Southwest District (Port Gibson headquarters, contact A. N. Harris) and the North Central District (Mound Bayou, contact B. B. Jones). Any town or country minister in Mississippi of any denomination wishing to join in this movement for a better countryside and a more efficient rural church may contact the man nearest his home and get full particulars about joining.

Port Gibson District Report

The Port Gibson District No. 1 Church Quarterly meeting was held at Rose Hill Christian Church, Feb. 10-11. It was quite a treat to have Elder I. C. Franklin, our Ex-President and State Evangelist with us, and he gave us some wholesome remarks and some of the things that he got out of the ministers meeting in which he attended at S. C. I. a week or so before.

Elder I. S. Simmons was also present. For many years Elder Simmons was our District Evangelist.

The quarterly meeting seemed to have taken on a new life. This was the best quarterly that we have had for many years.

Money raised was as follows:

M. M. Society $14.50
W. W. Society 14.62
Brotherhood 84.85
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EDITORIAL

Toward a Better Life;
A Voice from the Army

By Pvt. A. D. Gould, 35877206
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Deming, New Mexico

We are looking for a peaceful world to live in after the war when we can have our four freedoms. Everyone is looking toward a better life. We hope the next generation will not have to go through sorrows that we are going through. America’s biggest business is the education of the nation’s children. The church’s greatest undertaking on the homefront is its program of Christian education. A great democracy cannot continue to exist and to function well without enlightened citizenry.

The Christian Church loses its power and shrivels up except as its members learn to know the great truths concerning God and eternity. “This is Life eternal that might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.” Secular education helps the child to understand in which he lives through practical instruction in History, Science, Literature, and various skills. Education aims to prepare the child for life in this world.

Christian education has as its supreme objective to bring the child to a true knowledge of the living God and His only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In this is Life eternal. Also in this grace and wisdom for daily purposeful living.

Christian education has as its purpose that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. It strives toward the attainment of Isaiah’s prediction that the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Secular education deals with man’s intellect and physical well-being at its best. It strives for character, for moral rectitude, and for a more perfect understanding of human relations.

Christian education adds to this by debating itself to the needs of man’s soul to have spiritual well-being in time and for eternity.

With a view of helping man to be at his best in this life, and, at the same time, preparing him for the life hereafter, Christian education focuses its attention on the two-all-important beings, man and God. Man, the sinful, struggling, earthly being; God, the loving Father, man’s Savior through Jesus Christ, who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

If we are to go forward toward a better life, and have peace and hold the Four Freedoms, the church must give to the world a Christian program. The church must build the bridge for the future generation to cross the stream.

An Easter Devotional Thought

By ANNA E. GILMORE

President of Missouri Councils
Dear Women of the Missionary Groups in Our Entire Brotherhood:

It is indeed a great pleasure to have the opportunity to communicate with you through the medium of our church paper, THE CHRISTIAN PLEA, and our page in that paper, and especially at this season of the year, as we approach the Pre-Easter commemoration of the sacrifice of our Lord, who submitted Himself unto death, even the death of the cross.

For a number of years I have looked eagerly forward and planned my work in my home that nothing should come before the services of the Easter Week of Prayer. To me it is the best time to dedicate and rededicate lives to the work of the extension of God’s kingdom on earth. To me it is a time when a great deal of devotion is given to the study of the power of the resurrection; a time to express thanks for the realization of what His death and resurrection should exact from our lives.

I thrill to the tune of that song: “I Gave My Life for Thee, What Hast Thou Given for Me?” I am inspired each year all over again to give my time, talent, service and money that others may experience the deep, great joy that comes into the lives of His followers.

I spend much time in the preparation of programs, which includes securing proper materials and appropriate music, enlisting persons who will present the programs in such forceful, convincing ways that missions may become of vital importance to those who have not thought of a world-wide Christianity.

In this year of crisis and unrest, we cannot spend too much time in the study of His word and in prayer that His church will ever go forward in the healing of humanity, in the wiping out of hate and conflict and the salvation of every man in every

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nation. In our limitations of various kinds, imposed by necessity, let us remember we are serving a God with whom all things are possible. God grant that we shall be found doing our best when He shall come to gather up His jewels. Let the concerns of a world church be the motivating power that shall speak and demonstrate to the unsaved the riches of a Christian life, a witness for our Lord!

Yours for a great year of labor in His vineyard.

National Convention Youth Committee Holds Meeting In Indianapolis, Ind.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The National Convention Youth Committee held its first meeting January 12-13, 1945, at Flanner House, Indianapolis, Ind.

The purpose of this committee, which was set up and approved by the youth department of the 28th Annual Convention at Lexington, Ky., is that of reviewing, suggesting, and participating in the development of a coordinated Christian Endeavor and Christian Youth Fellowship in our state and national youth programs which, in turn grows out of the needs of local youth groups.

This committee shall counsel with the national secretaries of Religious Education, Missionary organizations and Evangelism who serve through our National Convention, in terms of personnel and representation in inter-denominational and brotherhood conferences and strategic areas of need, such as youth work in rural areas.

This committee shall recommend to the National Young People's Work Committee certain areas of need and specific strategy for accomplishing same within the framework of our present organizations.

During the course of the meeting, review of the state work in our brotherhood was presented. Mr. Lester McAllister, National Young People's Work Committeeman, presented working material for young people and young people workers.

The group was reminded of the fact that the deadline for the payment of the pledges to the Christian World Friendship Fund is at hand. Our share of the national goal, $40,000, is $2,500. Ways and means of raising this money were discussed.

Plans for the pre-national and national convention sessions were made and various planning committees were set up for this purpose. Responsibility for the organization of the pre-convention sessions will be carried out by Rev. R. H. Peoples, the national worker and the National C. Y. F. officers.

Those present at the meeting were: Miss Mary Butler, Mrs. Alberta Craggett, Rev. Foster Craggett, Mr. Thomas Griffin, Miss Carnella L. Jamison, Mr. Lester McAllister, Mr. William McGill, Rev. R. H. Peoples, Mrs. Z. M. Peoples, Mr. Clarence E. Sherman, Miss Ruth O. Thomas, Mrs. Towns, Rev. E. W. Wilbert and Miss Mary R. Willis. Ruth Thomas was chairman, Thomas Griffin, Secretary.

Note of Appreciation to Miss Jamison From The National C. Y. P.

The National Christian Youth Fellowship, its officers, members and advisors, wish to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to Miss Carnella Jamison for her invaluable contributions to the national young people's work in her recent capacity as General Secretary of Negro Organizations. The status of the National C. Y. F. in the life of the church is in part a monument which bespeaks her services in recent years. Realizing the Herculean responsibilities Miss Jamison had to carry, which were too much for one person, we are all the more appreciative of her work.

Now that Miss Jamison has chosen another area of work which takes her to the Avalon Community Center in Los Angeles, our sincere best wishes go with her with the hope that she will enjoy her new work and that she will be able to make significant and tangible contributions in the way of making life more liveable and more meaningful for the people she will serve.

CHAS. E. SHERMAN, co-Pres., RUTH THOMAS, co-Pres., THOMAS GRIFFIN, Sec.-Treas.
MARGARET BUNDY, Asst. Sec.

The Brotherhood on the West Coast

By ELDER E. W. FAULKNER, 847 E. 23rd Street, Los Angeles 11, Calif.

This is a summary of the Brotherhood here as surveyed since June, 1944. Whereas we have only heard of three ministers, I find, at present, sixteen. Some have come here since January, 1948. The writer finds two major factors that have kept the Brotherhood from growing properly; selfishness and jealousy. Strangely, I found these factors in Kansas and Missouri. There must be a reason for this. I think it is a lack of vision.

In this city there are 185,000 colored people now living here, and as far as the established churches are concerned they are trying to serve this great population. There is a report that there are 199 Baptist churches here. If (and we do) we have the PLEA and New Testament doctrine why are we content with from one to three churches in a large city.

The writer has heard statements like these: "What difference does it make if you are Methodist, Baptist, or Catholic, aren't we serving the same God?" To friends in the audience, "I know you're Methodist, but you are all right anyhow." When we compromise and contradict our sermons how can we expect to grow?

With the coming of Brother C. W. Arnold to the Angel City inspiration and encouragement flowed down upon the heretofore quiet, but loyal ministers who will not compromise.

Brother A. W. Jacobs, who has been pastoring the church in Pasadena, eleven miles from Los Angeles, ordained Brother James F. Irvin, February 25 at Brother Arnold's church at 92nd and Compton Streets.

Since he is the pastor of the Pasadena Church as of January 7, 1945, he has resigned to evangelistic work in the adjacent towns where small groups of Christian lives are found. At this service an Elder for Brother Arnold's church and the Pasadena church were ordained with Brother Arnold bringing the sermon. The writer was not present, but accompanied a student minister of George Pepperdine College (Arthur Patterson) to a Methodist church where he brought the evening message. I speak truthfully that he preached creditably without compromise.

We hope to be able to report before the end of the year two new growing churches, contending for the plea of the Church of Christ.

The crowning event of this season was the organizing of the Christian Ministers' Union of Los Angeles, Calif., March 1, 1945, at the Y. M. C. A. at 28th and Paloma Streets. The officers are: Elder A. W. Jacobs, President; Elder E. W. Faulkner, Vice-President; Elder J. F. Irvin, Secretary; Elder C. B. Tarrance, Treasurer; Elder C. W. Arnold, Chairman of Ways and Means Committee; Elder G. H. Bundy, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. The following persons were also present: Sister Helen Henry,

Watch a community when ministers work together.

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch
In Successful Recital

REV. L. L. DICKERSON, Pastor
1299 Grandville St.
Columbus 3, Ohio

Mrs. CLARA FOWLER BUSH, Reporter

Last Lord's day was a day that will be long remembered by the Monroe Avenue Christian Church. The pastor brought a wonderful message; soul stirring. At the close three adults and seven children came forward. One from our church at Crab Orchard, Ky., and two who had never been a member of any church. On next Lord's day they will be emersed. This was a time of rejoicing and shedding tears of joy.

We are happy to report that the rally we mentioned in our last article was a great success. And needless to say the recital February 8th by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch was a great success. Many compliments were extended Mrs. Welch and the church was indeed proud of her in her return engagement. Already one of the musical clubs of the city has said they wanted to bring her next year, but the answer was we have already engaged her for next year. Too much cannot be said about her. Following the recital we enjoyed a beautiful reception at Poindexter Village Community Social Center. Many of our friends from other churches were there and expressed joy for one of the loveliest evenings of the winter. In getting to know her, many said to know Mrs. Welch to love her.

The Bible School has taken on new life and has increased 100 per cent. We have much to be proud of in the work the Bible School is doing.

Last Thursday the Missionary Society and the Dorcas Aid met at the home of the writer and planned for the Easter Week of Prayer. Also planned for an afternoon tea. The Cordas Aid planned a box social and rummage sale. The Second District Meeting also was on the agenda. The young people are anticipating a great week end April the 18th when youth-fellowship will have a conference in Columbus when young people from all over the state will assemble for two days' conference.

The young people's choir is rendering very valuable service. They sing every Sunday night. They also accompanied the pastor on his last engagement and were very highly praised.

The pastor was given a surprise birthday party with three beautiful cakes, ice cream, nuts and candy and beautiful and useful gifts.

Last we forget. This Sunday will be Men's Day and the men have promised a big day and have organized a men's choir or quartet. They are making great plans to have an unusual day.

May we have your prayers for continued success.

ROSS ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

ELDER Z. H. HOWARD, Pastor
MISS SADIE WILLIAMS, Reporter
18 Lapins Street
Montgomery 5, Alabama

Waiting for the CHRISTIAN PLEA each month has gotten to be a joy with those of us who get it, because it keeps us so close together, we can feel in a spiritual sense that touch of brotherly love and unity. We are happy that the PLEA has been able to keep up its publication, and will do whatever we can in the way of sending subscriptions to keep it going.

We have just closed another year of service in our new church building which was celebrated with a week's service leading up to the first Sunday of March 4. That marked the second anniversary. This meeting brought together Baptist and Methodist ministers and their congregations each night and a wonderful fellowship was experienced. $300.00 was raised in this effort to eradicate the small indebtedness on the church. Each auxiliary played well its part in making the program a success.

We were very happy to have Elder A. J. Jeffries of the Eleventh St. Christian Church, Birmingham, to worship with us throughout the day Sunday. He brought the message on Sunday night. Bro. Jeffries is chairman of the directory board for the Young People's Conference, and was here to complete plans for the same. We are asking that every church in the state of Alabama working with the brotherhood to cooperate in this effort of bringing together our young people for our first conference, in order that they may be better prepared for future service. Through this column we hope to bring not only cooperation but we are trying to get several PLEAS into the home of as many families in every Christian Church in Alabama as is possible. Hope this effort will be a success, for I'm sure it will be a pleasure for them to wait for its arrival as the rest of us are now doing.

We Are Builders
By ELDER J. E. BLAIR
2064 Carver Place
Warren, Ohio

For the Builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side, and so built. (Nehemiah 4:18 and Ephesians 2:22.) Let us rise up and build is the clarion call that echoes through the Bible. In Old Testament times men heard it and responded. Homes, altars, cities, walls, and temples rose as monuments to consecrate and creative effort. Let us rise up and build is a New Testament challenge too, but with emphasis on spiritual building. Build Christian character, the gospel and epistles urge. Build Christ-like personality. Build Christian love and hospitality. Build a social structure in the world worthy to be called God's spiritual edifice. (Eph. 2:22.) Every individual is God's spiritual dwelling place. In Nehemiah's times enemies drew near to stop the work on the rebuilding of the temple and the walls of Jerusalem, but the people had a mind to work. They had the zeal of God, and the courage of great heroes, and with united effort the builders did not stop with swords girded. They continued confidently with unshaken courage and fidelity in God.

Nehemiah's problem has its parallel in the world life of today. Menacing forces have arisen again and again to hinder and destroy. The walls of righteousness must stand. The building up of Christian civilization must continue. Ephesians 6:13.)

The development of a Christian personality involves a trinity; the first is self-development; the second is others; and the third is God through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. A man's value to the Kingdom of God is measured by what he makes of himself by what he makes of himself. A person who has not developed his talents of brain and heart is a poor medium through which to reveal the will of God.

Inspiration comes through inspired persons, and a lazy person is to shallow to carry God's rich river of spiritual life. A building is not built in a day but, takes days and months to complete the building to make it secure. So it is with our Christian life,
which is growth. No one can grow alone. It is well-said that there is no solitary religion. A man who does not seek to serve his fellowman cannot develop his own powers. The prayer in secret must find fulfillment in the fellowship of others. "By their fruits ye shall know them," says Jesus.

The basis for personal growth and service to our fellowman is God manifested through Christ, who said, "I came not to be served, but to serve." Sociology without Christ is on the surface one of the perils of our age—

... which was... in our Brotherhood. Our experience there was one of joy and uplift. Elder and Mrs. Grey and daughter gave of their all to make us feel at home. Thanks to them again for their kind consideration of us and the cooperative way in which they expressed it.

Monday morning, we moved from St. Louis over to Kansas City, again to conduct an Institute for our ministers of Missouri, Kansas, and Iowa. Again we met and studied and had fellowship with a group of ministers who were interested in the weightier matters of our brotherhood life. This week of studying and of sharing the vital experience of one another, gave definite promise of a type of solidarity which knows no defeat. All were glad we came and were overjoyed because of the contribution these gallant soldiers made to our effort there.

From Kansas City, we arrived in Nashville on Sunday, February 18th, spent two days at home and left on February 21st for Indianapolis in the leadership of Brother Grey this splendid congregation has made great strides. Their new church plant is by far the most complete unit in our Brotherhood. Our experience there was one of joy and uplift. Elder and Mrs. Grey and daughter gave of their all to make us feel at home. Thanks to them again for their kind consideration of us and the cooperative way in which they expressed it.

The union meeting of three Nashville churches occurred on January 28th, but comes also within the period of this reporting. We preached during this service and noted that these three congregations leave in their breasts a deep longing for a closer walk with God and a more fervent and effectual fellowship one with the other. All of us went home rejoicing.

We do want to express our appreciation for the splendid work done by Brother Dungan, National Director a Religious Education; Brother Becker, National Director of Town and Rural Churches; Brother Ross, National Director of Help to Superintendent; Brother S. S. Myers, President of the National Convention; President Washing of Jarvis Christian College; Dean Hill, Jarvis Christian College; Elder R. Wesley, Tri-State Evangelist of Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas; and Elder W. M. Martin, President of Missouri Convention for their helpful promotional interest. These Christian gentlemen have worked with us through the Institute of Texas and Missouri and the first four of them will continue to serve until the whole series of six have been completed.

Contributions during this period were as follows:

- Union meeting in Nashville...$3.50
- E. Annie Church, Fort Worth...$11.55
- Boll St. Church, Dallas...$16.77
- Centennial Church, St. Louis...$9.67

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**CONCISE REPORT OF INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

1413 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.

**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1944**

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| Additions by baptism | 4 |
| Otherwise           | 29 |
| From Christian Churches | 35 |
| From Methodist Churches | 6 |
| From Baptist Churches | 4 |
| Subtraction by death and removal | 16 |
| Net resident and non-resident Membership | $58 |

| Receipts, Current Expenses, Beauthification | $10,051.43 |
| Mission and Benevolence | $10,150.53 |
| Clubs and Auxiliaries | $2,399.58 |

| Total | $21,991.01 |

| Twenty-five clubs and auxiliaries functioned in the total program of this church. | |
| Clubs and Auxiliaries | $8,000.00 |
| Special Benevolence given to St. Paul Industrial Training School, Malatov, Texas; | $774.12 |

**March, 1945**

**THE CHRISTIAN PLEA**
With us. We are grateful to have such a fine leader. Our plan to decorate the church.

Woman's Council of the First Christian Church, Russellville, Ark.

Enlarged achievements of the year. We have now purified this year. We sent U. C. M. 1944-45, which was paid in full December, 1944. We have now purified this year. We sent U. C. M. 1944-45, which was paid in full December, 1944.

Edward Chapel Christian Church, Russellville, Ark.

The members of Edward Chapel Christian Church are doing splendid work this year. We sent U. C. M. $20.00, including all departments for 1944-45, which was paid in full December, 1944. We have now purchased a piano for the church. The Woman's Council of the First Christian Church (white) donated $150.00 on this purchase.

Sometime during the summer we plan to decorate the church.

Our pastor, Elder Haywood Armstrong, brings us a soul-stirring message every 4th Lord's Day. We are grateful to have such a fine leader with us.

IN MEMORIAM
JAMES WILLIAMS
December 30, 1944
Lifelong member of Galilee Christian Church, Holly Hill, S. C.
Elder and Superintendent of Sunday School for thirty years.
Always interested in missionary work. Faithful and loyal to his church until a few weeks before his death.
Age 61 years.

IN MEMORIAM
In Loving Memory of Our Father and Mother
ELDER and MRS. W. H. SMITH
It was just 16 years ago father, and just one year ago mother, dear, when you left us. But, O, it seems just yesterday. We loved each of you. O, we loved you, but Jesus loved you best. After your toils well spent here upon the earth, He commissioned each of you your rest.
They were happily married, shared each other's joys, sorrows, as well as all others they came in contact with. We can but think of you as our leaders and guide at all times, on all occasions. The examples you gave us from our infancy to your going shall always be cherished in our inmost thoughts. Yes, we shall ever hold them sacred, as each of your presence seems near.
Not a one of you seemed to suffer nor complain. Both of you, it seemed, in leaving us, quietly passed through Paradise, there to await the general resurrection. We silently bid each of you, sleep on. As we shall sleep, but not forever. There shall be a glorious dawn. Then, we shall meet to part no, never.
On that Resurrection Morn.

THE FAMILY

United Christian Church, 11331 Oakland Ave.

Miss Irene Harvey, Reporter

3355 Wreford St.

Church Activities: The week of Feb. 25, 1945, was celebrated with the anniversary of the church. On Monday night the official board meeting was an interesting beginning, followed Tuesday night with the meeting conducted by the Elders. On Friday night it ended with a banquet and a genuine fellowship with all.

Organization Activities: The Missionary Society is moving along with heartfelt interest. They are to meet Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Jordan, at 11331 Oakland Ave.

Young People's Activities: The Christian Endeavor members are happy to have their President, Mrs. Willie Mae Goings, with them. She has been sick for the past three weeks.

General Activities: Church, Sunday School and Christian Endeavor services are carried out each Sunday. Sunday School at 9:45, Church services at 11:30, Christian Endeavor at 6:30, Evening services at 8:00 P. M.

Antioch Christian Church, Olive Ave., Lincoln Highway, New Brunswick, N. J.

ELDER S. E. TILLMAN, Minister
A. B. WASHINGTON, Secretary

The fourth month is here, which is called spring.

Let us give praises and adoration to our God for His wonderful mercy towards us. We also want to commend our Elder, T. Taylor, our architect and builder of our beautiful church. Not he alone, but to the one that gave him the wisdom and knowledge to construct it. Elder Taylor was the one that came to us when we had a desire to build, with plans for the building. He was like the prophet of old. He was about a good work and would not stop. So he and a few other faithful members of the church started on the building and are still working.

Your scribe, in one of the letters to the Plea a year ago, stated the desire to have the inside of the church to be more beautiful than the outside. The desire is gradually coming in sight. We are truly thankful for this place of worship. The faithful few have stuck when the tide was high and our boat was about to capsize. They clung to the oar of faith, which has landed them on shore.

The fourth Sunday was a day to be long remembered in the hearts and minds of those that attended the service. The Spirit of God was in our midst and everyone that was in the meeting was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit at the same time. We have never witnessed anything like it.
Bethel Christian Church,
ELDER S. D. YARBROUGH, Minister
Clinton, Miss.
CARRIE A. GRIFFIN, Reporter
R. F. D. 2, Collia, Miss.

Because of weather conditions, the Bethel Christian Church had its first 1945 services on Feb. 11. After an interesting church school and devotion, Elder Yarbrough spoke to us very briefly and emphatically from the 16th chapter of Exodus, stressing especially the 16th verse. He compared our church life now with that of Israel and her murmuring of leadership, and as was Israel, because of stomach gratification.

He urged that we put our Christian duty first place.

There was good attendance for morning services, but fewer for the evening service. Weather prevented.

None reclaimed nor confessed.

Money raised for minister $24.60
For church report 7.35
For the women's work 5.60
For church school 3.07

Total raised $40.62
Communion was also served.

Bethel lost one of her older members in the person of Bro. West Hughes, Greenwood, R. F. D. 1.

He kept the faith from childhood.

Memorial services were held in Greenwood. Interment was also made there.

The Century Burial Association had charge. He left a wife, a mother, two sisters, several brothers, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. He was a financial man in the church and stood high in the business world.

Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn.
REV. BLAIR T. HUNT, Pastor
MRS. C. E. ROWAN, Reporter

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, under the leadership of Rev. Blair T. Hunt, has shown a great gain in the past year, spiritually and financially.

Mrs. Mildred Riley, our Social Secretary, has brought many people into the church through her great work and personal contact.

From time to time we will endeavor to bring you some of the highlights from the inspiring sermons of our Pastor, Rev. Hunt. Excerpts from his sermon of February 25th follow:

"Peter immortalized himself by saying the right thing at the right time. It is so good to know what your minister believes. First, I believe in God. As the years have passed, I have deepened and expanded my faith in God. No responsibility is quite so great as that of talking to people about God, except one thing: that is, living a God fearing and a God directed life. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's son. For over 1900 years we have called him God and yet we leave undone the things he has asked us to do.

"I believe that Jesus comes into our churches as we make room for Him and into our lives as we welcome Him. (Matthew 5:18) I believe in the Bible as a progressive revelation of God, the Father. I believe in the immortality of the soul. I believe in the Church of Christ. I believe the Church can only save its life by losing it (Matthew 10:29) in sacrificial service. I believe the Church is the road to heaven. I believe in the movement within the church for unity. I believe in humanity. I know something of the depth some men sink; I also know the heights which they may attain."

Forrest St. Christian Church, Beaumont, Texas
MRS. MAUDE DAVIS, Pastor

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The musical was under the direction of Mrs. Juanita Frasier Sloan, musical director of Martin high school, of which the congenial Prof. Powell is principal. The musical went over in a large way, with a bevy of beautiful girls and handsome young men.

Beaumont has the distinction of having as our group, substantial citizens, with lovely homes, a large amount of business establishments, with a large group of musicians and teachers, and Forrest St. Church is blessed with some of these as members.

The colored people of Beaumont would be an asset to any community anywhere in the world—in looks, in culture, in beautiful homes, in business, and in hospitality, which all seems to be bubbling over.

The musical consisted of some of the best talent in Beaumont. The Martin high school glee club, which is so well trained by Mrs. Sloan, is a credit to any music teacher anywhere in the world. Prof. Powell and Mrs. Sloan are to be highly commended for this excellent talent.

Miss Elnora Bernard, who led the glee club in the "Italian Street Song," would have been an inspiration or the envy of Lily Pons.

Miss Geraldine Griffin, who led the spirituals, would have caused Marion Anderson to sit up and take notice. Little Miss Coleen Moore, with her roguish eyes and dimple cheeks put over her numbers, "Trees," by Joyce Kilmer, in grand style.

The reading of "Dreaming In Deep Twilight," by Mrs. F. E. Charlton, one of the graceful matrons of Beaumont, and the wife of one of its most substantial citizens of our group, will not be forgotten soon. The rendition of the "Lost Chord," by the charming Miss Grace Posey, one of the city's teachers, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Posey, proved her musical ability in grand style. Too much praise cannot be given to the talented Miss Posey, who is one young woman who finds time to give to her church, Y. W. C. A. and other civic organizations, but most of all, her church comes first.

Miss Margaret Willard gave an address on "Woman's Responsibility in the Post-war World." Of course, this subject is somewhat overworked, but not Miss Willard, for she brought out some very interesting facts, which held her audience spell-bound. Whether it was the subject or her beauty, Miss Willard was a little bundle of beauty, charming manners, culture, grace, poise and flashing black eyes, whose voice was restful to her hearers. No one grew tired of listening to the little lady with the beautiful smile. Miss Willard is also employed by the city school system.

Last, but not least, the Scripture and prayer, which was offered by the charming and graceful Miss Esther Jones, was sacred and soothing to the mind. Miss Jones happens to be another city teacher, who gives her time to her church. Her church comes first with her.

Dr. Charlton, one of Beaumont's very efficient dentists, and his lovely wife, lifted the offering, which was $56.46.

The church is looking forward to another musical, March 2, rendered by Mrs. Frances Libbrick and pupils. Mrs. Libbrick conducts a musical studio, and is rated as one of Texas' greatest music instructors.
This program is sponsored by our own, and only Mrs. Hennie Bean.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, we began our Lenten service by prayer. Friday we held all day prayer service for war-torn Europe and the Armed Forces. The table was draped in white with red, white and blue candle and the pictures of the members of the church who are in the Armed Forces were placed upon the table. Special prayer was offered for their safe return to their families and homes.

St. Matthew Baptist Church and pastor, Rev. Andrews, held services for us February 18 at 3:00 P.M. They were the special guests of Sister Hennie Bean. This service was held for the benefit of our new pews.

Sunday, Feb. 25, the Missionary Society held their Compassion Service at 3:00 P. M. Those who spoke on the program were Bro. R. C. Sapp, Mrs. Bertha Lee, Mrs. Maggie Young, Bro. M. H. Hadnott, Sister Lulu Smith and Sister Laura Haines offered prayer. Our own sweet little Della Murdock furnished the music. The offering was sent to the War Time Service Fund of the Disciples of Christ, which was $13.00.

After this service the reception was held in the reception room of the church for the past birthday of Bro. R. C. Sapp, one of our oldest Elders, but very active, and Sister Laura Haines, the sister of Elder J. C. Gilder. Cake, coffee and tea were served to all present.

I failed to inform the PLEA in its January issue that the church made the pastor a Christmas present of $26.00 in cash, including many other useful gifts.

We have succeeded in getting a number of subscriptions for the PLEA of which Bro. M. H. Hadnott is Plea Secretary.

The church, as a whole, is moving on very nicely.

Providence Christian Church,
Tillman, Miss.

By MRS. ETHEL E. CHAMBLISS
Box 11, Tillman, Miss.

Our pastor, Elder N. R. Trevillion, continues to bring us very inspiring messages each Sunday. We had a rally for the benefit of the church on Sunday, Feb. 18, and $123.00 was raised, although the weather was gloomy.

On the third Sunday in March, we have two candidates for ordination as officers of the church. Our church seems to have a good spirit for work. It seems as if new life is created in our members. Our church school is alive also, and looking forward to Easter.

Matthew Thomas, from the Navy, visited his mother a few days ago, and gave very interesting remarks on camp life. He was then stationed at Brainfield, Maryland.

The public schools in this county will close on April 6. The patrons of Zion Hill School are planning a surprise party for their teachers at the closing.

Corinth Christian Church,
Kilgore, Tex.

REV. E. J. DICKSON, Pastor
MRS. ALMENA HENDERSON, Reporter
"Putting the first things first."

I am heading this report with Pastor Dickson's subject which he preached from on the second Sunday. Sunday School opened on time, by Supt. Elmo Jacobs. A splendid lesson, "Jesus and the Twelve" and was well received by the pastor. There has been a steady increase in attendance of young people and they are very much interested. We have made such reports as this from time to time, that we are on the upward way in the name of the Lord, and seem to be renewing their determination and to make the Sunday School strong. Bro. Elmo Jacobs is very interested in the young people. God bless Bro. Jacobs in his undertaking, for we need more laborers in the vineyard, as the harvest is truly ripe but the laborers are few. Pastor Dickson is striving hard out of his heart with a desire to lead our church forward and to get every person to dedicate their life and talent to Christ, so that we may have a Christian world.

We regret very much the passing of our Supt. Mrs. Emma Scott, her gentle face and patient smile with gladness we recall. She had a kindly word for everyone and was loved by all. As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee.

—Corinthians.

North Bolton St. Christian Church, Jacksonville, Texas

REV. E. J. DICKSON, Pastor
MRS. GOLDFISH SIMS, Reporter

Rev. Dickson was at his post, Feb. 4th and 18th. His sermons are on this subject, "The Answers Is Christ" beginning Jan. 1 until Easter, April 1.

Mr. Thomas Griffins was the guest speaker at the C. Y. F., Sunday, Feb. 18, at 5:00 o'clock Young People's meeting. Mr. Griffins is a student at Jarvis Christian College and the secretary of the National and International C. Y. F. of the world.

The Missionary Society meet every Monday evening at 4:00 o'clock at the church. Mrs. Roberta Perrison is president.

The Ladies Aid Society meet at different homes every Friday at 4:00 o'clock. All members and friends are asked to meet with us and help to discuss God's word. It is much needed now. Mrs. Otha Starling is president.

The Jacksonville choir sang at the Christian Church, Feb. 25. Mr. Foote is the manager.

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Ninth Avenue Church,
Roanoke, Va.

REV. D. W. HEATH, Pastor
Miss J. K. SPENCER, Reporter

Following the installation of our new pastor, we have been very busy. Among the features sponsored were: Visitor's Day, Layman's Day, Youth's Day, Woman's Day, Special Thanksgiving and Christmas Services, Communion Day, and Church History Day. These services proved most helpful in that a number of persons served who do get to take an active part each Lord's day.

Our tithing during the month of December was a success financially and many realized that satisfaction that accompanies systematic contribution.

Rev. D. W. Heath, Mrs. A. L. Davis, Mrs. E. B. Penn, and Miss J. K. Spencer attended the Woman's Missionary Planning Conference for the Piedmont District held at Martinsville, Va., Jan. 17th. We are more enthusiastic and understand the year's task better because of having met with the leaders from other parts of the field.

The presentation of Mrs. Rosa Page Welch here at the Academy of Music was a success from more than one angle. Seats were sold to the amount of $650.00. White and colored attended in large numbers to pay due honor to the artist who was at her best. Not only did this performance add more recognition to Ninth Avenue Christian Church but was also a credit to the entire brotherhood.

We regret very much that Mrs. D. W. Heath has been indisposed for several weeks. She is greatly improved. Her sister, Mrs. Minnie Foggy, of Jackson, Miss., is with her.
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N O T I C E
Elder Blair T. Hunt, Minister Mississippi Boulevard Church, Memphis, Tennessee, has written an article on Baptism. He will also write an article on Stewardship. Every Disciple should read these articles.

Brother Pastor, please announce this to your congregation.

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PROF. MERL R. EPPSE, Editor.

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Three Mile Creek Christian Church

A. L. BRABHAM, Reporter
Route 1, Box 30
Olar, South Carolina

I beg space for the report of our work here at Three Mile Creek Christian Church and Bible School. We are still striving to do work for the good Master in business way, and to do unto our fellow-man as we would have him do unto us. We had a very fine service on the last second Lord's day at our church. Our pastor, Elder Rogers Williams of Columbia, South Carolina, preached a most wonderful sermon on that day. We were all made to feel glad. Oh, how our hearts burned within while the man of God spoke. By the wayside two were added to the church, by confession for Baptism. We are hoping them success that they may make valiant soldiers for the King.

We raised, in our Bible School session, $25.00, finance for the pastor $26.50, for the sick $36.50, grand total $416.50. On the fourth Lord's day, our State Evangelist was with Elder F. O. Williams from Holly Hill, South Carolina, and gave some very interesting remarks concerning the progress of the advancement of Christ and His Kingdom.

We hope to have Brother Williams with us at any time that he can arrange to do so. We beg the prayers of the entire Brotherhood that we may continue to press forward toward Kingdom Building.

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Founders' Day Speaker, Cleveland Street Christian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, April 8th.

ELDER WILLIAM K. FOX
Organized a Ministers' Institute at Southern Christian Institute. He leads the Religious Education at S.C.I.

Send Pastors' and National Convention Money to Dr. J. L. Walker

DR. J. E. WALKER
Our National Treasurer has been resting in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
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National Convention — Whither Bound? — Myers

Elder C. H. Webb

Winston Salem, N. C.—April 8th was a red letter day for the 54-year-old historic Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, Winston Salem, North Carolina. Elder C. H. Webb, Professor A. I. Terrell, Chairman of the official Board; J. D. Nowlin, J. H. Hayes and T. H. Glenn with the cooperation of twenty-five teams placed on the table over $2,000.00 as a result of a drive of less than six weeks in duration.

Mrs. Sallie Meadows, one of the faithful members of the Church, read a brief but interesting history of the Church. Prof. Merl R. Eppse, editor of the CHRISTIAN PLEA, Nashville, Tenn., was the guest speaker. He emphasized the importance of "Lifting up your heads for your redemption."

The National Convention — Whither Bound?

The National Christian Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ of America was organized in August, 1917, in Nashville, Tenn. Preston Taylor, Henry L. Herrod, W. H. Dickerson with the assistance of Patrick Henry Moss and Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, then field workers, brought together ministers and leaders on ten states to consider the organization of a National Convention.

These leaders felt the need of an organization that would provide a medium of fellowship, of cooperation, of self-expression, through Christian Endeavor for developing and strengthening of our churches, in order to make a full contribution to the Kingdom of God.

It is significant to note that at the first meeting when the organization was perfected, there were both white and colored Disciples present. Among those present were President J. B. Lehman, of Southern Christian Institute and Superintendent of Negro work, President Robert M. Hopkins, who was then General Bible School Secretary of the Bible School Department of the American Christian Missionary Society and Mrs. Anna R. Atwater, President of the Christian Woman’s Board of Missions. During the 28 years of our national history, each convention has been composed of delegates from both races.

The National Convention adopted, in Lexington, Ky., the report of the Commission on Long Range Program. The report provided a new trackage upon which to carry the program to the churches. The frame-work of the constitution of the National Convention was changed to include on the

Elder Preston Taylor Memorialized

Late Elder Preston Taylor

Nashville, Tenn. — Lea Avenue Christian Church was well filled with the leading citizens of Nashville, Sunday, April 15, 1945 to memorialize the life and works of the late Elder Preston Taylor, who is regarded as the outstanding Disciple.

The prominent citizens who appeared on the program were Rev. S. S. Morris, Sr., a high churchman of the African Methodist Church; former President R. Wesley Watson, of Kansas City, Mo.; Elder R. C. Maloy, pastor of the Alameda Avenue Christian Church; Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, President of the Citizens Saving Bank and Trust Company, and secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board; Mr. K. Gardner, a prominent undertaker; Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, former President of the National Women’s Christian Missionary Convention of Indianapolis, Ind.;
National Board and Executive Committee of the Board, five members of the United Christian Missionary Society and one from each participating agency.

The constitution provides that the National Board shall have the power to plan and direct the program, make policy and budget, and employ staff to carry out the program of the National Convention. The following are objectives:

1. To serve as an instrument to integrate the Negro membership into the organized life of the brotherhood and to give them a sense of belonging to the whole.

2. To provide an adequate program to meet the needs of the church in the following areas: (a) Evangelism, (b) Education, (c) Missions, (d) Stewardship, (e) Pension and Relief, (f) Church Extension, (g) Higher Education, (h) Christian Literature, and (i) Benevolence.

3. To give better service and more cultivation to the local churches in order that they may be challenged to greater participation in Kingdom building.

4. To provide greater opportunity for Negro leadership to participate in planning and directing the program of Negro churches.

Some have looked upon this plan and method of administering the program of the National Convention as divisive, racial, undemocratic and un-Christian. More or less looking upon it as a step backward rather than a step forward. To understand and to determine the reason for the change, one would have to review the history of our cooperative relationship of the National Convention and the United Christian Missionary Society in serving the Negro churches. Before the National Convention and the United Christian Missionary Society were organized, the churches of the brotherhood were furnished workers by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and the American Christian Missionary Society. The Christian Woman's Board of Missions and the American Christian Missionary Society became a part of the United Christian Missionary Society, when it was organized. Then the United Christian Missionary Society served our churches and cleared through the National Convention with a bi-racial advisory committee. The committee serving only in an advisory capacity. Our group was never satisfied with this arrangement. Those interested in changing this method of administering to our church, kept before the convention this unhealthy relationship. They felt that the National Convention through its representatives should have something definite to say about the staff serving our churches, the building of the program and the administering of it. Under the previous plan the Convention was denied this privilege. They felt that such a pattern did not serve the best interest in securing the largest cooperation and participation from our group in the development of our churches. It also denied us the opportunity for growth and development in Christian statemanship. Because of these existing conditions and the desire of the convention to change and provide a better method of serving our churches, the Commission on Long Range Program was created.

The plan has not closed one door that was opened to us, but opened many others. Every service our churches received under the old system will be retained and increased with a larger staff. It provides for us the best leadership of the Disciples of Christ. This in itself assures us the success of the work it proposes to do. The approval of the plan by all of the participating Boards, give recognition to the virtues of the plan. All the plan needs is full cooperation and the good will of all, and we will be on our way to better things. Before we criticize the plan, or raise questions of doubt, which tends to throw up smoke screens and misdirect the people, we should inform ourselves. Such conduct is divisive in nature, misleading, dangerous and destructive to the united work. I am of the opinion we all are anxious to preserve the unity of the brotherhood. I rather believe what has been said about the plan was said in good faith, but without an intelligent understanding of the purpose, nature, and structure of the plan. The plan provides a working base for better racial understanding and cooperation through Christian fellowship.

This plan is not divisive neither racial. It is democratic and Christian to the core. The Commission in its recommendation, which the National Convention adopted in Lexington, Ky., voted unanimously to invite the United Christian Missionary Society, the Board of Church Extension, the Pension Fund Board, the Board of Higher Education, the Christian Board of Publication, and the National Benevolent Association to become members of the National Convention Board and share with the Convention in developing and cultivating the field of Negro churches. The plan proposes that the wisdom and experience of the white brotherhood leaders shall be shared with the Negro leaders as they venture to have an active part in planning and directing the program for developing their churches. It also provides a medium through which Christian Brotherhood may be practiced and made a reality. The above named boards have accepted membership on the National Board making it bi-racial. The responsibility of serving the Negro churches, heretofore, has been the task of the United Christian Missionary Society in cooperation with the National Convention, through the advisory committee. The new method of serving the churches places the responsibility on all of the above named boards, in cooperation with the National Convention. Making the National Board a medium of serving the churches. The willingness of the boards to cooperate with this plan proves their desire to work, strive and preserve the unity of the brotherhood organizational structure. It is the most democratic and Christian plan ever provided to meet the needs of the churches.

With this plan we put the theory of Christian Brotherhood on the shelf, and make it real, vital and practical in the life of the church. The TO-GETHERNESS of the disciples was the secret of Pentecost, and the secret and virtue of this plan is TO-GETHERNESS. To this end, let us give full cooperation in the interest of the Kingdom of God.

S. S. MYERS
President of National Convention

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Rev. J. W. Patton, Mr. Harold Corpo-
ral, Mesdames Granberry and Gant,
and Dr. A. M. Townsend, secretary of
the National Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mrs. Preston Taylor was present and
expressed the sentiments of all—that
he was the most touching memorial
ever held during the thirteen years
that Elder Taylor has been gone.

Mrs. Georgia Sims, secretary of
Taylor and Company, was given much
credit for her faithful service. Elder
L. F. Sledge, pastor of Len Avenue
Christian Church, Deacon Frank
White and Mr. E. T. Brown, Master of
Ceremonies, deserve much credit for
the success of the program.

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tion is near at hand." These funds were raised to put another story on the building with a seating capacity of over 500. They plan to build as soon as conditions will permit.

Elder and Mrs. Webb have captivated the people of Winston Salem. Dr. Homer O. Wilson, pastor of the White Christian Church, was present and gave a check for $50.00. Elder Byron C. Carlyle, pastor of Pafftown White Christian Church, gave a check for $25.00. Prof. A. I. Terrell, businessman of Winston Salem State Teachers College, introduced Prof. Eppie. While in the city Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hayes made it pleasant for the editor in their home.

Our old veteran, Elder R. L. Peters, his wife, and many members of the Spencer Memorial Christian Church, were present and helped with the drive. Mrs. C. H. Webb is helping her worthy husband by ministering to all who call upon her.

Chicago Churches Unite for Palm Sunday Services

R. E. LATOUCHE, Pastor
EUNICE COLEMAN, Reporter

I felt the heart-throbs of the world
Beating in me the greater birth,
And I sang, I laughed, I cried in my glee,
That I was a part of earth!
—Author unknown.

It was indeed a privilege, a pleasure and a profound experience to sit in on the joint rendition of Theo. Dubois' Cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by the Southside and Indiana Avenue Christian Church choirs, on Palm Sunday evening. The choir, composed of 50 voices, was assisted by a group of 8 choral readers. The choral readers was made up of the young people from both churches, and directed by Ruth Thomas. The soloists included the Disciples of Christ' "brown angel of song" (and I'm not bragging, but a member of the Southside Christian Church), Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, mezzo soprano. Mrs. Welch was dressed in a lovely white evening dress, blending especially to the most reverent air of the occasion. She was very collected and her voice was the sweeter voice of Rosa Page Welch—clearer and more beautiful than ever. The two other soloists were Mr. Lemmyon Amoureux, tenor, and Mr. Shelby Nichols, bass baritone. Mr. Amoureux and Mr. Nichols are both well known Chicago artists. Miss Linnie Welch, of the Southside Christian, was pianist, and Mr. E. C. Welch was the director.

After the seventh and last word, the marvelous choir, dressed in black robes, followed by the choral readers, dressed in white robes, left the stage in a quiet, sacred manner. Then without any other preliminaries the audience was dismissed—leaving to the strains of "The Seven Last Words of Christ" upmostest in each mind. Rev. Raymond Walton, of our own brotherhood, was among the many guests present. Adjectives are not descriptive enough for me to describe the cantata effectively in writing. You too, should have been there. The rendition was held at the Abraham Lincoln Centre, Chicago.

Mrs. O. S. Barker Resigns
From Jarvis College

As we pass from station to station on Life's Highway doing our work, singing our songs, looking for the best in others, and giving the best we have, we try to make this world a better place in which to live, either by an "improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul."

"Tis true that as one climbs to higher stations, those left at each station miss the presence, fellowship, and influence of the departed traveler, but they are left with ideals exemplified by those climbing, and memories of their good works which are carried on by those influenced.

It was with deep regret that the faculty and student body was informed of the resignation of Mrs. O. S. Barker, who has headed the Music Department since September 1928. The department has progressed from year to year under her direction, and Jarvis has become known far and wide for the appearance of its singers who have rendered unique and impressive programs. They have travelled in the states of Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Ohio, Missouri, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

The seasonal musicales were always anticipated with a great deal of joy and preparation. Record breaking crowds have filled the school auditorium to witness such occasions.

Because of the unforgettable contributions made while she served on the faculty of Jarvis College, and because she possessed a personality which is rarely equaled, Mrs. Barker will be long-remembered.

Ceaseless toil and the strain of varied and innumerable activities began to take its toll on the health and strength of Mrs. Barker, and Fate decreed that she rest and relax.

She leaves Jarvis to join her husband, Rev. Erford Barker, who is doing an outstanding work in the Lake Como addition of Fort Worth, Texas.

We wish for both of them an abundance of strength, patience, and fortitude as they both serve in the capacity of Kingdom builders.

V. O. W.

National Women's President Speaks

Dear Missionary Society Members:

You will find an article on Women's Session in Kentucky and one from the society at Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago. These articles were written by Mrs. Hunter, president of the Kentucky State Missionary Society and Miss Fenton Hamilton, president of the Indiana Avenue Society and National Treasurer. I want to thank them and others of you who responded to my appeals for special articles and for general news of interest to all of us. I would also like to say to the others of you that I would appreciate, as would all the readers of the PLEA, your cooperation in bringing news to the brotherhood.

Again may I remind you that we can have a page, "Woman's Page," if you will take the time to send me the news. Just now, when we are without a National Secretary to use a part of the space, we can use more material from you. Won't you write?

By this time you have sent your reports to the United Christian Missionary Society. I hope that they were good. We have only one more quarter to go. Let us plan now to finish the many fine things we planned. Go back and reread your own minutes of last summer, and then refresh your minds by reading the minutes of the National Executive Council.

We hope that it will not be too long until we have someone to replace Miss Jamison, but, in the meantime, I know that you are doing your best in these tragic and needy days.

We will know soon whether we can have a National Convention. I hope you are going ahead with your state meetings.

Here at Second Christian Church, we are planning our sacrificial for next Sunday night. If you need help for it, write to me. It would be nice if you would answer my letters.

Sincerely,

GENEVA TOWNS.

846 W. 26th St.,
Indianapolis 8, Indiana.
Office of the Chaplain, 
Hdq. & Hdq. Detachments, 
333rd Ordnance Battalion, 
Somewhere in France

1 April, 1945.

Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse, 
P. O. Box No. 456, 
Nashville 2, Tenn.

To the Church and Brethren—
Greetings:

I have been in France now for five months. Though I have desired to write an article for the PLEA, the rapid movements of my outfit has not permitted me the time to do so.

I am attached to the 7th Army and so far as I have been able to ascertain, I am the only Negro Chaplain of the Disciples of Christ, in said Army. In fact, at the 7th Army Conference, held some time ago, it was shown that there were only a few Colored Chaplains.

Thus, it is quite easy to see that because of this very small number, which I am safe in saying is duplicated many, many time in the entire U. S. Army, our “Boys” are suffering for Spiritual Aid and Guidance.

Just before I left the States I was very much upset because of the division of our brethren. It seems that it was a case of Oldsters over against the Youngsters. It is too bad that the very small minority of the second stage childhood group does not know what it usefulness has been spent. Yes, I know that they have wrought well, but when one has done his best and there isn't any more that he can do, then why not gracefully step aside and let those who are better prepared and younger function; not for selfish reasons, or even ends, but because they desire to help build the Kingdom of God, in the hearts of men and help them reap the more abundant life, that they might have social and economical security based on the principles of Christian living.

The times call for young men, bold, strong and full of the Holy Spirit. Men who are prepared spiritually and intellectually. But, mark you, after these men have taken the time and money to make themselves equal to the great task, the Church must be willing to support them and see to it that they can function without being financial beggars and thus a disgrace to the brotherhood and to the cause of righteousness.

In the August issue as well as a few others, I noted with much embarrassment, the gross misuse of superlatives before the good names of some of the brethren. If a man deserves the title “Dr.” before his name, by all means place it there, but if not, why use it? As for as I know, there are but few of the Third Estate and Wearers of the Purple Robes who deserve such titles, in our brotherhood. So why should we parade them before our friends with superlatives they do not possess?

I speak in this vein, not to embarrass anyone or for the sake of argument, or idle prattle, but because I want to read our PLEA without feeling any shame. We have a very fine paper, so let us keep it that way.

Since being overseas I have had only a few issues. However, I have received the January copy and have read it over and over again. There were many interesting articles in it. It was good to know how the brotherhood is moving on. However, I was saddened by the death of Brother Quarles. Then too, I was surprised to read that Miss Jamison has resigned from the field work, of the U. C. M. S., but trust that she will continue to labor for the cause wherever she may go.

My spirit was quickened by the plea for unity by our noble president and trust we will not let him down. Thus, I pledge to him and to the brethren my moral and financial support.

I beg that the brotherhood purge itself of inner divisions, unite with those who work for high ends, and so live out the principles of justice and love in the face of all dictates of selfishness and counsels of expediency, so as to create new faith, new conscience and new hope.

The question comes to my mind as to what the folk back home are doing to encourage young men to accept the call and prepare themselves to serve in the ministry. I am sure that when this war is over, there is going to be a great need for men of God who have been schooled to help those returning to find that spiritual refuge they most surely will need. Many of these men who have been overseas as long as two and three years, and who in very many instances have not had the opportunity to worship or attend religious services. Is it any wonder, then, that under the trying circumstances that these men become weak spiritually. These men need your earnest prayers every day.

How will the church meet this new responsibility that it will have to shoulder? Will the church be able to help these men adjust themselves to a new life? Will the church help
Christian Youth Speak on the Church and the Post-war World

By LESTER G. McALLISTER

Christian youth speak in the following message on the church and the postwar world. Conference of Christian adults are meeting in various sections of the United States and Canada to discuss the church and the postwar world. At a meeting held last summer at Lexington, Ky., the Christian young people of a minority group met and expressed themselves in regard to this postwar world in which they will be living, rearing their children, and making their contribution to American life.

The National Christian Youth Fellowship in pre-national convention sessions held at Lexington, Ky., August 20-27, 1945, resolved upon the following statement as to the place of Christian youth in pre-national convention on the part of Christian people.

The young people of the Disciples of Christ Church realize that the period following the present war will be a very crucial one in the lives of Christians everywhere. Therefore, it is necessary that Christians prepare now to think and act in anticipation of the radical changes which the present war is bringing about. As Christians we feel that the message of the Christian church should be inclusive, that is, religion should be interpreted about idleness, the destruction of personality and character, and under the present life of unrest will breed revolution and chaos.

I. There is urgent necessity of individuals attaining a basic formal education so as to be able to cope with present and future conditions, with emphasis on ministers and Christian leaders.

II. Disenfranchisement through the poll tax is denying American citizens their civil rights and constitutes a sin against the American people and God.

III. There is greater need for the conservation of home and family life.

IV. There is a serious need for the recruitment of young men and women to serve humanity in this capacity.

V. Fear, bigotry, antagonism, egotism, isolationism, have no place in Christian activity! There is a greater need for Christian unity! Christians can best get together by working together!

The church must work coordinately with other social institutions which are concerned about the alleviation of human suffering and the enrichment of life.

Christian Americans are looking to the church for leadership in business, economic, political, and social problems as well as in religion. We must take the lead! The church cannot and must not fail!

Southern Christian Institute News

The school of Town and Country Pastors sponsored by the Home Mission Council of North America, was held here from February 5th to 16th. Five denominations were represented in the enrollment of thirty from twelve towns. Some of the outstanding speakers were Rev. Gayden, Rev. Donald Pielsick, Rev. Sells and Rev. V. A. Edwards.

Rev. Shorts, Rev. Horn and Rev. R. A. Irving won first, second and third prizes for achievements in their community through their churches.

The Boy Scouts gave a campfire demonstration at Central Park, Feb. 16th, in which they showed various ways of building camp fires and binding of wounds. They also recited the Scout law and oath and sang Scout songs. Guest speakers were Dean Charles C. Mosley and Rev. B. L. Jacobs.

The Community Improvement Association met in Feb. with the Mt. Mariah School and in March with Baker's Creek School No. 2. These meetings were well attended and the patrons and teachers served repasts.

The Social Hygiene week brought Nurse Harris from Jackson College, Dr. C. F. Marden from the American Social Hygiene Association, Mr. Brooks from the State Board of Health and others. Two VD pictures were shown and essay contest conducted, Miss Hazel Stamps' essay winning first prize.

The typing department, Mrs. J. B. Mosley, instructor, gave the chapel the treat of the month with a demonstration which included finger exercises, music and information. Mrs. Mosley has also directed the Smith Hall girls in an hour of appreciation each Sunday afternoon. In this hour they are lead to a greater appreciation for reading, music, poetry and nature.

Rev. Fox has made a tour of rural churches in the state; taught a course at the Town and Rural Women Institute on Religious Education at Holly Springs; taught a course Changing the Devotional Period at Lincoln University, Jefferson, Mo., and conducted an Institute at Southern University.

The Extension school for in-service teachers closed with an indoor picnic. Dean Mosley and Mrs. Terry attended the Eighth District Teachers Association at Canton. The theme was "Present and Future Tasks in Education."

Miss La Verta Buckner, talented vocalist, won first place in the State Dixie contest conducted by the National Musicians Association.

The dramatic club presented "Little Women," and because of the popular demand the play was carried to Bolton.

The Sophomore class had the experience of practice teaching. Many of them worked with the Home Unit and made it pleasant, informational and interesting.

The movies of the months were "The Negro Soldier," "Topper Returns" and "The Songs of Freedom."
Miss Mary Bassett, the librarian, and Mrs. Terry attended a meeting of educators and publishers at Jackson College. The level of education as it affects the Negro child of the South was considered.

The Home Economic Department's banquet took on the Irish air—Shamrock on the place cards—on the program and the center with tapers made of the banquet hall a little bit of heaven. The good food, the good program, and Miss Vera Jacobs, toastmistress, were together to make the affair a success. Miss Louise Penoglia, Mrs. C. P. Rollins, and Mrs. Terry were faculty guests with Mrs. D. E. Jacobs, who was guest speaker.

All these things really went on, but all one hears now is how our basketball team played the games leading up to the tournament and how they took the "O. T. Henderson Trophy" at Tougaloo last Saturday. Out of twenty-seven games only four were lost. The game which gave them the title "Ole Champ" was won by scores 27 to 20 in favor of the SCJians. Coach Ratten declares that ole Frog (Leroy Jackson), Junior Jacobs, Marcellus Smith and all the boys were stars in their several spheres. They have been entertained highly since they brought home the coveted bacon.

National Field Worker
For Negro Churches

DR. C. L. PARKS
1508 Hawkins Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Last month brought to us new opportunities. We worked in areas of the brotherhood heretofore untouched by us. March 6th found us in Martinsville, Va., among the Piedmont brethren; there we conducted another Institute for Ministers. We were received there in the same spirit of brotherly kindness as characterized by all sections we have visited. We do want to express our appreciation to Brother Law and his good congregation for the splendid way they entertained us. We want to thank Brothers M. L. Lambert, president of the Piedmont District; S. H. Hairston, P. E. Carter, R. S. Taylor, C. H. Webb, and all the other ministers who put in their appearance at the Institute.

From Martinsville we went to Winston-Salem, N. C., and worshipped with Brother Webb and his loyal and energetic congregation. They were there and are now in the midst of a financial campaign for the purpose of adding the second unit to their church building. Brother Webb and his very fine life-mate are giving unselfishly of their time and talent and the work is progressing in a fine way. We also say and had a nice visit with Brother R. L. Peters, Chief of Evangelists.

On to Goldsboro! We arrived Tuesday morning, March 10th, and at two o'clock that afternoon the Goldsboro-Raleigh District AssemblyBrethren were there and enthusiastic. They were there with open minds, flexible wills, humble zeal and above all with a desire to grasp the vitals of the abundant life. They were greedy in giving and taking information to Brotherhood Life and Unity. Brother H. D. Davis, chief of the Goldsboro-Raleigh Assembly District; Brother J. D. Henny, Secretary; and Brother E. F. Johnson, Chief of the General Assembly led their brethren, as only true leaders can, in this week of study and fellowship. Brother A. B. Aycock, Secretary of the General Assembly was Dean of Worship and did a job worthy of any true Christian. I am sorry we do not have space to mention the names of all who attended because each one made a definite and worthwhile contribution.

While in Goldsboro, we visited the School and saw the new educational building under construction. Thirty-six dollars and three cents ($36.03) was given for missions.

We will be glad when it is our opportunity to go again to our friends and brothers in North Carolina.

We arrived home, in Nashville, on the 18th of March, and after spending a week there, we went up to Indianapolis, Ind., our general headquarters, for a few days. We returned to Nashville and preached for the Missionary Society of Lea Avenue Christian Church on Easter Sunday. We also worshipped with Brother Sledge on Sunday, March 25th. Each contribution on expense was three dollars ($3.00).

Indiana Ave. Christian Church
Holds Easter Week Prayer Service

REV. R. H. DAVIS, Pastor

Easter week of prayer service was held at the church, Wednesday, March 28, 1945. Miss Deborah Smith was the leader of the meeting. Mr. Charles E. Sherman gave us brief remarks on Self-dedication and introduced Dr. Lewis S. C. Smythe of Chicago University, the speaker of the evening, who brought us an inspiring message. We all felt dedicated anew to service.

Miss L. Ramsey conducted the music.

High Street Christian Church,
Mt. Sterling Kentucky

MR. J. E. BEAN, Reporter
REV. EUGENE PATTERSON, Pastor

The Rev. Eugene Patterson is in the midst of some fast moving activities and the month of March has been a busy one for him, his officers and members. The parsonage has been remodeled, covered and painted and put in fine shape for the beautiful furniture that he has. So everything is in "apple pie order" for his reception and installation, which takes place the third week in April. A hail storm broke loose at the parsonage last week when the silence was broken by the singing of over a hundred voices that resulted with the tables and floor in the dining room to be ladened with all kinds of good eats. Sister Eliza Jackson presided. Presentations and remarks were made by Sister Maggie Reeves and Prof. J. E. Bean and an appropriate acceptance by Elder Patterson and Sister Mrs. Mary Patterson Irving.

Easter Sunday was a red letter day. First the early Sunrise Service under the auspices of the Missionary Society started the day with a beautiful praise service and resurrection program that created an atmosphere that ran through the entire day. The offering was twenty-five dollars.

Picking up the stimulus already created the Bible School was next in order with a fine attendance and interesting lessons. The offering was twenty-four dollars. Following the trail, the morning church services were largely attended. The decoration was beautiful. Easter frocks were numerous. The Senior and Junior Choirs sang sweetly. The message on Resurrection by Elder Eugene Patterson was delivered in a very elegant and impressive manner and the fellowship was grand. Many visitors were present. The offering was $125.00. The Easter program rendered by the Sunday School took place at 7:30 p.m. was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience.

The Easter Egg Hunt at the parsonage was much enjoyed by the children who found more than 150 eggs. The church, in general, is making much progress and everything is moving along in peace and harmony. A beautiful Bible was presented to the church Sunday morning by the president of the Minute Men's Club. The church has been sadly in need of a Bible for some time. Brother Strother Frewitt made the presentation in language very fitting and appropriate.
Women's Sessions of Kentucky
MRS. WILLA M. HUNTER, President
Winchester, Kentucky

The State Women's Sessions or Missionary Group as we prefer calling it, has undergone a very great change during the last decade. The length of time of sessions, methods, purpose, and results are quite different.

Most of us remember when the women had two-day sessions, Friday and Saturday. We also recall that many attended only the Department sessions, in which they were most interested.

Our programs were mostly inspirational. Missions taught through songs, papers, and addresses. For these we are very grateful. They gave us a firm foundation of missionary work and spirit upon which we are striving to build and improve. It taught us to give of our means to those who are less fortunate.

The Missionary Group of Kentucky under the splendid guidance first of Mrs. Bracy, then Miss Jamison has made great improvements. Changes were not wholeheartedly accepted at first, but through the patience and efficiency of Miss Jamison we finally saw the light.

In keeping with the total church program plan of our churches, we have joint business sessions in which the church and all departments are interested and participate. And, in addition to this, a day is set apart for society reports and missionary inspirational programs. The Institute each morning with a prescribed course of study has proven very helpful for all missionary leaders, state and local. So the change of the time proves very advantageous.

Our method or program is quite different. A change from each representative wishing to be heard—regardless to a greater anxiety to learn. We have a burning desire to learn new, but tried plans and methods for total church enlistment; increased attendance, and increased giving. There is an eagerness to learn how to use the literature and study the cause which prompts our chosen—for State, National, and World giving.

The result is the growth of interest from the faithful few to, in many instances, the total church, and an increase in missionary giving. As the past year, we accepted as our goal for World Missionary $500.00 for the support of Native African Evangelists. With the Missionary group leading on and the church and all departments working as a total program, we went far over the “top.”

This year our goal is the same; we pray for an even better report.

As our State goal, we are joining with the church this year to emphasize Evangelism.

We are also striving to care for our National work with increased interest and giving.

So all praise and glory to those faithful missionary pioneers in the State of Kentucky, who left us such a rich heritage. Let us pray for the continuation of the good work that they may be accomplished through the Missionary Sessions of today.

Indiana Ave. Christian Church
Missionary Society Holds Tea
FENTON HAMILTON, President
OLIVE M. WATSON, Secretary
REV. R. H. DAVIS, Pastor

The Missionary Society of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, 4413 Indiana sponsored a Souvenir Tea in the dining hall which was beautifully decorated in lavender and white.

Hostesses presided at tables which were decorated with an abundance of flowers. The hostesses were Mesdames Irene Abernathy, Susan Simpson, Walter D. Chunn, S. G. Hutson, Minnie Ramsey, Priscilla Mitchell, Sallie Cotter, A. L. Martin, Queenie D. Willoughby, Mary Hayes, Margaret Deason, Vera Hayes, Lillian Blythe, Mary Sellers, Bertha Hunter, Mattie McGuire, Sophia Smith, E. Clark Flores, Ada Paige, Lucille Plamer, Naomi Nunery.

A lovely literary and musical program was rendered. Miss Lucille Ramsey was pianist and Mrs. A. L. Martin, mistress of ceremonies. This was the outstanding social event of the society. The affair was a success financially. It was well attended. The gross receipts were $274.00. On leaving each person was given a souvenir. Mesdames Elizabeth Pickard, Chairman, Nellie R. Smith, Lillian Blythe, co-chairman, Mrs. E. Clark Flores, Chairman Program Committee. Miss Ruby Ramsey, Chairman of Decorations.

Church of Christ
Canton, Ohio
ELDER S. J. COMPTON, Pastor
ARDIELLA HERRING, Reporter

On March 18, 1945, the Church of Christ at Canton, Ohio, had a very successful rally and raised $107.00.

Eddie Lloyd, one of our fine young men, who just recently entered service, has gone across, but before going he sent us $26.00. He assures us that he is not afraid and has utmost confidence in the Lord that he will return safely. You have our prayers, Eddie. Another of our Junior members, in the person of Bobby Dawson, left March 25, and is stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois. Bobby writes that he hopes the younger children will study diligently their Bible lessons and Christian Endeavor.

John Robert Compton, our young minister at Hawkins, Texas, is now pastoring his own church at Palestine, Texas. In the five months that he has been there $1,000.00 was raised and 13 new members acquired. That is definitely commendable and shows that the Lord has wonderfully blessed him.

We ask the prayers of the brotherhood.

Providence Sunday School
and Church Service
MRS. B. E. GREEN, Local Reporter
Tillman, Mississippi

Providence Church School opened about 10:45 o’clock Sunday morning, March 18, 1945, with out local Superintendent presiding. After the devotional period was over, classes passed to their respective places with all teachers present: Mrs. D. A. Thomas, Senior Teacher; Mrs. E. E. Chambliss, Junior Teacher; Mrs. H. E. Carroll, Primary Teacher.

We spent about 45 minutes in discussion of the lesson. Classes then assembled for the review. First primary class, Little Wynn; Junior class, Wynn, and Senior class, Mrs. Green.

A local reporter was elected for the church and school, Mrs. B. E. Green. Other timely remarks were made by members present. The secretary reported offering $1.23 adjourned.

Our church service followed immediately after school-devotional service, then Elder Reeves preached. We had two candidates to be ordained for officers, Brother Johnnie Carroll and Brother Samuel Wynn. Regular routine of the church business was carried out. We had Lord’s Supper and Benediction. The amount of money raised, $21.00.

Mrs. Arsenia Owens, one of the mothers of the church was married to Mr. Moses Johnson of Indiana, Miss., Saturday, March 17, 1945.

We have on the sick list Elder A. R. Travillian in Mercy Sanitarium in Vicksburg, Miss. He is getting along nicely. We pray for him a speedy recovery.
Fulton Street Christian Church, Pennsylvania, Texas

REV. J. R. COMPTON, Pastor
CAROL DEAN HENRY, Reporter
509 Burket Street
Fulton Street Christian Church is moving forward under the excellent leadership of her new pastor, Rev. J. R. Compton, who hails from Canton, Ohio.

Many improvements have been made around the church and repair work is still being done.

Fulton Street is proud of her young and very competent pastor and is endeavoring to aid him in every respect.

The church is advancing both financially and spiritually.

Monroe Ave. Christian Church, 245 No. Monroe Avenue, Columbus, Ohio

REV. L. L. DICKERSON, Pastor
MRS. CLARA FOWLER BUSH, Reporter
Now that the Easter season is past and we are brought closer to the Master from the added prayer and meditations, and sacrificial giving of self and substance, this should cause the work of Christians everywhere to keep moving up the King's highway to the tune of greater achievement.

For the Monroe Avenue Church, February was a great month in achievement and we expect March to excel. The pastor is working hard and the church is being challenged to greater service through his untiring efforts to make the church the kind Christ would have it be.

He visits each day not only the members, but prospective ones. Also those persons who are visitors to our church. Rendering service in be-reavement, at weddings or wherever needed and he is truly preaching. A four-year-old Miss was asked by her grandmother how the services were one morning, and the answer was, "Well, grandmother, we all got happy and shouted." And we must agree; the Holy Spirit descended upon us and rejoicing was inevitable.

The men of the church had a great day on Men's Day. Much credit is due them and the chorus of men did a fine job of furnishing the music.

The women are looking forward to Wosan's Day soon.

The Missionary Society observed the Easter week of prayer, closing with Sunrise Prayer Services and breakfast on Sunday morning. The Bible School presented the program "The Risen Christ" at the Sunday School hour. A treat of beautiful colored eggs was given the children at the close of the service.

Another feature of our Easter morning service was the newly organized usher board. Dressed similarly in black skirts and long sleeved white blouses the women assisted by a man at each door were very efficient in seating the large audience in attendance. This large gathering enjoyed a great sermon and rejoiced when two were added to the church.

In the afternoon the Mon-Chu Club, our young adult club, sponsored an Easter Tea at the Hazeldean Music Studio. Beautiful decorations, a very fine program and dainty refreshments served, were enjoyed by the two hundred invited guests and their friends.

The youth of Ohio will gather here next Friday for a two-day conference of work, worship and play. Our young people will serve as hosts with the assistance of the adults. The young people are eagerly looking forward to this day and we trust it will be all they expect.

May God bless each of you. Please pray for our continued success in work for the Master.

Christian Church, Russellville, Ark.
MRS. MARY WOODARD BROWN, Reporter
815 W. 4th Street
Elder T. R. Moore of North Little Rock, Ark., our state evangelist, was with us the third Sunday in March, with a wonderful soul stirring message. Due to the disagreeable weather the congregation was somewhat small. We all enjoyed the fine fellowship together.

Sister Sallie Woodard has returned from Corpus Christi, Texas, where she attended the funeral of her father. The church extends sympathy to Sister Woodard. She is a very faithful and loyal member.

May we have your prayers for further success?

11th St. Christian Church, 424 Hardin Street, Birmingham, Ala.

REV. A. J. JEFFRIES, Pastor
424 Hardin St., Birmingham, Ala.
Daisy Williams, Reporter
612 6th St., N., Birmingham, Ala.
I am happy to report on the progress that was made by our church leading up to Easter Sunday. And I can truthfully say that the young people of our church brought forth the most inspiring Easter program for the morning service that has ever been held, not only in our church, but I will say, in the entire city.

We all glorified that the young people of our church for the spirit of sincerity they have not only in building a program, but for the entire church.

It is one thing I can say as an adult, the young people of our church can be depended upon instead of the older people using the older people as a reference point. I feel that the older people will use them as a reference point, because when you assign a program to the young people, they don't stop until it is carried out and because of this, I feel that the entire church should build a program that is suitable for all who are concerned about the future church.

Letter from President of Church Schools and Christian Endeavors of State of Kansas

514 So. 23rd St., Parsons, Kansas, April 6, 1945.

Dear Fellow Supt. of Church Schools:

It is in the interest of Kingdom building that I write in these critical times. In a world still at war, young men and women are called upon to give their all. It is our duty as Christian men and women to fit ourselves and to train our younger group to know the better ways of living through Christian culture and character building.

There are many ways that we can bring this training about, but the one and best way is Christian service with a mutual fellowship. In order to have fellowship we must meet together, we must associate and assimilate our ideas for they are a part of a great factor for development.

The above items can be put into actual practice through what has been set up in our church known as a Convention, where all Christ-like people meet, study and worship together for one great cause.

The One-Day State Convention of Christian Churches of Kansas meets at the Third Church at Kansas City, cere hope and desire to have you, your Church School and Christian En- deavor or C. Y. F. to be there with us.

Again we are hoping to make this convention the best we have had in the history of our churches. With your help and support it can be done.

Let us have your presence, your prayer and above all your SUP- PORT.

Elder F. B. BRADLEY,

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
April, 1945
United Christian Church, 
Detroit, Michigan

REV. JORDAN, Pastor
11331 Oakland Ave., Detroit, Mich. 

MISS G. J. HARVEY, Reporter
3355 Wreford St., Detroit, Mich.

The United Christian Church is still striving to reach a higher goal. Special efforts are being made to decorate and repair the church.

The Easter Services were inspiring. The Bible School rendered the program for the day. A very soul stirring sermon was preached by our pastor, Rev. R. L. Jordan.

With the many organizations under way, there will be little, if any, difficulties in raising funds for the repairment of the church. The February Club is sponsoring a Pen Rally the fourth Sunday in April, 1946.

The Easter worship Services were one of the highlights of the C. E. Society, with a display of the symbol of Christ on the Cross and soft candles burning. This made a very impressive and interesting discussions. The topic for discussion was, “What Has Easter Meant to Us?” lead by Mrs. W. L. Harvey. The C. E. Society has on a drive to increase the members of the younger people.

The church mourns the loss of one of its deacons, Bro. Joseph Washington, who died March 16, 1945. He served faithfully in the church and rendered great services.

Beg Pardon

N. Little Rock, Ark., March 6, 1945.

Dear Editor of the Christian Plea:

Please make this correction: Elder H. A. Armstrong is preaching at the Russellville Christian Church instead of Martain, Va. This error and the ones following were made in my address in the last issue.

I was trying to bring forward the material that was prepared at our schools so that the world would know our work has not been in vain. Elder and Mrs. Cynthia Martain, Elder and Mrs. Latouch, Mrs. Rosy B. Bracey, one of our outstanding women in America. Her talent is hard to turn down. She can fit in anywhere and has given worthwhile service in most of the states of America. We can never forget the service she has rendered us. Last, but not least, we cannot forget our ex-president (National) who was educated at Louisville Bible School, Elder R. W. Watson. This was omitted from my address.

S. L. BOSTICK.

Bethel Christian Church, 
Colla, Mississippi

ELDER S. D. YARBOUGH, Minister

CARRIE A. GRIFFIN, Reporter

Bethel Church is holding on well when it comes to considering past weather conditions.

Services, March 11, 1945, which was the second Lord’s Day, was quite inspiring.

After reading for devotion by Bro. E. J. Jackson an elder of the church, our minister chose for our hearing, Scripture from Galatians 6:14. His subject was, “The Everlasting Glory,” which greatly helped us to think on that way instead of putting our glory in man.

For minister, $25.00; for church school, $2.29; for Bro. Sam Lang, on sick list, $6.10; grand total, $33.39.

Evening services completely rained out.

At this writing another member from the Bethel Church has passed, in the person of Mr. N. D. Keyes, a brother in the flesh and the gospel.

Yours for a better spirit.

Lea Ave. to Entertain The National Convention at A & I State College, Nashville, Tenn.

ELDER L. F. SLEDGE, Pastor

LENA HARRIS, Reporter

Lea Avenue has completed the arrangements for the entertainment of the National Convention. The program committee of Lea Avenue and the President of A & I State College have agreed to board and room all the delegates, plus an entertainment for $6.00. None of this money is to be used by the local church, the State College or by any individual, but for the benefit of the delegates.

Our plans are to make a contribution to the church and to entertain.

Since such a wholesome entertainment has been provided, we are expecting the largest delegation of any previous convention.

Antioch Christian Church 
Disciples of Christ, 
Oliver Ave. and Lincoln Hwy., 
New Brunswick, N. J.

ELDER S. E. TILLMAN 
Minister

MRS. A. B. WASHINGTON 
Secretary

Greetings to the first month of Spring! We are emerging out of the cold winter into the sunlight of God’s truth. We have been assured in the sacred writing that “except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.” I firmly believe this, for if it had not been for His aid, we could not be able to worship in our church. But by the prayer of the faithful few we are now in the main, and the first Sunday in March we consecrated the rostrum to God for his service. The choir was on hand to sing praises unto God. “For the Lord hath done great things for us, whereby we are glad.” (Psalm 126:1.) This blessed Psalm celebrates Israel’s deliverance from the Babylonian captivity. Their deliverance was so great that to them it appeared like a dream rather than reality or a fact. The same holds true for the Antioch Christian Church.

On the first Sunday we had a wonderful time. Our pastor was filled with the Holy Spirit. It was Pastoral Day, and the Pastor’s Aid Club under the leadership of Sister Ora L. Johnson rendered the nice program at 3 p.m. The Bible drill showed that we are learning our Bible more and more. Our slogan is to “Study to show thyself approved unto God. A workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15.) At 7:30 p.m., Elder George Edwards brought us a wonderful message.

On Sunday at 3 p.m. the choir and members went to the U. S. O. to render service in songs for our soldiers. We had with us some friends from Long Branch, N. J., one of which consented to sing a solo. Mr. G. Mitchel from Long Branch, N. J., sang the solo, “His Eye Is On the Sparrow and I Know He Watches Me.”

A topic was discussed after which one of our group, Mrs. Ora L. Johnson, was asked to sing “My Close Friend.”

Leaving the U. S. O. we returned to the home of our pastor and his wife. We enjoyed a joint birthday party of the members and friends whose birthdays were in March. Our pastor’s wife, Mrs. Esther L. Tillman, Mrs. Lillie Foot, Mr. T. Foot, Mrs. Ora L. Johnson, and Deacon Samuel Sanders were all members of the church whose birthdays came in March. Sister Mary Taylor, wife of Elder Taylor, and their daughter from New York, were among the guests.

Let us not forget the children who held a rally program on the third Sunday. It was very good. They are looking forward to rendering a lovely Easter pageant.

The last but not least the fourth Sunday, also Palm Sunday, was
beautiful. We had a grand time all day. The rostrum was beautifully decorated with ferns and palms. The pastor gave over to his Elder and Missionary Society for the day. Elder Taylor preached a real Palm Sunday sermon which was enjoyed by all at 11 a.m., and at 3 p.m. the Missionary Society had charge of a short program. Mother A. B. Washington was asked to speak after the program. She delivered a spiritual message, "The Voice of God." At 8 p.m., our Elder Edwards preached, "I Am the Vine, I Am the True Vine."

We are looking forward to a grand time on Easter. Pray for us.

Corinth Christian Church, Kilgore, Texas

REV. E. J. DICKSON, Pastor

MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, Reporter

I am very much uplifted over the Christian spirit existing at present, and the moral renewal to those who love God and will bring to us all the realization that we are our brother's keeper. Happy to say, Assistant Superintendent Brother James Hunt opened Sunday School on time with a splendid lesson. The choir rendered a wonderful song service. Reverend Brown of Jarvis Christian College brought the Scripture lesson. Afterward the sacred hour of prayer. Reverend Dickson preached from this subject, "Dedicate Your Life to God," a sermon which we all should put into our everyday practice. How our hearts did burn within. We were grateful to have visiting us the young Reverend Brown of Salt Lake City, Utah. He is attending Jarvis Christian College. He is an ideal young man aspiring to the ministry. Let us extend to him our prayers that he may continue the work for God and may grow in grace and stature. He is an outstanding young man who died for us all. May I add here just for a little information. Someone asked if I am Mrs. Thula Mayweather. No, I am not, but I am her niece. I attended school at Jarvis Christian College during the years of 1928-1931.

May God bless the whole brotherhood.

News of Interest From Alabama

MISS SADIE WILLIAMS, Reporter

18 Lapine Street
Montgomery 5, Alabama

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Rucker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George Rucker of Ensley, Ala., to Mr. Arthur Jackson of White Hall, Ala., was announced last week, is of cordial interest. Miss Rucker, formerly of Calhoun, is a teacher in one of the schools in White Hall. Her father is pastor of one of our leading rural churches. Her love and ardent support of the Christian church is a heritage. Mr. Jackson is Superintendent and one of the leading factors in Mt. Zion Christian Church. With this combination, I am sure Reverend Mitchell will be well-pleased with the future progress of Mt. Zion and the Young People's Conference can rest assured of a swell attendance with Miss Rucker and Mrs. Rosa White working together in its behalf.

Rev. Z. H. Howard was back in the pulpit at Ross Street Christian Church Easter Sunday after a two weeks stay with his family and friends in Oklahoma. He reports a pleasant and successful trip. Elder Columbus Hinson our prosperous young bishop who is aspiring for the ministry was in charge of services during the absence of Reverend Howard. He did a very fine job and had two candidates ready for baptism on his return. Mr. Hinson is a very fine and deserving young man with his heart devoted to the cause of kingdom building and truly deserves every bit of help and encouragement the brotherhood can give to help him succeed in the ministry. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all
of our readers of the Plea in Alabama that we are counting on you to increase the number of subscribers in your church in order that you may know what is going on in the brotherhood and to give you an idea as to how much your cooperation is needed in the National Convention.

It is through this column also you will learn what is being done towards your church in order that you may know what is going on in the brotherhood and to give you an idea as to how much your cooperation is needed in the National Convention.

Money Turned Over to The Christian Plea
Treasurer, Mrs. Preston Taylor, for Gbh the Month of March, 1945

1. Mrs. Daley Williams, 612 6th St., N. Birmingham, Ala., 5 1-yr. sub. $5.00
2. Elder John Sparks, Route 1, Box 44, Bessemer, & C. 1 yr. sub. 75c
3. Rev. Edwin J. Prof. 115 E. 5th St., Dallas, Texas, 2 yr. sub. 1.00
4. Rev. H. R. Smiley, 1120 N. 9th St., Oklahoma City, Okla., 1 yr. sub. 1.00
5. Miss Carrie A. Griffin, Collinwood, Miss., 1 yr. sub. 1.00
6. Mr. L. L. Johnson, 490 First Christian Church, Yakima, Wash., 1 yr. sub. 1.00
7. Miss Ruth G. Thomas, 6622 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., 1 yr. sub. 1.00
8. Mrs. Thelma D. Davis, Box 1201, Beaumont, Texas, 1 yr. sub. 1.00
9. Miss Ruth Kelly, 564 Lewis Ave., Brooklyn 33, N. Y., 2 1-yr. sub. 2.00
10. Mrs. Zaleys Williams (Mr. J. W.), 1010 6th St., Court W., Birmingham, Ala.) 1 yr. sub. 1.00
11. Elder J. M. Baker, 4143 Evans Ave., St. Louis 12, Mo., 1 yr. sub. 1.00
12. Mrs. Clara Powler Rush, 1180 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio, 1 yr. sub. 1.00
13. Mrs. Olette G. Thomas, 3402 H. Giles Ave., Chicago, Ill., 1-yr. sub. 1.00
14. Mrs. Almeta Henderson, Kilgore, Texas, 1 yr. sub. 1.00
15. Miss G. J. Harvey, for Mrs. Rose M. Williams, 2241 St. Antoine St., Detroit, Mich. 1 yr. sub. 1.00
16. Mrs. Blake Gaunt, X-Duty, General Hospital, Wood, Wisc., 1-yr. sub. 1.00

National Christian Convention check.

For March, April, May, June by J. E. Walker $157.80

Forrest St. Christian Church, Beaumont, Texas

MRS. MAUDE F. DAVIS, Pastor

Sunday, March 11, 1945, at the appointed time Forrest St. Christian Church held an Appreciation Service for the 68th anniversary for their twins, Sister Lolo Jones and Sister Lulu Smith, two of the pillars of the church. These sisters have given of their time and means to the Master. They have full filled the saying of the Apostle Paul, spend and be spent for the Master, and the church saw fit to honor them.

The church was decorated with pink azalias, pink and red American Beauty roses. The church was filled to its capacity with members and friends of these good women. Mrs. Mollie Fowler, the daughter of Sister Jennie Bean, and a devout Christian and one young woman who is willing to give of her time and service to the Lord, acted as Mistress of Ceremony.

The twins were seated between two tall baskets of pink azalias and Boston ferns, Mrs. Maude Cooper Reece, one of our beautiful young teachers, gave an address on what their lives had meant to the youth of the church.

Elder R. C. Sapp spoke on their life work in the Bible School; Elder J. C. Gilder spoke on their life work in the church.

Mrs. Thelma Whitting, one of our young matrons, who is blessed with a beautiful voice, sang a solo, "Keep Me Every Day." Rev. Pinkney, one of the best preachers of Beaumont, who lives in accord with what he preaches, began his sermon with the song the "Little Wooden Church on the Hill" and preached a most powerful sermon on "Blessed are the poor in Spirit." He closed amid the shout of Amens and hallelujah Lord I want to run all the Way. Bro. Pinkney can sing as well as preach. His choir also rendered beautiful service.

Bro. H. Wyche, one of our deacons, and Mr. Fleming, one of our most influential citizens, lifted the offering. Mr. Fleming began by giving $10.00 himself. The offering was $56.40.

The church had the reception decorated, served individual birthday cakes and fruit punch. Mrs. Bertha Lee, Mrs. Cecilie Caldwell and Mrs. Roy served. The birthday cake was a thing of beauty, given to them by Mrs. Ira Caldwell. It was between two gold candles with large cases of cut flowers.

The twins were the recipients of many beautiful presents and the purse of money which amounted to $75.00 to help defray their way to Nashville to the National Convention. The churches which sent in donations are as follows: Waco, Cedar Lane, Waco, Cedar Lane, and Mr. Fleming served individual birthday cakes and fruit punch. Mrs. Bertha Lee, Mrs. Cecilie Caldwell and Mrs. Roy served. The birthday cake was a thing of beauty, given to them by Mrs. Ira Caldwell. It was between two gold candles with large cases of cut flowers.

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do some great work as having such a person as Mrs. Matlock to assist in this great task.

Mrs. Matlock is a crutch for the cripple; a light set in a high place; good news from a far country; cool water to a thirsty soul. With her assistance, I am expecting to accomplish some great things spiritually.
PEOPLES SLAPS PROGRAM DOUBTERS

Ministers and the Challenge Of the Hour
Dr. W. D. WEATHERFORD, Dean
Fisk University School of Religion
Nashville, Tennessee.

Never in our day has religion and
the church found a more serious cri-
sis. War and all its accompanying
evils has brought religious indif-
ference, moral callousness and a general
let-down in the whole population. If
preaching and the church meet this
emergency, it will be because every
preacher is thoroughly alive to the
great problems. There is an urgent
demand for a full, clear message, and
a great spiritual dynamic, if we are
to stem this tide of indifference and
moral decay.

To this specific purpose the Fisk’s
Eighteenth Annual Ministers Confer-
ence will be directed. It will thor-
oughly be interdenominational. There
will be goodly members of ministers
from all denominations present. We
will have the active cooperation of
the General Conference Commission
on courses of study for ministers, of
the Methodist Church, the American
Home Mission Council of North
America, especially interested in the
rural problem, the Congregational
and Disciples Churches, the Bishops in
this area of the C. M. E. and the
A. M. E. Churches, and the loyal sup-
port of many of the ablest leaders of
the Baptist denomination.

Five extremely able leaders who
will be on the program every day
will make the message powerful and
attractive. These include Prof. Thom-
as S. Kepler of Lawrence College,
author of a recent book on Contem-
porary Religious Thought, who will
help us to face up to and understand
present day religious thinking. This

Thoughts and Observation
On Race Relations
BY MRS. ROSA PAGE WELCH

One of the most amazing and shock-
ning statements I have heard for a
long time was that: “On the list of
organizations doing constructive work
towards breaking down racial bar-
riers and building brotherhood in our
country, the church stands fifth. The
organization heading is the C. I. O.,
Communist Party, second; Student
groups, third, and Y. W. C. A.,
fourth.” This statement was made
by one of the most outstanding re-
ligious and educational leaders in the
country. It was terribly shocking to
me, and I have shocked many groups
since by restating it to them.

Last week I was soloist at a meet-
ing in downtown Chicago. The speak-
er for the occasion is one of our out-
standing sociologists, and, in the
course of his talk, he stated that he
had very little faith, if any, in the
church to do anything really con-
structive about the racial situation in
America. This was one time I really
wanted to speak but, of course, I was
there to sing. Some day I hope that
I will have the opportunity to talk
with this gentleman, for I am sure
he does not have much contact with
church people, at least in the way
some of us do.

Of course, I agree with both that
the church has failed miserably
through the years to consider the
concern and practice of brotherhood
as a part of its religion and Chris-
tian service. By my observation dur-
ing the past few years, first with
youth and adult leaders and more re-
cently with many ministers and lay-
men (mostly laywomen) is that the
church is growing increasingly inter-
ested.

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The Long Range Program
REV. R. H. PEOPLES
Second Christian Church
702 W. Ninth Street
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Was the Long Range Program cre-
ated in a “Sub-Heaven or handed
down from ‘Headquarters’?” The op-
ponents of the Long Range Program
have said both. One group writing
from Baltimore said it was prepared
in the “Sub-Heaven”; another writing
from Cincinnati said it was handed
down from Headquarters.

The minutes of the National Con-
vention and the Joint Executive Com-
mittee since 1938 give the facts which
led up to the appointment of a spe-
cial committee at Columbus, Ohio, in
1943 to work out a Long Range Pro-
gram that should include other
brotherhood agencies as well as the
United Christian Missionary Society.

Up to 1938 the relationship be-
tween the National Convention and
the United Christian Missionary So-
ciety was very good. Of course, there
were differences and disagreements,
but the Joint Executive Committee
composed of representatives from
each organization was always able to
work out the difficulties.

In the 1938 Convention a misunder-
standing arose over the authority of
the Joint Executive Committee. The
National Convention representatives
said it was the final authority; the
United Christian Missionary Society
representatives said it was advisory.

This misunderstanding provoked a
study of the history of the commit-
tee. The minutes of the Trustee
Board of the United Christian Mis-
sionary Society showed that the Joint
Committee had been organized by the
Christian Women’s Board of Missions
as an advisory committee. At the

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beginning the Christian Women's Board of Missions appointed both Negro and white members to the committee. However, when the National Convention was organized, it was given the privilege to name the Negro members to the committee. When the United Christian Missionary Society was organized its trustees voted to accept the Joint Committee as an advisory committee on Negro work. The National Convention representatives asserted that later the Joint Advisory Committee became the Joint Executive Committee with administrative authority. There is no record in the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society to show this change in the function of the committee.

After the 1939 National Convention the Joint Executive Committee ceased to function. This left the National Convention and the United Christian Missionary Society without any official body through which to clear mutual problems. Nevertheless, the Executive Secretaries of the various departments of the Society doing work among Negro churches maintained a personal relationship with the Convention and were able to clear such matters as needed clearance with the Convention.

It was out of this background that the Columbus Convention appointed a special committee and assigned it the task of working out a "Long Range Program." The committee had its first meeting in October, 1943. At this meeting the committee composed of National Convention representatives only, made an analysis of the objectives and programs of both the Convention and the United Christian Missionary. The objectives of the Convention were as follows:

1. Provide opportunity for developing a bond of fellowship on a national basis.
2. Provide opportunity for training national leadership.
3. Develop support for a national and world program of Evangelism and Missions.
4. Provide opportunity for participation in, directing, and cultivating Negro churches.

When these objectives were compared with those of the United Christian Missionary Society, the committee found that both organizations had set up programs to achieve objectives two and three of the National Convention.

The committee went on further to discuss the needs of Negro churches which other brotherhood agencies should be called upon to help meet. Those mentioned were pension for ministers and their dependents, homes for aged and orphans, loans to build churches and parsonages, and literature to inform and inspire. The committee concluded that the need was for a single field staff with a single administration which would carry to the Negro churches the total program offered by the brotherhood agencies.

The next meeting of the National Convention Committee on Long Range Program was in August, 1944. The committee reviewed the findings of the October, 1943, meeting and set out to find the method to provide a single staff and single administration to carry the program offered by the brotherhood agencies to the Negro churches.

Several plans were considered:

Plan 1. Turn the total program over to the United Christian Missionary Society.

Plan 2. The Convention could take over and set up an independent program for Negroes and by Negroes.

Plan 3. Set up an independent Board outside the Convention and the United Christian Missionary Society composed of representatives from the National Convention, United Christian Missionary Society, and all other brotherhood agencies desiring membership. This new board to be charged with the responsibility of cultivating Negro churches.

In analyzing these plans the Committee decided that Plan 1 had been tried and found inadequate. The United Christian Missionary Society and the organizations preceding it had had charge of the total program for Negro churches. Through the past twenty-eight years the United Christian Missionary Society in cooperation with the National Convention had developed leaders capable of taking more responsibility in directing the program for Negro churches. They have developed the work to the point where the Negro leaders are clamoring for more participation in the administration of Negro churches.

The Committee was not in favor of Plan 2 because it means the setting up of a Negro Disciple Denomination which is contrary to the Christian ideal. The Committee realized also that the Negro group was not able to finance a separate program of pensions, benevolence, church loans, missions, and evangelism. Neither did they have adequate experienced leadership to carry on these phases of work. Plan 2 was therefore ruled out.

The Committee concluded that Plan 3 was the best possible procedure to follow under the circumstances. They realized that this plan was not the ideal one, but felt that so long as our society forced us to have Negro and white churches that we would need some plan that would give the Negro people representation, at least, in the management of the program for their churches. The Committee decided to recommend Plan 3 to the Convention, which calls for an independent Board composed of representatives from the Convention, the United Christian Missionary Society, and any other board or agency of the brotherhood wishing to cooperate in the program to cultivate Negro churches.

At its final meeting at the Convention in conference with representatives of the United Christian Missionary Society the plan was changed and the committee decided to recommend to the Convention that the representatives from the United Christian Missionary Society and any other brotherhood agencies wishing to cooperate in the program be invited to become members of the National Convention Board and Executive Committee. This new National Convention Executive Committee to have charge of administering through a field staff the total program for Negro churches.

The Convention adopted the recommended program of the committee and revised the constitution to make possible the invitation to the various groups to become a part of its Board and Executive Committee. The following boards have accepted the invitation to cooperate with the Convention and have shared in working out the detailed plans for cultivating the Negro churches: The United Christian Missionary Society, Church Extension, Board of Higher Education, the Pension Fund, the Christian Board of Publication, and the Benevolent Association.

The accepting of these Board representatives as members of the Convention is in harmony with the traditions of the Convention because the Convention has never labeled itself as a Negro National Convention. It is the National Christian Missionary Convention and there never has been a setting of the Convention that was not attended by some white leaders.

The Long Range Program is truly a product of growth. It has evolved out of the stress and strain of working together over the years and the
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desire to continue that fine relation-
ship. The United Christian Mission-
ary Society and the other boards pre-
ceding it, had complete charge of ad-
ministering the program of work
among Negro churches. Under the
Christian Women's Board of Mis-
sions, the Negro leaders were granted
the privilege to advise the Society on
the administration of the work. This
same relationship was maintained
between the National Convention and
the United Christian Missionary So-
ciety. But under this new plan the
United Christian Missionary Society
is relinquishing its right to admin-
ister, but still contributing the same
amount of money to Negro work and
sharing this responsibility with the
National Convention and the other-
brotherhood agencies willing to co-
operate. The National Convention be-
comes the agent through which this
new program is to operate.

The new plan has the following ad-
vantages:

1. It makes the National Conven-
tion responsible for the cultivation of
Negro churches. Thus giving the
Negro leadership a larger responsi-
bility and the experience of directing
the affairs of Negro churches.

2. It gives all the National boards
and agencies an opportunity to share
officially in the cultivation and de-
velopment of Negro churches. Even
the state societies are invited to par-
ticipate in this plan. Several state
societies are already engaged in help-
ing to develop the Negro churches of
their area.

3. The plan provides the machinery
for the Negro disciples to participate
officially in National Brotherhood Ac-
tivities, such as the Drake Confer-
ence or any program sponsored by
the agencies of the brotherhood. It
also provides the channel for partici-
pation in interdenominational or-
ganizations such as the Fraternal
Council of Churches or the Federal
Council of Churches.

4. This plan provides for the ma-
chinery for integrating the Negro
into the total life of the brotherhood
activities. Because of its interracial
aspects it offers a concrete method
for the practice of brotherhood in a
common task.

It is the earnest prayer of those
who have created and sponsored this
instrument that it shall be used to
make of the two people one united
Christian brotherhood.

MINISTERS CHALLENGE
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will be a most stimulating hour for
every person present.

Prof. Moses N. Delaney from the
Religious Extension Service of A. M.
& N. College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas,
who is also related to the Home Mis-
sion-Council of North America in
New York City, will be dealing with
a philosophy of Rural Christian Life.

Since the City Church is largely de-
pendent on the recruits who come to
us from the country, we are all deep-
ly concerned with these grass roots
of the Christian Church.

Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, President of
Scarritt College, who has seen service
in the foreign field and is one of the
ablest interpreters of the pressing
problems of our time, will be leading
us in a series of discussions on the
problems which the Church will be
facing in the post-war world. When
our soldiers begin coming back every
live and wide-awake pastor is going
going to be asking, if he is not already ask-
ing it, "What can I do for them?
How can I serve them?" Dr. Stuntz
will certainly help us all in solving
this great problem.

Another problem which is always
with the pastor is how to organize
his church, and what kind of program
he can develop, which will enable his
church to be of maximum service to
all his constituency. Dr. Roger Nooe,
Pastor of the Vine Street Christian
Church and former President of the
International Convention of the Dis-
ciples Church, will have an hour each
day on this urgently important theme.

Mr. W. K. Fox of Mississippi, rep-
resentative of the Home Mission
Council of North America and a thor-
oughly trained theological worker,
will discuss with us the use of the
Bible in our preaching ministry. He
will also conduct the general discus-
sion each day of ways in which we
can cooperate with other agencies of
the community, such as local, state
and Federal agencies.

One could hardly imagine a fuller,
more satisfying and well-balanced
program for ministers and Christian
workers.

The Home Mission Council of
North America will furnish scholar-
ships to all ministers whose churches
are in unincorporated towns and the
open country. These scholarships will
pay room, board, and tuition or pro-
gram fees for all such rural min-
isters.

The Conference begins registering
at the Department of Religion offices
on the Fisk Campus at 2:00 p.m.,
Monday, May 28, and the closing
meeting of the Conference or Insti-
tute will be Friday night, June 1, at
7:30 p.m.

All correspondence should be di-
gressed to Dr. W. D. Weatherford,
Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

WELCH—RACE RELATIONS
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It is beginning to wake up. Most
of this interest is being manifested
by the women's organizations of the
churches.

A lot of our awakening along many
lines is due to fear, because of rising
tensions on the part of minority
groups, but much of it is due to a
great realization of the real meaning
of Christianity and to a growing real-
ization that God is really the Father
of all mankind and we are brothers
whether we like it or not.

Please understand that I am not
believing that this is true of every
one of the persons I meet and have
opportunity to discuss race relations
with. But I do know that some, even
if only a few, are seeking a way to
better understanding and are giving
themselves nobly to the cause.

Some experiences I have had during
the past three months give cause for
this belief. I cannot use the time or
space to tell of most of these expe-
riences but I will relate several.

During the National Youth Week
(January 25-February 2) I went to
five different cities and towns in Mis-
souri. My schedule for each place
included singing and sometimes a
short talk in one or more public
schools, leading a seminar on Inter-
aracial Understanding in the afternoon
for mixed adult groups and then a
formal concert at night. In every
case the enthusiasm and response was
fine during the seminars. Each night
there were splendid audiences, mixed
audiences, and no segregation
for the concerts. My accompanists were
charming accomplished musicians
two colored and four white). The
interesting and delightful thing about
it all was the happiness and joy
manifested on the part of the per-
sons who attended and participated
on these occasions.

I was guest in white and Negro
homes. Two of the places I was es-
specially elated over and proud of their
achievement were Springfield and
Fulton. At Springfield my first en-
gagement was on Sunday A.M. at
the broadcasting studios. I was in-
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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 seventh of each month.

EDITORIALS

Office of the Chaplain
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachments
333rd Ordnance Battalion
Somewhere in France, 4 April 1945.

Dr. J. E. Walker,
234 Hernando Street,
Memphis, Tennessee.

My dear Dr. Walker:
I take this opportunity to drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I have been overseas now since the 6th of November, 1944. At the moment things over here are moving on in a very fine way, for which we are all very glad, and I'm sure that the folk back home are glad for it also.

I am very happy to say that I am enjoying my work here with the men, keeping alive the message of the Master and trying to lead them in the way of spiritual living, that they may not forget their teachings received before they left their homes. I am sure that you, along with others of our great Disciples leaders, are carrying on in a very fine way.

I have been able to keep up, in a fashion, with the work by means of the CHRISTIAN PLEA which my wife has been sending me. It was through this means that I learned of the plea made by the President of our National Convention for financial support for the new program covering a wide range that has been started. I wish to contribute my mite there to and also my moral support. I want the brotherhood to know that I am hearty for this program.

Enclosed you will find a money order for ten ($10.00) dollars which was to be sent to you.

I am yours very sincerely, in the Service of Christ,

GEORGE F. LEWIS,
Chaplain, 1st Lt.,
333rd Ord. Amm. Bn.,
Hq. & Hq. Dets.

WELCH—RACE RELATIONS
(Continued from Page 3)

Interview by a lovely Christian white girl who is a member of the Springfield Interracial Council and who was born and reared in my home state, Mississippi. I filled five engagements that day, one at the A. M. E. Church, another at an exclusive Negro Women's Club. On Monday A.M., I spoke and sang at the Negro High School, and that night sang a concert to an audience of 700 people. After the concert the Interracial Council had a lovely reception in a beautiful Jewish home and for more than an hour Jewish, Japanese-Americans, Negroes, and Caucasians had a grand social time together.

At Fulton the response was fine too. My concert was given at the Carver High School where the son of our own Mrs. Van Buren is principal. The auditorium was filled, Rev. William Martin and his members, and Rev. W. E. Starn, formerly Religious Education Director of Ohio, and his members did a splendid job in making preparations for my stay there. They were proud of the accomplishment along with others in the city. Rev. Martin and some of his members had a nice party for me after the concert. It was good to see Rev. Frank Coleman of our church at Columbia, who came to Fulton for my concert.

During the last week of February, I served as a member of a National Christian Mission team at Duluth, Minnesota, on Race Relations. While in Duluth, I sang at the Teachers' College, one of the High Schools for a labor group, and spoke and sang at the Y. W. C. A.

Several days ago, I returned from a trip to the state of Oklahoma. I sang at Blackwell first. This is one of those towns that has as an ordinance (made years ago) which says Negroes cannot remain over night. This is not the first such town I have spent the night or nights in, and all of them were not in Southern States. Many Northern States have such towns.

I have never met more congenial people than at Blackwell. I was guest at a large church dinner which preceded my concert. I was introduced and asked to speak. The church was filled for my concert. I had met their fine minister and wife several years ago. From Blackwell I went to Oklahoma City. I was met at the station by my hostess, Mrs. Glissman, the wife of a prominent doctor in the city, and members of the Crown Heights Christian Church. I had the privilege of visiting our fine Negro minister, Rev. Searcy. From Oklahoma City I went to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, where I was guest of Rev. and Mrs. Grimm, of our Christian Church. At the concert at Sapulpa there was a nice group of fine Negro friends. I wish all of you could have witnessed the graciousness and kindness of these white friends in Oklahoma and that you might know the interest on
the part of these ministers and women like Mrs. Glissman for the changing of attitudes of their people towards ours and other minority groups. In each home we talked for hours with them, all of us getting the understanding we ought to and must have if we are to have the kind of world Christ would have us build.

But you know, as I go to these white friends, not only of our Disciple Churches, but of many other religious and civic groups, and have conference with them, as I note the increasing interest and desire on their part to do something about our racial situation, I am also very deeply concerned about Negroes and the part they must play in this gigantic task.

Most Negroes have the idea that the white man has everything to do. I grant he must take the lead and must show himself desirous of and interested in doing something about it, but we, too, must give ourselves to the task along with him. This can best be accomplished through fellowship. We've got to learn how to do things with each other. A lack of understanding is one of the greatest causes for our unchristianlike attitudes, and one of the best ways to bring about understanding is through and by our having fellowship, our working together on things or projects of mutual interest. This thing of merely doing things for people is passé. Too long have many Christians thought that giving sums of money to a group of people or going to work among and for a group of people was performing his Christian duty or doing missionary work. Every people no matter what color, race, creed, has a contribution to make, and when people can come together as a unit the work will be more effective and far-reaching.

More people and organizations are working for interracial and intercultural relationship today than ever before. Right attitudes cannot be bought, given or bargained for, they must be developed within the hearts of people and Negroes, too, need to be concerned about building Christian attitudes toward all mankind, within ourselves, too.

My itinerary includes speaking for Y. W. C. A. at Green Bay, Wisconsin, another trip to Oklahoma which includes Ponca City, two days at Phillips University, Tulsa, and Bartlesville. Mrs. Semones of Tulsa, Secretary of the Oklahoma Council of Churches, is responsible for all of these Oklahoma engagements except Phillips. Dr. Briggs, president of Phillips, invited me to Phillips. The latter part of the month I will leave for Spokane, Washington, and other points in the Northwest.

Let each one of us use every opportunity we can to make a contribution towards the building of a brotherly and peaceful world.

Report National Field Worker For Negro Churches

DR. C. L. PARKS
1508 Hawkins Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee.

My experience during the four months ending May 1st has been encouraging to me, and from what I have been able to gather by personal contact and through correspondence with the majority of our ministers in service. They, too, are much inspired and are rejoicing because the "night candles" of the past are "burnt out," and a new day is dawning. The fine Institute held so far this year, and the prospects of making the Institute project an annual fixture in order to help ministers in service is truly striking at the root of Brotherhood unrest. I do not know who is responsible for this unrest among our ministers, and God forbid that I attempt to make any one person or organization the scapegoat. However, it does seem advisable to make this observation: there are so many channels of inexpediency leading back from our present condition into the past, that should one follow them to their logical end, and make a first and impartial appraisal of the findings, he might say that the responsibility for the unrest of today should be equally shared by all of us. Such a finding would not help matters at all, but the advice, using this finding as a basis, would, I am sure, fall in this line of judgment. Forget the past; errors of the past may be corrected by present and future actions only. Some of us have chosen this as our course of action; others are in the process of choosing; these two groups constitute a working majority. To those who may yet be in a quandary, why stand ye gazing? Come on up to Jerusalem; there you will find the upper room. There power may be secured which will dispel the perplexities, thus giving vision and courage for our future task.

I must not forget your keen interest in current activities of the Brotherhood on the field, so I give you here the picture from personal observation and contact out on the field among the brethren. I arrived in Nashville Easter Sunday morning at 2:00. I delivered the morning message to an enthusiastic and responsive congregation. The Missionary Society sponsored this service and raised some $30.00 for mission. The two congregations of Lea Avenue and Gay Street Churches worshiped together that morning owing to the fact that a fire at Gay Street rendered the church unsuitable for holding service.

The following day, April 2nd, I left Nashville for Edwards, Mississippi, to conduct the fifth of the series of six Ministers' Institute mentioned in previous reports. At this Institute held on the campus of S. C. I. we met ministers who were healthily concerned about problems of Brotherhood life and who were willing to do something about these problems. They were anxious to determine their relation to these problems and the part which is theirs in solving them. Eagerly, we worked together and learned together some of the many hindrances to a stronger bond of fellowship and service. When the Institute closed, all were in agreement that this program of meeting and praying and working and studying and counseling together, if carried on annually, will meet the first need of our Brotherhood at present as well as satisfy the longing of ministers in service. For full and eager cooperation, we thank President John Long, S. C. I., Mr. Gilbert Perry, Mississippi State Secretary; Mr. Percy Kohl, Alabama State Secretary; Mr. Howard R. Dungan, National Director of Church Development; Dean C. C. Mosley, Dean of S. C. I.; Professor and Elder W. K. Fox, Bible School Director at S. C. I., and most assuredly do I appreciate the help and inspiration that I gathered from the ministers of Mississippi and Alabama who attended the Institute. The crowning effort of the Institute was the ordination of Dean C. C. Mosley. A person I have known for many years, and can, without flinching, say is a worthy acquisition to the profession, was ordained minister, also Brother T. N. Walker, ministerial student at S. C. I. Brother Walker is highly thought of by all at S. C. I. who know him as well as the community of friends back home in Reidsville, North Carolina, who have known him from childhood.

On the 10th of April I was back in Nashville readying myself for a trip to Kentucky and on to Indianapolis. I left Nashville April 11th. I spent
a night and a day in Louisville visiting Elder E. W. Henry, Jr., pastor of Central Christian Church. Brother Henry is doing a job that does credit to a minister much his senior and with many years of experience. Yes, I say again, he is doing a fine job. No one could have reasonably expected so much of him on his first job in so short a time. Credit must be given to his wife and daughter for furnishing him inspiration—as well as his lovely congregation.

On the night of April 12th, I arrived in Lexington and spent two days visiting Elder and Mrs. R. L. Saunders. Elder Saunders is pastor of the Second Street Christian Church of this city, and has proven, by his works that he knows his job and possesses the humility it takes to do a job well. While there I also had contact with Elder D. D. Reid, State Secretary of Kentucky Christian Convention, and Elder J. J. Washington, a local minister. I made contact with Elder Charles P. Brooks, Kentucky State Secretary (white). These contacts were vital, and I feel much better for having met them.

On April 15th, I was in Indianapolis, and worshipped at Second Christian Church. The message delivered by Elder Peoples bespoke vision and timeliness for the pastor. I enjoyed it and it seemed that the whole congregation got a lift. That afternoon Elder Peoples delivered a message to soldiers at the U. S. O. His choir and congregation got a lift. That afternoon Elder Peoples delivered a message to soldiers at the U. S. O. His choir and congregation got a lift. That afternoon Elder Peoples delivered a message to soldiers at the U. S. O. His choir and congregation got a lift. That afternoon Elder Peoples delivered a message to soldiers at the U. S. O. His choir and congregation got a lift. That afternoon Elder Peoples delivered a message to soldiers at the U. S. O. His choir and congregation got a lift. That afternoon Elder Peoples delivered a message to soldiers at the U. S. O. His choir and congregation got a lift. That afternoon Elder Peoples delivered a message to soldiers at the U. 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I spent April 16-17 in Conference at 222 Downey Avenue, Headquarters of United Christian Missionary Society, and on the evening of the 17th I left Indianapolis for Nashville, arriving at 2:00 in the morning, April 18th. After spending five days at home, I left for a return trip to Kentucky and spent from the 24th to the 29th visiting and preaching. My first stop was Lexington. I went from Lexington on Wednesday to Danville and preached Wednesday night; on Thursday night I had a very fine fellowship with Elder Owens, pastor of Broadway Christian Church, and his friendly congregation. I returned to Lexington Friday and was there through Sunday morning worship, and brought the message. All contacts were pleasant and we were received by all church congregations with a warmth that bids return. I left Sunday afternoon for home, arriving Monday morning at 2:00.

To the Bible Schools Of Our Brotherhood

R. L. JORDAN, President

National Bible School Convention
United Christian Church
11331 Oakland Avenue
Detroit 11, Michigan.

Since meeting with you in convention assembled, I have visited our church schools at Chicago, Ill. In both of them I found active groups of young people busy preparing themselves to carry the ball for Jesus across the goal line right into the enemy territory. Satan dare not remove the quarterback from its present position for John Eubanks at Indiana Avenue and James Sherman at South Side with the teams supporting each are calling signals for advance, and themselves are actively tackling the foe on their own grounds. We must thank God for their leadership for both are students at the University of Chicago; the first doing work toward his Ph.D., the latter work toward his B.D.

I know around our brotherhood others are preparing themselves to lead our young people in a deeper realization of the Spirit of Jesus in the post-war world. Of course, Christ will be the same but the concept in which our soldier members will be hold him will be broader when they return to our churches. Certainly we must be equipped to serve their needs.

If the war lasts long enough we may be prevented from meeting into Convention this year. However, every effort is being exerted to carry forward the plans adopted at Lexington, Ky., and if we cannot meet, every loyal church school should at once send not less than $5.00 to S. B. Wallack, Muskoeges, Okla., Treasurer of the National Bible School Convention for the National Bible School Convention Program. Somehow we will have to call our Executive Board meeting of this body in St. Louis, Mo., or some place to make plans to continue the scholarship and other educational work of the Church Schools. This cannot be done without your loyal support. If around our brotherhood all of our 500 churches would respond we would have ample enough reserve to do the work of this department. I urge you now to invest your dollar in Christian education. Send the five dollars now to the treasurer.

Second Christian Church
REV. R. H. PEOPLES, Pastor
2700 North Capitol Avenue
MRS. J. A. TOWNS, Reporter

We launched last October a Seven-Point Expansion Program in these areas which consists of Leadership, Membership, Youth, Children, Organized Groups, Community Activity and Finance for Building and Equipment. The plans are being made for the community program and the money on the $50,000 campaign is being paid.

Most of the organizations are functioning. The Missionary Society, the Aids, the Sunday School, and choir will dedicate a new piano recently purchased by the church on May 27.

The older young people under the direction of Miss Marian Anderson meet each Sunday and recently made a trip to the Boys' School to observe at Plainfield, Indiana.

For a number of years the Second Church has had a rally during the month of June, sometimes designated amounts and at other times a little. This year, as in some other years, the membership is asked to lift their income during the month of May for the Church.

Missionary Societies Column
SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MRS. G. M. TOWNS
846 W. 26th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana.

The month of May has come and we find ourselves in the last stretch of the missionary year, as June 30th approaches. I hope all of you are putting forth every effort to make this a good missionary year from the standpoint of programs and books presented and studies, the projects completed, the young people enlisted for religious education, and money quotas in sight.

Now is the time to report on new officers for next year so that they may be installed next month and be ready to assume responsibilities in July.

We have had several National Convention Committee meetings which I have attended to represent you. I have tried to interpret our thinking. We will meet again May 22, the program committee of the National Convention and the National Convention Executive Committee—our representatives and representatives of U. C. M. S.

As we prepare for the new set-up in our National Program, it will be
necessary that our giving be increased. You will be hearing soon about this.

By the way, did you study the Dumbarton Oaks proposals? I hope we can keep up with all of the current events that should claim our attention. If any of you hold a May Day Luncheon in your community, write me about it.

One of our state presidents, Mrs. George Campbell, has been ill for some time. Pray for her and the work and the women who carry on in Ohio.

If we hold our convention in Nashville in August, we will also have our large sacrificial meal. I hope that you have held yours. We had our service here with Mrs. Cleo Blackburn in charge. It was an inspiring service. At our Columbus Executive Committee meeting we asked Mrs. Pearl Craggett to work on the plans. Be sure to bring your offering from the sacrificial service to Nashville. Again may I say, go back to the minutes of that meeting and follow them where you can and as much as possible.

Missouri Women's Council Reports

MRS. ANNA E. GILMORE, President
505 Lafayette Street
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Easter Week of Prayer in the year of 1945!

The week of devotion and appreciation for the event that brought life and life everlasting passed with the presentation of the program, "Remembering Calvary." Engaging in these services silently, praying, softly singing, noiselessly turning the pages of program and hymn book and going through each of them, each one doing their assignment for the leader previously selected.

In these times of woman responsibility in the home, in the shop, in the factory, in the office, and in the church we were blessed with those who sacrificed their time and energy. Our yearning was for the whole church to be present; our hope of realizing the result of the announcement of the services; our joy and satisfaction of knowing that we were pleasing Him by "Remembering Calvary."

On Sunday morning very early as the women went to the sepulchre on that first Easter morning, we made our way to the church, there to rejoice in the truth of the story of the resurrection. How it makes the hearts of Christians leap with joy for the privilege of serving a Saviour who had power to lay down His life and power to take it up again and for us!

The songs of Christmas are inspiring, but the songs of Easter appeal to our inner selves, urging us to give our all to Him. A great, great joy is knowing that around the world, churches everywhere are singing forth the power and glory of a Risen King.

It was a great pleasure to mention the names of the missionaries we knew personally. Among them were Paul and Lucy Anduss who spent a week in our convention some years ago, and Miss Stella Tunisine, who was on the faculty of our Young People's Conference last year at Bonner Springs, Kansas.

A Bit of Information

BY EDITH AGNES FRIEND
Sr. President of the Mt. Olivet Christian Endeavor Society
Baltimore, Md.

For the past eight months it has been my privilege and pleasure to be the President of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Mt. Olivet Christian Church. I have tried to continue and broaden the program of our Christian Endeavor. I would like to give a general view of some of my experiences as President of this organization and perhaps to inspire others to become associated with such a worthy organization.

The Christian Endeavor exists for Christ and the Church. It is an organization through which all the educational work of the local church is correlated and made responsible to a central organization. The Christian Endeavor does not exist for themselves but have come into being to help the Church carry out its tremendous program of winning the world to Christ.

Among the various activities we have been chiefly engaged in interest discussions, debates and last of all, but not least, many enjoyable programs. Our direct source of information comes from the Standard Christian Endeavor Quarterly for discussions. It provides fifty-six pages of outstanding lesson helps for every quarter. We engage in our discussions every Sunday afternoon. We also find this quarterly most educational and helpful.

It is my firm determination to serve as President of this worthy organization to the best of my ability. May the Christian Endeavor Society grow and continue to grow, and may our accomplishments be greater than previously.

MONEY TURNED OVER TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA TREASURER, MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR, FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1945

1. Mrs. Daisy Dean, 2024 Howard St., Little Rock, Ark. (6 Pleas) $ .90
2. Mrs. Esther A. Scott, 224 N. Calhoun St., Baltimore, Md. (6 Pleas) $ .50
3. Miss Irene Harvey, 3355 Wreford St., Detroit, Mich. (5 subs) 3.75
4. Miss Virginia Nichole, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. (2 subs) 1.00
5. Elder R. L. Serey, 1129 N. 9th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. (10 Pleas) 1.00
6. Rev. C. L. Whitfield, 554 Laurens St., Baltimore, Md. (15 Pleas) 1.50
7. Miss Lillian Ruth Ratten, 815 N. Comanche, Oklahoma City, Okla. (1 subs) 1.25
8. Mrs. Goldie Sims, General Delivery, Jacksonville, Texas (1 Pleas) 1.10
9. Mrs. Parris Boggs, 1171 Edgewood, Jacksonville, Fla. (1 subs) 1.00
10. Rev. N. Wesley Watson, 2794 Olive, Kansas City 3, Mo. (11 subs) 7.35
11. Mrs. Ethel E. Chambell, Tillman, Miss. (1 subs and Pleas) 1.20
12. Mrs. Julia Flowers, 5453 Calumet Avenue, Chicago 16, Ill. (6 subs) 3.75
13. Miss Cherrideille Ellis, 250 Glenmore, Brooklyn, N. Y. (11 Pleas) 1.10
14. Miss Sarah Ellis, 212 Grout St., Palestine, Texas (6 subs) 4.50
15. Miss Carnella Jamison, 4272 Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif. (1 subs) 1.60

$30.40

The Qualifications of Missionary Officers

MRS. E. G. STARLING, Secretary
Martinsville, Virginia.

The qualifications of missionary officers have much in common with that of other officers except that the missionary officer should be Divinely inspired to do his work for the good of the work and not for personal benefit.

The future of our missionary efforts depend largely upon the qualifications its officers so far as the service is concerned. Their achievements before becoming an officer should be as follows:

1. Well Trained: An officer should be so trained in his field that no one out of his field is able to excel him in his particular work.
2. Steady and Sturdy: Too often leaders in many fields of labor are inconsistent in their administration. This breaks down the confidence of those who are to follow. One should be sturdy, because it takes power to lead and to impress people of this day and age. Sturdiness enables one to adapt himself to the onrush of changing conditions, thereby bringing richness and depth to his work at all times.
3. Desirous: No work can be efficiently done by anyone unless he or she has a desire for the job. Therefore, all officers of any organization should want the position which they hold.

4. Consecrated: Operations of a Godly nature, if it is to be impressive, must have this element of consecration in it. Considering all this, all missionary officers should first consecrate themselves to the work to which they are called.

The missionary program that is worthy of our people still awaits the genius of our leadership. It is up to us to stand up as missionaries strong in religious principles to lift this work to a higher plain.

Midway Christian Church
T. R. Everett, Reporter
Midway, Kentucky.

While the world is dying and men are looking here and there for some kind of remedy for the ills that beset us, I have no other remedy than that which was laid down by Jesus Christ over 1,900 years ago as recorded in Matthew 22:34-40.

Well, Midway is about normal. We have had some very sad experiences to happen to us here lately. We lost one of our young sisters recently. She died with cerebral hemorrhage. It was quite a shock to the community, and we have had several to be afflicted with slight strokes. However, the Church still moves on. We will have a week’s meeting with different brethren preaching each night. We will begin on May 17th. The brethren who will preach are as follows: Elders E. K. Keys, J. J. Washington, R. H. Oldham, C. B. Gentry, F. T. Floyd, and I. H. Moore. The meeting will end on the 22nd of May.

We burned the mortgage on the parsonage. The week was a very successful one although much sadness prevailed.

We also attended our State Board meeting which met in Lexington at the Praul Street Christian Church. Much business was dispensed with as it was the last meeting until after the Convention which will convene on July 16, 1945, in the city of Paducah, Kentucky. We hope for a great meeting there.

We are jubilant over the outlook for the College of the Scriptures. I have just returned from a meeting with some of the officials. Our first goal is a reality, so I am sure now that we will be able to open in September.

We are also encouraged to have Brother R. L. Sercy to say that he will gladly accept the position of advertising agent for the College of Scriptures and also the trusteeship of the school.

I am authorized to put this news article in our papers, the CHRISTIAN PLEA and The Informer.

While we are meeting with a great deal of opposition, but no child was ever born without pain. So we can look for storms of all kinds when we attempt anything worthwhile. Jesus never did stop to anger about anything.

Salutation

District Evangelist Maud Davis, Reporter
1370 Forrest St., Beaumont, Texas.

“We go down to salute the children of the king” (Kings 10:13)

The District Board No. 6 convened with the Waco Clay Street Christian Church, April 29. We had a great meeting, the Church royally entertained the delegates who were there. Due to gas and tire rationing our delegates were few.

But the meeting was a spiritual, also a financial success. Brother Givens had labored hard to make it so. I was pleased to find the Church had gained in membership and some of those were proving their worth by being at their post of duty, in the person of Brother Horton, who is Superintendent of the Bible School, and who was giving an account of himself.

Sister Reed and Brother Givens made a full report in their Missionary Society which made me very happy. Brother Horton made a good report in Bible School, and the Church under such good leadership of Elder A. A. Henry, Brothers Givens, Fisher, Watson and Horton, brought in the best report the Church has ever made in the district.

I am proud to see them taking on new life. Little Miss Fisher furnished the music for the morning service which was commendable. Elder Ralph McClellan preached on “The Power of God.” The spirit ran high. It was indeed a great sermon.

In the afternoon service Mrs. Matlock of Chicago spoke on “The Spiritual Need of the Church.” She held her audience spellbound. Miss Barrett, the musical director of Marlin High School and an ex-student of Madame Pratt of Dallas, the wife of our own beloved Prof. T. W. Pratt, furnished the music for the afternoon session and had her own singers with her. Miss Barrett is the daughter of a Baptist minister and said she was glad to render service for us, for Mrs. Pratt had meant so much to her she was glad to make some contribution in a small way. Miss Barrett plays some twenty-two instruments.

Indeed, it seemed as if the Lord had opened the windows of Heaven and poured us out a blessing.

Sisters Fox, Nichols, Reed, Fisher, Watson and others helped in entertaining the Board. Miss Romonia Porter of Granger and Miss Thelma Willis of Holland were awarded Negro Histories in the contest. The histories are the work of our very own Editor of the CHRISTIAN PLEA, the Honorable Merle R. Epps, of Nashville, Tenn.

I am planning from time to time to have these history contests which will enable our girls and boys to know something about our own people, otherwise they would not be able to learn, and have within their reach the history of their race. We raised $90.00 in this Board.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Brother Wanzey Givens whose mother and father have been ill for some time. Brother Givens must be a darling son who is ever mindful of his parents, for I judge from the way he stands by his Church. He stands hard and fast, unmoveable. May God bless and keep him.

Corinth Christian Church
Rev. E. J. Dickson, Pastor
Kilgore, Texas

Mrs. Almeta Henderson, Reporter

I am happy to say again that we are still doing fine. Sunday School opened on time. Assistant Superintendent Brother James Hunt officiated. We had a large attendance each Sunday. The second Sunday was our pastoral day. Brother H. Jacobs always brings high devotional services. The scripture lesson was by our pastor, Rev. Dickson, who read from the 28th chapter of Matthew. After a sacred hour of prayer, Reverend Dickson brought an unsparing message. The choir sang splendidly.

With much joy we can say that our church is standing together. Knowing that divided we fall in the name of the Lord. I need not tell you that Reverend Brown, who is attending Jarvis College is a great gospel preacher, because he is moving on in a splendid way. He preached two Sundays for us. We were sorry that Brother Elmo Jacobs had to leave for
Mexico to visit the bedside of his daughter who is very sick. We are praying for her speedy recovery.

We are grateful to have so many of our members visiting us: Sisters Margene Jacobs, Ollie Lee Jacobs, Edna Mae Thompson, Mildred Waldon, all of California; also Sister Georgia Easter Collins of Chicago.

We have just closed a district meeting held at our church with Rev. E. W. Henry as President. We had fine cooperation. Our church reported with $10.00. Sister Melba Thurmond was a delegate. We also had a splendid program Saturday night. There were solos and papers rendered by students of Jarvis College and other places in connection with our program. The members and delegates raised $70.25. The meeting was very impressive.

The Lord has blessed us by giving us some fine Christian workers, and we are working together lovingly and faithfully. We thank God for the group whose faith and determination and hope and endurance and all things work together for good to those that love God.

Antioch Christian Church,
Disciples of Christ
REV. S. E. TILLMAN, Minister.
MRS. A. B. WASHINGTON, Secretary 169 Seaman Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey.

"For lo! the winter is past! The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." (Sol. 4:12.) Easter Sunday was one long to be remembered, for it was a day of joy and excitement. The morning service was held at 11 a.m., and had what we would call an old-fashioned Sunrise Prayer Meeting. There was a goodly number out, and the spirit of the occasion ran high. And very early in the morning they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun—and at 11 a.m. our pastor brought us a wonderful message, "The Risen Christ." We received this message with great joy. There was a goodly number who attended.

The Sign of the Cross." We returned to our church to see a religious picture, "The Birth and Resurrection of Christ," which was largely attended.

Let us not forget our Missionary sisters who always have a very good program on the fourth Sunday, after William G. Tillman, the son of our pastor, celebrated his third birthday on Tuesday April 24 with a few of his friends.

We are looking forward to the dedication of our church which will take place on Monday, May 14th to May 23rd. Our guest speaker will be Reverend C. L. Parks of Nashville, Tennessee, the National Secretary of the Churches of Christ in America. He will be present each night. Our objective is to raise $2,500 to complete the church. Checks may be sent to the Secretary of the Trustee Board, Elder T. T. Taylor, 186 Seaman Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey. We desire the prayers of the Brotherhood in our great effort to put the program over.

Last, but not least, we had with us on the fifth, Professor Chandler, President of the U. S. O., who spoke to us Sunday at 11 o'clock. It was well enjoyed by all, and in the evening they held a union meeting of all the church which was held in the U. S. O. We need more such meetings to bring unity among our group of people.

"United we stand, but divided we fall."

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A Brief History of the Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ of Winston-Salem, N. C.

By Mrs. Sallis C. Meadows
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Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Since it has fallen my lot to give a brief history of this church, I shall proceed to do the best I can.

This church was formerly known as the High Maple Street Christian Church, but it is now known as the Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ.

In the early '90's a few devout Christians, or Disciples, recognized the need of the Christian Church in Winston-Salem. While the devout few were in a state of uncertainty, there was a man who had a vision, inspired, no doubt, by Him who doeth all things well. Somehow, in some way, he felt the urge to this part of the moral vineyard to labor for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Christ in this city. Through the efforts of this servant, the first Christian Church was organized about 1894. This was done by the late Elder M. C. Walker.

Most of the organizers have passed, but few are left to tell the story. Among those living are Mrs. Lucy Ragsdale of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Mrs. Sarah Bassett of Gary, West Virginia, and Mrs. Sallie C. Meadows of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

East Third Street was our first home of worship. It was there we took the courage to continue in this great work started with the man of God. But after a while we found it necessary to move from this home to East Eighth Street in a more desirable section of the city. There we strove earnestly, though tedious was the journey.

Brother Walker had worked and toiled, spent his evenings riding the trains from Reidsville here and back trying to help us. He found this work and the work at Reidsville too much for him to take care of. He had to leave us without a shepherd. We still kept the faith and stuck together until we were able to find another. A little while afterwards, Brother Walker persuaded Elder J. W. Hubbard to come to us in his stead. He came as often as he could and did his best to encourage us to press onward, although he could not remain with us very long before he, too, had to leave. After Brother Hubbard left, there came another whom we loved so well, in the person of Elder C. C. Nelson. He was a wonderful Christian worker. Under his meek and humble leadership, though babes in Christ, we felt full grown in the cause after being led by such a wonderful teacher as he. With sorrowing hearts we were again without a leader, but by this time we had learned to endure hardship as good soldiers. We were strong enough spiritually to care for ourselves until Elder W. A. Cole of Chatham, Virginia, came to us. He spared no pains in teaching and pointing us the way the Savior would have us to go.

By this time we were pretty well known as Christians, or Disciples, and we had been fortunate in adding some new names to that little band by earnestly working together. Although poor and few in number we were happy as could be, for we had been taught Love, Peace, and Unity. Brother Cole labored very earnestly with us. For some cause, that I scarcely remember, the church decided to call another to serve in his stead. One whom they thought could
better stir up the people, so that they might learn more about us. So they did, and it really brought about a wonderful change in many ways. By this time, Elder R. L. Peters was our pastor, and I am proud to say that in choosing him we began to move on to success. He found us worshipping on East Eighth Street in a large, smoky building and not a bit comfortable. He did not rest, until he had found a place for which to build a church. Pretty soon we moved out of the old smoky building on East Eighth to our new church on High Maple Street, and there we remained for a number of years.

Still under the leadership of Elder R. L. Peters we had some bitters and sweets as well. We kept moving onward and steadily growing until it became necessary to find some other place more desirable. So we landed here on Cleveland Avenue again under the leadership of the late Elder M. C. Walker, who still had a deep interest in us. He spent his life trying to save us when some, like sheep, had gone astray. This being his second time with us, he soon had us on the march to the Cleveland Avenue Church where he spent his latter days in the service for his Lord and Master. Many have served us since his death.

More than two years ago, Elder C. H. Webb, our present pastor, whom we love and admire, came to us from Pielor, Oklahoma. His dignified Christian life has permeated the hearts of our present membership. Our successes under his leadership have been many, and we wish for him a long and prosperous life of service here at the Cleveland Avenue Christian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Cedar Christian Church
Cor. East 83rd St. and Quincy Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio.

REV. C. E. CRAGGETT, Pastor
MRS. G. V. WATSON, Reporter.

The Cedar Christian Church has inaugurated a very definite program this year which is proving to be successful and inspiring in spiritual effectiveness as well as keeping the financial status in good condition.

Mrs. Pearl Craggott, working tirelessly and continuously by the Pastor's side, has organized the entire membership into a working band of Christians to liquidate the church debt in 1945. Each auxiliary of the Church is well systematized and showing a splendid record.

The Building Fund Committee has brought some very unique programs to the Church consisting of talented musicians and orators. On Tuesday evening, May 8, 1945, Mrs. Alberta Craggott, of Akron, Ohio, our Pastor's daughter-in-law, will appear in a musical recital at the church under the auspices of the White Group of the Building Fund Committee. Mrs. Craggott's native home is Louisville, Ky. She is a young woman of varied talents, having received her Master's Degree from Atlanta University, with Social Science as her major. She taught English in the Louisville High School at Louisville, Ky., prior to her marriage. At the present time she is employed as secretary in an important department of the government.

Mrs. Craggott is quite prominent in social and religious activities throughout the United States. She devotes much of her time to interracial work and conducts devotional services in summer conferences each year.

We are looking forward to this great event which will bring Mrs. Craggott to Cedar Christian Church. Miss Frances Stansett, of Akron, Ohio, will be her accompanist at the piano.

The Building Fund Drive is working under three main divisions:
1. Red—Mrs. Hazel Harrison, Capt.
2. White—Mrs. C. Dubner, Capt.
3. Blue—Mrs. Lena Martin, Capt.

Members of the Boards and other Auxiliaries:
Finance Committee—Bro. W. Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. Katie Cecil, Secretary; Mrs. B. Wilson, Assistant Secretary; Bro. H. Lowe, Treasurer.
Church Clerk—Bro. M. Clark.
Asst. Clerk—Mrs. G. Talbott.

Williamburg Christian Church News
REV. W. F. KEYES, Pastor
MISS CHERRIDELL ELLIS, Reporter.
250 Glenmore Avenue
Brooklyn, New York.

The Williamburg Christian Church members have resolved to do their utmost under the able leadership of Reverend W. F. Keyes. The membership is increasing rapidly each Lord's day, and morning and evening pulpit messages are interesting and soul inspiring. As a result, we can truly say that through prayer the Church has accomplished much both spiritually and financially. Definite steps have been taken toward raising funds for every needy cause. We are being highly blessed in keeping up the payments on the building each month.

On the third Sunday in April a rally was given. The money raised amounted to $3,000.00 for the purpose of painting and repairing the church.

We can gladly say that our Bible School stands out as one of our greatest achievements. Each Lord's day morning at ten o'clock, the School assembles with four classes. Our superintendent, Deacon R. H. Stevens, leads the school in a strong and courageous manner.

Our pastor visited Baltimore, Maryland, and enjoyed a splendid fellowship with the pastor and members of the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, in a two-week revival. Rev. W. H. Taylor is the pastor of the Second Christian Church.


On Sunday, April 29, at 11 o'clock the sermon was preached by the President, Rev. D. L. Kinard, pastor of the Calvary Christian Church, Brooklyn, New York.

Holy Communion was administered by Rev. C. R. Murdough, pastor of the Mt. Zion Christian Church, and Secretary of the Union. The visitors were: Thomas R. R. Bragg, President of the United Christian Missionary Convention of the New England and Middle Atlantic States; also President Tibbs Maxey, President of the School of Scripture of Ohio.

We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood that we may accomplish our aim.

North Bolton Street Christian Church

REV. J. DICKSON, Pastor.
MRS. GOLDIE SIMS, Reporter.

Rev. Dickson and members obtained a passion week of prayer at the church beginning March 26, leading up to Easter, April 1. The speakers for the week were President P. E.
Washington, Jarvis Christian College, and President Hawkins, Texas, who brought wonderful sermons each night. Everyone enjoyed them. Easter morning Sunday School at 9:45, Superintendent, Elder E. D. Spencer. All teachers were at their posts. Pastor Dickson preached Sunday at 11 o'clock. Easter sermon subject: "He Has Vision." Sunday night, President P. E. Washington preached on this subject: "What Next After Jesus Arose From the Dead?"

Our guest for the week: Mrs. P. E. Washington, Hawkins, Texas, the President's wife.

Sunday guests: Mrs. L. D. Dickson, Crockett, Texas, Rev. E. J. Dickson's mother; Mr. Oscar Delane, Crockett, Texas. We all enjoyed them so much.

April 15, Pastor Dickson was back on his post. Sunday School well attended. Sermon by the pastor at 11 o'clock. Subject: "Sharing the Christ Way."


Sunday evening at 5 o'clock C. Y. F. young folks' meeting, Mrs. Otha Johnson, president. Miss Gordon was the guest speaker. Her subject was: "Christ Is Our Starting Point." She brought out lots of good thoughts.

Miss Jones entertained the young folks with lots of nice games which we all enjoyed. Miss Gordon and Miss Jones are both students at Jarvis Christian College.

Mrs. Elzella Verdell, our acting president of Woman's Missionary Society, asked all members to meet with her every Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Our study for the month, the Book of Romans. Theme: "The Christian Hope."

The Ladies' Aid Society met in the home of our President, Mrs. Otha Starling, April 13, at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Starling asked more of the women to meet with her, please. The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Buckner April 20.

I must say I am so proud to be able to send a report from North Bolton Street Christian Church, because the Lord has blessed us wonderfully. Since Pastor Dickson and his good wife have been with us, we enjoy them more and more each time, and I am praying that the good spirit of love, happiness, friendship and peace will remain and enable us to do more and more each day, if we only trust Him.

Port Gibson District No. 1

Mrs. Ethel E. Chambliss, Reporter

Box 11, Tillman, Mississippi

The Port Gibson District No. 1 held its Church School quarterly meeting with the Providence Christian Church April 21-22. Theme: "The Work Through the Church School That Depends Upon Us."

We were blessed to have pleasant weather on the first day and a very good meeting. Elder M. N. Newsom discussed briefly and emphatically the 22nd chapter of Proverbs, stressing the 29th verse: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before the king."

We had in our midst, Mrs. Rubilee Gipson, from Kansas City, Mo., who was once a member of our church, and is now a live member of Steven Baptist Church of said city. She sang a very touching solo.

Elder N. R. Trevillion, who has been on the sick list for a few weeks was fortunate to be present in the meeting on the first day. Everyone was very much pleased and extended their heart's sympathy for him and wished him Godspeed. Seven dollars and forty-three cents was raised for him on that day. On Sunday he was with his congregation at Fayette, Miss.

The message from the District Superintendent, Brother Taylor Jackson, was very interesting. He discussed the theme so beautifully, stressing that the work of our Savior Jesus Christ cannot be carried on as He intends unless it is wrought through the Church School and through the Church School we get our leaders as preachers, deacons and elders.

He went so far as to explain to us that Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work, no feet but our feet to lead men in His way. He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how He died.

All officers were re-elected. After an interesting Church School on Sunday the Conference Class were taught by Brother R. K. Wynn: "The Bible and Its Divisions," a very interesting lesson. Elder I. C. Franklin delivered a great message. From Heb. 10:30 he chose for a subject, "Shrinking Back." The schools came up to their apportionment 100 percent. Communion was also served. Money raised in this meeting, $59.01.

Shaw, Mississippi, Reports To the Brotherhood

Mr. George Wall

Route 1, Box 113, Shaw, Miss.

I have been silent for some time on matters pertaining to societies. I get plenty of literature from the Christian Women's Missionary Society, though there were other agencies many years ago. There was in this State a society called an Auxiliary. Since it has been called C. W. B. M. We have in Mississippi both the Willing Workers and the C. W. B. M. They work together in peace. The Women's Missionary Society go a long way to make the C. W. B. M. It has been said that the Willing Workers were like the Dead Sea, all gone, yet it is donating to students at Southern Christian Institute yearly. We are not able to scholarship. We also donate to churches and do other homework.

I freely agree with the Brotherhood and New Testament teaching. But since we are helpers together with God, I believe that we should be at peace among ourselves and let Brotherly Love continue.

It seems to me that the C. W. B. M. wants to move me from where I am due to the literature that I am receiving. Therefore, I am very frank in my statement.

I guess you are not satisfied with my attitude. If not, introduce something better.

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

Rev. Blair T. Hunt, Pastor.

Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter.

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, 978 Mississippi Boulevard, has adopted a Three-Year Program, as follows:

1. Repair and remodel pulpit and baptismery.
2. Decorate church and build platform for Juvenile Choir.
3. Substantial fence on rear of lots.
4. Build membership to 500 (at least).
5. Build duplex on vacant lot.
6. Double support to missions.
7. Air condition (hot and cold).

text-book. Every movement must have a definite time and place to begin. There were people of 17 different languages that listened to Peter’s sermon. Three thousand returned to their own land and told the story of Jesus and His resurrection. Take the conversion of Lydia—no doubt Lydia carried the Gospel to Thyatyr. We should be in accord and be loyal and helpful to every missionary effort; that is the truth as revealed through Jesus Christ. Let us take this as our slogan: Go, Let Go, or Help Go. As we lose our lives we save our souls.”

Youth Day under the auspices of the Unified Youth Group presented an interesting speaker in the person of Mr. C. F. Klebsattel of Brookline, Mass., at the 11 o’clock services on March 25, 1945. His subject was “Youth Faces the Future.” Mrs. Mildred Riley, President of Unified Youth Group, was very fortunate in securing such an able speaker for the Group. Mr. Klebsattel at present is a faculty member of LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tennessee.

Saint Matthews Baptist Church, 641 Wicks Avenue, was host to the Juvenile Choir at Vesper Services April 8, 1945. The choir, under the direction of Miss Lucille Rhine, presented very touching Vesper Services. The theme, “Prayer,” was carried out in each number presented. Rev. Blair T. Hunt was guest speaker for the evening; Rev. H. H. Harper, host pastor. The Juvenile Choir is planning to sing at the National Convention in August at Nashville, Tenn.

The annual Easter egg hunt and ice cream service added great impetus to a rainy Easter Sunday. The splendid program, under the direction of Mrs. Earnestine Johnson, surpassed all previous programs.

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Dickson, New Executive Secretary

Dean Emmett J. Dickson, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, has accepted the position of Acting Executive Secretary of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ and National Director of Christian Education.

Rev. Dickson, who is a native of Crockett, Texas, received his early education in the public schools of Houston, Texas. He is a graduate of Southern Christian Institute, and his advanced study, graduate and undergraduate, was done at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. He goes into his new work with a background rich in experiences and contributions. He has served as head of the Department of Religion at Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky; pastor of Corinth Christian Church, Kilgore, Texas; pastor of Bolton Street Christian Church, Jacksonville, Texas. At present Rev. Dickson is Dean of Men and head of the Department of Religious Education at Jarvis Christian College, which position he has held for a number of years. He is also president of the Texas Bible School Convention. Many young people throughout the Brotherhood are aware of his splendid contributions in Young People's Conference from time to time.

The Disciples of Christ are indeed fortunate, at this time of crisis, to have a young man with the preparation, vision and spiritual zeal of Rev. Emmett J. Dickson.

Lillian Ratten, New Worker Selected

Miss Lillian Ruth Ratten of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, has been called as National Negro Field Worker in the department of missionary organizations of The United Christian Missionary Society. In this position she succeeds Miss Carnella Jamison who resigned early this year to take new work in Los Angeles, California.

Miss Ratten is a graduate of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, with the A.B. degree in Vocational Education and Homemaking. She has also studied in Kansas State College. She served from 1937 to 1939 as president of the Bible department of the Oklahoma Christian churches and has been active always in local church activities. She has most recently been employed as a teacher of vocational education and homemaking in the high school at Pittsburg, Texas.

Miss Ratten has a rich Disciple heritage, her grandfather being the late Elder Charles C. Haley, pioneer preacher and founder of the Clark Street Christian Church, Greenville, Texas. Her mother was active in the Board of Missions and is now president of her local missionary society. Two of her brothers are connected with Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi—Charles C. Moseley as dean and head of the foreign language department, and James W. Ratten as teacher of science.

Following a practice begun by the Christian Woman’s Board of Missions, the United Society through the department of missionary organizations has been able to secure, among the young Christian women of the Brotherhood, a man and woman who are trained in their religion, well grounded in Christian teaching, and who are able to carry on efficiently the work of the department of missionary organizations.

Dear Brethren:

The National Convention will convene in Nashville, Tennessee, August 21st through the 26th, 1945. The Convention will need your support and presence to make it a success. The local church is planning a swell entertainment for us. The program committee has already arranged a program that will go down in history as one of the greatest of the years.

Final arrangements have been made to put into operation the Long Range Program we adopted in Lexington, Kentucky. The staff has been selected—Emmett J. Dickson, as acting Executive Secretary and the National Director of Religious Education, Miss Ratten and C. L. Parks. The budget was set up at $17,400. Headquarters will be at Flanner House in Indianapolis, Indiana. The program will get under way July 1, 1945. This in itself, presents to the Negro Brotherhood their greatest opportunity, challenge and responsibility. We must not fail to measure up to what is expected of us.

$5,000 of the $17,400 is the National Convention’s share of the budget. Our white brethren have demonstrated their faith in us and their willingness to cooperate with us in developing our churches. It will be necessary for us to raise $3,500 between now and the National Convention to guarantee our $5,000 of the budget. This, we MUST do through your gifts. To fail would be tragic. I am asking the churches, throughout the Brotherhood, to observe July 22nd to 29th as National Convention Week and that each church will sponsor an intensified drive for National Convention.
funds, contacting each adult member for a dollar. I am recommending that the pastor, through his church board or as he may see fit, to appoint a National Convention committee to be responsible for a financial drive in his church for National Funds. The committee should be set up four weeks before the drive begins, to educate the people about the needs for the funds. The minimum asking goal for your church is your best. The committee may have a National Convention “Tea” or any other affair, in the interest of raising funds for the Convention.

There are members in all our churches who are able to give $5.00 or $10.00 or more to the National Convention. It is up to the committee to inspire these persons to give. Our Brotherhood program will be what we make it. We have clamped through the years to share in the planning and the directing of the program of our churches. Also to share in selecting and directing the workers who carry the program to our churches. In our new set-up we have all this and more. Therefore, we cannot afford to not accept our new responsibilities and opportunities. Doing the job together will make real our goal and give promise to the future of our National Convention program.

Send all moneys to Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

Yours in Christ,
S. S. Myers, President
of the Nat’l Convention.

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positions has provided a Negro woman staff member to serve in the Negro churches. In the new organization of the work of the Negro Churches through the National Convention, beginning with July 1, 1945, the national field worker for missionary organizations will cease to be under the administration of that department. The department was authorized, however, by the Executive Committee of the National Convention to fill the position vacated by Miss Jamison with the understanding that the person employed by the United Society would be continued in a similar capacity of service under the new arrangement for Negro work. With this understanding, Miss Ratten will assume her new position as of June 1.

National Field Worker Reports
Dr. C. L. Parks
1080 Hawkins Street
Nashville, Tennessee.

On May 4th we left Nashville for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and after a short lay-over in Indianapolis we arrived in the Quaker city on the morning of May 8th. Our mission in Philadelphia was to search out the possibilities there as well as the feasibility of establishing a church. We concluded from the brief observation that the possibilities there are as pregnant with the essence of success as any we have been able to discover in any place it has been our privilege to observe. It is our earnest hope that some day, in the not too distant future, we, as a Brotherhood, may be able to meet this challenge.

On May 14th we arrived in New Brunswick, New Jersey, to open an evangelistic campaign at Antioch Christian Church of which Elder S. E. Tillman is pastor. This effort was in conjunction with dedicated services which were also conducted each evening preceding the evangelistic phase of the meeting. This, to be sure, posed a great hindrance to the true evangelistic attitude but, we were able to see the immediate need of the church for finance to help along in the completion of the new church building and hence made ourselves fit, as helpfully as we possibly could, into this paradoxical setup. We brought the message each evening and on Sunday afternoon, May 27th, delivered the Dedicatory Sermon. Funds raised for building purposes during these services was $315.44 and the church also contributed on our expense $65.85.

By way of commendation we do want to say of Bro. Tillman that he, with a small group, has done a building job unequalled in the Brotherhood. During a short period of two years he has built a substantial church home for the Antioch congregation on the pay as you go basis. The structure is constructed of eight inch concrete tile with overlaid outer walk of concrete stucco. It has a full basement, furnace bought and in place, though not installed for use; the basement is equipped with stoves for heating and cooking purposes. Bible School is conducted in the basement. Upstairs where the worship auditorium, the pastor’s study and the choir loft are located one is inspired as he views what God has wrought with the hands of a few people who gave themselves in unity to this special task. If Bro. Tillman does nothing else this accomplishment with the unstinting support of the Antioch small congregation, is a praise-worthy monument to him.

The building is not fully completed, though in use, and Bro. Tillman and those faithful souls who labor with him will welcome any help your hearts are grateful enough to give.

Texas State Convention Program

Outline—Program, Sixty-fourth Annual Session of the Texas (United) Christian Missionary Convention—To be held with Bolton Street Christian Church, Jacksonville, Texas, August 8-12, 1945

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
1:00 P.M. Enrollment of Delegates. Committee—Work Period.
2:30 P.M. Conference Period.
3:30 P.M. Opening Program—Local Church, E. J. Dixon, Minster.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9
9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Conference Period.
11:00-12:00 General Assembly. Reports of Convention Officers.
3:00 P.M. Business Session—All Departments. Reports by District Presidents.
8:30 P.M. Program Directed by the Woman’s Department. Mrs. Arab E. Garrett, President.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
9:00-11:00 A.M. Conference Period. Mrs. E. J. Dixon, President.
11:00-12:00 A.M. General Assembly.
3:30 P.M. All Department Meet—Visitors and Special Representatives, National Workers from the United Christian Missionary Society, National Convention, etc.

FRIDAY NIGHT—JARVIS NIGHT
8:45 P.M. Special Program by Jarvis Christian College. Offering will be taken for Student Aid Fund of Jarvis Christian College. Send or bring a liberal donation, PLEASE.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
9:00 A.M. Reports: (a) Church, (b) Woman’s Department, (c) Bible School Department, (d) Y. P. S. C. E. Department. Please see that all reports are turned into the Committee on Reports not later than Friday evening. These reports will be read Saturday morning. Please be present when your report is read.
3:00 P.M. Election of Officers. Unfinished Business.
8:45 P.M. Special Program—Directed by Prof. E. M. Hurdle, President Jarvis Christian College. Offering will be taken for the Missionary Endeavor Department. Youth Groups are asked to be prepared to take active part. Report will be read from the Special Workers at the close of this program
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
8:30 A.M. Model Sunday School conducted by Prof. E. J. Dickson, President of the Bible School Department.
11:00 A.M. Morning Service.
12:30 P.M. Communion and Devotion Hour—Sermon. Offering will be taken for our aged Ministers and their families. Leave your donation in case you find that you can not be present.

Due to crowded transportation we are asking that those who travel in cars, please pool your cars and help conserve during the war time crisis.

Invited Guests: President S. S. Myers, National Convention; Chaplain David L. Truscott, Miss Lillian Ruth Ratten and Rev. G. C. L. Parks and other representatives of the United Christian Missionary Society, Rev. E. L. Peters, Rev. J. L. Jordan. The Conference Periods of the Convention will be directed by the School of Religion, Jarvis Christian College, President P. C. Washington, Supervisor. Respectfully,
E. O. HURDLE, President.
E. B. WASHINGTON, Secretary.
**Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi**

May 28th, brings to the close our 1944-45 school year. According to the report from the Dean’s office, the grand total enrollment for the year is four hundred and twenty-nine. The students come from fifteen different states; namely, Alabama, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and West Virginia.

It may be interesting to know that over sixteen per cent of the total enrollment were sisters. The ratio of female and male was three to one.

Thomas Edwards Brooks, Indiana Bruce, Lois Alma Flagg, Cedella Kelker, Mildred Moore, Hazel M. C. Stamps, Mildred Marie Stringer are candidates for college graduation.

Ella Mae Bingham, Victoria Brooks, Barbara Butler, Willie Fulton Clarke, Calvin Grays, Hiawatha Harris, Clyde Jackson, Leroy Jackson, Burnett J. Jacobs, Katsy Johnson, Manetta Lancaster, Madie McGhee, Marie Miles, Merdis Miller, Norma Ruth Miller, Estelener Myles, Marie Myles, Leonard Paige, Fred Perkins, Gertrude Qualls, Elizabeth Smothers, Meredith Thomas, Clarence Thompson, Emma Lee Thornton, Rev. Thomas Walker and Countess West are the candidates for high school graduation.

President Long will deliver the baccalaureate sermon and Mr. Lester G. McAllister, director of young people’s work in the department of religious education, will deliver the commencement address.

Both President Long and Dean Mosley shared with us brief accounts of their recent trips. President Long represented S. C. I. at a meeting of the trustees and some of the executive members of the United Christian Missionary Society. One of the things which he reported that was very interesting to all was the year round extension religious program instead of having Spring Term this year.

Mr. Fox has recently announced the opening of the C. C. Smith’s Reading Bible contest. This is an annual affair in which the winner receives five dollars worth of religious books. The purpose of the contest is to arouse the interest of young people in Bible reading.

The Hinds County Singing Convention recently convened on our campus. This affair offers a fellowship between S. C. I. and her patrons. It has its spiritual and social merits.

Recently under the sponsorship of the C. I. A., the Youth Achievement Day was held on the campus. Three schools represented at this affair: namely, Pleasant Grove, New Hope and Edwards Junior High School.

The one day affair included a song festival, oratorical contest and athletic competition. Mrs. J. B. Mosley, the president of the C. I. A. was the director of the affair.

Instead of having Spring Term this year we are having Summer School. This is due to the extension of rural school terms and the acute shortage of teachers.

At the S. C. A. C. track meeting held at Alcorn College, Miss Essie V. Hobbs and Miss Sarah Bournes get first place in a four hundred yard dash.

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**Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas**

**HIGHLIGHTS ON COMMENCEMENT**

The thirty-third year of work at Jarvis Christian College closed with a very impressive Commencement Season.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Dean W. O. Gill on Sunday, May 20. He spoke on the subject, “The Revolutionary Christ.”

On Monday night, May 21, President and Mrs. P. C. Washington entertained the seniors.

The annual musical which was rendered under the direction of Professor C. W. Saulsbury was enjoyed by all on Tuesday night, May 22. The renditions were varied. As well as including instrumental and vocal numbers on the program, participants ranged in size and age from minatures to adults.

Following the musical, visitors and friends went to the Recreation Hall to “meet the seniors.”

Dr. Clark Walker Cummings, Executive Secretary of the Metropolitan Federation of Churches of St. Louis, Missouri, delivered a profound commencement address on Wednesday, May 23, on the subject, “Your V-E Day.”

Degrees were conferred upon eighteen graduates, three men and fifteen women. They were as follows:

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Recipients of honor medals were Miss Rowena Washington and Mr. John Mangram. Miss Washington’s honor award was based on the fact that she was the only student enrolled who maintained an A average scholarly. Mr. John Mangram was voted the best “all around student” on the campus.

Departmental certificates of honor were issued to the following students because of outstanding work done in their respective departments:

- Genievie Marshall—French
- Delores Grant—Music and Mathematics
- Leola Joiner—English
- Ruthye Mae Henry—Education
- Mrs. Eva Walton—Health
- John Compton—Religion
- Christine Parker—Social Science
- Auessia Daniels—Chemistry
- Mildred Simpson—Homemaking
- Rayford Pouncey—Agriculture
- Rosa V. Long—Biology

Interest was high throughout the season. The activities were well attended and enjoyed.

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EDITORIALS

MY MOTHER
By Pfc. Dock Sanders, 38072757
Company C, 384, Engr. Bn. Sep, c/o Postmaster

When days are long and dreary
And life seems so dear
What a happy time it would be if my
Mother could see.

Here the charming bells are ringing
Just to hear my Mother singing
Praising God from on high, live in
Christ and never die.

When the days are long and blue
And your friends are not true,
Then you will start on that worried
mile,
You can look and see your Mother's
smile.

Up in heaven you have a crown
And my Savior never frowns
Then you wear a sunny smile
Your Mother will never forget her
child.

I am a long ways from home
I can hear my Mother's mourn
She is in trouble for her son
She will pray for Victory to be won.

Up in heaven, so nice and sweet
I shall walk the golden streets;
I shall meet my Mother there
So bright and fair Jesus is
My Mother's friends hear her prayer
For wicked men, come on children
Praising God from on high, live in
Christ Around the throne.

No more sorrow, no more tears
I have been gone over two years
And it seems that I will go farther
But you'll never find a friend like
your Mother.

A Letter to the Church
By PVT. WILLIE LAWRENCE
(A Soldier)

From:
Pvt. Willie Lawrence, A.S.N. 34486956
4296th Q M G Sup. Co.
A. P. O. 179897 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
Dear Secretary and Members of
Bethel Christian Church,
Coila, Mississippi:

I have taken the responsibility of
writing you, as we are all of one
family in this great Christian or-
ganization (The Church).
You should be thankful to have the
opportunity to carry out your mis-
sions and serve without hinder. May
you all consider your blessings great,
and use those moments in prayer sin-
erely. There are many who would
accept your opportunity if they had
a chance.

As a member in the band, I wish to
express my feeling to the community
at large and to the leader in the
church. Remember me in your prays-
ers that I may be aided in the plans
before me. I am a living soul, and I
am protected by the same God that
you are. I do hope my request will be
well with one and all.

I am not lonely neither am I in the
hands of the enemy. Though I hope
to return home some future day to be-
gin other works of life.

Yours for the cause,
(Signed) WILLIE LAWRENCE.

N. Little Rock, Ark.
414 W. 24th Street

Dear Editor:
Too great to keep secret—I was 77
years old the 27th of May. I have
been ill most of the past fall and
spring, I have a very fine Sister in
Christ who lives 2nd door to me who
does all my writing as I dictate to
her (Mrs. H. C. Mathershed). The
Church has been very nice to me fi-
ancially as well as other states. They
have brought and sent me $63.00 cash
besides gifts, and on my birthday, I
received $11.00, $4.00 of the amount
was given to me by my church. Mrs.
Carrie Rainey of Cross Street gave
me $1.00, Mrs. Verdia Webb Johnson
of Chicago sent $5.00, daughter of
Mrs. C. Rainey, Mrs. Mary V. Moore
of Scott $1.00. I must say that the
Cross Street Young Women's Mission-
ary Circle has sent me $1.00 for
twelve months. Mrs. Lee Ball is
president of the Circle. That money
went to do my washing. This is what
I call a living link spirit.

I feel so grateful to every heart
that remembered me.

Just a few words concerning Broth-
er Watson. He is doing a great work,
if we all will consider it. He has
made friends everywhere he has gone.
He didn't come to Arkansas to take
anyone's pulpit, he just came to make
friends.

Did you get those last subscriptions
I sent in? I send $1.50.

I heartily cooperate with every
word Bro. Peoples said in his article.
We have had three Negro Colleges
started and not a one living today.
May God bless the work.

Yours truly,
S. L. Bostick.
NEGRO WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION—A BRIEF HISTORY

By MRS. A. L. MARTIN, Historian
Chicago, Illinois.

Almost 26 years have passed into history with some accomplishments and some plans yet to be completed. If we could complete them, even in these changing and troublous times, we must set our faces forward in an effort to evangelize the world, knowing that this was the great burden of the Master's heart.

Long ago the missionary flame was kindled in the hearts of a few women. An outstanding man said, "It is a flame of the Lord's kindling and no man can extinguish it." With the fact of this statement before the women of our great brotherhood, and the need of a woman's organization to make the good work so nobly begun by the men complete, the women were organized and called "The National Christian Women's Convention." This came as the answer to a vital need. Christian womanhood could no longer sit by the side of the road and take life so complacent. She saw an opportunity, and with it a responsibility; so she reached out her hand for opportunity, and with it a responsibility, and certain our greatest asset, our greatest responsibility. She looked into the future and saw the need of a woman's organization to June, 1945.

Mrs. H. L. Herod was called to the presidency and served well. She built her programs around "Worship and Stewardship," and led us to a deeper sense of consecration and giving of ourselves, our lives, our possessions and our service to His Cause. By this time we had organized societies in 24 states.

Mrs. Herod was succeeded by Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick in 1940 at Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Kirkpatrick proved to be a tireless worker for the Lord. Her mission was one of finance and service. She attempted to build a program around some degree of financial aid for the ministers of small congregations in order to help them stay on the job, and develop a stronger leadership and a bigger program; therefore she appointed "Area Workers" to cover the twenty-four states in which we have work. This phase of her program is beginning to look workable. The last year of her administration, our department raised in National Convention six hundred and eighteen dollars ($618.00). This was also the first year of our National Project, the raising of three hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) to enlist, train, and equip 150 consecrated young people for Christian services in the post-war world. Mrs. Kirkpatrick left the office of President in her home state—having paved the way for her successor, Mrs. Geneva Carnell A. Jamison.

From the beginning of this fine organization to June, 1938, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy served as National Field Secretary and did a fine job. She was the leading spirit in raising our quota for the Golden Jubilee. As the work grew she grew until she became an authority in promoting missions. Miss Carnella L. Jamison succeeded Mrs. Bracy and served through Jan. 31st, 1945. After getting her bearing, Miss Jamison worked like an "Old Soldier of the Cross." The program grew larger, the finance increased, the interest grew, more women were added to the staff—the planning conferences became "Big Issues." And the first year of our National Project was a very successful one. We raised more than one half our quota.

All past-presidents worked to the end of making Mrs. Singleton's dream come true; and down through the years the following ladies served as "Children's Workers":—Miss Lucy King, Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Mrs. L. A. Devine, and Mrs. Clara Fowler Bush.

The minutes of the past years give the records of the secretaries who served through these twenty-five years. At this writing we do not have a National Field Secretary. Our earnest prayer is that the right person will be found soon.

WOMAN'S WORK IN OHIO

By MRS. SADIE J. CAMPBELL,
State President
2343-E-77th Street
Cleveland 4, Ohio

Our work is moving forward for the Master in a satisfactory and encouraging way. The women are aware of their duty and are endeavoring to meet the Challenge and the Spirit of Christ.

Our state is divided into three districts and the President and officers in each one are doing everything possible to keep their work going and constantly before the churches, and they are meeting with the hearty cooperation of the ministers.

District Number One is composed of the churches in the southern part of the State. Miss Margaret Lee, 6 Carl Street, Dayton, Ohio, is the President. They have had two very fine meetings; one in Lockland, and the other in Dayton. Each meeting was well-attended and the results were most encouraging.

District Number Two is composed of the churches in the Central part of the State. Mrs. Mary Fisher, 448 Renolds Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, is the President. They have had two very fine meetings; one in Springfield.
and the other in Columbus. These meetings were well attended and the spirit of the meetings was fine.

District Number Three is composed of the churches in the Northern section of the State. Mrs. Annie Compton, 2434-13th Street, Northeast, Canton, Ohio, is the President of this district. They have had two meetings; one in Cleveland, and the other in Youngstown that were well attended and the results were very encouraging. The spirit of the meeting was fine and helpful in every way.

I am very grateful to the officers, ministers, and the members in these districts for the very fine work which they are doing and their hearty cooperation with me in carrying forward the women's work in the State, and the very fine Christian Spirit in which it is being done.

Besides these District meetings we have had a very fine and profitable meeting of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee which drafted a revised Constitution and By-Laws which are to be submitted to our next Convention for its approval. It is a forward-looking instrument and intended to meet the Post-War Problems which may confront the churches.

We are hoping to be able to meet the spiritual needs of our returning service men by creating a Christian environment in which they may live. We are asking an interest in your prayers for us in the work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in which we are striving to do His will.

Avalon Community Center
4272 Avalon Blvd.
Los Angeles 11, Calif.
CARNELLA L. JAMISON, Exec. Sec'y

Dear "Friends Everywhere":

You have been so kind to me in the recent months that you deserve a letter all by yourself. Of course, I had very good intentions and saved Sunday nights for writing letters to my "friends everywhere", but there were not enough Sunday evenings and besides, there were not enough hours in one evening to write to all my friends.

California and the people of Los Angeles have given me a royal welcome. They have been almost as nice to me here as you were. Of course, there is plenty of hard work ahead, but I am accustomed to that. The weather here was quite a change from the kind which I left in Indianapolis in February. Please don't misunderstand me—Spring is on the way here, but heavy coats and woolens are still comfortable after sundown.

This is a beautiful country. Already, I miss the real trees and wooded sections. The trees here are largely palms. There are mountains and snow-capped peaks which can be seen in the distance on clear days. I have had my share of the housing problem. Vacant apartments are almost unheard of. A comfortable room is a treasured and appreciated prize. After moving the third time, in two weeks, I think I have accomplished an immediate goal of a room. It is only five blocks from the Center and it takes about ten minutes—pedestrian travel.

In the front yard of the Center is Wrigley Field—Los Angeles Baseball Park. What a temptation!! The first game opened March 31st. We are seeking complimentary tickets for our boys of the Center, for the members of the Knot Hole Game. Recently, I attended previews of movies prepared and shown at Walt Disney's Studios, in North Hollywood. They were shown church leaders and agency directors in order to get evaluation and recommendations for improvement, for use in teaching religion. Several had real possibilities in my estimation. You may see them on the screen some day.

The Disney Studios are certainly interesting and impressive. Was invited to see the preview of "It Happened in Springfield"—very good. The movie industry people are trying hard to take their work seriously.

About a month ago, I was at Broadcasting Studio KNX, saw and heard Sherlock Holmes in production. Please don't ask me to repeat the story—I was entranced at seeing the sound effects. Every day there is something new, and of interesting and worthwhile people there is no end. Today, April 25, an audience with the Mayor of Los Angeles.

You are interested in knowing what my job is like and what I do with my time. There are 21 clubs and groups using the facilities of the Center. Our report period ending March 31st, showed 2461 persons using the facilities. We plan to have 200 youth attend camps in our area. We have a Boy's Chorus, Basketball Teams (Champions), Clubs, Singing Groups, Scouts and many others. One of our immediate projects is a Nursery and Reading Room of religious books for youth and children. Our staff consists of three group workers, an office secretary, a custodian, four volunteers and myself. Besides the administration of this program, I have the responsibility for the promotion of our work in the Christian Churches in Southern California. Already, I have visited six with three invitations for May. The community is behind the work here 100 per cent. It is certainly a challenge and an opportunity for service.

With the San Francisco conference to the north of us, the west coast is all "a-twitter" with hope and anticipation of plans and actions which will be meaningful to our world for years to come. In a few years this area will probably be one of the chief centers of the world, serving our neighbors through trade in the South Pacific.

Thanks to you for your thoughts of us here and the work of community and Christian service so necessary in these days. Always—your letters and prayers are solicited. If I can help you in any way, please feel free to ask—I shall do what I can.

Yours sincerely,

CARNELLA L. JAMISON.

Alabama On the Move

By MISS SADIE WILLIAMS
Montgomery, Alabama.

Again we are facing a very busy season and going into it with much enthusiasm. With our State Bible School and Missionary Convention to be held at Mt. Zion Christian Church, White Hall, June 23-24. The St. Louis Laboratory School, June 18, and our Young Peoples' Conference July 8-14 makes us very happy to be able to get representatives ready for each of these meetings.

The young ladies who attended the Lab School last year were very much impressed, and besides from preparing for the trip themselves are anxious that other members of their churches share this rich experience.

Miss Idell Swanson of the 11th St. Church, Birmingham, and Mrs. Princoela Robinson, Macedonia Church, Oxmore, have certainly practiced the things they learned last summer. This has been noticed in the fine way they have led their young people, gained their confidence, and helped them plan their programs. The young people here at Ross St. Church have also shown improvement from what little I've been able to help them with. I feel that my ability to help them is so little I can hardly wait to get back to St. Louis for another two weeks of training.

The long awaited month of July is almost here when the young people all over the state will be gathered together for our first young people's conference. We are happy to have
June, 1945

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

By A BROTHER-IN-LAW
Chicago, Illinois.

After nine months of serious sickness the late Mr. S. H. Langs was called from this world to join those who have gone on before.

Mr. Langs was a fine Christian gentleman loved by all who knew him. He was kind to all, and always endeavor to help make others happy. Mr. Langs was formerly a M. E. under the ministration of the late Elder A. L. Johnson 40 years ago. He accepted Christ and was buried with Him in Baptism.

Brother Langs was united in holy wedlock in 1903 by the late Rev. H. H. Hearndon to the oldest daughter of the late Ex-State Evangelist, Elder J. G. Keyses, Mrs. M. L. Langs, Coila, Carroll County, Mississippi.

Brother Langs lived at Route 2, Greenwood, Mississippi. He was a great worker being an elder, also Superintendent of the Sunday School of Center Point Christian Church. He never felt that he did too much in helping to promote the cause of Christ. He tried to live the life that others could follow in his footsteps.

A wife, Mrs. F. K. Langs, four brothers, four sisters-in-law, three brothers-in-law, one niece, and a host of relatives and friends are left to mourn his passing.

"Well done, thou faithful servant. Enter the joys prepared for thee."

The West Coast

By ELDER E. W. FAULKNER

847 East 23rd Street
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These churches of Christ invite you to worship with them when you are in or near Los Angeles, California:


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Ninety-second Street—92nd and Compton—C. W. Arnold, Minister.

Avalon Christian—4272 Avalon—B. C. Duke, Minister.

Cosmopolitan Christian—33rd and Hooper—M. F. Mitchel, Minister.

Pasadena Christian—859 N. Fair Oaks (Pasadena)—J. F. Irvin, Minister.

A CHRONOLOGICAL REPORT

April 29, 1945—The Christian Ministers’ Union held their first union services at the 28th Street Church, Bro. J. F. Irvin bringing the message. The purpose is to bring all of the churches together every 5th Sunday.

A fine experience for those that were present.

May 13th—The President of the Union preached for the St. Mark Church and extended the well wishes and interest of the Union for the churches and brotherhood.

May 18—The Ministers’ Union gave a surprise celebration for Brother A. W. Jacobs in honor for 35 years in the Christian ministry. A love offering of $66 was presented by the president. The 28th Street Church cooperated by giving $36 of the gift. The 92nd Street Church opened its doors and invited him to preach his anniversary sermon.

May 20—Bros. Patterson and Shaw spoke for the St. Mark church in the afternoon in a culminating effort for their building fund, they raised $120.

May 27—The Race Relations Committee sponsored an Inter-Racial Twilight Fellowship at the 28th Street Church. The speakers were Dr. Geo. Gleason, Executive Secretary of the L. A. County Committee on Church and Community Cooperation; Casiana Coloma, pastor of the Filipino Christian Church; Fred Fredig, representing All Peoples Christian Church; Dan Genung, pastor; Mr. Harrison Rober (Hebrew) M. C. All participants made fine contributions to the program by telling the work that each group or church is doing for the oneness of all people. This is a committee of the 28th Street Church, chair. E. W. Faulkner.

June 3rd—The 28th Street Church observed Children’s Day at 11 A.M., with a 45 minute program of literary and musical numbers that came from talented children and young people. A large number of children were present. The pastor preached a fine sermon on the Prodigal Son. Seven children were added by primary obedience.

Miss Carnella Jamison has rolled up her sleeves to work and is doing a very good job at the Avalon Community Center. The most recent activities sponsored are a Mother’s Day Banquet and presenting the nationally famous Southernairs Quartet.

The Christian Ministers’ Union meets every third Sunday at 4:00 P.M. at the 28th Street Church. The discussion for May led by Elder Owens, “Love Thy Neighbor”, was very uplifting. The June discussion, “The Significance of a Name,” led by E. W. Faulkner. We appreciate the cooperation given us by the pastor of the 28th Street Church.

Miss Lillian Ruth Ratten, Okmulgee, Okla., Becomes New Director of Women’s Work

By MRS. GENEVA TOWNS, President

I am glad to tell the women of our Brotherhood that we have a young woman to take the directorship of our national work in the person of Miss Lillian Ruth Ratten of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. She succeeds Miss Carnella Jamison.

Miss Ratten is a graduate of Jarrell and has done some graduate work at Kansas State College. You will be interested in her background. Her mother has been alive in the Missionary program of the church, and also is a former student of Southern Christian Institute.

Two of Miss Ratten’s brothers are at Southern Christian Institute, Dean Charles Mosley and James Ratten.

When the Convention Executive Committee met last month, we still did not know whether the Convention would be held or not, but we hope so—because we need a meeting. We will know soon.
Patterson Ordained
Arthur H. Patterson was ordained April 29, 1945, at the 28th Street Church, W. J. Bryant, Minister. Brother Patterson is currently studying at the George Peperdine College.

Is a trustee of the A. F. L. Council, a member of several civic organizations and Masonic Lodge.

He is well recommended by the pastor and church and is highly endorsed by the Ministers' Union. The Union presented him with a Christian Minister's Manual with his name in gold.

United Christian Church
5631 30th Street
Detroit, Michigan

MISS IRENE HAWLEY, Reporter.
REV. R. L. JORDON, Pastor.

Under the able and efficient leadership of our pastor, Rev. R. L. Jordan, we are moving forward. Sometimes it seems a bit slow, but we are still strivin.

The pastor's 8th anniversary was celebrated May 21, 1945, sponsored by the Church. It was a great success. Many essential gifts were received by our pastor.

With the guidance of Mrs. Wm. Goina, the C. E. Society is still going strong, with a large attendance each Sunday. The Society was represented at the Annual Banquet of the Central Woodard Church by the president and three members of the C. E. Society.

Death: Sister Minnie Courts died May 5, 1945. She was a great Church worker. The Church mourns her loss.

Bethel Christian Church
ELDER S. D. YARBROUGH, Pastor.
MRS. CARLIE A. GRIFFIN, Reporter.
R. F. D. 2
Coila, Mississippi

Bethel Christian Church has moved along as well as could have been expected amid her sorrows and joys. Seemingly there have been a series of deaths among our brethren of this congregation. As you may know, I reported Brother West Hughes' death in February and Brother Keyes' death in March. Brother Keyes, havin been a faithful member, served as deacon until the failure of his health prevented him from serving. He was faithful and supported the work generally. Our next member to cross the Chilly Tide was Brother John Gordon, who was a faithful member, and he had served as a member of the Deacon Board for 20 years. His death came as a shock, as he was rushed to a hospital for an appendectomy and died within a week with no time for friends or the church to administer unto him. He passed April 24, 1945.

Both of these Brethren left a wife and a number of children and grandchildren. Brother Keyes has two sons in the armed forces, and Brother Gordon has two, one of whom proceeded him on the front "somewhere over there." Our last was Brother Sam Langs, a former member of Bethel Christian, who later became a member of the Centerpoint Christian Church. He held the post of an Elder and Sunday School Superintendent faithfully until he became inactive. He left a wife, a foster son, sisters and brothers.

Elder Yarbrough used as his text Sunday, April 8, 1945, John 19:4, Subject: "The Faultless Christ." He gave many strong testimonials and evidences to prove that Christ did nothing amiss. Finance will be reported later. No additions in April.

Sunday, May 13, 1945, the text was taken from John 19:26. A strict admonition and instruction was given Mothers.

Finance Church $ 6.05
Church Report for D. C. Meet. 6.35
Minister Morning Services 26.05
Evening Services 4.36

Total $42.81

Two adult male members were re-claimed during the services.

Corinth Christian Church
REV. E. J. DICKSON, Pastor.
MRS. ALMIMA HENDERSON, Reporter.
Route 2, Box 290
Kilgore, Texas

May 13th, Pastoral Day, also Mother's Day, on which we had a grand time. Sunday School opened at the usual hour by the Assistant Superintendent, Brother James Hunt. The choir rendered devotional services led by Sister Emerline Rossum. The scripture was read by our pastor, Rev. E. J. Dickson. Afterwards we had prayer service for this great victory over in Europe.

A timely sermon was preached by the pastor to the Mothers. We had a splendid congregation and a number of visitors. Our church is doing fine making preparation for the State Convention to come up to the quota, during war time. We are praying for a success. We also had a splendid Mother's Day program. The Mothers responded nicely with an offering of $35.00. We are asking your prayers that this good spirit will continue to exist in the name of our Lord.

Shaw, Mississippi, News

By MR. GEORGE WALL
Route 1, Box 118
Shaw, Mississippi

As I read and meditate over God's word, I become confused and alarmed over some of the misconceptions of God's word, namely, one vital point of importance which is Baptism. Paul to the Hebrew church in the 5th Chapter and 5th Verse said "Make all things according to the pattern." Baptism, to me, is an important part.

Galatians 3:27; 1 Peter 3:20 and 21; Titus 5; 1 Corinthians 12-13; 2 Corinthians 5 and 17. If one is not a Christian after Baptism when does he become one? "If baptism is not essential to salvation unless brought out," 1st Peter 3:20-21 also John 3:5, Acts 2:38 also Rom. 6:3. My belief is that all the conditions mentioned to salvation namely: Faith, Repentance, Confession, and Baptism.

No popularity does make a New Testament Church. The above mentioned points are God's laws. To make Christianity God has said that "His law was perfect," Psalms 19:7. My idea is that no man living is as perfect as God's law. Read Phillip 3:13, and let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, 1 Peter 5:6. God has called us to peace not confusion, so let us love the Brotherhood and stand together.

Ninth Street Christian Church News

By MRS. J. J. HAWKINS
1026-9th Street
Des Moines 14, Iowa

Up until now we have been trying to get committees and organizations working in order that we could concentrate upon the debt of our present property. Therefore, we make this appeal to the Brotherhood.

We are now launching a mortgage program for December 30, 1945, and with your support we can do it.

From March of 1942 to November of 1944 church services were held in an old laundry building. It was not only inadequate for accommodating any number of people. It was a disgrace to the Brotherhood. A lot has been purchased on which stands a fourteen-room structure which serves as parsonage and church. This property costs $5,300.00 for which 24 members are responsible. A sacrifice must be made. Are you willing to share it with us?

We are asking 100 churches for $33.00 each. Any amount given will be listed in The Christian Plea. Ad-
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amount raised on that day, $67.09.

Our Junior Class headed by their

teacher, Mrs. D. A. Thomas, assisted

by Rose Hill School, raised $17.15.

Our Adult Class headed by their

teacher, Mrs. E. E. Chambliss, assisted

by Tillman Chapel, Wall Hill and

Pine Grove Schools raised $20.88. Our

Primary Class headed by their teach-
er, Mrs. H. E. Carroll, assisted by

Forest Grove and St. John Schools,

raised $23.31. Providence School as a

group raised $4.15, making a total

amount raised on that day, $67.09.

After the program was served to

the people who assisted us in our

program. The plan was introduced to

us by one of our members, Mrs. Ro-

setta E. Weaver. We are carrying on

a very fine program with the careful

guidance of our wide awake Super-

intendent, Mr. C. E. Chambliss, who

has the entire program at heart.

Mississippi Christian Churches

Port Gibson District Number 1

Mr. F. D. Rollins

R. F. D. 1, Box 68

Port Gibson, Mississippi.

The Port Gibson District Number 1,

held its Church Quarterly meeting

with Tillman Ch ape l Christian

Church, May 12-13, 1945. The theme

was "How Shall We Improve Chris-

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discussed very beautifully by Mrs. B.

E. Green, with remarks by others.

The discussion was closed by Mr. R.

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was preached by Elder J. C. Franklin.

This was enjoyed by the Quarterly

Meeting. There is quite a bit of talk

among the members about bringing

the M. C. M. Convention Treasurer

back to the State. The treasurer has

been in Tennessee ever since Dr. J.

E. Walker moved from Indiana, MISSIS-

sippi to Memphis, Tennessee, some

25 or 30 years ago. If this is true,

the State Brotherhood certainly

has been a long time finding an hon-

est man to hold the State's money.

Prof. B. L. Jacobs from the South-

er Christian Institute was our dis-

tinguished guest on Saturday evening,

and he brought us wholesome re-

marks. Elder Thomas Brooks, a stu-

dent at Southern Christian Institute,

was elected State Evangelist two

years ago, because he was a good

pianist. However, most of the Broth-

erhood have found out that playing a

piano well and travelling over the

State doing Evangelistic work are two

different things.

Elder West is doing a splendid job

as District Evangelist and everybody

was willing for him to have the work

another year. We feel that the Chris-

tian Leadership Class that is to be

taught by Elder I. C. Franklin will

mean much to the District by improv-

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Total Membership... 708 $81.70
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Offering for aged ministers... 6.83
United Christian Missionary
Society... 16.70
Willing Workers Society... 14.51

Grand Total... $156.98
Elder John West, District Evan-
gelist and Chairman
Brother C. E. Chambliss, District
Secretary
Brother F. D. Rollins, District Re-
porter

Monroe Avenue Christian
Church

245 N. Monroe Ave.
Columbus, Ohio.

ELDER L. L. DICKERSON, Pastor,
(Mrs.) CLARA FOWLER BUSH,
Reporter.

Today our hearts are full of happy
anticipation. The European war has
collapsed and our children will soon
return home to us. But very different
persons from the ones who left. The
ones we saw, the 18 year olds, fresh
out of High Schools they had no time
to finish. There is a question that
should and will challenge each moth-
er. Are we prepared spiritually and
prayerfully to be of help to these, our
loved ones who may or may not be

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also our Thousand Dollar Rally which will end Mother's Day.

Our Young Matrons' Club was invited to bring worship program at West Fourth Avenue Church on last Sunday. Mrs. Eugene Baldwin Stout with the pastor and a number of other young people, and the writer, had a most splendid fellowship and heard a wonderful address by Mrs. L. Worley, once a missionary to China and Japan.

The two-days' Youth Conference held here April 13-14 was a great occasion for the youth of Ohio. There were over 60 in attendance and the unusual part was that there were more boys than girls. All promising youth, full of life, intelligence and inspiration representing the beauty of youth. God grant that these will know no war; that peace will be their's. Peace that surpasses the understanding of the world.

We are now decorating our church and will be out of it for two Sundays. Arrangements have been made to hold services in the beautiful chapel of Williams and McNabb's Funeral Home two blocks away. We are looking forward to a week's celebration upon our return to our church. In our next article we will tell you about this.

Three Mile Creek Christian Church News

By Mr. A. L. Brabham

Olar, South Carolina

We are getting along very well spiritually and financially. We had a grand service on the Second Sunday in June. It seemed that the Good Master was in our midst. The spirit of love prevailed in the meeting. Rev. Roger Williams preached a most wonderful sermon. Oh! how our souls did burn within while the man of God talked.

We had a grand Bible School Session. We raised $7.20. The total collection for the day was $128.50.

Brother James Dickson from Brooklyn, New York, preached the afternoon sermon. He preached a powerful sermon. We had three persons added to the church membership by profession. The Lord's Supper was administered.

We are trying to travel up the King's highway. We had a very large-ly attended service and it was enjoyed by all. We should get together and do the work the Master Christ wants us to do. He said "If ye love me keep my commandments." It is not possible to love Him without keeping his commandments; and it is not possible to keep his commandments without love. Faith in Jesus was uttered by the Apostle Peter. In comparative se-

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Antioch Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

REV. S. E. TILLMAN, Pastor.
MRS. A. B. WASHINGTON, Secretary.
169 Seaman Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass," Psalm 37:5. The dedication of our church from May 14th to May 27th came to pass, and we had a wonderful time with Rev. C. L. Parks of Nashville, Tennessee, the National Secretary of the Churches of Christ in America who was in charge each night to bring us the gospel message. The 14th was the Pastor Alliance Day with Reverend J. L. Lee, president and pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Reverend J. Shelton, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Reverend S. Hill of the Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church. The choir from Ebenezer Baptist Church rendered the music. The Sharon Quartet gave us several songs, after which our pastor, Rev. S. E. Tillman, introduced Dr. C. L. Parks, our guest speaker. Dr. Parks spoke from Gal. 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ," followed by a solo from a member of Mt. Zion Church. On the 15th we had Deacon Night. After a short devotion led by Sister B. Parks and Sister Ora Johnson, Brother Welch responded for Price Jeweler. After commending us in the great work we had done, he spoke on "Child Delinquency" which was very good.

Elder Parks came forward and spoke from Acts 1:8. The sermon was well delivered.

Wednesday was the Trustee Night, and the CIO Union Number 517 was in charge. Mr. Nichols, President, gave a short talk, also Mr. Russell, a member of the CIO, said we were doing a great work with only a few. He knew it must have been faith and prayer. Elder Parks spoke from Matthew 18:2.

Thursday night was Choir night. The night being rainy, the programs were short. We had a very spiritual devotional service after which the man of God brought us a message from I Corinthians 13:8, "Charity Never Fails."

Friday night we were asked to come out to church at 6 P.M., which we did. Elder Parks desired to enlighten the members on the fundamental principals of the Christian Church was helpful to all that were there. The sisters took charge of the devotion. We then received another message from Matthew 9:2, "Be of good cheer."
June, 1945

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Sunday was a high day all day. All day at 11:00 A.M., the Holy Communion was served, followed by selections by the choir. The scripture lesson was read by Elder S. E. Tillman; prayer by Deacon S. Sanders; music by choir. Elder Parks then preached a soul-stirring message which all enjoyed.

Sunday afternoon, the Mt. Zion Chorus, led by Mrs. Brown, ascended the choir stand and rendered the music. The Council of Churches had charge. Rev. C. L. Culp, President of the Council, was introduced by Elder Tillman. He spoke from the subject, "Let the Lord Build the House." Brother West sang a solo, "He Walks With Me." Reverend Gant of the A. M. E. Church brought greetings from his church. Elder Parks gave us a short message. At 7:30 the Brother and Daughter Elks rendered a program. The welcome address was made by Sister Sarah Edwards; the response was given by the President of the Daughter Elks, Mrs. J. Huly. Elder Parks preached from Isaiah 1:18, "Come Let's Reason Together."

The 2nd week, on Monday, Mr. Goodson brought us a very timely talk. Tuesday night, we had a short program. Also Wednesday night a message was brought. Each night an inspiring message was brought by Elder Parks.

Thursday night, the St. Albuns Episcopal Church choir rendered the program. Rev. Johnson is the minister of that church.

Friday night again we had a six o'clock meeting with Elder Parks giving instructions to the serious departments of the church.

The week meeting was very well attended. Every auxiliary played their part.

Sunday, May 27th, the final day of the dedication, Sunday School was attended well. It was opened at 9:45 A.M. At 11:30 A.M., the Holy Communion was served by Elder Parks and Elder Tillman. Then the choir assembled in their places and sang praises to the glory of God. Elder Parks preached out of the fullness of his heart as God would give him the word. After dinner we returned to the church where were to receive the final message from our gospel preacher. There was a solo, after which Elder Tillman introduced Sister B. Parks, the wife of Elder Parks, who gave us some very encouraging words to press on with the good work we have started. The choir sang, and Mrs. Zanie Williams of the First Baptist Church, gave us a reading; Elder T. T. Taylor read the scripture from the 84th Psalm; the choir sang again, and Elder Parks brought us his final message, "Except the Lord Build House, Except the Lord Keep the City, the Watchman Maketh but in Vain," Psalm 127:1.

Rev. Johnson of the First Baptist Church then made a brief talk. The twelfth night of our dedication just to say the program went over very well with Elder C. L. Parks at the helm and the spirit of the Lord was with us and by his wonderful messages each night, I think it has brought about more love and union. I believe by his being here will make an imprint on those that stayed behind, and let faithful few push the battle to the front. As everyone that heard wonderful messages seemed very well pleased so much so that they desired from him to come again. God bless Brother Parks and his wife.

If We Only Knew

By SIDIY A. SCOTT
Kansas City, Missouri

I have been thinking of the varied experience that comes to one in a lifetime, especially if the span of life has been very long. And I have also been thinking of the censor and blame which is oftentimes attached to a person, which if we only knew the circumstances and conditions, we would think twice before we spoke. Hence, the subject of my article, "If We Only Knew."

There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of Christians or I may say the entire Christian world to take outward demonstrations as a standard or criterion by which we measure up to, and come in recognition with God.

We say if we do this, or do that, believe this, or believe that, we show to the world, we are so and so, and that God will take us for our face value and receive us into His place of abode and will be recognized as the children of the most high. So far so good, but I fear with the most of us, it does not go far enough.

This cloak of self-righteousness has fooled the world, lo! these many centuries and made a multitude of hypocrites.

There is something very peculiar about human beings and human affairs. On every hand there seems to be a condemnation for every vice and a reward for every virtue. But what prophet among us can say whom shall be the deservant recipient of either. Where shall be placed the credits or discredits? Who shall say to hell with this one or to heaven with that one. Would that we could ever hear the voice of Paul saying, "O man, who art thou that judgest another."

It takes a brave man to stand up under the fire of criticism and blame especially when the shots come from the lips of his friends. Job withstood all the fiery darts of trials, misery, and woe inflicted by the Devil, but broke down when his friends hinted that his misfortunes were but the results of his sins. Woodrow Wilson, our hero and world war president was a long time dying, but finally the darts of criticism and blame coming from the lips of his friends pierced his mighty heart and he yielded up the ghost.

(If we only knew.)

Of course we all know that blame attaches to ourselves. But who is qualified to pass censor upon or attach blame to another, Robert Burns sings a wonderful human strain, and before we pass judgment upon a fellow being as frail as we are, let us remember his song:

"One point must still be greatly dark,
The moving, Why they do it.
And just as lamely can we mark
Perhaps how much they rue it.
Then at the balance let's be mute,
We never can adjust it.
What's done we partly may compute,
But know not what's resisted."

How much sweeter would it all be if we would substitute a little human sympathy for censor and blame.

Let us praise our fellow man where we can honestly do so, and where we cannot honestly praise, let us honestly keep our mouths shut, and think of ourselves. Let us embrace that Christ-like spirit that would not break the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax; And rather than blame when it is too late.

Remember the wise saying of Paul, "Ye ought rather to forgive and comfort such a one, lest he be swallowed up in over much sorrow." (If we only knew.)

Bringing this matter directly home to ourselves, we all have our vices and our complimentary virtues. Our lives would not be complete without them. Like a pair of dice, when counting the spots on the opposite side, must make the number seven. If there are three spots on this side there must be four on the opposite side. If there are two spots on this side, there must be five on the opposite side, and so on. So with our individual life and social contact.
Let us then not close up the account and blame without once asking the reason why. In this respect we try to rear our neighbor's children. We try to adjust matters between sweet-hearts. We say how the husband and wife must conduct themselves. We set a decorum for the elders and deacons. And even the preacher must be a father to the fatherless, a husband to the widow, visit the sick, and then preach their funerals when they die. In other words the preacher must administer to all the common ills and if we find him falttering in any respect, we begin to censor and blame.

There seems to be a natural weakness of the human family for one individual or class of individuals to set a standard for other individuals to live by, and say just what they must do or must not do. And if for any reason they do not come up to our standard, we begin to pour out our criticism and blame without once asking the reason why. In this respect we try to rear our neighbor's children. We try to adjust matters between sweet-hearts. We say how the husband and wife must conduct themselves. We set a decorum for the elders and deacons. And even the preacher must be a father to the fatherless, a husband to the widow, visit the sick, and then preach their funerals when they die. In other words the preacher must administer to all the common ills and if we find him falttering in any respect, we begin to censor and blame.

It might help us to interpret ourselves and change our point of view. Can you recall to mind a letter you wrote that you wish you had not written? Do you remember those hard words spoken you wish you could recall?

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4. Mr. Renar Folk (by A. Brabham), Ehrhardt, S. C. (1 yr. subs.)...
5. Elder L. H. Bryant, Rr. 2, Grifton, N. C. (1 yr. subs.)...
6. Mr. Roy Thompson, 4664 Cornelius Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. (1 yr. subs.)...
7. Miss F. D. Rollins, Port. Biloxi, Miss. (1 yr. subs., 10 Pleas)...
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Port Gibson District No. 1

MRS. E. E. CHAMBLISS, Reporter
Box 11, Tillman, Mississippi.

The church schools in said district are making grand arrangements for the delegates.

The registration fee is $2.00 and board and room $8.00.

Dr. S. S. Myers
Rev. S. S. Myers, President of the National Convention, is on a tour of the mid-western states and the far east. His mission is to explain the launching of the Long Range Program and the approaching of the National Convention.

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Dr. J. E. Walker
Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer of the National Convention and President of the Universal Life Insurance Company, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tennessee, reports that the churches and individuals are responding nicely to the financial aid of the Long Range Program of the National Convention.

He is asking all interested people to send their reports to his office at once.

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church have about reached their quota of $300.00 for the National Convention.
From the Hills of Old Virginia

"No; he's gitten better. Gitten well, is he? Yes, he's back in 'Ole Va."

I thought—yes, I did too, but the Lord, the doctors, his people and his good friends are pulling him through. He's now in his "Ole Home Town" at North Tazewell, Va., where he pastored and built the parsonage and dug the well over forty years ago.

He's comfortably situated in the lovely home of his only living brother, F. M. Dickerson, who preaches in Bluefield, W. Va., twenty miles east.

The North Tazewell home sits "right by" the old well and like good old Jacob, he sits "down by his well"—not ten feet from his door. But he wants to tell everybody that "Ole Kentucky" was indeed grand and wondrously good to him for more than forty years, and he'll never forget his "Ole Kentucky" friends.

Yes, he's retired, but hopes to help in some places that can "stand" his services in "song and story."

Enclosed find $2.00 for the "Plea." Himself is: C. H. Dickerson.

Box 123, North Tazewell, Va.

Sunday School Arithmetic of the Piedmont District

N. J. DICKERSON,
Box 83, Bluefield, W. Va.

Arithmetic is a dry subject, which possibly accounts for the dearth of facts and figures revealing or indicating some of the doings of our schools. Some time ago an effort was made to gather a few facts from the schools of Piedmont District in order that we might intelligently formulate policies and make constructive plans for immediate and future action.

Questionnaires were sent to 24 schools asking for more or less significant data. Some, of course, were slow, negligent, or perhaps skeptical and did not reply. However, there were replies from eleven schools. The following table will indicate a few of the findings.

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Number of available teachers who are not now teaching: 27

Total number of classes: 60

Total number of teachers: 47

Total number of classrooms used: 21

There are three religious journals being read by teachers—Bethany Church School Guide, Christian Plea, and Hearthstone. They are read by four, two, and one schools, respectively.

There are three Junior Choirs with a total membership of 81. These choirs have 75 books. Two choirs use "Youth Hymnals," and one uses "Boundless Love."

Only one boy is interested in preparing for the ministry, and one school is raising a scholarship fund to assist boys in preparing for the ministry.

There are other, and more encouraging facts revealed in this study, but there are given here some findings that indicate that there is ample room for improvement. Why stand WE here idle?

MID-WEST CONFERENCE

REV. R. WESLEY WATSON
2704 Olive
Kansas City 3, Missouri.

The Annual Mid-West Young People's Conference of Christian Churches was held at Bonner Springs, Kansas, June 17-23rd, with an attendance of sixty-eight young people from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Courses were offered in various Christian teachings; many games of recreation were participated in by students. Rabbi Silberman, Omaha, Neb., Dr. J. B. Hunter, Indianapolis, Miss Jessie Lorance, Elder G. Ellison Lakes, Kansas, Mrs. Mary R. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Elder Frank H. Coleman, R. Wesley Watson, Missouri, Mrs. Zella M. Harris, Mrs. Anita Hairston, Oklahoma, Mrs. Daisy W. Dean, Arkansas, Elder Wm. Martin, Dean of Men, Mrs. Alphin, Dean of Women, Elder Ellsworth L. Woods, Dean of Conference, R. Wesley Watson, Director, Elder Thomas Griffith Jarvis, Texas, served on the faculty.

This is the largest attendance our conference has had. Thursday afternoon was a picnic and treasure hunt conducted by Wm. Alphin. Elder J. Hard Cooper, pastor of Lathrop Christian Church, treated the conference to cream for the picnic which was highly appreciated.

The visitors for the week were: Prof. and Mrs. John L. Howell, Elder and Mrs. S. S. Myers, Elder J. H. Cooper, Mrs. R. Wesley Watson, Miss Majorie Hill, Lucille Graham, Mrs. Swarington, Mrs. Minnie Hill, Russell Hoard, Mrs. Vegenea Cavell, Elder and Mrs. Joseph Walsh, Mrs. Jessie W. Womack, Mrs. Emma Swift,
Miss Mary Kenny and Miss Joan Douglass, and Elder Ralph Hamon.

A very interesting Talent Program was rendered by the conference on Thursday night. Miss Evelyn McGinnis and Miss Frances Robinson were the graduates, having finished the four years course, and were presented diplomas. Character Bonds were sold to the amount of $103.00.

After a very able Vesper Message by Elder Frank H. Coleman on Friday evening, Dean Ellsworth L. Woods delivered a most helpful consecration message and nine young people signed cards expressing their desires for definite Christian services. After which the good-night circle was formed.

Thursday afternoon a very impressive graduation service was held under the direction of Dean Woods. Two graduates received diplomas for the four years course, Miss Frances Robinson, Wichita, Kansas, and Miss Evelyn McGinnis, Kansas City, Mo. The Class History was given by Miss Robinson and Class History by Miss McGinnis. The students bought character bonds to the amount of $103.00.

Consecration service was held Friday evening. The Vesper Message was delivered by Elder Frank H. Coleman, and Consecration Address by Dean Woods, after which nine young people signed cards expressing their deep interest for definite Christian service. After which the group formed the Friendship Circle and went to their cabins and not a word was spoken until Saturday morning. A consecration offering of $15.64 was taken up for The Home in Colorado.

Saturday morning after breakfast, the Friendship Circle was formed and a most helpful "Farewell Service" was held, and after benediction the conference left for home.

A very splendid menu was served for the week with Mrs. Coretha Moore, Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. W. A. Scott, Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. Clara Robinson, Hannibal, Missouri, being responsible for this fine service.

A Final Word to the Bible Schools

R. L. JORDAN, Minister

Fifty-two weeks have almost hid their faces behind the curtain of eternity. They shall not return to us again, but something of each week may linger in our memory. I personally hope the program of that first week developed and approved at the convention at Lexington, Ky., has unraveled itself in every weekly activity of our Bible Schools throughout America. If this has been done we know you are ready now to meet in Nashville, Tenn., singing the victory song, $1,000.00 raised and 5,000 new Bible School pupils.

We have many things to be proud of. Some of them are: Many of our Sunday School pupils summoned to the armed forces are on their way home. They will meet with us this year. Secondly, our brotherhood has been completely integrated into the total brotherhood life with a genuine sense of our own ability to administer the programs touching our churches. For this we ought to be glad. To E. J. Dixon of Jarvis College has become Director of Religious Education with office in Indianapolis, Ind. Write him about your problem, I am sure he will be glad to assist you in every way, and last I want to say, we are able to meet in Convention this year. I hope every Bible School will offer a two-minutes prayer to God for this opportunity of fellowship and stimulation we are to have in His name and work August 21-26.

Remember—our program in the Bible School alone calls for the raising of $1,000.00. This means schools of our brotherhood will not only come with $2.00 or $5.00, but like Avalon Church of Los Angeles, they will give $25.00 or less, depending on the strength and ability of the Church School to contribute. I would like to have some word from every school in our brotherhood this year. I would like to greet every Superintendent and many of the teachers and pupils at the Convention. Yes, and every State President.

This will be, I am sure, my last article to you. Please read it, and as a loyal and faithful steward do your part to carry the Gospel in program, teaching and support up the mountain peak of selfishness, indifference and intolerance.

One man said: "We are what we are taught." If you believe this, give so that Christianity may be taught without fear and want so that every person may have Christian teaching. Remember: the $100.00 Scholarship awarded each year given in the honor of our first Religious Education worker, P. H. Moss. Let's keep him alive in our hearts and bring along a gift for this fund.

On to Nashville and Tennessee State College.

R. L. JORDAN, President,
National Bible School Convention.

United Christian Church

Rev. R. L. Jordan, Pastor

3335 Scovel Place
Detroit 8, Michigan.

The church has made a rapid progress during the past month. We were able to reach our quota for the Missionary Society, and had money left in the treasury.

The church took in one member this month, Mrs. Marietta Crawford. The C. E. Society is steadily improving its membership, Sunday, July 1, 1945, the C. E. entertained its members and friends with a "Sit and Sip" round table discussion. Everyone took part in the discussion.

The May Club is going along fine. It sponsored a recital featuring Mrs. Anna Cook, vocalist.

Union Meeting of the Missionary Societies of the Christian Churches, Nashville

Mrs. H. E. Braden, Reporter
916 21st Ave., N.
Nashville, Tenn.

Gay Street, Lea Avenue and Alamada Street Christian Churches met at the home of Mrs. H. E. Braden, June 27th, for mission study, and to strengthen fellowship.

This organization meets on the third Sunday of each month, at 4 o'clock p.m., the presidents of the societies presiding alternately. Each society holds its own regular meeting with their respective groups. Quite a bit of interest is being manifested in these meetings, and we hope to do a greater work in this field.

The next meeting will be held July 15th at the home of Mrs. Minnie Alexander, 914 Sixteenth Avenue, North, with Mrs. Lessie Endsley, president of the Alamada Society, presiding. Mrs. Mary McKissack will bring the lesson.

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NEWS FROM THE EAST

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It gives me great pleasure to report to the brotherhood that the United Christian Missionary Convention has held a very successful annual session. The convention was held at the 12th Street Christian Church, Washington, D. C., Elder J. F. Whitfield, Minister.

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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

The Church In Its True Nature

NEW YORK — Describing "the Church in its true nature" as "the divine community of all faithful people under one Lord transcending divisions of race, nationality, or economic class," a statement of Guiding Christian Affirmations adopted here by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, declared that "it is, therefore a first responsibility of the Church to demonstrate within its own fellowship the reality of Community as God intends it."

"Any discrimination within the Church because of race, negates the nature of the Church," added the statement, which was prepared by the Commission on the Church and Minority Peoples, and approved at the June 26 meeting of the Council's Executive Committee.

Holding that "differences enrich and do not divide the body of society" the statement declared: "If one member, one group, one nation, one race, suffers from injustice or discrimination, sooner or later all the members suffer with it, and such suffering is judgment on man's pride and responsibility."

The first part of a more complete statement based on the Commission's findings, the document is a formulation of basic beliefs pertinent to the racial issue, to which the Church is committed by virtue of the Gospel it preaches.

Parts II and III, which will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval in the fall, will deal with the policies and practices of the church with respect to minority peoples, and will suggest procedures for individual Christians, local churches, councils of churches and denominations.

The Statement on Some Guiding Christian Affirmations was submitted separately, it was explained by Rev. Bradford S. Abernethy, Director of the Commission on the Church and Minority Peoples, since it provides the foundation for what is to follow. "What the Church can and ought to do about the issue of race should rest upon what the Church believes," he said.

The complete text of the statement follows:

SOME GUIDING CHRISTIAN AFFIRMATIONS

History is the scene of conflict between self-assertive groups, of which the tensions of Race are part.

Christianity seeks to qualify and ultimately to solve this conflict.

1. By affirming that this world exists by the Will of God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, Sovereign Lord of men and nations, to Whom the loyalty of all is due. "God's rule is the ultimate reality of an order to which all human beings inescapably belong and in which alone they find their proper meaning and fulfillment." The direction of God's purpose for men was made concrete in Christ—"The word was made flesh"—and the progress of society is measured by its approach towards this goal. Man finds his true purpose in seeking and serving the Will of God for this world, the universal goal of the Kingdom of God on this earth.

2. By confronting men with the Divine Judgment on all human pride and arrogance. In pursuing his selfish and partial ends, man invites disaster; such disaster is Judgment on man's failure to serve the true ends of life and reveals the estrangement between men and God; man desperately needs the Grace of God. By summoning all men to repentance, in that all are guilty individually and corporately of the selfishness, the self-centeredness, the arrogance and pride out of which conflict has arisen; and by creating in them contrition and amendment of life.

3. By calling all men into the Church, which in its true nature is the divine community of all faithful people under one Lord transcending divisions of race, nationality, or economic class, to which men of all groups belong and in which they recognize their essential kinship and brotherhood in God. It is, therefore, a first responsibility of the Church to demonstrate within its own fellowship the reality of Community as God intends it. Any discrimination within the Church because of race, negates the nature of the Church. Let the Church be the Church, cleanse its own life, and so live out its principles as to create new faith, new conscience, new hope in the world.

4. By proclaiming that God's purpose for this world is the creation, development and enrichment of human persons and of their relationships with one another, and with Himself. Man as man is created in the image of God, capable of glimpsing the purpose of God and under obligation to share in it. The real value of a man does not derive from what he is of

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United Christian Missionary Convention

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It was a harmonious session from beginning to end. Fellowship, programs, preaching and finance were excellent. The convention stands solidly behind the National Convention and the organized work. Not a dissenting voice was raised. The following ministers were present: Elders W. F. Keys, W. C. Kinard, D. L. Kinard, C. R. Murdough, J. F. Whitfield, C. L. Whitfield, J. M. Leadhotz, Ben Orr. Other ministers having fellowship with the convention included Elder S. E. Tillman, of New Brunswick, N. J. The laymen of the local churches came out in great strength.

The last session of the convention included Elder S. E. Tillman, of New Brunswick, N. J. We left Washington, D. C., a united body in aim, purpose and in fact. Read John 17:12.

T. C. R. BRAGH, President
C. L. WHITFIELD, Secretary

The Church In Its True Nature

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himself, nor from what he is to the State or society, but from what he is to God. As the object of God's concern man is invested with infinite dignity and promise, and eternal destiny, which must be recognized and reckoned with here and now: In God the rights of men "are anchored to the structure of the Universe;" If God be for us who can be against us?"

"Wherever is lost the consciousness that every man is an object of concern for us just because he is man, civilization and morals are shaken and the advance to a fully developed inhumanity is only a question of time." Human progress is measured and human institutions judged by the extent to which the sacredness of human personality is recognized, enriched and fulfilled, and by the opportunity offered to all men to live in the dignity and freedom proper to those who are God's children.

5. By asserting that this conception of man's sacredness applies to all men without exception. In God all men are one, and equal. This unity is based not on race, nationality, or economic class, but on our common humanity in that all are children of one Creative Spirit. This is the primary thing about us—not that we are American or German or Japanese, Negro or Mongolian or Caucasian, white or yellow or brown, but that all share a common humanity. Compared to this capital, overwhelming and unifying fact, the differences between men become matters of purely secondary consideration. In God all men are brothers regardless of the accidents of antecedence, entitled to equal and unsegregated opportunity for self-development without distinction either in law or fact on account of race or nationality.

6. By affirming that human society is an interdependent unity. We are members one of another, and all of us responsible for all of us. If one member, one group, one nation, one race, suffers from injustice, that discrimination, sooner or later all the members suffer with it, and such suffering is Judgment on man's pride and irresponsibility. Differences enrich and do not divide the body of society; the true principle of human society is unity in diversity. We are all partners in the process of transforming human society on this small planet towards the Kingdom of God on the earth.

7. By arousing in the individual Christian deep devotion and fixing upon him the responsibility (1) to carry these Christian principles back into his own group, qualifying its pride and self-assertiveness; and (2) to seek to get this Faith accepted and embodied in the structure of society as far as is humanly possible and as rapidly as is humanly possible, so that the structure of society may be on the side of these principles and not against them. If compromise is required in an existing situation, it must be compromise in the direction of the ultimate goal, and not away from it.

We, therefore, associate ourselves with the declaration of the Cleveland Conference: "Christians must act in situations as they exist and must decide what God's will demands of them there. At all times they must keep the ultimate goals clearly in view but they have equal responsibility to mark out attainable steps toward those goals, and support them. An idealism which does not accept the discipline of the achievable may lose its power for good and ultimately lend aid to forces with whose purpose it cannot agree. If we accept, provisionally, situations which fall short of our ultimate objective, we cannot be morally bound to sustain and perpetuate them.

That would be stultifying. It is the possibility of change which is the bridge from the immediate situation to the Christian ideal. That possibility is an imperative for Christians, who must constantly maintain tension with any secular order."

AMERICAN PROBLEM

By MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Foreign names and the difference in religious beliefs in this country are the most difficult barriers to the successful amalgamation of the American race, claims former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Foreign names have severely retarded complete unity in the United States because they "often segregate people as much color or religion and keep them tied to their particular backgrounds and the homelands from which they come," writes Mrs. Roosevelt in a Liberty magazine article. Immigrants should be urged to Americanize their names for this would be an important stride toward a more unified nation, says Mrs. Roosevelt, who feels we should honor and welcome such changes rather than criticize them.

"I think," continues Mrs. Roosevelt, "the only real danger of curtailing religious rights lies in the possibility that some of our church groups might come to wield too much influence in the nation's political and economic life." "While it is peculiarly American that all shall have the right to practice their religion in the way they consider fitting," there is a strong feeling in this country that the "church should confine itself to spiritual matters, and leave affairs of government and economy entirely free from church influence or domination," states Mrs. Roosevelt.

Three Mile Creek Christian Church and Bible School

OLAR, SOUTH CAROLINA

MR. A. L. BRABHAM, Reporter
Route No. 1, Box 30
Olar, South Carolina.

I am glad to say that since our last report we are still getting along very well.

On the second Lord's Day in June we had our Children's Day exercises. We had a very fine time. It was also our regular preaching day. Our services were grand, and we raised $17,75.

In Children's Day exercises we raised for the church and pastor, $48.50, for the Bible School, $2.35. The grand total raised that day was $68.60.
Mrs. Bostick Speaks From Arkansas

Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Reporter
414 West 24th Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The question is so often asked: What is the spirit of Christ? It is the Spirit that the women got when the Savior was laid in the tomb on the resurrection morning. It was they that started going and it was they that followed afar off. The purpose of the Spirit of those women carried a two-fold enterprise in first, a well-planned and an efficient way; second, to develop in the church both interest and zeal for the world-wide work of Christianity. Thus helping to prepare an adequate basis for the world’s campaign for Christ. The Spirit is appealing to every Christian who is conscious of humanity. It cannot be idle. The Book said: “How can we be at ease in Zion?” The Missionary spirit should be cultivated in every baptized believer in Christ. They must know, and we must grow in knowledge. Not grown, always something to do and something to learn.

I wish to say to the women of the Missionary Society that I enjoyed your interest that you manifested in the PLEA a few weeks ago. It seems that after all some of our missionary leaders do not have the right vision about missionary work. There are four national days annually that are to be observed by the program of the women. We all understand that the monthly dues are to be paid promptly by each member, and, at the same time, the State Development Funds are to be paid promptly by each member. This is one way we can keep our Field Worker on the job. Some hold theirs on Sunday evenings and some during the week for convenience.

Thanksgiving is observed as Educational Day and especially for our leaders and our schools.

December 1, Sunday, is the day for the program of the women. On this day each member is to give a dollar and this money is to go for foreign schools and help support missionaries as a budget system.

Now comes Easter. This program begins during the week. It can be rendered all week until Friday or Monday, Wednesday and Friday, day or night. We usually put in funds equal to the ages of the missionary members. That is merely a suggestion. However, there must be a large offering taken and sent to headquarters for the development of the work in the U. S. A. and ten foreign fields. There should be envelopes for these special offering days. The Sundays are set aside to preach the gospel as Christ has said to the church, Christ died to save the world, and we Disciples of Christ live that the world might be saved. We grow in wisdom in the knowledge of Him. We must go to the utmost part of the world as He has said.

Our adult societies—where women are shut-in, some members of the society can visit them and get their offerings, because they have a large part in the program and are deeply interested in the work.

Our next day observed annually is Children’s Day which is the first Sunday in June. Those children should be deeply impressed to rally to this day. This is the only day they have a big part in helping to send the Gospel all over the world. Friends, this comes through preaching the Gospel to the church and activity of different auxiliaries in the church—Bible School, Missionary Society, Christian Endeavor, Youth Conference, and so on.

My dear Sisters and Brothers, we grow as we go. In convention of 1943-1944, we adopted a system by the appointment of committee by the President, Mrs. Mary Franklin. The name of this committee is The Future Work. It recommends that we retain our same Field Worker, Miss Mary V. Moore, of Scotts, Arkansas, and that there would be a day appointed the first Sunday in November for State Development Funds to be raised. Each President is to ask each member to pay $1.00 on this day, which is called Marsh Day. This money goes for other expenses as well as the State Development Funds.

We have been successful in receiving gifts from all societies with the exception of two. This is set aside from our 25 cents per member per quarter, which is collected and sent to the District meeting. Now when we get the full co-operation from all societies, Arkansas will forward as before.

It was motioned and adopted by the convention that we go to National Conventions to make our plans. When we come home we try to put it over which is right, but we must understand that the National Convention cannot be any larger than the State’s Convention makes it. We must be loyal to our home work as well as foreign.

Now for a fine co-operation with great pull, getting together to do a bigger and greater work to build the kingdom of God through all the world.

If I never live to say another word to you Sisters, everywhere, please stick a pin in this: that we must go into all the world to save the world.

Williamburg Christian Church

REV. W. F. KEYES, Pastor
B. J. ORR, Advising Elder
CHERREDELL ELLIS, Reporter
250 Glenmore Avenue
Brooklyn, New York.

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (1 John 2:7.)

With much joy we can say that during the month of June our church is moving on in a desiring manner as each Lord’s Day morning and evening, found us assembled with wholeheartedness as our pastor, Rev. W. F. Keyes, fed us with divine food. We have got to learn that through fellowship we understand each other better.

Our pastor accompanied by our Advising Elder, Benjamin Orr, the Senior Choir and many members of our church, attended the United Christian Missionary Convention which was held with the pastor, Rev. J. F. Whitfield, and members of the 12th Street Christian Church, Washington, D. C., beginning June 29th,
ending July 1st.

We are looking forward to the time when sweet fellowship will come again. We are asking the brotherhood to pray for us as we continue.

News From Alabama

MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, 
Rev. E. J. Dickson, Pastor 
MRS. ALMELA HENDERSON, Reporter 
Kilgore, Texas.

I have been the reporter for the church to the Christian Plea for some time and I have enjoyed every moment of it. We usually have splendid meetings every month. We had a wonderful day Sunday, June 10th. Sunday School opened on time, Brother J. B. Sibley in charge. Devotional service conducted by Brother H. Jacobs. Afterward Scripture reading by the pastor, following sacred hour of prayer. The young people are much interested in Sunday School. The attendance is good. Also had an ideal Children's Day program under the direction of Sister Azzie L. Sanders and Sister Almeta Henderson. Pastor Dickson preached a most interesting sermon to the children. They gave him their very best attention. We are making preparations for our Sunday School Convention at Pine Hill and for the children to appear on the children's program on Saturday afternoon. Sister Odesia Sanders is our delegate. Everything moving on in a fine way. On last second Sunday had one for baptism, Alberance Mitchell. May God bless her and our church as a whole in the name of the Lord. Extend to us your prayers that we may continue.

Antioch Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

Rev. S. E. Tillman, Pastor 
Mrs. A. B. Washington, Reporter 
169 Seaman Street 
New Brunswick, New Jersey.

We have come to the close of the sixth month of the year which brought us cold, heat, and rain and hail. Those living in this area are the witnesses to the fact. Most of us murmured and complained: What kind of weather is this? Not stopping to think of God's work. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. The world and they that dwell therein. Let us not complain for God knows what his children need.

Well, Antioch is still in the spirit of love and peace, and is back on the old landmark. Our Thursday night prayer meetings are getting better each week under the leader, Elder G. Edwards. The spirit of the Lord is unto us. Our pastor is still giving us a spiritual message each Lord's Day.

On June 6th, the pastor and some of the members of the church went to Jersey City, New Jersey, to the graduating exercise of our organist, Miss Dorothy R. Edwards, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards. Miss Edwards graduated from Lee Music School. She graduated in February from high school. She rendered several selections from Mendelssohn. She received many useful presents. Miss Edwards has been our organist since February, 1944, coming to us each Sunday from Jersey. Her parents are members of our church. She is expecting to attend college this fall. God bless Miss Edwards. May she go on to perfection.

On the second Sunday afternoon we were invited to the Baptists to their program, "The Opening of the Seven Seals." Mrs. Ora L. Johnson sang a solo.

On the third Sunday night the Council of Churches of the National
Urban League met at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. They had a grand program.

On the fourth Sunday, which is always a bright day in the Missionary Circle, at three o'clock they held their services after a spiritual devotional. We were favored with a wonderful sermon by Rev. Anderson of Summit, New Jersey, a young minister in the gospel, but a good preacher. After service his wife, Mrs. Anderson, was introduced and gave us some very encouraging words. We had in our services Mrs. Bell Wilcox of Florida, the sister of our dear sister, Sister Foot. We were truly glad to have visitors in our midst.

Our brother, Pvt. Zelmo Johnson, somewhere in France, sent to the church a very religious letter telling of his work among his fellow-soldiers, and how some refuse to hear God's word. But he has courage to continue. He has read his Bible through twice. Let us pray for Brother Johnson, whose wife is a member of our church, that the Lord may see fit to return him home safe.

“All the blessing of the field, All the stores the garden yield, All the fruit in supply Ripened with the summer sky, God our Maker doth provide For our wants to be supplied.”

Eleventh Street Christian Church
REV. A. J. JEFFRIES, Pastor
MISS DAISY WILLIAMS, Reporter
42 Sixth Street, North
Birmingham, Alabama
The third Sunday in June marked one of our great rally days at our church when we raised the balance of the money for our pews. We were favored with a wonderful sermon from Rev. C. L. Parks, who was the guest speaker for the morning services. We enjoyed his inspiring message.

After leaving the Birmingham District, Reverend Parks went to Montgomery the following Tuesday evening. Rev. Jeffries joined him there, and they took a survey of the churches in the Southern Districts.

Our Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Pearl Jackson, attended the Laboratory Training School that was held in St. Louis, Missouri. She brought back to our school some interesting experiences that will be a help to our people. Our Young People's Conference will be given the 8th of July. There will be about twenty to go from the Birmingham District.

Our church is getting along wonderfully in a spiritual way.

When They’re FOUR or five...

THE CHURCH SCHOOL is the first place to which most four- and five-year-olds go regularly outside their homes. It is desirable that they be given the best guidance in their church school experience. Bethany Kindergarten materials supply this guidance.

New This Fall!

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YOU WILL WANT THESE:

Teacher’s Quarterly, with complete plans...$0.35
Picture Sets, for class use, per quarter...1.00
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Also New This Fall.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, St. Louis 3, Mo.
NATIONAL CONVENTION
AT NASHVILLE AUGUST 21-26

PRESIDENT MYERS SWEEPS THE EAST

Our National President made a very great impression on the people throughout the East on his recent visit. Words of commendations are coming in from all over the district. We believe his administration will bring great strength and prestige to our work up here. We are proud of Elder Myers.

The United Christian Convention will be represented at Nashville by our President, Mr. T. C. R. Bragg. Several pastors will attend. Others will not attend due to heavy local programs. We want the Brotherhood to know that the National Convention and its administration have Gibraltar's strength on the Eastern Seaboard.

T. C. R. BRAGG, President.
C. L. WHITFIELD, Secretary.

MONEY TURNED OVER TO THE "CHRISTIAN PLEA" TREASURER, MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR, FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1945:

1. Mr. Lloyd Moore, Elkhart, S. C., 1 yr. sub. $1.00
2. Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Mo., for advertisement $4.52
3. Rev. E. W. James, 715 E. Pine St., Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1 yr. sub. .50
4. Mr. Forrest F. Reed, 181-185 Third Ave., N., Nashville 3, Tenn., 1 yr. sub. .10
5. Mrs. A. B. Washington, New Bruns-
wick, N. J., 2 sub. .50
TOTAL $88.92

Race Relations Again

The National Christian Missionary Convention of our Negro brethren will be held in Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 21-26.

Because of wartime travel restrictions probably the number attending will not be large.

That a separate convention of Negro Disciples is held at all can be used as evidence that segregation and racial discrimination still persist within the church of Jesus Christ.

And that, notwithstanding the plain teaching of our Lord and of His apostles that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men."

But it is difficult to understand why separation should extend to conventions and to boards and executive positions of missionary, benevolent and educational agencies of the brotherhood. These agencies serve both whites and Negroes and are supported by both Negroes and whites.

There ought to be some place for Christian fellowship which is not artificial and restrained.

And, yet, it should be said that the executive committee of the International Convention has been studying and working over this situation in order to make possible, both in attendance and in program, a convention which shall be inclusive of all members of Christian churches without discrimination. Progress is being made.

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Tennessee State College Welcomes You

DR. W. S. DAVIS, President

Program National Christian Missionary Convention

Date
AUGUST 21st to 26th 1945
To Be Held With LEE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH at A. & I. STATE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE S. S. Myers, President L. L. Dickerson, Secretary R. H. Peoples, Chairman of Program Com. W. M. Martin, Program Director Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Director of Music Mrs. Alberta Craggett, Associate Director Music

THEME: Building the Kingdom of God Through a United Brotherhood.

Registration Fee $8.00
Pre-Convention Registration Fee 2.00

AUGUST 21-26, 1945
Tuesday Afternoon — August 21
2:00 P. M.— Nation Board Meeting
5:00 P. M.— Supper
8:00 P. M.— Local Program—Welcome Response to Welcome—Rev. B. L. Saunders, Lexington, Ky.
Wednesday Morning—August 22
S. S. Myers, Pres.
7:00 A. M.— Breakfast
8:15 to 10:15 A. M.— Simultaneous Conferences
10:30 A. M.— Opening Session of Convention Devotions, Rev. F. C. Cary, Texas
10:35 A. M.— President's Annual Address
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
August, 1945

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church Women Hold Successful Program

Woman's Day was a very important Day among this year's calendar events. On Sunday April 22, Dr. John Eubanks of Chicago was guest speaker at 11 o'clock service. His subject was "A Faith For Free Men" and at the 3 o'clock service his subject was "Religion, Race and Civilization". The auditorium was filled with eager expectant faces as they listened to a most powerful address. Dr. Eubanks has his A. M. and is a candidate for his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Each year the church brings an outstanding young Minister of the Christian Brotherhood.

The drive was a great success under the chairmanship of Mrs. Cecelia Roach with Mrs. Eunice Snell, Secretary and Mrs. Esther Brown, Treasurer. Among the captains in the Drive were, Mesdames Bernadine Holmes, Esther Brown, Elmera King, Cecelia Roach and Misses Foster Wilson, Roxie Crawford, Lucille Rhine and Ida Mae Walker. The Juvenile Choir reported $50.00. The total sum raised that day was $1025.00.

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

REV. BLAIR T. HUNT, Pastor.
MRS. C. E. ROWAN, Reporter

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, nationally known Mezzo-Soprano Artist, appeared in Recital at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, June 27, 1945. The auditorium was filled with white and colored patrons. The rich flow and tonal qualities of the artist's voice were so highly appreciated that she has been asked to make her appearance here an "Annual Affair".

After the recital, a banquet was held at the palatial home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker, 1109 Mississippi Boulevard. The affair was considered one of the finest in the mid-south for the year. Mrs. Welch enjoyed the hospitality of some of her home town friends. She was accompanied at the piano by her talented daughter, Linne. While in the city, she was the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker, Miss R. R. Crawford and the writer, of 1109 Polk Avenue.

Rev. S. S. Myers, our National President, was the guest speaker at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church during the eleven o'clock service.

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MISS RUTH THOMAS
Chicago, Ill.

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

August 1, 1945

8:00 P. M.—
Address—Fletcher Martin, Ky.
Special Music
Sermon—Another Speaker
Offering
Benediction—S. H. Hairston, Virginia

Saturday Morning — August 25
C. Y. F. Chas. Sherman, President
7:00 A. M.—
Breakfast
8:15 A. M.—
Simultaneous Conferences
10:00 A. M.—
Convention Session
10:00 A. M.—
Devotions
10:35 A. M.—
Presidents Message—Charles Sherman, Texas
11:55 A. M.—
Business Period C. Y. F.—Christian Endeavor
12:10 A. M.—
Worship C. Y. F.
Sermon—John Compton, Texas—Ohio
Benediction

Saturday Afternoon
2:00 P. M.—
Memorial Service—R. W. Watson
2:30 P. M.—
Business Period—All Departments
4:00 P. M.—
Benediction

Saturday Night
8:00—
Recognition Service for young men in armed forces.

Sunday Morning
9:30 A. M.—
Bible School
National president of Bible School and Local Bible School Superintendent in charge
11:00 A. M.—
Worship—L. F. Sledge
Sermon—S. S. Myers
Offering
Communion
Benediction

Christian Youth Fellowship Newsletter
All young people and leaders of young people are urged to begin planning now to attend the pre-National Convention sessions of the Christian Youth Fellowship and Christian Endeavor, which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, August 19-21, 1945 at Lea Avenue Christian Church and Tennessee A & I State College. The pre-convention sessions will be continued during the regular meeting of the National Convention August 21-26, 1945. The registration fee for the pre-convention sessions is $2.00 and the registration fee for the National Convention is $8.00. The representation fee for each local C. Y. F. - C. E. is $2.00 and for each state C. Y. F. - C. E., $5.00.

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THEMES We Must Be The World We Want

Sunday Evening, Aug. 19—
Recital—Rosa Page Welch, Chicago
Lemmie Welch Accompanist

Monday Evening, Aug. 20—
Keynote address—John Eubanks
Subject, "Restoration or Reformation—Which For Negro Disciples

Monday through Tuesday—
Morning and afternoon Sessions—Committee Meeting.
Session——Subject of Message
By Vance G. Smith

Monday Morning—
"Being on the Mountain Top"
Monday Afternoon—
"Being Worth Something"
Tuesday Morning—
"Being World Minded"
Tuesday Afternoon—
"Being Without a Song"
Wednesday Morning—
"Being By the Sea"
Thursday Morning—
"Being Eternally Vigilant"
Friday Morning—
"Being Christian"
Saturday Morning—
"Being Self-Critical"
(Weekend thru Saturday—Morning Sessions only—8:15-10:15)

Charles E. Sherman, Co-President
Ruth O. Thomas, Co-President
Margaret Bundy, Corresponding Secretary

Thomas Griffin, Secretary-Treasurer

R. H. Peoples, Director

DR. WILLIAM K. FOX
Southern Christian Institute
Edwards, Miss.
EDITORIALS

Religious Extension At Southern Christian Inst.

By W. K. Fox

Prof. of Bible and Director of Religious Extension

Wouldn't you like to know a little more about what your present missionary dollar is doing to spread the Gospel of Christ to hungry souls of the Southland? Well, here are a few of the things it is doing. On September 1, 1943 your Home Missions dollars took unto itself a partner; it joined hands with a dollar from the Home Missions Council of North America. These two dollars enabled the writer to be employed at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi to teach students courses in religion for two quarters and to do field work among churches of all denominations in this state and elsewhere. The union of these two dollars has caused interesting and promising things to take place.

At this point, a brief historical sketch of the growth of religious extension at Southern Christian Institute is in order. Religious extension did not begin at Southern Christian Institute on September 1, 1943. It really started before 1875 when Thomas Munnell, secretary of the Home Missionary Society, encouraged William Irelan to start work in Henning, Miss., for the secular and religious education of Negro youth. From that point on the story of religious extension is one studded with such well-known personalities as Mr. and Mrs. Randall Faurot, Miss Anna Brown (1882); Jephtha Hobb (1883); Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lehman (1880); and Mr. and Mrs. John Long (1925).

These persons represent the administrative aspect of the program. However, there are hundreds of unsung missionary-minded teachers who contributed to the stream which must make glad the heart of God. Their lives make this present moment in the movement rich, glorious and sacred.

Our present program, then, is part and parcel of this ongoing stream which rises in the loftiest of dreams of such men as Thomas Munnel, William Irelan and C. C. Smith. The program of S.C.I. is basically one of religious extension. Each teacher is active in it daily. Dean C. C. Nodley is zealously community-minded and interested in the Christian approach to the so-called secular education.

Prof. Jas. Ratten is interested in community outreach through recreation and athletics and the Christian emphasis in the study of the physical sciences. Eld. B. L. Jacobs is interested in the integration of our Disciple brethren into the school program and the application of Christian principles to farming methods as Superintendent of the farm. The same is equally true of Mrs. Bonita Thomas and Miss M. Hill in English; Mrs. R. M. Fox in the Community School; Miss Virginia Nichols as Business Manager and supply teacher in English; Mrs. J. B. Mosley, women's dormitory matron and commercial studies instructor; Mr. Homer S. Thomas, Ass. Farm Supt.; Mrs. I. Johnson, home demonstration instructor; Miss Ruth Cobbins in music; Mrs. B. I. Jacobs, Supervisor of Laundry; Mrs. C. P. Rollins, dining hall matron and supervisor of working girls; Mrs. S. C. Jacobs, in mathematics; Miss L. B. Fenolio in the Romance Languages; Miss Mary Basset, Librarian (promoter of the traveling library); and Mrs. N. O. Ratten, matron of the men's dormitory. The warm spirit of Mr. and Mrs. Long permeates all. Miss Dale Ellis of Indianapolis gives creative advice and sanction to every effort.

If the religious extension program at Southern Christian Institute involves the total program of the school, someone is wondering why I am here to speak-head such a department called such. The reason is simply this—I am here to coordinate the already operative religious forces in the school and state so that they might be brought together in meaningful focus on the lives of students in the school and community life and church leadership of all groups throughout the state. This was made possible through the intercession of Dr. Willard M. Wickizer who has been most sympathetic and suggestive ever since. Dr. James A. Crain, cooperating with Dr. Ralph A. Foston of the Home Missions Council and Pres. John Long and Dean C. C. Mosley of S. C. I., gives tirelessly to its supervision and guidance.

I have tried to coordinate these already operative religious forces and bring them to focus on the lives of people and communities through personal contact, teaching, institute, and in-service-training program. Our women's school of July 9-13 is our latest success. Forty-nine (49) women attended representing six denominations, seventeen towns and
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chance to go forward, area Institute
for ministers taught.------------------3
No. of women attending first one week school...........49
13. Assisted in supervision of chapel programs
14. Boy Scout Master of local troop
15. Sunday School teacher——trainer for college department
16. Advisor to campus ministerial association
17. Organized Mississippi ministers into a council—(report of work done not available until annual meeting in February).

Corinth Christian Church
Kilgore
REV. E. J. DICKSON, Pastor
MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, Reporter

We can gladly say that our Bible school stands as one of our greatest achievements. Each Lord's day morning at ten o'clock the school assembles with three classes. Our Supt. Bro. James Hunt leads the school in a strong encouraging manner. Class B, Sister Almeta Henderson, Teacher, is Banner Class. With sorrowing hearts we are again without a Shepherd, Rev. Dickson is now in Indiana-
polis, Ind. for a fine field of work.
He labored very earnestly with us.
May God bless and keep him. Presi-
dent P. C. Washington of Jarvis Col-
lege took his place so nicely on the 2nd Sun-
day, we were encourage much to have him. Also Mrs. Washington and daughter. He preached from the subject, "Why I Believe in Jesus." The spirit ran high. It was indeed a great sermon. We are planning five revival meeting, Rev. R. L. Serce will assist in the revival. We ask your prayers, that we still keep the faith and stick together until we are able to find another Shepherd.

National Director Reports
By DR. C. L. PARKS, National Director Church Development and Evangelism
1505 Hawkins Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Truly the crowning feature of the year's accomplishments, as touching the life of our ministers, was centered in the experience we had while conducting the five Institutes for Ministers under the sponsorship of the United Christian Missionary Society. Beginning the 6th of Feb-
uary and running through April 6th. These projects were conducted at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas for ministers of Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas; in Kansas City, Missouri for ministers of Missouri, Kansas, and Iowa; in Martinsville, Virginia for the ministers of Tri-State and Piedmont Areas and Eastern North Carolina; in Goldsboro, North Carolina for ministers of Western, North Carolina and at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi for ministers of Mississippi, Western Tennessee and Alabama. Each of these projects was encouragingly attended and the enthusiasm manifested by these Disciples for broader knowledge of the functions of the Christian Ministry and for the necessary skills and techniques which are basic in successful prosecution of these duties, presage a new area in our Brotherhood achievement.

However, in order to experience the logical results of this up-swing of interest on the part of our ministers,
this wholesome desire for capacity enlargement, this deep burning of passion to serve adequately the needs of the local church, the community, and the whole world. Some way must be found to make area Institutes for Ministers in service, yearly goals in our Evangelistic programs.

A large percentage of our ministers have never been blessed with the privilege to study in Institutes where special emphasis was placed on ministerial preparation and long since has felt the need. Nevertheless, this group of faithfuls have, under the lance of fortune's critics and the ever-increasing burden which our complexed social order places upon it, dons a commendable job. There is another percentage of us to whom fortune has not been so cruel and has to bar all doors of preparation against, but we too feel the weight of increasing necessity for more adequate methods of approach as we seek solutions to problems which our day places upon the Christian world. None of those who attended the Institutes gloried in their self-sufficiency; all realized that the demands placed upon us are greater than is our present ability to satisfy. The unanimous cry rising out of each Institutes was: "We want these purposeful gatherings of our ministers made a permanent fixture on the yearly Brotherhood calendar!"

For spiritual enlightenment, for added faith and courage for inspiration and determination to go forward, area Institutes for our ministers in service hold the key.

A spirit of profound gratitude was expressed by all the ministers who at-
tended the Institutes to the United Christian Missionary Society for setting in motion the Institute move-
ment on such a broad scale. Further we want to express our appreciation for the Institute opportunity, because we believe it can easily be adjudged the most forward step taken in our effort to evangelize. The minister must be depended upon to lead out in this indispensable phase of church life.

VISIT
REFRESHMENT STAND

LEA AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Deacon Frank White, Mgr.
Williamburg Christian Church

Lee Avenue & Keop Street
Brooklyn, New York

REV. W. F. KEYES, Pastor
BROTHER BENJAMIN ORR, Advising Elder
MRS. CHEKERIDIE ELLIS, Reporter
256 Glenmore Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Psalms 133: " Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity: it is like the precious ointment upon the head, that run down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments: as the dew of Aaron, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing even life forever more."

The quarterly union of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania began Thursday evening, July 26 ending Sunday July 29, 1945 convened at the Mt. Zion Christian Church, 208 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, Reverend C. R. Murdough, Minister. Sunday, July 29th at 11 o'clock A. M. services were conducted by Reverend W. F. Keyes, pastor of the Williamburg Christian Church. Communion services were conducted by Reverend W. C. Kinard, pastor of the St. Phillips Christian Church. The sermon was preached by the President, Reverend David L. Kinard, pastor of the Calvary Christian Church. The first verse of the inscription that brought out each morning. He explained to us why we walked together in unity, "Psalm 133-1. The first Sunday in July, our pastor preached for his father in gospel, but still a faithful few remain. No matter what comes, why do they remain? It is because they see nothing but Christ and Him crucified."

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On Monday night, Elder M. N. Newsome preached. The amount of money raised was $5.15. Elder Newsome also preached Tuesday night and Wednesday night. On Tuesday night we raised $5.25, and on Wednesday night we raised $11.00.

On Thursday night, Elder I. C. Franklin and S. D. Yarbrough preached. The amount raised was $13.50. Fifty-five dollars for Convention money was raised.

On Friday night, Elder S. D. Yarbrough preached. We raised $14.00. There were two candidates for baptism and two reclaimed.

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Cpl. & Mrs. Bernard West visited their father on the 4th of July, Elder John C. West.

Antioch Christian Church News

REV. S. E. TILLMAN, Minister
MRS. A. B. WASHINGTON, Secretary
169 Seaman Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey

"Behold! how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, "Psalm 133-1. The first Sunday in July, our pastor preached from the fullness of his heart as God gave the message to those that were in the midst and those waiting to put on Christ by baptism. Following the morning services, we went to the river where three were baptised by our pastor assisted by Rev. T. Taylor, Mrs. Elaine Croyton and two of our Sunday School scholars, William and Donald Teriel. The night service was in charge of Rev. Johnson, the assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lincoln Garden. The program was well-delivered. We enjoyed the message.

On the Fourth of July a few members and friends remembered our pastor on his fifty-fifth birthday. What a surprise they gave him! He, being out at the time, came home and found the place all dark. Then a tune, "Happy Birthday" was struck up. After greeting his members and friends with many thanks a very nice time was enjoyed by all that were present. The Sunday School, who never forget their pastor on his birthday, gave him a leather bill folder with one dollar in it. After this was presented, quite few more dollars continued that way. God bless our pastor, may he live long to enjoy many more birthdays.

On the second Sunday, Rev. L. F. Coles of New York spoke to us in the morning. He explained to us why we were in war by reading different parts of the scripture that brought out each point that was made. We wished that more of the members and friends had been out to hear him.

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Southern Christian Institute News

BY VIRGINIA NICHOLS

Our first School for Town and Rural Church Women was very successful. There were 49 women representing 6 different denominations enrolled. This Institute which was held the week of July 9-13 was under the joint auspices of Southern Christian and the Home Missions Council of North America and was directed by Rev. W. K. Fox our Director of Religious Extension. Other faculty members included Rev. John Graham, representative of the Home Missions Council, Rev. Erwin Wedel, National Evangelist for Colored Children, Miss F. O. Alexander, State Supervisor of Jeanes Teachers, and representative of the State Board of Health, the County Home Demonstration Agent’s Office, the A.A.A., and other like agencies with which the church women need to cooperate if the level of the people is to be raised.

Our annual Daily Vacation Bible School under the direction of Mrs. Homer Thomas was held July 2-11. Members of the summer student group served as faculty.

Dr. Harry Richardson Chaplain of Tuskegee Institute was the speaker at our midweek prayer meeting on July 18.

The offerings from our summer Sunday School and Church services are to be used to apply on the purchase of new hymnals.

A number of students and faculty attended the State Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Convention held at Vicksburg July 13-15.

Several of the faculty are attending summer school—Dean C. C. Mosley at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., Rev. W. K. Fox at Drew University, Madison, N. J.; Miss Marilynne Hill at the University of Chicago.

President J ohn Long was the speaker at our summer school commencement on June 29. There were 2 graduates from the college and 1 from the high school department. A total of 32 were enrolled in the school.

On July 4 a delightful fish fry and outing was enjoyed on the shores of one of our new lakes by the summer student and faculty group. Swimming was the featured recreation. The day closed with a combined patriotic program and prayer meeting led by Dean Charles C. Mosley.

Extensive repairs have been taking place in several of the buildings. The young ladies under the supervision of Mrs. Charles C. Mosley have painted much of the interior of Smith Hall and are making new curtains for the entire building. The new teachers' residence is now receiving the finishing touches and will be ready for occupancy in September. A new heating system is being installed in the Mansion.

School will open on September 10. As has been the custom for several years the first week will be the Magnolia Young Peoples Conference.

Already all of the rooms in our girls’ dormitories are reserved and we are turning girls away because of lack of space. We are looking forward to a great year.

Little Bethelhem Christian Church

Leaksville, N. C.

REV. P. E. CARTER, Pastor
905 Dried St.
Greensboro, N. C.

MISS VINOLA DILLARD, Reporter
RFD 1, Box 216
Leaksville, N. C.

Little Bethelhem is grateful to report the blessing that God stored upon us especially during the month of July.

Vocational Bible School was held at Little Bethelhem during the month of July beginning the 6th throughout the 20th with 61 students enrolled. Mrs. Mabel Frazier was the Director. Teachers were Msesdames Margaret Galloway, Flossie Galloway, Gladys Courts and Mabel Frazier.

Little Bethelhem closed a glorious week of revival July 22, with Rev. G. W. Roland conducting and Rev. Carter, Pastor. Having 14 added to the fold and 7 renewing their membership.


July 22, 1945 at high noon (14) candidates were led to the water by the Pastor, Rev. Carter and the Mother of the Church leading the Processional.

Mseses Iola Galloway, Lilia Dillard and Ruth King are the three that Little Bethelhem sent to Conference.

“Blessed is the Servant whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing.” St. Luke 12:43.

MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR
Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi Boulevard Church News

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Services on Sunday, July 29, 1945. His subject was “The Uniqueness of Pentecost”. The following excerpts were gleaned from his sermon: “Pentecost was unique in its togetherness”. The disciples were of the same mind and same judgment. All of God’s people should be brought together in one fold. We vary in talents; we vary in many things, but we can only be alike in giving ourselves universally to God. We are a part of a great fellowship and a great brotherhood. We should be willing to give our time and talents in the interest of God; that was the uniqueness of Pentecost. How about your faith? Faith is belief in action. When you begin to practise what you believe, that faith becomes a reality. It is not enough to have the Holy Spirit. We have the ministry and the word before we have the church. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter stood up and preached the word and many believed. Love is one of the great fundamentals in the Christian religion. Love exists in the hearts of men for Christ and for their neighbors. Jesus said, “if you love me, you will keep my Commandments”. Until a church or members come to that realization, the church stands for little. We can have a great preacher, a great choir and a great congregation, but unless the grace of God is in the church, the whole church will stand still. We can, we will, and we must go forward”.

Rev. Myers had visited several churches in the Brotherhood, winding up at Memphis, Tennessee. The church at Memphis reported $301.00 to the National Convention.

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**Dr. J. E. Walker**  
Thrilled the Convention

DR. J. E. WALKER  
President Universal Life Insurance  
Company, Memphis

Building the Kingdom of God  
Through a United Brotherhood


When we reached the age of accountability one of the first lessons taught us was "In unity there is strength." While a mere child the lesson of the non-breakable seven sticks as long as they were together, but the ease that they could be broken one by one was illustrated to us.
From what history we can gather from cornerstone, minutes and statements from old church leaders, it appears that the Christian Church had a mixed congregation from the beginning of the Restoration movement. This interracial worship continued for some time after the Proclamation of Emancipation by President Lincoln. The economic and social caste system put an end to this fine fellowship. There have always been and my prayer to God is ever shall be some liberal white people.

When this condition arose the liberals in the church suggested that we build a separate house of worship for the colored brethren. We have, in a measure, been looking to the liberal white people to build our churches every since that breach. After this separation and between the years 1860 and 1900 the American Christian Missionary Society promoted Evangelism and Christian education among the Negro churches. It is interesting to know that Preston Taylor was our first National Evangelist under the auspices of the cooperating agencies of the white brotherhood.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions for a long time sponsored our work under the guidance of Professor J. B. Lehman, President of Southern Christian Institute, who sent out Negro representatives that gave full time to our work. This was 1914 and our field workers were Miss Rosa Brown and P. H. Moss.

Since our National Convention in 1917 we had the Advisory Committee, the Joint Executive Committee, and at the Lexington Convention we formed a National Board.

The National Christian Missionary Convention was born in a spirit of cooperation with a desire to unite the Negro Churches for a single purpose on a single program in order to be more effective in promoting the cause of evangelism and helping to maintain a program of Christian education by working through and with the United Christian Missionary Society and other brotherhood agencies with a clearer understanding of our aims and purposes.

Before the National Convention we had no contact one with the other, therefore we were void of understanding as to our national aims and the real purpose of the Christian brotherhood. At first there were suspicions and doubts as to our ability to work together. There were those who
thought we should work as a separate entity, lest we should be controlled by our white brotherhood.

There were those in the United Christian Missionary Society who were fearful that we might adopt resolutions hostile to our brotherhood agencies, not in keeping with their program and cause a wide chasm to be created.

As we grew in years we grew in wisdom, love and respect one for the other and at the Lexington, Kentucky, Convention a National Board was formed represented by all brotherhood agencies and races of the International and National Conventions.

We measured up to the sentiment of the poet who said:

"Give me the Christian that will let me be,
Honest, Fair, Just and Free;
That I might serve every fellowman, whether he be black, white, or tan."

This old world is not the happy world that God intended it to be. Many of God's children are hungry; many of God's children are ignorant; many of God's children are without hope, not knowing that God is a living father, that he is the father of all nations and all races. Everywhere men and women fall short of the measure of Jesus Christ. They do not measure up to good citizens of the Kingdom of God.

Today is just a few steps from a terrible global war. This war in many sectors has made shambles of a world which God intended should be a garden. War has done something to all of us; our thinking is confused. Many have grown hard; others more tender and sympathetic.

Throughout the ceaseless ages man has developed a civilization made possible by great progress in arts, science, and state-craft; yet throughout the earth there arises again and again the clash of race, of color, of class and of ideologies. Again and again there arises a Hitler, Hirohito, a Rankin, a Bilbo.

Man has built machines and instruments which are marvels of ingenuity. They make drunk our imagination, for example, the atomic bomb. But man himself has been mastered by these inventions and machines and these masters threaten to destroy civilization. Today we tremble when we think of the recent product of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the Atomic Bomb.

Such a world challenges the Christians of today as never before. Only a unified brotherhood can answer this challenge. The most terrible, the most costly war has plunged man into an awful grave. Only a unified brotherhood can resurrect it through kingdom building to the reign of Jesus Christ and establish in the hearts of all men—Americans, Russians, English, Japanese, and Germans the Kingdom of God.

This is the task of the Church of Christ, the task of kingdom building, the task of human redemption. We have left the character standard and erected the Gold Standard as our God. A Character Standard is far more important than a silver or gold standard. The success of all systems is still dependent upon righteous people. In the last analysis, our future, whether it is in the political field, the economic system or the spiritual realm, depends upon our character.

We have not lived up to the principles and teachings of the great leaders of the Restoration Movement. Instead of bringing more unity we have divided ourselves into factions, thus wasting our efforts and wasting our money. God never wastes anything. He even gathers up the fragments that nothing may be lost.

A unified discipleship was the prayer of Jesus Christ. A unified brotherhood was dear to the heart of Campbell, Everett, Scott, Stone, and Preston Taylor; Henry Herod and W. H. Dickerson.

It was never intended that local churches would work at cross purposes or develop special interests. Each congregation must act as if it were the whole universal church.

The Cry, the Challenge is for a unified effort. Isolationism is dead. We are all interwoven into one great fabric. We can't practice isolation. The great Senator Wheeler has discovered for himself this fundamental even in the political world. It cannot succeed in the political world.

Our United Christian Missionary Society offers to the congregations a unified channel for home and foreign missions. Our International and National Conventions are but instruments to bring about this unified effort in kingdom building. Our papers—The World Call, The Christian Evangelist, The Christian Plea—are tools with which we work.

Our Plea is Unity. There must be unity—a unified effort in our giving and in our mechanics. Too, our minds must be unified. "Is Christ divided?"

Prejudice, intolerance, injustices must be put to flight. We must practice Brotherhood despite the bigotries and prejudices of others. Hear the poet who said:

"He drew a circle to keep me out
Rebel Heretic, a thing to flout;
But love and I had the wit to win
We drew a circle that took him in."

Division casts a gloom of pessimism that will be handed down to our children. May I emphasize that it is highly essential that youth keep optimistic. It is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress. Youth should keep the highlight of enthusiasm, for enthusiasm is faith in action. Show me an enthusiastic church and I assure you it is a church moving forward with the whole brotherhood program.

May we all keep young in spirit. James A. Garfield said: "If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old."

Today, in this great assembly, we are standing on the threshold of a new era of the Disciples of Christ as it pertains to its work among Disciples of color in the United States. Critics are watching, friends are hoping. Maybe the spirits of our sainted leaders are here today as a group of witnesses, seeing we are encompassed so, let us lay aside all personal bickerings, all prejudices, all bigotries, all jealousies and as a united army in a great unified effort go forward from this day to build through this National group and its agents and ramifications the kingdom of God in the hearts of all men and women.

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**Peace on Earth**

1. **Peace on Earth,**
   Good will to men,
   **Peace on Earth,**
   Thy solemn yen.

2. **Peace on Earth,**
   From this day,
   **Peace on Earth,**
   In God's own way.

3. **Peace on Earth,**
   As it should be,
   **Peace on Earth,**
   We now see.

—By John William Maney (11 Years Old)
EDITORIALS

Southern Christian Institute Serves Community

I have just returned from a threeday visit on the campus of Southern Christian Institute and the surrounding community. I was so impressed with the work being done by this institution until I could not rest except I make it known to the Disciples Brotherhood. I want to tell the brotherhood in order that the folk of the brotherhood may know of some of the good things we are doing.

In the first place the Institute farm is an example for any intelligent farmer to use as a pattern. I shall not attempt to point out details of the farm. However, I do wish to say that over a period of years, there has been developed there by Mr. Jacobs, through the cooperation of the administration, a self supporting farm, which also makes a contribution to the budget of the college. The use of the most modern farm machinery and implements to carry on the work is an important feature in its community out-reach program. Aside from the community contribution it may make, it must of necessity serve as a great value to the young man or men who assist him in the work. Here he is able to learn by doing, a practical lesson in modern farming. Therefore the students who assist him on the farm will, when he leaves college, go home with a definite knowledge of the operation of a modern farm. He is therefore more able to fit into the scientific farming era. In the second place; I was very much impressed with the work being done by the academic department. This of course was most encouraging. It was most encouraging because too often the college in the community assumes its position and fails to make the contacts with the people of the community. They take the attitude, I have what they need (not what they want) let them come to me for it. Such an attitude on the part of a Christian Missionary Institution is regrettable. I must say that I was made to feel happy as I talked with folk in the surrounding community and found them full of enthusiasm for the coming school year and the time for that wholesome relationship with the workers at S. C. I. I came back to the campus, full myself, to make a report to Dean Mosely. I say here now, I have known Dean Mosely for a number of years, I have seen him under some crucial tests, I have seen him in some most enjoyable times, but never have I seen him more happy. I found that it was then, that he knew, that his work and efforts were bearing fruit. Certainly I wanted the folk of the Disciples Brotherhood to know this. It is my suggestion that we of the Disciples Brotherhood congratulate Dean Mosely and his faculty.

Again I say that it is gratifying to know that this Disciples Institution is meeting a great need and rendering a great service. We ought to give them our best cooperation in every way. Dean Mosely was for a number of years Athletic Director and Professor of French at Jarvis Christian College. He was a coach to be reckoned with on any football field. In this field of endeavor he will continue to make worthwhile contributions.

(Signed) E. W. RAND, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

Christian Missionary Convention is Held

7th Annual Session In Hannibal Church

By NORMAN S. ELLINGTON

HANNIBAL, Mo.—The 7th Annual Christian Missionary convention of Missouri convened at the Second Church, Hannibal, Mo., July 24-29.

The local church gave the welcome program on the opening night and the response was made by Elder R. Wesley Watson, Tri-State Evangelist from Kansas City, Mo.

Each morning of the convention, after the model worship service, conducted by the delegates, devotional messages were given.

The delegates attended the four convention schools, each devoted to a departmental division of the church. Among the national workers present serving as instructors or advisers were the following: Dean W. O. Gill of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, who had charge of the Minister's school; Miss L. Ruth Raten, executive secretary of Women's Missions had charge of the Woman's convention. In the Young People's sessions serving as resource agents were Miss Margaret Mallaby of Los Angeles and a student of Chapman College and Thomas Griffin of Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas.
Dr. Faye F. Livingood, a Missionary from India, gave several lectures on his work. With the assistance of the young people he presented a pictorial story of “The People of India.”

Elder S. S. Meyers, national president of Disciples of Christ, and pastor of Woodland Avenue Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo., brought the message Wednesday evening.

The officers elected for the 1945-1946 convention year by departments are as follows:

- **Church Department**: president, Elder William Martin, Fulton; vice president, Elder Frank H. Coleman, Columbia; secretary, Elder E. K. Burton, Madison; assistant secretary, Virdee Jaco, Salisbury; treasurer, Elmer Doolin, Frankford.

- **Church School**: president, Norman S. Ellington, Fulton; vice president, Mrs. May White, Kansas City; secretary, Miss Lelia Circuit, Chamois; assistant secretary, Miss Imogene Jones, Jefferson City.

- **Women’s Missionary Society**: president, Mrs. Carnie Dollin, Frankford; vice president, Mrs. Alma Harrison, St. Louis; secretary, Mrs. Hazel Ocuff, Vandalia; assistant secretary, Mrs. Clara Roberson, Hannibal.

- **Christian Youth Fellowship**: president, Miss Mary Willis, St. Louis; vice president, Cletus Wilson, Vandalia; secretary, Miss Florence Dudley, Fulton; assistant secretary, Miss Nora Dixon, Vandalia.

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### REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

September, 1944—August, 1945

**Christian Pleas Published.**

- September, 1944, 560 Pleas, 8 Pages $61.26
- October, 1944, 670 Pleas, 8 Pages $67.00
- November, 1944, 900 Pleas, 10 Pages $77.00
- December, 1944, 876 Pleas, 12 Pages $87.00
- January, 1945, 860 Pleas, 12 Pages $87.00
- February, 1945, 1066 Pleas, 16 Pages $104.76
- March, 1945, 1256 Pleas, 12 Pages $98.27
- April, 1945, 860 Pleas, 12 Pages $95.55
- May, 1945, 903 Pleas, 12 Pages $87.00
- June, 1945, 903 Pleas, 12 Pages $87.00
- July, 1945, 1000 Pleas, 8 Pages $70.00
- August, 1945, 960 Pleas, 8 Pages $70.00
- Total, 10,330 Pleas, 139 Pages $928.96

Receipts for all money from all sources.

- September 1944—August 1945
  - U CMS $266.05
  - National Convention, Dr. Walker --- 400.00
  - Advertising
    - Demoulin Co. ____ 9.60
    - Christian Board ____ 84.92
    - Standard Pub. Co. ____ 38.40 132.92
  - Subscriptions ____ 458.10

Total Money received 1,334.66

Money paid out.

- September 1944—August 1945
  - McQuiddy Printing Company 902.96
  - Secretary Mrs. Ruth D. Eppse, 10M 300.00
  - Postal Notes Returned 8.40
  - Editor’s Office for Incidents 109.60
  - Total Paid out 1,320.94

Money owed on 1944-45 Operations.

- Ruth D. Eppse, 2 Months Salary 60.40
- McQuiddy Printing Co. 97.46
- Good Sanders Paper Co., Stock 12.87
- H. E. Mohler, Typewriter Repair 6.60
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INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Oct. 12.—"The call of this testing time in the world's history is for spiritual vision, conquering intercession, evangelistic power, social passion, and a program of advance so large and compelling as to arrest, unify our forces and activities, and challenge the entire brotherhood," stated C. O. Hawley, director of Unified Promotion, to a group of representative Disciples here this week.

Immediate and long-range objectives in the relief of stricken humanity and in reconstruction in both Europe and Asia were considered by the advisory committee on a forward movement among Disciples of Christ. This committee was called together following a meeting of some 60 Disciples here last June when the responsibilities and opportunities of the brotherhood in the next several years were carefully discussed.

With A. C. Brooks, minister of Third Christian Church of Indianapolis, as chairman, the forward movement committee heard agency executives present their immediate and long-range objectives, agreed to seek wide brotherhood approval of their plans by calling numerous state and area meetings across the nation in the months ahead, and recommended the continuation of the Week in Compassion in February, 1946.

In an opening statement on "Disciples and the Years Ahead," Dr. Hawley pointed out that "the greatest contribution can be made by the brotherhood through the same quality of interest in a program for years ahead as has been manifested for immediate emergencies. It is reasonable to believe that many of the so-called emergencies will never appear if a proper program of the years ahead is realized."

Leslie B. Moss, New York City, secretary of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, discussed the dire needs of the churches and stricken humanity in Europe and the Far East. This interdenominational committee is asking American Protestantism for more than $7,000,000 by next June 30. The Disciples' share of this fund will be included in the 1946 Week of Compassion goal.

Brotherhood causes were presented in terms of emergency and long-range needs by J. Er'c Carlson, John L. Davis, John H. Booth, Paul G. Preston, John A. Tate, Robert M. Hopkins, and Dr. Hawley.

The advisory forward movement committee expressed its awareness of our spiritual inadequacy. It will seek to launch the proposed forward movement, sometime toward the end of next year, with a new spiritual dynamic emphasizing prayer, worship, evangelism, stewardship, Christian education, and other brotherhood interests around the world.

The exact name of the movement, specific objectives and the like will be worked out at later meetings of the total committee and by an ad-interim committee that will hold its first meeting on Oct. 23 and 24.

Unified Promotion, with the cooperation of other agencies, is expected to develop plans for the new brotherhood movement. These plans will be discussed with groups of Disciples all across the nation during the next several months. Suggestions from these meetings will be used for revision of the proposals before they are finally presented to the whole brotherhood.

A. C. Brooks, Indianapolis, is chairman of this important forward movement committee. Marvin O. Sunsbury, Des Moines, is vice-chairman, and Mrs. Carroll C. Roberts, Washington, is the secretary.

Other members of the committee are: W. H. Bock, Jr., Indianapolis; Mrs. C. E. Boren, Charleston, W. Va.; Gaines M. Cook, Cleveland, Ohio; John L. Davis, Indianapolis; Elder C. H. Dickerson donates $50.00 to LOUISVILLE SCHOOL OF SCRIPIURES

The enthusiasm received at the old Louisville Bible College by Elder C. H. Dickerson still burns with zeal. He has just announced that he has contributed $50.00 to the School of the Scriptures at Louisville and is going to do likewise for the Winston-Salem school.

He lives with his brother at North Tazewell, Virginia.

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Our Evangelistic Theme for the year 1945—46 strikes an impressive and imperative note. “With Christ We Build Anew.” This theme causes us to speak of a world that is and bids us to analyze its contribution to world peace, true Christian fellowship, and well-being of all men and nations.

The spirit which moved States and Nations to seek to establish walls of security, vie for positions of vantage and hate and war. It is still, after all, a world which recognizes, in its human relation and fellowship, the Fatherhood of God and the oneness of man. Our present world has been producing greed, and prejudice and fear and hate and war. It is still, after experiencing the incalculable destruction, both in human life and material of a glocal war, and the seeds of another war. The leading Nations who have first hand working knowledge of all levels of church promotion and development. We are confident that a careful analysis will enable you to see that your church and the World are bound to feel the impact.

SURELY this fine “Program Material” which has been sent to each local church will be given careful and studious consideration. This material was prepared by a large, experienced group of ministers and other Christian workers; some of whom have first hand working knowledge of all levels of church promotion and development. We are confident that a careful analysis will enable you to see that your church and the World are bound to feel the impact.

These program materials of EVANGELISM, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, and STEWARDSHIP, if instituted and vigorously prosecuted in the local church, will produce men and women, boys and girls determined to work with Christ as we build the new world.

—C. L. Parks

A VISIT TO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

J. C. Lewis
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In August when I went South I went to Mississippi. While I was there I had the urge to visit Southern Christian Institute. I went by bus and got off at the Institution. Whoever made it possible for the busses to stop at the campus is to be commended.

S. C. I. you are among the oldest
schools in the South, and for that reason, if no other, you should set the pace with the curricula you offer. The general appearance of your campus, the farm and its dwellings, in order to do that you must step up and begin streamlining yourself.

The day I was there it had rained, and I began walking from the highway on the campus. What a contrast after zigzagging trying to find firm footing. I arrived at the Mansion or the President's home. I knocked and knocked, but there was no response. I learned later that he was not at home. I was eager to see him and also the interior of the building, because while I was there as a student I helped to remodel it.

Back to the campus entrance. An attempt has been made to make the entrance attractive. The classes are up and begin streamlining themselves. In order to do that you must step in advance. What a contrast or the President's home. I was eager to see him and also the interior of the building, because while I was there as a student I helped to remodel it.

I saw. We greeted each other gladly. Then we went in the office the President's assistant. He was planning some changes. It is not a home. I was eager to see him and also the interior of the building, because while I was there as a student I helped to remodel it.

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We, who had the privilege to attend S. C. I., are thankful for all its friends and benefactors; to those who gave of what they had, be it large or small. In deep sincere gratitude, we feel we must by name the United Christian Missionary Society.

In conclusion we gratefully recommend all S. C. I. friends and benefactors to the kindness and mercy of our Father in Heaven. May He, in his own way, reward them.

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"THOSE THINGS BELIEVED AMONG US"
Luke 1: 1-4
By Elder James K. Dickerson
Bluefield, Virginia

For as much as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things surely believed among us, it seems good to me also at this time to attempt to show how we as Disciples have received these, and the uses and abuses we are making of them.

The Disciples of Christ have laid great stress on the authority of God's word. We seem to be very particular about having a "thus saith the Lord" or an apostolic precedent for every item of doctrine or practice. We have styled ourselves as the New Testament Church, and claim we are out to bring about the union of all followers of Christ in one body, "that the world might believe." We have a slogan which is perhaps known to all Disciples, as follows: "Where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent, we are silent." This slogan, however, as any thinking person may see, is capable of gross perversion. I am convinced of this fact as I view some of the conditions existing in the Disciple Brotherhood.

The religion of Jesus Christ cannot be understood without careful consideration of the problem with which it has to deal and the problem it is designed to solve. The religion of Jesus has to solve a double or two-sided problem. First of all it has to deal with sin and depraved human nature, and must meet the needs of man along this line, Second, it has to deal with the question of ever-changing human conditions and adjust itself accordingly. Human nature is depraved according to the testimony of the Bible. The fact that man is corrupt in heart and life, and alienated from God, is plainly taught in the Scriptures. God alone understands, and can offer a cure for human depravity. The cure must be unchanging because the problem with which it has to deal is unchanging. The remedy for depraved human nature must therefore be rigid and fixed. It is in this field that man is incompetent to speak. God's means of changing the corrupt heart is faith in Jesus Christ. His means of changing the relationship of the alienated sinner is baptism. His means of securing the necessary growth in Christian character is proper food and exercise.

The fact, however, that Christianity comes in contact with ever-changing human conditions in accomplishing this work. These conditions, as we all may see, are in no sense fixed. They differ with every locality and almost with every day. It is in this field that man is competent to speak. I am of the belief that all men (or at least most men) are endowed with reason and common sense, and are expected to use unchanging remedies for unchanging problems and ever-changing remedies and methods for ever-changing human conditions. This we have not done, and as a result we have reduced this beautiful slogan to an absurdity. God does not speak on the side of human conditions, lest He dishonor the intelligence and common sense with which He has endowed man. On the side of human nature, man is competent to speak only when he says exactly what God says, or when He speaks God's thoughts. I may be liberal with my own things, but I must use God's as He has commanded. The fact that many Disciples have missed this very point has led to endless confusion in the name of religion. "Ye shall know the truth," says Christ, but instead of our seeking the truth, we are subjecting ourselves to a worse bondage than Judaism. Paul said, "I become all things to all men," which evidently doesn't mean that he changed his principles to suit all men. He preached the same old gospel intended to deal with the same old problem—Sin. And today we find ourselves two thousand years from pentecost, and still without a new remedy for this old problem. The thing that we need is a new faith in the old remedy.

The church can not be silent when humanity is so sorely troubled. The man of God must strike vigorously in defense of a gospel which will save humanity. A strong attack must be made against the forces which are destroying all that the church of Christ stands for. It is quite easy to sympathize with the position taken by those who dedicate their lives to a social gospel. But theirs is not the program of Christ. Christ never gave prominence to social and political problems. The scriptures will produce undeniable truth of this statement. There were those who came to Christ who were
affected by the disturbing conditions of
life. Some were discouraged, some embittered, others were rebel
lies against the oppressions and in
equalities of their day. But we find
that the Master made few references
directly or indirectly to these con
ditions. It was their desire then, as
now, to set up a new social and
political order, so they said, "Let us
make this man king"—a temporal
Messiah. But Jesus brushed it all
down and gave His attention to a
practice of receiving the "pious un-
holy" into the kingdom. Or
worse still, let us think of their
selecting one of their number who
had not given up these mongrel
practices; one who had not agreed to
and sending him out as a missionary
to teach others. Let the modern
church again give heed! We can
only account for the marvelous
growth of primitive Christianity on
the grounds that Judaism had been
repudiated and men of God adhered
stubbornly to the simplicity which
was in Christ. It is not difficult
to see that the perpetuation of such a
gospel would have taken the world
then or would do so now, if faith-
fully adhered to. But there came a
time when the 'wisdom of the world',
then, as now, brought distress to the
faithful. I again quote the Apostle
Paul writing to the Church at
Corinth, "But I fear lest by any
means as the serpent beguiled Eve
through his subtlety, so your minds
should be corrupted from the simplic-
ity which is in Christ." He says to
Timothy, "Preach the word—for the
time will come when they will not
endure sound teaching." Jude also
saw this tendency to departure for
he says, "Beloved, when I gave all
diligence to write unto you of the
common salvation, it was needful
that I exhort you to contend earnest-
ly for the faith once for all delivered
to the Saints. For there are certain
men—turning the grace of God into
 lasciviousness and denying the only
Lord God and our Lord Jesus
Christ."
Let us not forget that today a new
restoration movement is necessary—
a movement that must be given a
perpetuation of unadulterated prin-
ciples of Christ's gospel. If this
were done, instead of the thorn
which is the bride, the Lamb's wife,
would come up the fir tree, and in-
stead of the brier would come up
the myrtle-tree and it would be for
an everlasting name. I believe it
was Henry Drummond who said that
Christianity has suffered more from
its friends than its enemies. And
how true is his statement today! The
works of Ingersol, Paine and Voltaire
are not disturbing Christianity to a
serious degree at present. The dis-
turbance comes from those of our
own ranks who pose as leaders and

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
INSTITUTE NEWS
School opened on Sept. 10 with an
enrollment of 330, the largest we
have had so early in the year. New
registrations for later quarters and
for the extension school and summer
school for teachers will augment the
figure to well over 400.
The annual Magnolia Young
Peoples conference was held the
first week of school. President John
Long served as Dean and Director
of the conference. Visiting faculty
were Rev. C. L. Parks, Rev. G. M.
Peery, Secretary-Director of Mis-
sissippi, Miss Lillian Ruth Ratten,
and Miss Vashti Ihebe, of the Alcohol
Education Division of the Mississippi State Department of Education.

New additions to our regular faculty are Miss Willie Grays of Shaw, Miss, who is a new instructor in home economics and Miss Josanna Henry. Miss Grays is a graduate of Southern Christian and holds the B. S. degree from Alcorn A. and M. College, Alcorn, Miss. Miss Henry, the new instructor in the elementary school has her A. B. from Jarvis Christian College. Her home is in Jacksonville, Texas.

The first social of the year was the party which the Y.W.C.A. held for its new members and their guests. Mrs. J. B. Mosley is faculty advisor of this active campus organization and Miss Evangeline Thomas is president.

S. C. I. has recently purchased a 16 mm. moving picture projector with sound equipment. Thus it is now possible for us to have our own moving picture shows. Some of the pictures which we have scheduled for this fall and winter are "My Friend, Flicka" and "How Green Was My Valley."

Mrs. R. M. Fox and Miss Josanna Henry, instructors in the elementary school, and Miss Marilynne Hill, instructor in English attended a reading clinic sponsored by the State Department of Education in Jackson, September 29.

The basketball boys under the supervision of Coach James Ratten are practicing hard. They have hopes of winning another South Central Athletic Conference championship again this year.

Miss Dale Ellis, Secretary of Institutional Missions of the United Christian Missionary Society spent the first week of October on the campus. She was guest speaker at one of the chapel services and assisted on the program of the October Missionary Meeting.

Mr. C. W. Plopper, retiring treasurer of the U. C. M. S. was here several days recently for his annual audit.

Cpl. Donald E. Jacobs is spending a 30 day furlough with his wife and small son Donald Earl, Jr., and with his parents Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Jacobs. Cpl. Jacobs has just returned from the E.T.O.

Our teachers new residence has been completed and this fall is occupied for the first time. The W. K. Fox family occupy one side and 3 single teachers the other.

Rev. W. K. Fox has recently brought some fine outside speakers to his class in Religious Education. These include W. E. Ammons, of the Soil Conservation Division of the Department of Agriculture, and Rabbi Stanley Brav of Vicksburg.

Virginia Nichols

ELEVENTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Birmingham, Alabama

Elder H. J. Jeffries, Pastor
Mrs. Daisy Williams, Reporter

The Christian Church today has a great responsibility because this world conflict has brought a demoralized period to not only our community but to the entire world. For that cause the church will have to broaden its program to a community world. Therefore, as one who believes in fundamental Christian principles, I am calling upon our entire connection to do its part in making preparation for the boys and girls in the armed forces of our nation, so that they may have a wholesome environment to return to after this conflict is over.

Each of us have a duty to perform. This call is for not only our prayers, but encouragement all combined to help to build this new world that will be built by the people on the home-front for tomorrow.

The big day of the year in the Bible School progress was held at our church September 30, 1945. That was the general promotion day. We had one of the most beautifully planned programs by our superintendent, Mrs. Pearl Jackson. It was well-carried out by the young people of our Sunday School. It was very inspiring and enjoyed by all. We had as our guest speaker, C. G. Christian, who spoke very keenly on the subject, "Building A New World Through Our Youth." It was very interesting. The Bible School also had a rally. The receipts amounted to $152.15.

Nothing could be more appropriate and striking than the Bible with the doctrine of God. God in creation to increase interest in the student to find joy in sharing God's continuous creative work.

CORINTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. E. J. Dickson, Pastor
Mrs. Almeta Henderson, Reporter
Kilgore, Texas

We enjoyed so much the Christian fellowship among our members and friends during our revival which began August 12th through the week, and we had splendid cooperation. Rev. R. L. Sercy assisted in the revival. He preached out of his heart and gave spiritual food to all who listened. I must say, Reverend Dickson and wife always put things in a big way. The spirit of the meeting ran high. The choir rendered fine sacred song service, Sister Georgia E. Collins, pianist.

We had eight for baptism. They were: Bobbie Jane Daniels, Tea Carrie Rossum, Pearlie Mae Hutchins, Jewel Daniels, and the four Mitchell sisters, Alberance, Alma Jene, May, and Ruthie, May God bless these little Christians and enable them to grow stronger and stronger in the faith.

The part the church should play in the community is to bring all mankind into the right thinking; it is the generator of all good; it bridges the chasm of human doubts and fears; and opens spiritual eyes to the City of God. We were grateful to have had the choir from AM E Church of Longview back with us again. May that cooperative spirit ever dwell with us, for that is the way of life, peace, and happiness. The money raised was $146.00.

On Friday evening, at seven o'clock, we gave our pastor, Rev. Dickson and family a "Wish You Well" program. Sister Ara Jacobs was the directress. Everything was carried out nicely. It brought about tears and sad hearts. Rev. Sercy lovingly in nicely in the program, because he was leaving Oklahoma for Miami, Florida, and Rever Dickson was leaving for Indianapolis, Indiana, to the church and "Wish You Well" friends gave them nice gifts and donations for their splendid service they have given us. Thanks to Prof. Coss of Henderson for his service. May the Lord add his blessing to the flock.

During the years Rev. Dickson toiled with us. There was a renewed of his determination to make the church feel as a guiding factor in Christian living. He visited from house to house and the bedside of the sick. He was faithful and loyal. He was a Christian gentleman with a converted heart who possessed the power to pray. He believed in progress, Kingdom Building and he did not mind shouldering his responsibility. "Blessed is the servant whom his Lord, when he cometh shall find so doing", St. Luke 12:43.

We were very successful in our church work during the Spring and Summer months, and now we are on
the beginning of the Fall and Winter Months. We have a very large attendance. This marks a splendid success. We are praying for the upward way to new heights. We are gaining everyday. It seems as if we are blessed with new students each Sunday. C. Class No. 3 is the banner class. Sister Azzie L. Sanders is the teacher. Brother Washington brought to us an unerring message on the 2nd Sunday which we all enjoyed much. We are happy to have back with us again on the 4th Sunday Bro. and Rev. R. E. Brown of Jarvis College. He brought a very fine message. Along with him he brought two splendid young men from the College in the persons of Mr. H. Swinman and Mr. G. H. Oliver. We are hoping that they will come back again to visit us. We are still asking your prayers that we may continue to grow.

EAST VINE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Knoxville, Tennessee
Rev. E. A. Daniels, Pastor
Miss Charlotte Howard, Reporter

The East Vine Avenue Christian Church extends to all out-of-town visitors and friends a hand of welcome to come in and worship with us each Lord's Day. Bible School each Lord's Day at 9:30; Prayer Service, Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m.; Choir practice, Wednesday evening, 8:00 p.m.; and Regular Sunday evening services, 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday evening, September 16th we were honored by a sermon from Rev. R. L. Sarcy of Oklahoma City, who is now pastoring in Atlanta, Georgia. The subject of the sermon was "The Church", and was highly inspirational to all present.

October 8th at 8 p.m. the Young People's Club will entertain their parents and friends with their annual banquet at the Payne Avenue U S O Club. We are all looking forward to a delightful time.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Viola Launderback received a fall while on her way to church last Lord's Day. We sincerely hope she will have a rapid recovery.

Mrs. Harvey Reynolds, who has been ill at home 410 Mitchard Street, is able to be out again.

When you are Knoxville, and looking for a place to refresh yourself visit:

Louise's Plantation Grill


We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood that we may be visited in love and peace. Together we stand and divided we fall.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder Blair T. Hunt, Pastor
Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter

Sunday, October 7, 1945 was a high day for Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church. In the absence of Mr. M. W. Bonner, Superintendent of Bible School, the Assistant Superintendent Prof. J. A. Swayne had charge of the Bible School. Prof. Swayne is well versed in the Bible and it is always a treat to hear his discussions. The number of attendance in Bible School was 85.

Revival services held by Elder Isaiah Moore of Paris, Kentucky closed three weeks ago with six additions to the church, four of whom were for baptism. Elder Moore is one of the pioneer preachers whose sincerity can be felt by all, and he had the church at a high spiritual pitch during the ten days he was here.

Mrs. Mildred Riley, our Social Secretary, is ill at her residence, 788 South Lauderdale Street. We are praying for her recovery.

Mrs. Cecelia Roach is now acting Social Secretary and is doing some commendable work among the community residents.

YOUNGSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Elder F. T. Barnett, Pastor
Mrs. F. O. Walker, Reporter

1175 W. Federal Street
Youngstown, Ohio

The Youngstown Christian Church is moving along in a very way under the splendid leadership of our minister, Elder F. T. Barnett. His stirring sermons each Lord's Day are full of spiritual inspiration to those who hear them. Elder Barnett is also our Ohio State President of the Convention. He attended the National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee in August, and he brought to his membership a full report of the work in the Brotherhood.
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Notice

504 East High Street,
Mt. Sterling, Ky.,
October 18, 1945.

To The Brethren Everywhere:

This is to state that I met with the National Preaching Convention in 1944 in Cincinnati, Ohio, but after careful and prayerful consideration of the matter and after a careful study of what we stand for as the Church of Christ, (I refer you to the 17th Chapter of the Gospel of St. John), I refuse to have any connection with any other Group except the Original Disciples of Christ.

Past President
Watson Reflects

Our Convention As Seen by Our Ex. President, R. Wesley Watson.

Our National Convention which convened in Nashville, Tenn., last month was one of much spirituality, information, inspiration and fellowship. First of all it convened upon the beautiful and spacious campus of A. & I. State College. The Committee Elder, L. F. Sledge, Prof. M. R. Eppse and the "Old Reliable" Deacon Frank W. White had all things ready for us. The Opening Program was a splendid one. Words of welcome were brought from every source. A very able response was given on behalf of convention by Elder I. Q. Hurdle of Texas.

Sessions opened Wednesday morning, much interest was manifested by all delegates. The Ministers' meetings were well attended with inspiring programs under the leadership of our President, F. T. Floyd of Kentucky. Many able messages were brought by ministers, one sitting in the midst could see that the church has a very fine leadership which will come into its own and lead the work on.

President S. S. Myers brought a most timely message in which he challenged the Brotherhood to work (Continued on Page 2)
together to put over the program as adopted. It was the unanimous opinion that this was one of the most successful meetings we have held. Much credit is due President Myers, the National Board and officers for the growth. Men from all parts of the Brotherhood expressed themselves as being 100 per cent for the program and we have every reason to believe that it will go over in a big way. Tennessee and Texas led in raising money, each raising over a thousand dollars, much credit is due to Dr. Walker, our very efficient Treasurer, and Prof. T. W. Pratt for the work done.

It was a pleasure to have Bro. Paul Preston of Pension Fund with us and appreciated his very fine message, also Mrs. Marx, her fine message was enjoyed by all. Our young people had great meetings and are making a fine contribution to the work. It was a great joy to have with us Bros. Bragg and Hilton, prominent laymen, also Bro. Owens, son of our schoolmate, Elder Wm. Owens, these very fine laymen have a contribution to make and are greatly concerned over the many problems that are ours to solve. The Ministers’ wives are on the job and gave a fine program as usual. The President of Women’s Work and her helpers are very much concerned and made a fine contribution for the success of the work. The President of the Bible School Department was active as ever and with his group developed a growing work. We were happy to welcome the wives of Elder Sherman also of our group with her. She is really “Our Little Sister.”

Sunday was a great day in Lea Avenue Church. Our President, S. S. Myers, took the convention to the mount of visions and gave the convention courage to carry on for the incoming year.

Elder Sledge and his bride have the work at heart and we feel that they will make a good contribution to Lea Ave. I feel that our entire Brotherhood ought to push Lea Ave. to the front; Lea Ave. is not gone down but members have gone out. Time is ripe now for a great evangelistic meeting there and gather in souls.

The pastor, Elder Moore of Gay St. Christian Church invited me to preach on Sunday morning and it was a high day, choir sang very effectively and a good crowd was present. Elder Moore, assisted by Elder Bradena and the fine group of workers, have redecorated Gay St. Church and is bringing it out in a very fine way.

May I close by saying, Brethren, let us not forget the very inspiring service of Saturday evening and let us give ourselves freely for the work. “On to Brooklyn” let us go in large numbers and help put that program over and help our brethren in the East—they are deserving. God bless us and our able President during the years.

TheCHristian Plea

Dear Sir:

I trust that you will make the publication of the following, that it may be focused throughout the brotherhood. The National Convention that was recently held in Nashville, Tennessee, August 21, 1945, to August 26, 1945, was a big success. The courtesy awarded the delegates and Fraternal Messengers by the President and Teachers of the A. & I. State College was beyond a shadow of doubt the most cordial we have had in years.

In speaking of the courtesy and hospitality shown I think our dormitories and eating conditions deserve mentioning. The dormitory afforded us with fine sleeping facilities and baths while there were three delicious meals served each day, and plenty for all.

I am looking forward to the day in next year when the National Convention will convene at the Stuyvesant Height Christian Church, in New York City, of which Elder R. E. Hancock is the minister. It will be then and there when we Disciples of Christ here in the East will endeavor to retaliate the hospitality given us in Nashville, Tenn. For certainly I record my visit there as one of my greatest experiences of the many conventions I have attended.

On Friday, August 24th, one of the Lee Avenue Christian Church members, in person of my good friend and brother, took his car and for about three or more hours toured me through the city of Nashville. We viewed many of the interesting spots that I know merit mentioning but time does not permit.

I left the Nashville Convention Saturday morning, August 25th, enroute to Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, where I had been invited by the Rev. E. G. Patterson, pastor to the Mt. Sterling Christian Church. I was greeted by members of his family with enthusiasm. The Pulpit of the Mt. Sterling High Street Christian Church was open to me both morning and evening. I must say that I was honored to preach for the Elder Patterson. Between messages I was taken to the home of Elder
November, 1945

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

and Sister Joe Jackson, where a delicious dinner was served. The guests included Elder Patterson and Professor Beans, Principal of the Mt. Sterling High School.

I shall never forget the spirit of Christ that existed at the convention. There wasn’t a quarrel or a fight. And yet things moved on as I believed God would have had them. As to my knowledge, the finance raised was something near $5,500. It is also of my opinion that under the leadership of Elder S. S. Myers, National Convention President, and Elder C. L. Park, Secretary of the National Works, and along with the cooperation of the colleagues, the convention has grown considerably, prospered immensely and shows great prosperity for the future. I commend them all for the splendid work done and the magnificent program arranged.

We are looking forward to doubling the finance raised, and the spirit exhibited in the forthcoming year.

Yours in Christ,
Elder S. E. Tillman, Minister,
Antioch Christian Church.
Regional Vice-President of Na-
tional Convention of New Jersey 
and part of Pennsylvania.
August 5, 1945.

The Antioch Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 
Location—Oliver Avenue, 
Lincoln Highway, New Brunswick, 
N. J.

The Antioch Christian Church submits to the brotherhood its annual report for the year ending on August 21, 1945.

INCOME
General Church $352.75
Missionary 175.00
Church Choir 125.00
Pastor Aid 110.00
Church School 50.00
Building Fund 585.86

$1,408.61

DISBURSEMENTS
Pastor’s Salary 375.00
Organist 120.00
Visiting Ministers 125.00
Church Clerk 48.00
Janitor 24.00
Current Expenses 116.00
Building Material 556.96

$1,403.96

Balance on hand $4.65
Cash in Petty Cash Treas. .35
Cash on hand in all Treas. 5.00

We respectively submit for your consideration.
George Edwards, Chairman,
S. E. Tillman, Minister,
A. B. Washington, Financial Sec’y.

Southern Christian Institute

President and Mrs. John Long and family spent the week of July 9-14 at Hayneville, Ala., where they set up the first Negro Young People’s Conference to be held in that state for many years. President Long also served as the Dean of the Mississippi Conference and of the Town and Country Conference held at Bethany Park, Indiana. Mrs. Long served on the faculty of the Mississippi Conference, the Friendship, Ohio, Young People’s Conference, and the Hiram, Ohio, Adult Conference.

Dean and Mrs. Charles C. Mosley and family and Professor and Mrs. James W. Ratten attended the National Convention at Nashville, Tenn. Dean Mosley spoke at one of the sessions and Professor Ratten conducted the devotions at another.

We were happy to have Dr. and Mrs. Edwards and family of Jarvis as recent visitors to the campus.

At a recent Friday night social reports were given of all the fine work that has been accomplished here this summer. This includes the painting of the interior of Smith Hall (one of the girls’ dormitories), the painting of the interior of Northside, painting of much of Allison Hall, and the completion of the new residence of teachers. In addition heating systems have been installed in the new residence, Allison Hall, the Mansion, and Eastview, and new stokers in Smith Hall and the School building.

The plantation has recently purchased a John Deere Field Ensilage Harvester, the first of its type in the state. S. C. I. has always stood in the foreground of progressive farming. Several years ago we bought the first cornpicker in the state.

With the opening of school still two weeks off advance registrations total 215 and we are looking for a record year. Every available space in Smith Hall has been reserved for weeks.

A full account of the opening of school and conference week will appear the next PLea.

National Director Of
Church Development And Evangelism Reports

DR. C. L. PARKS
216 Stewart Bldg., 157 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis 4, Indiana

The National Convention of 1945 is now history. “The Long Range Program” was set in motion with a “bang” and all eyes are now turned to the future for a glimpse of the new life, the added services to Brotherhood causes and the opportunity for us to make a larger and more adequate contribution to our Brotherhood’s usefulness and growth. We should look earnestly and hard for the new life, the added services, and the opportunity for growth within ourselves, but we must also work while we look and pray while we work that God may give us the strength of vision to interpret what we see and zeal and courage and endurance equal to the task which this program places. The Long Range Program will not work itself, its plans, having been accepted, must be executed if we would enjoy the fruitage thereof. If this program is to be a success, the ministers, you and must spearhead the effort, we must lead out. Each one of us has a part to play, be it large or small, and no excuse can equal the deed; but the job well done, large or small, brings equal honor to all. It will be glory for us if we measure up to the full length and depth and breath of the “Long Range Program”, and shame for us if we fail. This is our opportunity, we must not, we will not, let it slip our grasp.

Financial records exposed during the Nashville Convention were encouraging, but, as you know, there were those at the Convention who showed deep concern about other records were not read during the Nashville convention: records of new additions. Now is the time for each one of us to set membership goals for 1945-46 and begin to execute our plans so that the new membership record will peel out a glowing tone in the 1946 Convention. When truth gets a heaving, these are the records upon which all else depends; this is the real mission of the church; it is the heart of the mission of Christ. If we fail in this phase of church life the failure is complete, it matters now how loudly the claim to the contrary, because churches do not live without the addition of new members.
EDITORIALS

Thy Brother's Keeper

MRS. CARRIE A. GRIFFIN
Box 94, Colla 2, Mississippi

1. Are thou thy brother's keeper?
I'm asking this of you, Because you are responsible For the things your brothers do.

2. Both were born into the kingdom, By the power of the gospel true, You are your brother's keeper And he's your keeper too.

3. If he fails it's your duty To help the weak be strong, If there's a difference between you Don't treat your brother wrong.

4. Can you gain a soul for Jesus, By trampling on your kin? If we're join heirs to Jesus, It's our big task to win.

5. We're workers together with Jesus Like Paul in the days of old, If we do evil for evil, We cannot win a soul.

6. We pray for the Lord to forgive us, As we forgive our debtor. It must be by lips and not in heart, Why we seldom win another.

7. Why praise we God curse we man? The tongue is very mean. We live with man and have never seen God, And can't be His with something between.

8. Come on brother there's much to do A job for you and for me. No time to strike back, press bravely on; Stand up for the old, old, Plea.

9. Not only this Plea or advertisement, But the plea of the apostles of old. Let's go back to the Jerusalem Church, And save a weary soul.

Money Turned Over To The Christian Plea Treasurer, Mrs. Preston Taylor, For The Month Of October, 1945.

1. Mrs. F. O. Walker, 1175 West Federal St., Youngstown, Ohio, 2 subs. $1.00
2. Miss Oceola A. Dawson, P. O. Box 314, Paducah, Kentucky 1 Plea $1.00
3. Mrs. Geneva Towns, 846 West 20th St., Indianapolis, Ind., 1 subs. $1.00
4. Mrs. Mary E. Graves, 1048 Pavone St., Dallas 15, Texas, 20 subs. $2.50
5. Rev. C. L. Parks, National Director of Church Development & Evangelism, 215 Stewart Bldg., 157 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis 4, Indianapolis, Ind., 19 subs $10.00
6. Miss L. Ruth Ratten, National Director Missionary Organizations, 4 subs. 4.00
7. Mrs. M. M. Stinnett, 1028 2nd Ave., Nashville 11, Tenn., 8 subs. $5.75
8. Mrs. Mary E. Graves, 1648 Pavone Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan, 1 subs $1.00
9. Mrs. Mary B. Franklin, 911 W. 2nd Street, Russellville, Arkansas, 1 subs., 1 Plea $1.10
10. Mrs. L. A. Whyte, 1123 N. Wesley St., Greenville, Texas, 1 subs. $1.00
11. Mrs. L. V. Isaac, P. O. Box 974, Henderson, Texas, 1 subs. $1.00
12. Mrs. Kenny Smith, 446 Sherman Avenue, Springfield, Ohio, 5 subs. $2.50
13. Mrs. Margaret L. Hansbrough, 2121 Magazine Street, Louisville 11, Ky. 2 yr. subs. $2.00

Total $53.62
“Good Mawning” In Virginia

By C. H. Dickerson
Box 123
North Tazewell, Virginia

—1—
Good Mawnin’, Brother, so I so
Good Mawnin’, Mr. Blanks,
How’s all the people gittin’ on?
All perty well now, Thanks.

—2—
The people in a little town
Are not like those in city;
We stop and ask you “Howdy Do?”
While they don’t “give a kitty.”

—3—
The city folks are on the move,
They’ve got to go and “get it.”
But we don’t hafter have so much;
We just sit down and “let it.”

—4—
No bills for rent and gas and phone
But you have all you need.
It don’t take all you make to live;
You’re happier indeed.

—5—
The garden keeps the table full,
You get fresh milk and butter,
The chicks lay the eggs each day,
The city folk “Kant cutter.”

—6—
The city folk did much for me,
They couldn’t have been better;
I couldn’t tell it in this verse,
’Twould take a great long letter.

—7—
Farm, coolfield, town and city life
I’ve tried all East and West;
Perhaps when tired and running down
The small town life is best.

—8—
North Tazewell now, my old home town,
It’s here I hit the hay;
While feeling tired and running down
I came back home to stay.

—9—
We finished Louisville Bible School
And brought my young wife here,
Built parsonage and dug this well
And both have had good care.

—10—
It’s worth your life to see out here
These summer days a-dawnin’
And hear these ol’ Virginians say
“Good mawnin’, Sir, good mawnin’.”

—11—
This ole hometown has grown a bit;
May have run the race.
If you desire to write to me,
North Tazewell is the place.

Miss Ruth Ratten Writes

Dear Friends:
The past few months through our state and national conventions has given us an opportunity to know each other better. We know as we progress in this missionary year “With Christ We Build Anew” you have accepted your challenge in the “Light of World Needs” for greater service through our missionary societies.

You must be concerned about our National Christian Missionary Society’s leadership for 1945-1946. We are pleased to begin this convention year with these officers: Mrs. John A. Towns, president, Indianapolis; Mrs. Arah Garrett, first vice-president, Texas; Mrs. P. A. Grey, second vice-president, Missouri; Mrs. E. G. Starling, recording secretary, Virginia; Mrs. Daisy Dean, corresponding secretary, Arkansas; Mrs. Fenton Hamilton, treasurer, Illinois; Mrs. A. L. Martin, historian, Illinois; and Mrs. Rasa Page Welch, Ambassador of Good Will, Illinois.

Our offerings through our missionary organizations for 1944-1945 were increased one third over the year 1943-1944. You have raised your level of giving and this MUST be maintained. Through our National Christian Missionary Convention, goals are suggested in the LIGHT OF WORLD NEEDS. Let us accept goals that will not stifle your vision. The peoples of our battle scarred world are looking to us for help. LET US NOT FAIL THEM NOW.

It is time to plan for the 1945 World Fellowship Youth Meets. I do have on hand directors packets. Our youth are at work, they have accepted as their goal for 1945-1946, $1,000 to apply on the national fund of $65,000.00. Christian youth “We Must be the World We Want.”

I am here to serve you as Director of Missionary Organizations. I will be pleased to help you at all times in your local, district, state and national work.

Very sincerely yours,

L. Ruth Ratten.

Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Berry Retire

Retires After 33 Years of Valuable Service

On Sunday, October 14, Professor and Mrs. C. A. Berry were at home to nearly 200 friends. The occasion was Professor Berry’s retiring birthday after thirty-three years of service at Jarvis Christian College and a house-warming of their beautiful and spacious new home that is nearing completion just east of Jarvis College on Highway 80.

In appreciation of the years of valuable service rendered through community contacts as well as through direct work with students, faculty members, and the brotherhood at large, friends came from points as far distant as Mississippi and Brownwood, Texas to be present at this eventful celebration. That his influence has not been confined by racial barriers was indicated by the presence of many white friends during the evening.

After Mr. and Mrs. Berry had welcomed their guests they were conducted to the dining room where Mrs. M. A. Wallick and Mrs. C. C. Mosley presided at the lace covered table. There punch and cake were served.

Miss Pearl LaVerne Richards had charge of the guest book.

Mr. Berry received many beautiful gifts and other expressions of gratitude from his friends through the country.

The friends and co-workers of the Disciples Brotherhood are happy to see Mr. Berry reach his period of retirement. We regret however the loss of one so valuable to us. His worth in the growth and development of Jarvis Christian College can not be estimated. His valuable service has served as an endowment to the college.

Report To The Brotherhood

C. L. Parks

After leaving the history-making National Convention which was held at Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial College last August, we spent nine days adjusting ourselves in our new home in Indianapolis, Indiana. On the 6th of September we traveled to Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi to conduct Vesper services for the Young People’s Conference, September 10-16. From there our journey took us into Texas to fulfill an engagement with the Romine Street Christian Church, a great church with greater possibilities, but with no pastor.

We went home from Dallas, arriving in Indianapolis on September 22. We spent one day, Sunday, September 25rd. and then left for St. Louis to attend a meeting of the Religious Education Curriculum Committee. On Thursday night of the same week
we returned to Indianapolis in order that we might keep our date with Mr. Becker, Director of Town and Rural Churches. We are much concerned about our rural churches and in this conference we sought to find some way we might effectively serve them.

From Monday, October 1 through Thursday, October 4 we were in our office, 215 Stewart Building, 157 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis 4, Indiana trying to set our desk in order before Friday, October 5. This is the date Brother E. J. Dickson, Director of Religious Education and Acting Executive Secretary, and I went to Little Rock, Kentucky to service the District Convention. Had a very profitable fellowship. We preached Sunday morning at Mt. Sterling and in the afternoon we brought the message for the District Convention. Only a distance of ten miles separates these two churches. Mt. Sterling made a contribution of $8.20 on my expenses.

On October 8 we returned to Indianapolis. We spent six days in the office; by this time the 15th had arrived and the date of our appointment with Elder A. J. Jeffries, Birmingham, Alabama. We spent only one day with Elder Jeffries before leaving for Montgomery, Alabama to contact Elder Charles Mitchell, State president, and Elder J. E. McColl who is pastoring two of the largest churches in the Lowndes County Area. While in Montgomery, we contacted Elder Z. H. Howard, Chaplain G. F. Lewis, and Elder C. J. Hinson all of Montgomery. It was quite an enjoyable fellowship, and we hope that very soon we may be able to tell you, through these columns, the specific reason why these contacts were made.

From Montgomery we traveled to Valdosta, Georgia. Here, again, we were fulfilling an engagement made last June with the officials and members of Evergreen Christian Church. This church is without a pastor and it is our earnest hope that some good pastor will grasp this opportunity to do service for a church which has equally as great possibilities.

We left Valdosta, Georgia at 12:00 Sunday night, October 21 after having conducted two services and traveled until 3:30 Tuesday morning before reaching Indianapolis. Spending two days at home, Thursday found us on our way to the Goldsboro, North Carolina to service the Goldsboro-Raleigh Assembly District (Continued on Page 8)

| Piedmont District Convention |  |
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| E. G. Starling               |  |
| Route 1, Box 5               |  |
| Martinsville, Virginia      |  |
| The 63rd Annual Sermon of the Piedmont District Convention of the Piedmont District Convention of Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina, is of the Christian Churches, Bible Schools, Women’s Missionary Societies, Endeavor Societies, Ministers’ Councils and Usher Boards of the Church of Christ, was held with the First Christian Church, Rediville, N. C., Elder N. L. Lambert, Minister, August 8-12. Theme: “Building the Kingdom Through the Local Church”. Wednesday, 8:15 p.m. a program of welcome was rendered by the local church with Elder D. W. Heath of Roanoke, Virginia giving the opening sermon. Thursday, 8:45 a.m. after a brief devotion the organization of Convention Institute and assignment of meeting places for classes and announcements concerning daily schedules were made.

1. Observation Bible Schools for Church School Superintendents, teachers and those who would like to teach in the Bible School. The group leaders are: Mrs. Margaret Webb and Mrs. V. M. Earley, Misses Lois Dreyer and Reid, Mrs. M. Frazier, Mr. N. J. Dickerson.

2. Youth Forums: For young people, youth leaders and presidents and officers of Christian Endeavor Societies and Leaders of youth groups. Mrs. E. B. Penn, group leader.


The business period was conducted each afternoon with worship and sermons each evening.

The following officers were elected for 1945-46: President, Bro. M. L. Lambert; Vice-President, Bro. C. H. Webb; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Starling; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. N. J. Dickerson; Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Hairston.

Bible School. President, Bro. N. J. Dickerson; Vice-President, Bro. J. C. Hairston, Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Jennie Wilkins, Asst. Secy-Treasurer, Mrs. Angenora Millner.

Missionary Society, President, Mrs. Anna Gunning; Vice-President, Mrs. E. B. Penn; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss J. K. Spencer; Asst. Secy-Treasurer, Mrs. S. E. McAden; Field Worker, Mrs. Susie Fontaine.

Endeavor Society, President, Miss Pauline Staples; Vice-President, Miss Lucille Gary, Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Gladys Mitchell.

Usher Board. President, Mrs. Leola Holly; Vice-President, Miss Inoa Galloway; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Lois Dreyer.

Ministers’ Council, President Elder G. W. Roland; Vice-President, Elder C. L. Morrissey, Secretary-Treasurer, Elder P. E. Carter.

We closed a successful convention to meet with the Bluefield, Virginia Christian Church, August, 1946.
ton lost two great souls in the past few months. Prof. W. C. Payne, who served as an Elder of the church for many years, his family played a great part in the building of the church and his home was the home of preachers for many years. His life touched the lives of many young people who are now in many useful fields of service. The other person was Deacon James Sims, one who did much to keep the work going his very fine attitude did much to steer the church financially in needful times. These good men are gone but each do leave a very fine family to carry on. District Convention was held in Fulton, Mo., with a very fine program. Churches represented were Jefferson City, Chamois, Fulton and Columbia and St. Louis. It was a convention of information and inspiration. Elder Frank Coleman, Sr., of Columbia brought a most helpful sermon on the opening night.

We preached at Jefferson City and Chamois on this trip we had two to make the good confession and three for baptism. The church at Jefferson City is at work looking towards building this Spring. Elder J. P. Washington and his good people have wrought well and the entire State also Missouri Christian Mission Society under the leadership of John Starr Mill, Executive Secretary and the First Christian Church and pastor, Elder Allan W. Watson, are solidly behind this work.

Our work at Wichita is going forward under the leadership of Elder W. E. Graves, assisted by a very fine Official Board, they want to have a parsonage and then extend a call for a minister. The church at Lawrence, Kansas, under the leadership of W. S. Sims, is now worshipping in a very beautiful chapel with rooms for Sunday School. Brother Sims, his good wife and congregation deserve much credit for their stand all these years. Brother James R. Williams and family who came from Chamois, Mo., have also made quite a contribution. This church was greatly aided by The Kansas Christian Missionary Society and John D. Zimmerman in this effort. It was the writer's privilege to counsel with them and make a few suggestions. We preached for them the first Sunday in October and baptized nine and will hold a revival soon. The building was dedicated November 29th by Brother Zimmerman, General Secretary of Kansas. G. Ellison Lakes brought the morning message and represented Kansas State Convention of which he is President. S. S. Myers, National President, bringing the message in the evening. Elder Frank Bradley of Parsons, Kan., is called to Rockford, Ill.

We are now in Arkansas working with the churches. The Mt. Sinai Church under the leadership of Elder T. R. Moore is busily engaged in a program for the erection of a new church. The church at Cross St., Under the excellent leadership of Elder O. B. Garner, is going forward in a most pleasing manner. They will build an educational plant and beautify their church. For this entire area we do need a great awakening of Evangelism. Mrs. Cynthia L. Martin of Illinois brought a most interesting message to Cross St. The Pearidge church held a helpful service October 28th with a basket dinner.

Dear Editor of the Christian Plea:

I wish to announce the givers that helped me on the memorial fund of Elder M. M. Bostick of the Mt. Sinai Christian Church. Three white Christian churches gave me $75.00.

Mrs. Mary Franklin, Russellville $5.00
Mr. John Woodward & Family ... 5.00
Mr. J. B. Curry, Methodist Church ........................................ 5.00
Mr. Lonnie Guest, one of the youngest members of the Mt. Sinai Church .................................. 5.00
First Baptist Church ...................... 14.00
Mrs. Dixie Martin ................................ 2.00
Bro. & Sister Julius Mitchel ............ 2.00
Bro. & Sister Dean ......................... 2.00
Bro. Pratt of Texas ........................ 1.00
Mrs. Berry of Moscow, Arkansas 5.00
Mr. Scott of Russellville ................. 1.00
Mrs. Annie Brock .......................... 1.00
Mr. Gentry .................................. 1.00
Mr. Brownie ................................. 1.00
Mrs. J. H. Fuller .......................... 2.00
Mrs. Ruby Beasley of Chicago 1.00
Mrs. Bessie Garner ......................... 1.00
Mrs. Beatrice Goodwin, California ...... 1.50
Mr. Hatchet, Little Rock ................ 1.00
Elder J. W. Fobs ............................ 1.00
Mrs. Leona Gray, Pearidge Church ........ 1.00
Mrs. Sarah Hubble ........................ 3.00
Friends (From 25c to 50c) 5.50
Grand total raised by S. L. Bostick $147.00

We were grouped by the Bible names and each one was to raise $125.00. At the first rally in June, this group raised $1,000.00. Our second rally Sept. 16 raising $354.80.

Making the grand total raised $1,364.80 for the building funds. We feel very grateful to every heart that had a part in this giving.

The pastor, Elder T. R. Moore is at his post. I also received $1.00 from Elder W. M. Martin of Fulton, Missouri stating that he would send more later, because he had a great interest in Elder M. M. Bostick. A few days later I received $2.00 from Elder W. A. Gray and the Church of St. Louis sent $12.00 for Elder Bostick Memorial Fund which we feel grateful to every giver. That makes a grand total of $159.00 received from friends.

(Signed) Mrs. S. L. Bostick

October 5, 1945

Dear Editor of the Christian Plea:

I am very glad to have had the opportunity to attend the National Convention at Nashville, Tennessee August 21-26, one more time which had been set up 27 years ago. This was a very happy meeting to me as it was gratifying to meet so many of my old friends once more in another Convention at the same city; to think of our dear Brother Preston Taylor who has passed on that shall never be forgotten and his faithful wife; to sit there and think of the many friends that we failed to meet that have gone home.

Fellow workers, I am just wondering what kind of a meeting it will be at the sounding of the trumpet, where no sin and nor hatred can enter the gates of Heaven. Each time we fail to understand our differences, we are just slogging mud at one another. What did the Savior say to us? "Come and let us reason together". My friends, this does not mean that the "hot shots" will stand at the top forever, and the little bird to remain at the bottom to be trodden down by men. We shall pray more to our Heavenly Father.

Last, but not least, by all means we are very proud of Mrs. Rosa Page Welch. She always gave vent to the whole Convention with her charming voice. I am praying that the Colored Disciples everywhere where fail not to watch ourselves as we over this Land of God.

(Signed) Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick

COMING

MRS. ELBIE TITUS

Christian Plea Evangelist

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE "PLEA"
Bethel Christian Church
Route 2, Colia, Mississippi

CARRIE GRIFFIN, Reporter
ELDER S. D. YARBROUGH, Minister

Bethel sends her heartiest greetings to all. I shall attempt to give a summary of the activities of Bethel for June, July, and August.

JUNE.—On the second Sunday our church school was conducted by Bro. T. J. Johnson after which Bro. Yarbrough. The finances are as follows: Church school, $2.00; Morning services, for minister, $20.00; To minister $4.30; Evening services, $7.93; Civic donation to Miss Alma Gilmore, $5.00; Evening services, $5,00; Grand total, $57.36.

JULY.—On the second Sunday evening services were led by the young people. Bro. Everette Grant brought the message. The finances are as follows: For service rendered The Goldsboro-Raleigh Assembly contributed $25.00 on our expenses and Evergreen Christian Church contributed $6.00.

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Meeting of Disciples of Christ. This, truly, was a grand gathering. You have never seen so many Disciples come together with such a oneness of purpose until you visit these brethren in one of their Assembly District Meetings! Between 2,500 and 3,000 gathered from seven counties in Eastern North Carolina. In the Church of God’s Tabernacle where the final meeting was conducted Sunday, October 28, it seemed as though there were an acre of Disciples before you as you looked out over them from the rostrum. In this Assembly $5980.04 was raised to carry forward their new Educational Building now under construction. The Women met the following week at Ayden, North Carolina, and raised $846.79 giving them a grand total of $6,826.83. A more intense fellowship as well as our financial support to help in their effort to build for education should be our means of expressing our sympathetic understanding and love for these, our brethren. You will find no more earnest and eager Disciples in our whole brotherhood. They need us and we need them. Some money has already been sent by them to our National Treasure, and the fellowship they give is warm and genuine. Let us take them into our thinking and planning as we strive, with Christ, to build a new world.

For service rendered The Goldsboro-Raleigh Assembly contributed $25.00 on our expenses and Evergreen Christian Church contributed $6.00.

Three Mile Creek Christian Church and Bible School

REV. A. L. BRABHAM, Pastor

Route 1, Box 30
Olar, South Carolina

The Bible School had a picnic. It was well attended. The topic for discussion on that day: “What Can the Church Do to Unite the World Together.” It was well discussed by many. A paper was read by Miss Breland also, Master Tom Ray, Master Thomas Breland.

Our quarterly meeting convened with the members and friends of New Hope Christian Church, Burton, South Carolina. We had a grand meeting. It was well attended.

The Rev. R. H. Boyd preached a wonderful sermon for us.

We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood.
Russellville, Arkansas

MARY B. FRANKLIN, Reporter

We were blessed to have Bro. R. Wesley Watson from Kansas City, Missouri. He was with us on October 16th and 17th. We were glad to have Brother Watson in our city.

On October 20th and 21st, Mrs. A. L. Martin of Chicago, our Area Worker for the National Women's Department, came to visit the church work. She spoke to a group from various churches in the city. She was the guest of Mrs. Mary B. Franklin, president of the local Missionary Society and State President.

Bro. Pullion, pastor of the CME Church, conducted the devotion and Mrs. Maryetter Thomas of New Prospect Baptist Church rendered music for the evening.

Sunday, October 28th, was general pastoral day. Bro. B. H. Armstrong spoke morning and evening.

Mrs. Mary L. Brown, better known as Mrs. Woodard, has moved to Tyler, Texas, to make her home. She was our pianist. We regret her leaving, but her husband was discharged from the Army, and he is making his home in Texas.

I am urging all the Missionary Societies of Arkansas to observe Women's Day the first Sunday of December and send the proceeds promptly to headquarters.

Lockland Church Holds Pastor's Eighth Anniversary

"A STEP TOWARDS PROGRESS"

ELDER H. E. FOWLER, Pastor

The Spirit of Goodwill, fellowship and congeniality were really exemplified when the members of Lockland Church had their eighth anniversary for the pastor, Bro. H. E. Fowler, beginning October 7, with an interesting program each night and closing with a lovely reception. Many useful gifts were presented to the pastor and his wife from each auxiliary. A gift of $200.00 was presented to the pastor. Baby Fowler was well-remembered by many friends both of Lockland and Oxford Christian Churches. There was a shower given at the home of Mrs. Elmer Finell in his honor.

The church rejoiced at the ordination of Bro. M. J. Dabney at our union service held the third Sunday in October at Maple Street Christian Church. Great hopes are for Bro. Dabney, now a student at the School of Scriptures.

Brother Walter Roberts and Mrs. Donna Sherman are sadly missed from our midst.

Southern Christian Inst. News

September 10, 1945, the doors of Southern Christian Institute were again swung open on another school year. Over three hundred and eleven (311) entered to participate in the annual Magnolia Youth Conference which initiated the school's seventieth year of service in this area.

FACULTY — This year's faculty has been reinforced by Miss Joanna Henry, graduate of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, who comes as principal of the Community School; and Miss Willie Grays, a graduate of S. C. I. and Alcorn College, who joins Mrs. Isabelle Johnson in the home economics department.

EQUIPMENT — New pieces of equipment recently purchased promise to enrich the offering of the school greatly. After several years of persistent effort (made difficult by the recent war) Pres. Long and the administration have been successful in purchasing a Bell and Howell Filmsound Moving Picture projector model No. 156-G. The projector with the screen and other extra equipment was acquired at a cost of 600 dollars.

A new school bus has also been purchased. We now await its arrival. The bus along with the projector will greatly implement our techniques of instruction.

FARM — The farm is a vital part of S. C. I. The able supervision of Mr. B. L. Jacobs and his assistant, Mr. Homer Thomas, has ranked the farm as tops in the state. Recently a new silage machine and truck were acquired.

S. C. I.'s infant family continues to grow. October 29th the farm management bought a four-year-old baby bull weighing some 2,300 pounds.

MINISTERIAL PROGRAM — October 19th the Ministerial Association presented Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor of First Baptist Church (white) of Vicksburg in a chapel program in keeping with the Week of the Ministry.

The Disciples' Minister's Institute will be held the first week in April under the direction of Rev. C. L. Parks.

The Department of Religious Extension announces the first six weeks school for town and rural pastors to be held February 4 through March 15th, 1946. The school is interde-minational. The school, the Department of Social Welfare and Rural Work of the U. C. M. S. and the Home Missions Council of North America are cooperating in the sponsorship. There are only twenty scholarships available this year. Applications for such must be made early. Address all letters for such to W. K. Fox, Director of Bible and Religious Extension, S. C. I., Edwards, Mississippi.

COLLEGE CLASS — November 4th the college senior class (sophomore) under the supervision of Prof. Jas. Ratten, sponsor, presented a Hallow'en Party for the entertainment for the school. A wholesome time was had by all. This year's senior class is made up of eight girls and two boys representing four states (Indiana, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi).

CHAEL SPEAKERS — Thus far recent chapel speakers of particular note include Miss Dale Ellis, executive secretary of institutional missions of the United Christian Missionary Society. Miss Ellis was a guest on the campus from October 3 until October 7th.

DRAMA — The Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss M. Hill, presented Alfred Kreymbourg's one-act play, "Manikin and Minikin" in chapel October 6. It served as a curtain raiser on, what promises to be, a most interesting year of good acting. Miss Hill plans to make the club reach out into the community through the presentation of plays in neighboring schools.

SPORTS — Coach Jas. Ratten's S. C. I. champion hoopsters are gradually whipping into sharpshooting shape. Though Mr. Ratten has lost B. L. Jacobs, Jr., and "Flipping" Dick Flynn to the army, he still has hopes for grooming a classy hardwood quintet that will give the other fives plenty of worries this year.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL — The Community School under the supervision of Mrs. R. M. Fox and Miss Joanna Henry entertained the first P. T. A. meeting last October 25th. It was attended by the largest number of parents in some time. The association voted to include a parent study program issued by PARENT MAGAZINE entitled "Growing With Your Children."

November 6th the Community School teachers took the students to the Negro Cattle Show being held in Edwards, Mississippi.

W. K. Fox
Antioch Christian Church Disciples of Christ

REV. S. E. TILLMAN, Minister
MRS. A. B. WASHINGTON, Reporter
169 Seaman Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey

On the first Sunday, I was glad when they said unto me "Let us go into the house of the Lord", Psalms 122:1. Vacation is over and the boys and girls are glad to return to school. Let us return to our church work with more real zeal to do a greater work for the upbuilding of the Master's cause. We are glad to have our pastor back from the National Convention feeling fine with high inspiration to do a greater work with high inspiration to do a greater work and try to teach the ungodly' the way of salvation, and also in trying to bring unity in the Brotherhood. He gave us some of the highlights of the Convention, but not all just now. Somewhat like Christ said to his disciples you cannot hear it all now. Our pastor then preached a short sermon to the candidates that were awaiting to put on Christ by baptism which follow close of the service at 5 p.m.

We looked for a guest speaker from Jersey City who failed to be present, so Rev. Tillman took over and we all had a good sermon.

Elder Eugene Patterson from Mt. Sterling, Kentucky was with us all day. At 11 o'clock the choir sang. Elder Patterson was introduced by our pastor.

On the third Sunday, our pastor preached from John 11-37, and one o'clock we went to the river with two candidates to be baptized. The bank of the river was crowded with spectators. Rev. Tillman really preached from Acts 8-36.

On the fourth Sunday night a special sermon was delivered by Elder T. Taylor for the benefit of our organist, Miss Dorothy Edwards, who is leaving for Howard University in Washington, D. C. He was trying to explain the difficulty that may confront her and try to impede her progress. Telling her to be of good cheer and trust God for his wonders to perform.

We went to Mt. Calvary Christian Church and heard Elder David Kin-ward preach.

We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood.

Antioch Christian Church

REV. S. E. TILLMAN, Pastor
MRS. A. B. WASHINGTON, Reporter
169 Seaman Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey

The First Sunday was a glorious day. It was pastoral day. Rev. W. H. Anderson of Jerusalem Baptist Church, Orange, New Jersey, had charge of the afternoon program. Rev. Anderson preached a stirring sermon from I Corinthians 13:13. We also had with us the pastor and some members of St. James A. M. E. Church of East Millstone, New Jersey. The program was under the direction of Sister Lillie M. Foa.

On the second Sunday, Rev. Father Broodie of New York was scheduled to preach for us at 11 A.M. but he missed his train, but he was on hand in the afternoon which was Rally Day. Rev. Machett of the A. M. E. Church of Highstown, New Jersey, preached. Rev. Broodie gave us some encouraging remarks on the work we have done in building a place in which to worship. At the close of this service we went to the Woman's College Campus (white) where our pastor and choir have charge of the evening service. Rev. Tillman opened the meeting by reading from 2 Kings 5th Chapter. Chaplain Bergen (white) spoke from the scripture ready. His whole thought was peace.
The United Christian Church
5631 30th Street
Detroit, Michigan
REV. R. L. JORDAN, Pastor
MISS IRENE HARVEY, Reporter
The different organizations of the church are still going strong under their efficient leadership. The picnic sponsored by the Sunday School was a success. The children as well as adults had a grand time.

The program given by the National Convention Committee on August 19th was superb. The entire program was made up of talented speakers and singers. Among the most outstanding were Mr. Paul Holt, Detroit's greatest dramatic reader, orator and poet.

The church was represented at the Convention by our Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. J. Saunders, and Rev. R. L. Jordan, pastor.

The church is now working on a new plan by which to build and buy a new church.

Nashville Union Missionary Societies Meet
MRS. H. E. BRADEN, Reporter
The Missionary Societies met at the Alameda Street Christian Church Sunday, October 21, with Mrs. Lessie Endsley presiding.

The devotions and worship service was conducted by Mrs. James Granbery. Mrs. Dallas Harris presented the lesson in the form of a quiz taken from the World Call.

The meeting was well attended by the other two groups, and all took part in the meeting.

The next meeting will be with the Lea Ave. Society, Mrs. Dora White, president.

East Vine Avenue Christian Church
410 Temperance Street
Knoxville, Tennessee
REV. E. A. DANIELS, Pastor
MISS CHARLOTTE M. HOWARD, Reporter
The District Convention will meet with Rev. D. W. Bradley of Rogersville, Tennessee.

A new Bible Class will begin at the church, November 4. Class will last from 8 to 8:45 in the evenings, and will be conducted by Rev. Daniels. This class is open to all members of the congregation who are interested in the Bible and its functions.

Sister Dora Gray and Sister Lula Cox are still on the sick list. We are praying for their recovery.

The annual banquet of the Young People's Club was quite an affair. All guests reported a lovely time. The president, Mrs. Katherine Faulkner, wishes to take this means to thank the official staff and members for their faithful services with her through this year. The monthly project of the club will be preparation of Thanksgiving baskets or dinners for members or friends of the congregation. These persons do not have to be members of the church, but anyone whose name is turned into the club. These baskets will contain a full dinner for a family of five. The meat will be donated by the Church Club, and the Young People's Club will furnish the trimmings. Plans will also get under way for the club's annual Christmas party this month.

The Annual Fellowship Dinner and Pastor's Anniversary will be held December 18th. You will be hearing more about this later.

Visit our services and accept fellowship with us every Lord's Day.

Williamsburg Christian Church
REV. W. F. KEYS, Pastor
BRO. B. J. ORS, Advising Elder
MRS. CHERIDELL ELLIS, Reporter
250 Glenmore Avenue
Brooklyn, New York
The Lord has wonderfully blessed us during the month of August as our church is moving on in a prosperous manner now since the war is over and peace has been signed. We are pleading for prayer throughout the world that peace will not only be signed in black and white, but will be signed in the hearts of everyone. By so doing it will make this world a better place in which to live.

As our sons and daughters return home, they will not forget Jesus was the only one who could lead them through danger and home again, and they will find places in churches and world for the Lord.

We regret to say that we are grieved over the loss of one of our faithful members, Sister Rosa Mae Miley, daughter of Mrs. Bertha S. McAdams Miley. She was a member of the Second Senior Choir and was loved by everyone. The church enters into sympathy with her family.

On August 26th we enjoyed a fellowship with Steyestant Height Christian Church, pastor, Rev. Hancock. Our pastor preached a soul-stirring sermon.

On August 19th, the Sendon Sen-ior Choir celebrated their eighth anniversary. Various choirs and talents participated in the program. One hundred and eight dollars was raised. Brother B. J. Orr is the president.

We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood that we may continue in the faith.

Corinth Christian Church
Kilgore, Texas
PRESIDENT P. C. WASHINGTON, Acting Pastor
MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, Reporter
Our Sunday School was nicely attended. Brother Washington is still breaking the bread of life to us and giving us spiritual food which we all enjoy. We are grateful to have his wife to visit us, Mrs. Washington. Our Sunday School pastor is doing a fine job. He is Rev. Brown of Jarvis College. He is with us each fourth Sunday. Rev. Swetman brought the message in Rev. Brown's place last fourth Sunday. We are happy two brilliant young men in the person of Mr. Oliver, Mr. Pouncey. We hope that they may continue because the world is in need of brains especially in the religious field.

We were blessed with splendid visitors on Sunday: Mr. Thomas, a staff officer of S. C. I.; Mr. B. L. Jacobs, both of Mississippi.

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Report To The Brotherhood

L. RUTH RATTERN, National Director of Missionary Organizations

The month of October led us into the fine fellowship with the 76th Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ held with the Galilee Christian Church, Holly Hill, South Carolina. The Convention was quite an impressive one with most of the churches represented. Indeed, there is much that can be accomplished in this kind of work.

Local church visits were made to Mt. Olive Christian Church, Charleston, South Carolina, of which Elder Joseph Ephriam is minister, and the Grove Hall Christian Church, Summerville, South Carolina, of which Elder Rodger W. Williams is minister. In each of these churches it was my privilege to bring a message to the group. We are pleased to have Mrs. Joseph Ephriam of Mt. Olive Christian Missionary Society, and Mrs. Ellen Patterson of Grove Hall Christian Women's Missionary Society pledge the support of the local society to the National Women's Missionary work.

One of the most interesting field trips during the month of October was the visit to the Goldsboro-Raleigh District Assembly of the Disciples of Christ, held at Goldsboro, North Carolina, with the St. Luke Church of Christ. Here a magnificent task is being accomplished. I was again given an opportunity to speak to the entire assembly. The fellowship was most inspirational and I left with cordial invitation to return and work with the Women's Missionary Work.

The following made contributions toward my travel:
- South Carolina Women's Missionary Society $10.00
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Reverend F. B. Bradley came to this church from Parsons, Kansas where he was an assistant to the Reverend G. E. Lakes at the Morgan Avenue Christian Church. He held many offices in the local church there and in the State as well. He was State President of young peoples' work under the direction of the Kansas State Convention of Christian Churches. He is also an Alumni of Southern Christian Institute. Reverend Bradley has a wife and two daughters. We look forward to a prosperous future under his leadership.

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MISS DALE ELLIS

Dale Ellis Resigns
From United Society

Dale Ellis, executive secretary of the department of institutional missions in the United Christian Missionary Society, has tendered her resignation, as announced by Robert M. Hopkins, president. She will be married in December to C. B. Currence of Phillipsburg, Kan.

Since 1934 Miss Ellis has provided national administrative leadership for five home missions institutions of Disciples of Christ—Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.; Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex.; Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Tex.; Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Wash.; and All People's Church and Community Center, Los Angeles, Calif. She was a missionary to the Philippine Islands from 1920 to 1934 with the exception of the period from 1926 to 1929 when she served as dean of women at Corner College.

In accepting her resignation, Dr. Hopkins said of Miss Ellis, she “has been an effective voice in behalf of...”

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MRS. H. B. MARX

Mrs. H. B. Marx
Resigns Position

Will Close Work as Secretary of Department of Missionary Organizations of U.C.M.S., Jan. 1

Robert M. Hopkins, president of the United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Ind., announces the resignation of Mrs. H. B. Marx, effective Jan. 1. Mrs. Marx has served for the past five years as executive secretary of the department of missionary organizations of the United Society. These organizations include the women's missionary societies, women's councils, young matrons, and guilds for business and professional women, as well as various missionary organizations for children and youth among the churches of Disciples of Christ. A total of over 4,000 organizations are included in this roster, with a membership of more than 150,000. Their missionary giving constitutes one of the most substantial sources of...
MISS DALE ELLIS RESIGNS

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this type of work, not only within our own brotherhood but within interdenominational circles and in many other ways. She is an active member of the Home Missions Council of North America and has represented us in many important interdenominational gatherings.”

Doctor Hopkins has expressed the feelings of the brotherhood about Miss Dale Ellis in a very eloquent manner, but he has neglected to state in glowing terms the essence of true greatness which goes to Miss Ellis. He pointed to the heights that Miss Ellis attained. We, the Negroes, want to express it as we see it. That is, to the depths that Miss Ellis reached.

No one but a true Christian could or would express her feelings about Negroes—Negroes of lowly estate as well as higher attainments. No one but a true Christian could or would express her feelings about Negroes—Negroes of lowly estate as well as higher attainments.

In presenting her resignation Mrs. Marx writes President Hopkins, “Please be assured this decision has not been easily or hastily reached. The two factors which are basic to it are a desire for a different home life than is now possible, and my physician’s advice that I must slow up a bit.”

Dr. Hopkins in accepting this resignation has written Mrs. Marx, “I am confident that your associates both at headquarters and in the field, as well as the members of the board of trustees, and for that matter our brotherhood generally, will share my own feeling of profound reluctance to let you go.

“Your zeal and devotion have found expression in a gracious, eloquent presentation of our work that has carried conviction to those among whom you have served throughout our brotherhood.”

H. B. Marx, who has been serving with the armed forces for the past four years, has now been released and has accepted a position in South Bend, Ind. Mrs. Marx will remove to that city from Indianapolis Jan. 1.

The Negro brotherhood joins Dr. Hopkins in saying that in the leaving of Mrs. H. B. Marx, there is a “profound reluctance to let her go”. We feel it more keenly because the brotherhood can get another secretary, but to get one like Mrs. Marx is another matter; she possesses a charm that is captivating and yet it is expressed so natural and Christ-like that colored people throughout the brotherhood could feel her sincerity and simplicity. Her relationship with our Miss Jamison was more like the relationship between Ruth and Naomi than any other. Mrs. Marx was not only a woman of charm, but a woman who possessed a christian conviction that was implemeted with a persuasiveness that not only moved people at the moment but kept them alive with her fragrance.—Editor

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

December, 1945

Director of Church Development and Evangelism

By DR. C. L. PARKS

Our first visit during the month of November was experienced with the Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri. Elder P. A. Gray, the pastor, spared no pain that he might make our visit a pleasant and profitable one. It was Sunday, November 4th; the attendance was very good and the response to the message was all that any humble Christian minister could wish for. Two very fine young people accepted the invitation to join hands with God’s people and build “with Christ anew”. During the evening session the church extended us an invitation to come back to Centennial and conduct their Pre-Easter Evangelistic Campaign. Their enthusiasm impelled us to accept. We will be with Centennial from Palm Sunday to Easter.

Our next visit took us to Detroit, Michigan where we had a fine fellowship with Elder Jordan and his enthusiastic congregation at United Christian Church. The morning was cold and dreary but the people were there in numbers larger than we expected. We delivered the morning message and the spiritual atmosphere left no doubt in our mind that the United Church of Detroit is a living church.

During the afternoon of Sunday, November 11, we traveled to Flint, Michigan in company with Elder Jordan and Elder Thomas Courts. Here in this city Elder Courts, assisted by the good people of Central Christian Church, has begun to build a new congregation. This project holds great promise for the future. We were presented to the group and we, in conference, decided on some directives which we hope may guide us aright in the initial phase of this new church.

On the 13th of November we visited Elder and Mrs. Arthur Cross in Remus, Michigan. Elder Cross is pastoring Wheatland Church of Christ in this community. The Wheatland Church choir, under the leadership of Elder Cross, has done much to create good-will as they travel about in the State of Michigan interpreting the light and life that is to be found in songs. Under the leadership of the minister, who, in addition to his pastoral duties, carries United States Mail, takes part in all community projects and evangelizes in songs, this church will
continue to move forward in prestige and service.

The following day, November 14th, we went to Chicago to fulfill an engagement with the Indiana Avenue Christian Church. Elder R. H. Davis, who is truly one of our best pastors, had the people prepared for the meeting. We do not believe we have ever seen a more beautiful demonstration of spiritual unity anywhere. For eight nights we preached and for eight nights the people were there with an interest that inspires a minister to strive for a deeper sense of humility. This was not a campaign for new members. However, we had two new additions. This meeting was staged by the church in order to give impetus to the launching of its Three-Year Program of Advance. If the unity of the spirit, such as we experienced while we were there, is maintained as they move forward, there is no reason to expect anything short of success.

Mississippi State Convention
Fifty-Eighth Annual Session
Aug. 16-19, 1945

Held with Mound Bayou Christian Church, Mound Bayou, Miss.

Theme: With Christ We Build Anew.

President Elder N. R. Trevillion called the Convention to order Thursday morning at 10:30 A. M. Remarks by the President followed by others. Enrollment of delegates with $1.00 each. Appointment of committees.


Friday Morning, 9:00 A. M. Observation School Conducted by State Evangelist, Elder T. E. Brooks. 10:30 A. M. Morning Worship Service. Sermon, Elder E. H. Mason, Business period. Adoption of minutes. Report of State Secretary, A. C. Williams. Report of State Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker. Report of District Evangelists. Offering. Adjournment for dinner. 3:00 P. M. Report of State Officers: U. M. Society and Willing Workers Society. 8:30 P. M. College Night, Conducted by the Southern Christian Institute, Social Service. Mrs. Altie Crow, Mistress of Ceremony. Song by the Choir. Brief Remarks by Chairlady. Welcome Miss Loveola Walker, Christian Church. Welcome Miss Armothera Thompson, Bethel A. M. E. Church. Welcome Mrs. Iola Ward, Mt. Olive B. D. Church. Welcome Mrs. W. M. Brown, First Baptist Church. Special Selection by the Choir. After which Dr. T. M. R. Howard, Surgeon-in-Chief, Taborian Hospital, Mound Bayou, Miss. Dr. Howard was introduced by Dr. J. E. Walker, and his remarks were an inspiration to the Convention. We also had another distinguished guest, Sir P. M. Smith, Chief Grand Mentor of Knights and Daughters of Tabor. The writer feels that this article would be incomplete without you knowing that the Honorable B. A. Green, Mayor of Mound Bayou, was also present and extended a welcome address to the Convention.

10:00 A. M. Saturday Morning. Worship. Sermon, Elder J. C. Norrel. Business period. Minutes of the previous day’s session. Report of Ministers with $2.00 each. Report of Churches: Indiana $40.00; Center Point $25.00; Antioch $15.00; Campbell Chapel $90.00; College Addition $35.00; Fayette $35.00; Forest Grove $25.00; Greenwood, $35.00; Grand Gulf $10.00; Heronville $75.00; Holy Grove $10.00; Johnson Chapel unreported; Little Zion $15.00; Lorman unreported; Mt. Bethel $1.50; Big Mt. Zion $10.00; Mt. Zion $15.00; Mound Bayou $43.00; McKinney Chapel $35.00; North Jackson $10.00; Pine Grove $100.00; Providence $40.00; Rose Hill $100.00; St. Luke $55.00; Tillman $29.00; Union Hill, $12.00; Shaw $50.00; King David Chapel $20.00; Bethel $45.00; Vicksburg Central $15.00; West Point $13.00; St. Elmore $50.00; Clarksdale $50.00; Laurel Mission $3.00; Itta Bena Mission $1.00; Blaine Mission unreported.


Elder N. R. Trevillion, re-elected President; Elder Edward Griffin, re-elected Vice President; Mr. A. C. Williams, re-elected Secretary; Mr. D. B. Buck, re-elected Assistant Secretary; Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn., re-elected Treasurer. Elder S. D. Yarbrough, elected State Evangelist.

8:00 P. M. Saturday Night: Young People's Program Conducted by Elder E. H. Mason, President Christian Endeavor. This program was very good indeed, and all that were there enjoyed it.

9:00 A. M. Church School Conducted by Mr. E. J. Connell, Jr. There were two distinguished visitors, Sir P. M. Smith, and Mrs. Mary P. Boone, and gave us some history about Mound Bayou, and how her father, the late Isaac T. Montgomery, worked to build the town after he had founded it.

11:30 A. M. Sermon, Elder T. E. Brooks, Invitation by Elder N. R. Trevillion, after which we had an ordination of eleven men, eight ordained for deacons and three for Church Elders. Elders I. C. Franklin conducted the ordination.

Money raised as following: 
Delegates fee, Ministers report fee, Public Offering... $252.87
Southern Christian Institute Offering.......................... 50.35
Dr. J. E. Walker, for National Convention Offering.... 125.33
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Report of Churches...................................... 1,079.00

Grand Total $1,706.32

The Convention adjourned to meet in Heronville, Miss., 8 miles east of Port Gibson, on State Highway 18th, Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1946.

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Port Gibson, Miss.

Williamsburg Christian Church News
REV. W. F. KEYES, Pastor
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Our church is getting along fine spiritually and financially. Our Thanksgiving Day services was one of the most heart searching prayer meetings as we pour out supplication to the Lord. It seems that each one did not forget the words when he said "Ask and it shall be given."

We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood that we may grow stronger.
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EDITORIALS

THOMAS J. GRIFFIN
Jarvis Christian College

Brotherhood Experiences With Youth

By THOMAS J. GRIFFIN

During the month of April of this year, I received a letter from Mr. Lester G. McAllister, National Youth Director of the Dept. of Religious Education stating that twenty-four other such letters had been sent to 24 young people asking them if they would be interested in giving a part or all of the summer months as Special Christian Youth Fellowship Representatives. Out of this twenty-five, eight were selected by U. C. M. S. to do this work.

Immediately I wrote Mr. McAllister stating that I would be most happy to give all of the three summer months to such a job. A few weeks later I received a second letter stating that I had been selected as one of the eight young people, all the rest of whom were caucasians, to do this work.

After receiving my instructions in a coaching meeting in St. Louis, I started on the first assignment which was to take me approximately 10,000 miles and into fifteen local Churches; five Young People Conferences, one Intermediate Camp, one Political Education Seminar in Washington, D. C., two Work Camps, two State Conventions and the National Christian Missionary Convention.

While in the state of Missouri, Rev. R. Wesley Watson, Tri-State Evangelist, upon the request of Mr. McAllister, arranged for me to visit the young people in Jefferson City, Columbia, New London, Vandalia and Hannibal. At the churches where I found young people, they were very eager to find out as much as possible what they could do toward Kingdom Building.

My Contributions in the following Conferences: Mid-West, Bonner Springs, Kansas; Pidemont, Martinsville, Va.; Alabama, Hainesville; Central: Frankfort, Ky.; and Wilmington, Wilmington, Ohio included, leading singing, explaining the Christian World Friendship Fund (the system through which young people give to Missions) explaining the program of recruitment as outlined by U. C. M. S., conducting interest groups, discussing the ‘45 and ‘46 emphasis of the five CYF Functional Committees, bringing inspirational messages on our theme, “We must be the world we want,” conducting evening friendship circles and answering all questions pertaining to CYF that I was capable of answering.

My Political Education Seminar and Work Camp experiences were not in direct line with our Brotherhood activities, but I feel that since they are so closely related to our youth program, to say a word or so about them would not be out of order.

The Seminar was sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement, an inter-denominational and interracial youth organization. During this Seminar we had the opportunity to attend hearings on Post-War Military Training; to have an audience with representatives from the State Dept. of Foreign Policy; to attend hearings of the Committee on the Reorganization of Congress; met with Senators Harold Burton and George Aiken of Ohio and Vermont respectively; toured the CIO headquarters and had an audience with Mr. Malcolm Ross of FEPC.

The purpose of the Seminar was for young people to get first hand insight and information about how our government works.

The work camps that are interracial also, endeavor to teach that it is possible for people of different racial groups, with different cultural backgrounds, to live, play, work, and worship God together. And that is just what happens in work camps. They believe that theory is good but practice is better, for theory without practice will avail nothing.

Ever since I was a small boy I have heard these words, “The fields indeed are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few.” But not until the past summer did the full meaning of the word dawn upon me. I found weak youth groups, churches with no youth organizations, churches with ambitious youth with no one willing to take the lead in directing them. I found only a few young people out of hundreds who plan to
Ninth Avenue Christian Church  
Ronaoke 17, Virginia  
Rev. D. W. Heath, Pastor  
Miss J. K. Spencer, Reporter

We have accepted our "Suggested Goal" and have agreed to raise and report the sum as "The Total Giving of the 9th Avenue Christian Church for Missions". A special Committee made up of a cross section representation of all departments and clubs in the church has been assigned the task. We plan to report the full amount before our National Convention.

Our pastor carried on a revival for the Mt. Sterling Church in Kentucky. Since his return we have been engaged in our Fall rally for our new church.

Cedar Christian Church

Rev. Charles Craggert, Pastor  
Mrs. Gladys Talbot 2321 E. 90th St.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Cedar Christian Church has victoriously gone over the top. We burned our mortgage, Sunday, November 25th. We had a week of service prior to the mortgage burning service by the following ministers: Brother Joseph Blair of Warren, Ohio; Brother Dubois; Brother Foster Craggert; Rev. G. C. Cambell; Brother F. T. Barnett; Rev. Yarborough. This was accomplished under the fine leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Craggert.

East Vine Avenue Christian Church

Knoxville, Tennessee  
Rev. E. A. Daniels, Pastor  
Miss Charlotte Howard, Reporter

The Pastor's Anniversary and Fellowship Dinner will be in the Church dining hall December 17th at 8 o'clock p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited.

On Wednesday November 28th, the Young Peoples' Club prepared baskets for the oldest members of our church. Words of thanks have been extended to them and the church for helping make Thanksgiving truly a day of thanks.

Sunday, November 25th was our National Convention Day. We raised $14.75, but was able to send the National Treasurer $25.00.

Rev. E. A. Daniels, Miss Mabel Divers, Mrs. Dorothy Mostella, and Mrs. Annie Atkins attended the District Meeting in Jonesboro the first of the month. Rev. Daniels gave a general report upon his return.

The Blue Jay Harmoniers will render a program at the church, Sunday, December 9th at 3 o'clock.

We are proud to have two of our young men back with us in the person of Mr. Willie Leacham and Mr. Willie Green. They have been serving in the armed forces for quite some time.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Dora Gray, who has been very ill, is much improved. We are missing her presence in our services.

The Young Peoples' Club will give their annual Christmas Party, December 27th at the YWCA.

Mrs. Harvey Renolds, 410 Pritchard has as her guest this week, her brother, P. F. C. John D. Young who has recently been honorably discharged from the armed forces after four years of service in the European services.

Miss Ollie M. Garrison and Reverend E. A. Daniels were the guests of your reporter on a visit to her mother and to attend the homecoming of her Alma Mater Swift Memorial College, Rogersville, Tennessse, November 20.

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As you know, we have in Brooklyn, New York five churches, of which two of them are very small missions.

I am writing on the issue of split Conventions. On September 11, 1945, I made a tour of the city of Brooklyn, and I found four of the churches in full accord with the National United Christian Missionary Convention.

Elders W. F. Keyes and W. C. Kinard, pastors of the Williamsburg and the St. Philips Christian Church, so willing responded to my call and gave me satisfactory assurance that they never had in their minds a year ago or now any intentions of supporting a split convention in the Brotherhood. It is true that neither of them was able to attend the last National Session. This was due to conditions over which they had no control.

May I say to Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer of the National Convention, you may look forward to these Brethren sending in their financial report. As I am sure you will have it shortly. Speaking of the National Convention that is to be held next summer for which we all had high hopes and aims for same to convene in the East and in Brooklyn. I doubt very much that it would be a safe thing to do, due to what I find among the Brotherhood in this area. Prior to September 11th, I had been led to believe that Spirit of Cooperation was existing tremendously. But on the date of September 11th on my visit to Brooklyn, I found that the churches in Brooklyn knew nothing about the Convention coming to Brooklyn. While it was given to me at the National Convention by sources from Brooklyn and members of the Stuyvesant Height Christian Church that all the people of the Christian Churches did wish to entertain the Convention.

I wish to make this very clear that Prof. T. W. Platt of Texas, Elder of J. F. Whitfield of Washington, D. C., did call my attention to the one fact that the contents of bringing the convention to Brooklyn was of those conditions of which I now speak. But I, being so sure not just one church, but all the churches in Brooklyn had made this request, and that I, knowing the church in New Jersey would be willing to help finance the same.

I stand for Unity throughout the length and breadth of the Christian Brotherhood.

I wrote my glad article a week ahead and now I write my sad article a week later. It appears to me, Brethren, that the convention should be held in a community where all churches in that vicinity would be in harmony one with another twelve months a year and not that one man with one church and one congregation become hostile and set in his way ignoring the National Convention and superior Brethren and making his threats about what he is going to do.

I want to ask you Brethren one question: Which is the most detrimental to the body, the amputation of one finger or the amputation of the whole hand? I urge the Brotherhood to look well before stepping. We often make promises that we later find we cannot keep. I am sure we would do well if we do not keep this one. All the churches in the East with the exception of this one to my knowledge will support the next Convention, even if it is as far as California for they recently told me so. I would urge the President and the Secretary of the Convention to start a tour and an investigation now as to where the next Session should be held. As a member of the National Convention and a director of the work in my vicinity, I will not stand by, Brethren, and see an unjust trick pull off without making it known. Remember, I am with you when you are right and I am with you when you are wrong to help you get right, so I am with you right on.

I believe in fairness to all that the Convention is larger than I am and I should be bent to the Convention and not the Convention bent to me. When I fail to attend the Convention, and when I fail to send up the proper representation fees, and when I don't have the Convention on my mind from January to January until such is set then I become too busy to lose time for a week or spend a few dollars or fail to give my spiritual man and my mental man as well as my physical man to help my Convention to make a success. Yes, I ask for the Convention year after year. Does that not appear that I am trying to bend the Convention rather than I to the Convention? I know, Brethren, we have nothing to lose, we would gain, but we are no better than our Saviour for He said in John 17 and 12 "I've kept all of them and have lost but the Son of predication". It appears that He had to lose one. It may be that we will have to lose one.

True Vine Christian Church
REVEREND H. G. SMITH, PASTOR
MRS. M. O. NELSON, SECRETARY
738—5th Street, NE
Paris, Texas

Our pastor Reverend H. G. Smith, has been confined to his bed for several weeks, but he was able to be out with us Sunday morning and we were proud to have him worship with us and we are asking each one to remember him in your prayers.

We were glad to have Mrs. E. G. Titus to worship with us. Our church work seems to be moving along very well, especially our Missionary Society under the leadership of Mrs. C. B. Hughes. Our president, Mrs. Earlene Nelson, had charge of the Woman’s Day Program and it was a very timely and unique program.

Sunday night the Bible School rendered a Thanksgiving program which was very nice. The Bible School is moving along nicely under the leadership of Mrs. A. B. Wedgeworth, our Bible School Superintendent.

Clark Street Christian
REV. F. C. CAREY, PASTOR
MRS. MABEL HILL, REPORTER
Greenville, Texas

On November 11th, we were blessed to have Sister Elbie Titus in person in the interest of the CHRISTIAN PLEA. Many were interested in taking it. The total number of subscriptions was twenty and at Center Point the total was eleven. The amount raised at both places was $30.75.

During the month of September and October we raised more than $1800.00 in order that we might finish paying for our seats. We are glad today that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us in doing so. On the first Sunday in November we dedicated our new choir robes and seats. We must say that our music instructor, Sister Verta Cozine is working wholeheartedly to prepare songs to fit in Brother Carey’s sermons each Lord’s Day. We also have a wonderful Junior Choir who sings each Lord’s Day morning.

We are proud of our Young People working faithfully in the church.
Two babies were added to the fold in the persons of Rosemary Collins and Ollie B. Collins. One repented of his wrong doing. We feel that we are doing a great work at home when our members are becoming Godly sorry of their wrong doings and then repent. That is what god wants all of us to do.

In the month of November our hearts were made sad, because God took from our midst Sister Jennie Arnold, one of our faithful members.

On December 8th we will have the Youth Fellowship meeting.

Winchester, Kentucky
November 24, 1945

To the Editor of the Christian Plea;

It has been a long time since I have sent in a report to the PLEA. Due to sickness and other matters, I did not get to the National Convention last summer, but I have not been asleep at the switch.

Our church here in Winchester, is not dead, but it is very much alive. We have just closed out a ten day revival with Elder Eugene Patterson, pastor of Mt. Sterling Christian Church doing the preaching. Five precious souls came into the church; three for the water and two re-newals. We paid the evangelist $78.00 and his expenses and had some left. I preached the Union sermon for the churches Thanksgiving, and I did the job well. We had an old time shouting and the rafters rang with His praise.

We have had a very busy but successful year, and I am hoping to see you at the convention in New York next August if God is willing.

Enclosed find subscription price for Plea for me for the incoming year.

Yours for kingdom building,
Signed: Elder William Owens
231 West Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky

Port Gibson District
Number One

F. D. Rollins
RFD L, Box 68
Port Gibson, Mississippi

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F. D. Rollins, Reporter

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