Christian Plea, January - December 1949 (Volume 55, Number 12 - Volume 56, Number 11)

Lloyd L. Dickerson
Trustees Meet

The Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention met at the 2nd Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind., Friday, Dec. 17th, Elder R. H. Davis, President, presiding. The meeting was well attended and a number of important matters were attended to. One of the most important questions before the Trustees was the 1949 convention. The convention in Detroit, Mich., voted to hold its next session in Los Angeles, Cal. After hearing the report of the Executive Sec. and a full discussion of all factors involved, the Trustees decided that under the circumstances it would not be wise for the convention to go to Los Angeles in 1949. It was further agreed to invite all churches interested in entertaining the National convention in August to send in their invitations to the president, Eld. R. H. Davis, 218 East 44th St., Chicago, Ill., or to the Executive Sec., Eld. E. J. Dickson, Mission Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

The Trustees also voted to begin the convention on Monday night instead of Tuesday night as in the past. This will give an additional day that is much needed to meet the demands of the various departments for more time on the convention program. Those churches desiring to entertain the 1949 convention should send with their application full details of facilities available for feeding and sleeping the delegates, and for the various group meetings. There are some seven or eight groups that meet separately but simultaneously. Also there must be ample space and facilities for convention offices, aside from the offices of the local committee.

And finally it would also be wise for the church inviting the convention to state whether or not it is willing to accept the registration fee set by the convention. This is very important. The delegates always want to know in advance what the registration will be. And no church should accept the convention for one fee and then try to increase it at the last moment.

We are now in the second year of the crusade. By this time every church should have taken stock of its achievement for the past year. Suggested goals were given each local church during this period of crusading. I am very much concerned about each local church reaching its suggested goals, not merely for the sake of reaching goals; but because of what it will mean for the total life of the local church. No church can really crusade without taking on new life.

In each local church there should be at least one person responsible for each of the four major goals in Christian Education, namely: Church School Enlargement, Trained Leaders, Christian Family Life, and Missionary Education. Each local church should see that these four people attend the conferences on crusade goals in Christian education held in their area. In some of the smaller churches it might be better for two people in the local church to assume responsibility for the four goals.

By all means your church must be a crusading church if it is to have in it the spirit of Jesus; a concern for people.

As you look back over the past year have you really been crusading for a Christian world, or have you merely been drifting along? Jesus said: "For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 16:25.

If we would save our own life it is imperative that we become crusaders. The crusade for the church school enlargement program must begin with you. I am

Sincerely yours,
Lorenzo J. Evans,
National Director of Christian Education

may say to the contrary notwithstanding.
God's blessing on her that she may be the one God is calling for in these last evil days.

On October 31, 1948, the District Union Convention was held for one week in Red Ball Inn, New Jersey, at the New Bethlehem Christian Church, where Rev. G. Edward is pastor. Again we had Rev. F. W. Keyes to preach and as we know, he is a God-sent man and can really preach. His sermon was taken from I Chronicles 17:3. This dynamic sermon was a blessing to one and all.

November 4, 1948, was the closing of the revival. Rev. F. W. Keyes took his sermon from Acts 14:27, “Let the Lord Use You.” We all must humble ourselves so God can use us. Be an instrument in God’s hands. We must stay in position so God can use us, for truly our Saviour is going to have a church without a spot or wrinkle. This sermon was demonstrated to us so wonderfully that a fool should not error. We know that we had the spirit with us, for four others were entered into the fold. Rev. Keyes’ closing song was, “I Want To Live So God Can Use Me.”

We ask God’s blessings on each and everyone, that they may be steadfast to the gospel. Pray much for us. Rev. G. Edward and Mrs. A. B. Washington are doing great work in Red Ball Inn, New Jersey. They have a wonderful Sunday School with large attendance.

Your faith is more precious than pure gold that is tried by fire.

Shaw Christian Church

To The Brotherhood of the Mississippi State Convention:

I am wondering if you have given the National Convention much thought? Since the National Convention convenes in Los Angeles, California, it places our State Convention too close to the National Convention for those who would like to attend both conventions.

I think the Board should call a meeting for the purpose of having our State Convention adjourned about the fourth Sunday in July. That would give me a chance to go to the National Convention. As it stands now it would be difficult to make both conventions.

For some of us it will be our first and last chance to attend the National Convention. I am planning to go and if I don’t go, I am sending something to that effect. Let us know if you want to attend the National Convention.

Yours for the Cause,
Mrs. E. M. Tounsel
Shaw, Mississippi.
**Fifth Christian Church**

**Kenyon Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio**

As we draw the curtains, please look in on our C. Y. F. Group. These members, under the guidance and able leadership of Mrs. L. A. Devine, pledged themselves to take an active part in our church services every third Sunday. The third Sunday in November found them in the choir stand for the eleven o'clock service. Three o'clock found them in their pews to open the afternoon service. Their guests were Rev. and Mrs. Fred Mickel and the C. Y. F. Groups of the Orlanger, Kentucky Christian Church. The minister brought us a wonderful message from the Book of Books and the choral group gave us a musical treat. Through this effort, our young people raised $32.00 which enabled them to take care of their obligation. Let us pray for all of our youth groups of the Brotherhood, that they may continue to work for the Master.

**Elder S. G. Devine, Minister**

**Mrs. Aurelia S. Morgan, Reporter**

Wehrman Avenue Christian Church called their first full time pastor, namely Rev. John R. Compton, in February, 1948. The record for this year has been one of constant progress. Seventy-three members have been added to the church. Ten by baptism and thirteen by transfer, which brings us to the halfway mark in our crusade Evangelistic goal. Each week our Pastor has his sermons mimeographed and sent to the sick and shut-ins.

The men of the church redecorated the basement, including the kitchen and dining room. Special credit goes to Brother Golden Snyder and Brother Alfred Thomas for their ceaseless efforts to modernize and equip the kitchen.

Our June rally receipts exceeded the goal of $1500.00. This was followed by a victory reception honoring the auxiliary known as the Samaritan Circle, which reported the largest sum of money.

We welcome our Pastor's family with a pantry shower. In July we were hosts to the 65th annual Convention of the Christian Churches of the state of Ohio. Arrangements have been completed, a parsonage has been purchased and is soon to be remodeled. The totals of our November rally receipts exceed $1200.00, which is to be used to help repay the loan on the parsonage.

Recently the men of our church organization a Men's Club with Elder Jack King as President. On Sunday, November 28, 1948, Brother Jack King was ordained as Elder and Brother Frank Garner, Brother Raymond McGuffy and Brother John Rogers, were ordained as Deacons at a beautiful consecrated service.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. John Compton, Pastor

Ruth Hull, Reporter

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**Edward Chapel Christian Church**

**Mrs. Mary W. Brown, Reporter**

The Missionary Society sponsored a musical program Sunday, November 14, which was presented by the Bynum Brothers Singers of No. Little Rock, Ark. Eld. T. R. Moore, Pastor of Mt. Sinai Christian Church, North Little Rock, Ark., accompanied them and climaxcd the program with a sermonette.

Amount raised was $61.00. Sister Nettie White of Fort Smith, Ark., was given a prize by the singer which was presented by Elder Moore, for raising the highest amount of money over $5. Sister White raised $11.70. Second place honorable mention was Brother Lawrence Scott, who raised $7.55. Congratulations to both.

This was one of our steps on our financial goal for the remodeling of the church, which is now under construciton. We appreciate those who assisted us in this drive. May we have your prayers for our continued success?
## A Picture of Negro Disciples Financial Interest in the Crusade

### NORTH CAROLINA
- 13 Churches reported
  - First, Reidsville: $55.00
  - First Christian, Concord: $10.00
  - Philippi, Greenville: $3.63
  - Union Grove, Clinton: $3.75
  - Elm Grove, Pikeville: $6.00
  - St. Mark, Goldsboro: $2.10
  - Little Bethlehem, Leaksville: $4.00
  - St. Peter, Smithfield: $10.00
  - Selma: $4.00
  - 10 Churches gave: $105.60

### ALABAMA
- 15 Churches listed
  - Ross Street, Montgomery: $27.00
  - Macedonia, Oxmore: $8.00
  - 2 Churches gave: $35.00

### ARKANSAS
- 13 Churches listed
  - Cross St., Little Rock: $15.00
  - Mt. Sinai, Little Rock: $6.00
  - Oak Grove, No. 2: $4.19
  - Oak Grove, No. 1, Scott: $4.19
  - 4 Churches gave: $24.41

### CALIFORNIA
- 4 Churches listed
  - Avalon, Los Angeles: $33.45
  - 1 Church gave: $33.45

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
- 1 Church listed
  - 12th St., Washington: $7.56

### FLORIDA
- 13 Churches listed
  - No offering reported

### GEORGIA
- 15 Churches listed
  - Bethesda, Oceme: $7.00
  - Bethel, Eastman: $5.00
  - 2 Churches gave: $10.00

### ILLINOIS
- 11 Churches listed
  - Indiana Ave., Chicago: $555.00
  - South Side, Chicago: $540.00
  - Pilgrim Rest, E. St. Louis: $6.69
  - 3 Churches gave: $1,103.60

### INDIANA
- 11 Churches listed
  - Indiana Ave., Indianapolis: $53.85

### IOWA
- 1 Church listed
  - No offering reported

### KANSAS
- 10 Churches listed
  - Indiana Ave., Wichita: $20.00
  - 8th Street, Kansas City: $16.00
  - Institutional, Kansas City: $15.00
  - Morgan Avenue, Parsons: $13.43
  - 4 Churches gave: $64.43

### KENTUCKY
- 45 Churches listed
  - High St., Mt. Sterling: $17.00
  - Central, Louisville: $15.12
  - East 2nd, Lexington: $11.00
  - 3 Churches gave: $43.12

### MARYLAND
- 2 Churches listed
  - No offering reported

### MICHIGAN
- 3 Churches listed
  - United Christian, Detroit: $22.00
  - 2 Churches gave: $42.20

### MISSISSIPPI
- 54 Churches listed
  - S. C. I., Edwards: $292.00
  - First, Hermanville: $26.20
  - Pine Grove, Port Gibson: $11.30
  - Providence, Tillman: $3.50
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  - 5 Churches gave: $336.50

### MISSOURI
- 23 Churches reported
  - Centennial, St. Louis: $200.00

### NATIONAL AVERAGE
- 55 Churches gave: $336.50

### RECAPITULATION

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**Total Estimate of Churches Reported:** 55 Churches
The Crusade for a Christian World

By Eld. R. H. Davis

Dear Pastors, Officers and Leaders of Your Church of Our Brotherhood:

We sincerely appreciate what you did last year to advance the ultimate success of the Crusade for a Christian World.

This Crusade is one of the most important and adventurous undertakings of our Brotherhood during the present century. The financial success of the Crusade will eventually mean the advancement of every church in our Brotherhood. It is an inclusive cooperative adventure.

This is the second year of the Crusade and half the year is ended. We are earnestly entreating and urging you to bring this most significant and urgent matter to the attention of the members of your church NOW. Strive to double what you gave last year. If that is not possible; then give as much as you gave last year. If you were not able to give anything last year; make a strong effort to give a liberal gift this year before June 30, 1949.

Send your offering directly to Dr. J. E. Walker, treasurer of the National Christian Missionary Convention, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis 1, Tenn.

In behalf of our churches comprising the National Convention, I wish you a prosperous New Year and pray that “My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

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The Pension Plan

The Pension Plan of our brotherhood is a contributory reserve system. The minister pays 2½% of his salary each month and the church pays an amount equal to 8% of the monthly salary. The dues received are invested to earn interest, so that the benefits may be paid when due.

A pension is payable upon the member’s retirement from active service after age 65. The amount of the pension is 1/70 of the total salary upon which the 10½% dues have been paid. One-half of the member’s pension is continued to the widow if marriage took place before retirement.

A member becoming totally and permanently disabled after one year’s membership with dues paid, is eligible for a pension, provided he is under 65 years of age.

Upon the death of an active member, a Cash Death Benefit is payable amounting to 75% of the annual salary, but not to exceed $1,000.00. Pension for the widow, amounting to one-fourth of the annual salary, not to exceed $300.00 unless the earned credits toward retirement amount to more than $600.00, is payable until death or remarriage.

Pensions for minor children of members who die in active service, disability or retirement are payable to age 18, if in school to age 21.

The initiative in making arrangements for Pension Plan enrollment should be taken by the church. The 8% should be paid out of the current expense budget.

The time to begin is now!

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

800 Test Building

Indianapolis 4, Ind.
Dear Christian Friends In Christ:

Our Church Revival, which was conducted for one week by Rev. W. Keyes of Brooklyn, N. Y., has closed. It was an occasion of great joy and shall long be remembered. We spent six days in fellowship and spiritually. He really preached some wonderful sermons. Two of his best sermons were: "Support Your Faith" and "If God Loves You Man Can Do You No Harm." We know that if we trust and obey God, man, with his evil doing can not do us harm. Then on November 9, 1948, we had as our guest speaker for morning service, Rev. Rice from Brooklyn, N. Y., while our pastor journeyed to Brooklyn. Rev. Rice's wife, mother-in-law and sister-in-law also were present. We all enjoyed his sermon "Pray", taken from Matthew 26:36. This sermon was preached with the spirit and was received the same.

On November 21, 1948, we had nine young candidates for baptism. The youngest was Master William Tillman, Jr., age 8, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Tillman. We know in Isaiah it reads—"And a little child shall lead them." The baptising was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Rev. C. H. Shelton is pastor. Rev. S. E. Tillman baptized the candidates who joined the church during our revival. For the evening service on November 21, 1948, we had as our guest speaker, Mr. E. Chandler.

The visitors who attended our church during the months of November and December are: Chaplain Brown, Camp Kilmer, N. J.; Mr. Robert Hooper, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pvt. Ernest, Camp Kilmer, N. J.; Missionary Sister Brown, St. Louis; Sister Herrand, Connecticut, and Mr. Brown of New Brunswick, N. J. Visitors and friends are cordially invited to attend Antioch Christian Church any time. The pastor and officers sincerely hope that each member of this church had a splendid holiday with all its trimmings. Let us be thankful for our church, community and country.

On December 5, 1948, our morning sermon was taken from Acts 2:24, subject: "Christian Fellowship." The spirit was really in our midst. Now that we are about to enter into a new year, we are hoping to do better in 1949 than we did in 1948. Another church year is closing. The writer thanks God for all the good that has come to pass. The greatest need of the church today is not money. It needs...
January, 1949

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Missionary Workers Planning Conference

Dear Christian Co-workers:

Because of my field schedule it is not possible for me to be with you this year in the Planning Conference. However, I am deeply concerned about the work that you shall be planning because only as we plan and work together will we be able to accomplish the task that is ours.

We realize that if this task is to be done it must be done by consecrated people like you in the local church. We are also conscious of the fact that it is imperative that we develop every technique and skill at our disposal to get the job done that is ours as Christians.

It has been our purpose to aid in the development of these techniques and skills through the Educational Conferences held in connection with the National Convention. Here we have called in various leaders to share with us their own skills and techniques of developing Christian character. Miss Shackelford and I would be very happy to have you give some thought to this matter in your planning as to some of the people you would like to see share with us their own skills and techniques. It is our purpose to build a program that will meet your needs, and such a program can only be realized as we work and plan together.

VOTED: That the Institute Periods continue to be used as the Educational Program of the Convention. With the understanding that the Staff and Program Committee follow through on the program. (Recommendations and suggestions for the Institute should be submitted to Miss Shackelford so the staff can act upon them.)

SUGGESTIONS: More of our leaders should be used as resource leaders. Delegates from different departments of a church attend the particular session of the Institute they represent. A member of the National Convention Recommendations Committee requests that recommendations be submitted early in the annual session of the Convention so members of the committee could attend sessions of the Conventions.

NATIONAL PROJECT FOR 1948-49

FIRST CHOICE—All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center, Los Angeles, Calif.

SECOND CHOICE—Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.

"Out of chaos grew All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center—chaos which followed the outbreak of World War II, the evacuation of Japanese from the West Coast, and the immediate tidal wave of families of all races and nationalities seeking living quarters in the homes thus vacated. Chaos in the mingling of myriad tongues and temperaments. This institution occupies the property of the former Japanese Christian Institute."

"Southern Christian Institute was born before the close of War between the States when Randall Faurot, a Disciple of Christ Chaplain, began elementary school for Negro camp followers. The war over, he and his wife came to Mississippi, and in 1875 leading churchmen of the brotherhood secured a charter from the State of Mississippi for the Southern Christian Institute."

GIFTS—Gifts for the project are to be sent or brought directly to the National Convention. Detailed instructions will be submitted later.

SUGGESTED PLANS FOR WOMEN'S DAY AT THE CONVENTION

SPEAKER—Mrs. Cornelia Jaminon Barnes.

SERMON (Morning)—Mrs. Maude Davis.

RESOURCE LEADERS—Miss Helen Henry, Miss Jessie Trout, Miss Helen Grafton. Mr. Clifford A. Cole.


PAGEANT: This pageant will be a form of recognition for leaders, including every State President or representative of a Missionary Organization who attends the Convention. This pageant will be a portrayal of the history of the National Christian Missionary Convention from the beginning to the present time. One or two narrators will be used. Each State President is responsible for the history of her State. Mail information to Mrs. A. L. Martin, 314 East 42nd Street, Chicago, Ill.

Participants' attire is to represent the time they portray.

COMMITTEE ON PAGEANT: Mrs. A. M. Martin, Chairman, Mrs. Rosa P. Welch, Mrs. Leslie Smith, Mrs. C. C. Moxley, Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Mrs. Sarah Jones.

PROJECT GIFT PRESENTATION—At the first session of the Convention a committee will be appointed to carry the responsibility of gift display and assembly. Representative from All Peoples will accept gifts on Women's Night.

FORUM: The four ladies who attended the United Council of Church Workers are to participate in the Forum on Women's Day, namely Mrs. Geneva Towns, Mrs. Rosa P. Welch, Mrs. C. C. Moxley, Miss Alice Shackelford.

CONVENTION PROJECT—An automatic projector is suggested to be used at the Convention to show continuous pictures of China, and other missionary emphases, if possible. For information concerning the availability of projector and films write: D. J. Clauson, 1239 North Creg Avenue, Atadonna, California.

VOTED: The matter of dates for the next Fall Planning Conference be placed (Continued on Page 8)

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The Fall Session Began September 6, 1948

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HAWKINS, TEXAS
A Child's Request

By Miss Robbie Lee Williams
Cross St. Christian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

When you stand on earth's thick crest
And the air feels like a fury,
Remember a child's request
"Daddy, don't worry!"

When the clouds are at rest
And the sky an even blue,
Remember a child's request
"To thy neighbor be true."

So the days are growing less
As sure as the stars above,
Remember a child's request
"The greatest thing is nature's love."

Your soul, God will bless
And guide its spirit home,
Remember a child's request
"You'll never be left alone."

Pain and trouble will all detest
We wonder what we must do,
Remember a child's request
"Pray, the Lord will bring you through."

All the criminal things you must confess
And righten the foot that's gone astray,
Remember a child's request
"Start anew today."

In the heart, your power is blest
While stands the poor, which you refuse,
Remember a child's request
"Soon our tyrannour power you lose."

When children eat with zest
And many forget their grace,
Remember a child's request
"For this God has placed"

Missionary Workers

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headed by our Executive Secretary, Franklin R. Payne, and President, Mr. Shearer. The same guests, including Mrs. R. Denson and Elder J. Wellman, attended the one-day Educational Conference at Lancaster. We gathered more inspiration on this great Crusade for a Christian World.

The W. M. S.'s Annual Fellowship Dinner was a great success. The program was wonderful. Mrs. Lydia Loose, President of W. M. S., Third Christian Church, this city, was general speaker. In summarizing the address, the Pastor highly complimented Mrs. Loose on such a wonderful talk. It was an ideal missionary address which every one enjoyed.

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Jones Street Christian Church
Bluefield, West Virginia
Miss Leola Holley, Reporting

A very impressive Thanksgiving service was held Thursday morning, Nov. 23, 1948, at the Church. Our Pastor, Rev. N. J. Dickerson, delivered the message, using as his subject: "Maintaining A Thankful Heart". The Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. C. C. Carter, furnished the music.

The Bluefield-Roanoke Area held their first meeting of the Conventional year in the Jones St. Christian Church on December 26th. Representatives from Midway Christian, Tazewell, Bluefield, Virginia, and Roanoke were present. Each giving a report of the work done thus far in the New Year. A great improvement is shown. Rev. D. W. Heath, of Roanoke, Virginia, President of the Area, gave a brief but timely discussion on Crusading for a Christian World. Encouraging each church to do its best in this World Wide Movement. After the business session, Rev. Vernon C. Sherman, of the Wilbur Memorial Church, Tazewell, Virginia, gave a brief sermon using as his subject: "Physician, Heal Thyself". The sermon was very impressive and well taken. Rev. C. H. Webb, President of the Piedmont-Tri-State Convention, met with Jones St. Christian Church on December 1, 1948, while making his tour of the District. Rev. Webb urged each church to cooperate with the National Convention in supporting foreign Missions.

The officers and teachers of the Bible School Department met December 7, 1948, in the home of Miss Leola Holley with the Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. N. J. Dickerson, in charge. A committee was appointed to launch an Evangelistic Campaign for the purpose of increasing the numerical strength of the Bible School.

We ask your prayers for continued success.
Mississippi Blvd.
Christian Church

ELDER BLAIR T. HUNT, Pastor
Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter
882 Polk Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

The Missionary Society of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church held its annual Woman's Day Program, Sunday, December 12, 1948, and was especially proud to have as guest speaker at the eleven o'clock service, Mrs. Alva Shackelford Brown, National Director of Missionary Organizations, Indianapolis, Indiana. The attention was great and the message will always linger with us. Excerpts from Mrs. Brown's message follows:

"We are a Missionary Church and not a Woman's Missionary Society. Every person who becomes a member of the church automatically becomes a member of the Missionary Society. It is our responsibility to make God's way known to others. We must examine ourselves and re-dedicate our lives to Kingdom Building. We have a mission and we must not fail in carrying it out. Now, you will wonder why I say "We". A missionary is one personal responsibility of one to act on behalf of another. There are three elements into the call of every Christian in one way or another: our conviction, relationship to Christ and commitment. Thus, if you are a Christian, you are a missionary. In this missionary enterprise and in making a new and better world, there must be a plan of action. What we say in words, let it be known by our deeds. Let us love one another in deeds and in actions and carry out the commission as God would have us carry it out."

A musical program under the direction of Miss Emma Lee Wilson was rendered at the night service. Mrs. Brown sang "The Lord's Prayer." Everyone agreed this was one of our best Woman's Day programs.

Saturday evening Mrs. Brown was the guest of honor at a reception given by the G. W. L. and the Young Women's Christian Association.

Mark Rutherford
Joins Our Staff

On January 1, Mark Rutherford of Oklahoma became National Director of Men's Work in our brotherhood. He will be associated with W. H. "Bill" McKinney, who is the Executive Secretary of Men's Work. Many congratulations have come to the office because of the joining of Bill and Mark in this team of national workers.

Mark has served Oklahoma for three years as a full-time state director and has done outstanding work. He has been instrumental in helping to organize or to develop more than 140 men's organizations in Oklahoma Christian Churches and has encouraged all of these men to become soul winners and to help undergird the total program of the church. Mark will work on a national level, serving all the states and Christian churches, where his services are needed.

Rev. Cleo W. Blackburn, head of the famed Flanner House in Indianapolis, was the speaker for the closing service of the 60th anniversary observance of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois, at the regular morning worship hour Sunday, November 28. Because of his outstanding work in the field of social service Rev. Blackburn drew a capacity audience of members and friends of the church. Pastor of the Indiana Avenue Church is Rev. R. H. Davis, president of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

In Rev. Blackburn's address, the subject of which was "The Christian and the Peace," he stressed the need for the development of a Christian ministry and a church laity with sufficient spiritual insight to be able to take the lead in coping with the complex problems of the future. He enumerated the changes that have already taken place in our society and stated that the scope of opportunity for service for members of our own racial group is rapidly expanding and that we should be prepared to make our contribution to the world's needs. Special music for the service was rendered by the three choirs of the church and a soloist, Miss Pearl Richards. The service was a most impressive and inspirational one and a fitting climax to the anniversary observance.

Another highlight in the closing events of the observance was the anniversary musical which was held on Sunday afternoon, November 21. The concert was presented before an audience of about 850 music lovers in the auditorium of the Wendell Phillips High School. Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, director of musical activities at Indiana Avenue Church, was in charge of arrangements for this affair. The 80-voice chorus was made up of the members of the three choirs of the church and the male members of the senior choir of the Chicago South Side Christian Church and was directed by Mrs. Martin. Soloist with the choral (Continued on Page 2)
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

February, 1949

Eld Webb To Succeed Eld. Parks

Eld. C. H. Webb, pastor of the Cleveland Avenue Church, Winston Salem, N. C., was recently elected by the Board of Trustees to succeed Eld. C. L. Parks, resigned, as Director of Evangelism and Church Development of the National Convention. Eld. Webb is a graduate of Jarvis College and Butler University. He has pastored in Oklahoma and the Piedmont area. He served several years as President of the Oklahoma Convention before leaving that state, and for the past several years has been President of the Piedmont-Tri-State Convention.

He has served on the Executive Committee of the National Convention and as Parliamentarian. He is one of the outstanding preachers in our Brotherhood and possesses great executive ability. His selection as successor to Eld. Parks places in this position one fully capable of giving to the churches the same high quality of service in this field they have had in the past. The Plea congratulates the Trustees on this very splendid choice of a good man for an important position. Eld. Webb is married and has one child.

United Nations Seminar

Eld. R. H. Davis, President of the National Christian Missionary Convention and L. L. Dickerson, Editor of the Christian Plea, were selected by the Trustees of the National Convention to attend the United Nations Seminar on World Order, February 14-17, at Lake Success, New York.

Street, Dallas, Tex., M. C. Dickson, pastor; Mississippi Blvd., Memphis, Tenn., B. T. Hunt, pastor; Vine Street, Knoxville, Tenn., E. A. Daniels, pastor.

Churches that should give $100.00 or more: Monroe Avenue, Columbus, O.; L. L. Dickerson, pastor; Summit, Dayton, O., E. W. Wilbert, pastor; Cedar, Cleveland, O., C. E. Craggert, pastor; Fifth Christian, Cincinnati, O., S. C. Devine, pastor; E. Second Street, Lexington, Ky., R. L. Saunders, pastor; Louisville Third, Louisville, Ky., F. T. Floyd, pastor; Second Christian, Indianapolis, Ind., R. H. Peoples, pastor; Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill., R. H. Davis, pastor; St. Sabina, Chicago, Ill., R. E. Latouche, pastor; 12th Street, Washington, D. C., J. F. Whitfield, pastor; Mt. Olivet, Baltimore, Md., C. L. Whitfield, pastor; Loudon Avenue, Roanoke, Va., D. W. Heath, pastor; Centennial, St. Louis, Mo., P. A. Gray, pastor; Paseo Blvd., Kansas City, Mo., S. S. Myers, pastor; Boil

True Thankfulness

True thankfulness can only come from honest efforts of a task well done; no parasite can fully acclaim the heritage of a rightful name.

The bounteous giver of all good things looks on the sluggard with disdain; if in thankfulness you would be humble the heart and bow the knee.

Our daily bread we could not ask knowing we had faltered in our task, then something done is something won.

In the race of life we all must run.

Does plenteousness come to you by efforts of others you never knew? are your garners filled to overflowing? while you the fields are idly roaming? you could not look with a grateful heart for that in which you took no part, the Lord of the harvest calls for those who wins in battles and conquers foes.

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Wehrman Avenue Christian Church

Cincinnati, Ohio

The pastor of the Wehrman Avenue Church has called our attention to an error in the report of the giving of churches in the Crusade, as reported in the last issue of the Plea. He states that the Wehrman Avenue Church gave $76.00 in July, 1948. We did not compile that record. However, we are glad to make the correction. At the same time we would like to congratulate the pastor, Eld. John R. Compton for the very fine work he is doing in the Queen City.—Ed.
The Minister and The Church

If the church is to be strong, there must be vigorous leaders. If there are to be real leaders, the church must produce them. No organization but the church can provide the leaders the church must have.

Without the support of the church, no minister, however few his needs or deep his consecration, can serve to the limit of his ability. He needs to be supported in the days of his active service. He also needs to be provided for in the time of his retirement. If the church cares for his needs when he is strong and vigorous, is it not the church's bounden duty to provide the necessities of his old age?

In order to make this possible, the Pension Fund was organized. It has been working faithfully for more than 18 years. Still there are many churches that have not taken advantage of this way of providing for their minister's old age.

The Plan is simple. The minister pays in ½ of his monthly salary, and the church pays in an amount of his monthly salary, and the church pays in an amount equal to 8% of the salary.

During the years of active service the minister and church build up funds to care for the preacher and his widow in old age. While the minister is at work, his wife and family are protected should he die. If he should become disabled before reaching age 65, he is cared for by a disability pension.

The minister alone cannot pay his way, protect himself and his loved ones, and lay aside funds on which to live when he can no longer work. The minister and the church, working together and sharing together in the Pension Plan, are able to do so.

Is Your Minister Enrolled? Is Your Church Enrolled?

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
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60th Anniversary

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group was Mrs. Elizabeth Pickard, another special group within the church was a trio composed of Miss Pearl Richards, Lemuel Johnson and Calvin Grubbs. Assisting artists for the concert were Naomi Watson, contralto; Dorothy Bartholemew Harrison, marimbaist; and Harold M. Martin, baritone. This event was well received and numerous requests for its repetition annually have been made to the church leadership.

Another important closing feature held during the month of November was the anniversary banquet at the Metropolitan Community Church on the twelfth. Heading the committee planning this affair was Mrs. Elma Dupree. About 200 beautifully attired adults and young people attended and enjoyed an evening marked by both gaiety and solemnity. Theodore R. Martin served as the master of ceremonies. The principle address was given by Rev. J. I. Parks, national director of Disciples work. Rev. Parks urged the church leadership to build a more enlarged program for the church's expanding work. Others appearing on the formal program were Miss Dorothy Pelton, and J. E. Ramsey, all of whom gave short talks on some phase of the church life. Mrs. Dupree briefly expressed her gratitude for the cooperation that had made the banquet possible and introduced the co-chairman, Esau Wilson, and the other members of the committee. Those present joined enthusiastically in the informal part of the evening's program, the community singing directed by Alphonso Wells and Raymond Trotter with Mmes. Elizabeth Gaskin and Goldie Guy Martin accompanying at the piano. Closing remarks were made by Rev. Davis.

Other features presented during the closing month were the anniversary exhibit in charge of Mrs. Fannie Clark and the souvenir program, compilation of which was in charge of Miss Ruby Ramirez. Mrs. Clark directed the collection from older members of the church mementos of events in its history. These included pictures, programs, magazines, scrap books, souvenirs, letters, and clippings which were exhibited at the church for about three weeks during the month. The souvenir program is a booklet giving in pictures, articles and stories the activities of the organization at the present time, and also a brief historical account. Members and friends of the church have purchased and are still purchasing these booklets.

Ministers' Exchange Service

For Churches and Ministers

Write

The Christian Plea

For information concerning churches that want pastors and ministers desiring a change.

Early in December of 1947 the official board of the Indiana Avenue Church began the preparations for the observance of the 60th anniversary year with the appointing of a steering committee, which had as general chairman Rev. Davis and as secretary Mrs. Cynthia Martin, and which consisted of the persons in charge of the various special events, the names having been given in the preceding paragraphs. Eventually the observance was to be underwritten by the church. It was decided that special effort would be made by the leaders of the church proper and its auxiliaries to make all regular and special activities during the year outstanding ones.

Five points in the program were chosen as the main objectives of the year. The first of these was a program for spiritual growth in the church to be achieved through added endeavor to win new members, increased attendance at the midweek services, and more inspiring regular worship services.

Early in the spring the Visitation Plan of the “Crusade for a Christian World” program was utilized for the endeavor to win new members, and a selected group from both of the Chicago churches under the direction of Rev. Parks participated in the contacting of prospective persons. A total of 20 members were added to the Indiana Avenue Church through this endeavor alone. The anniversary banner, the exhibit, the souvenir booklet, and the presentation of the concert were the other objectives in this five-point program.

The entire observance has been considered a most successful year in the church’s history and preparations are already being made looking forward to the 70th anniversary celebration.
Board of Trustees of National Convention Takes Convention Away From Los Angeles

August, 1948—The Los Angeles delegation of preachers, went to the National Christian Missionary Convention at Detroit, Michigan armed with letters of our Los Angeles Churches, and the state convention of Christian Churches of California, supported by strong letters of invitation from the Honorable Earl Warren, Governor of California: Mayor Fletcher Bowron, Mayor of Los Angeles; President Darby, County Board of Supervisors; the Powerful Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; the Broadway Federal Loan and Savings Association; the Church Federation of Los Angeles; the YMCA and the YWCA, also the State Convention of Christian Churches of California.

The Detroit Convention delegation voted unanimously to come to Los Angeles, California. The convention in session at Detroit, recommended that the executive secretary visit Los Angeles, look us over to ascertain our ability to entertain the convention.

The December meeting of the Trustee Board, because of the report of the Executive Secretary, it was voted not to accept the invitation to Los Angeles due to disunity of the local churches. Whatever disunity is present followed the visit of our secretary.

It is too bad that the people of our National Convention, though they have voted to come to California on three occasions, have never been accorded this privilege because the Trustee Board has, each time changed the will of the people, making them do the will of the Board against their own.

Los Angeles stands ready to entertain the Convention at any time the Board of Trustees will let it come here. To those who are interested in our convention coming to Los Angeles, we suggest that you write members of the Board of Trustees and members of the General Board, and instruct them to carry out the will of the people which was voted in Detroit.

The place of the 1949 convention will be decided at the meeting of the General which will be held in Indianapolis on May 5th. It is necessary that these messages be sent to the National Board, National Christian Missionary Convention, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. The ministers of the Los Angeles Churches will appreciate your cooperation and would like you to send them copies of your messages—their addresses follow:

Rev. M. Frederick Mitchell
3309 Hooper
Los Angeles 11, California

Rev. C. B. Tarrance, Assoc. Pastor,
East 28th Christian Church
1001 East 28th St.,

Board of Trustees of National Convention Takes Convention Away From Los Angeles

Los Angeles, California
Rev. Baxter Carroll Duke, Pastor
Avalon Christian Church
4272 Avalon
Los Angeles, California

We assure you the 1000 members of the above named churches and the leadership of political and civic affairs extend to you the "Mat of Welcome" to hold our 1949 convention in Los Angeles.

We have worked out a very helpful brief with the railroad company—giving passes to ordained preachers. Write the undersigned: We shall be glad to explain how you may get a pass to Los Angeles.

I am sending the Christian Plea, the Chicago Defender, the Pittsburgh Courier and the Tribune, a copy.

Rev. M. Frederick Mitchell

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Dear Co-workers:

The recent planning conference of Christian Education held with the Christian education leaders at the Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, was one of great and far-reaching significance. Our responsibilities are many, and the time is short. We must work.

In the “Extension of our Christian Witnesses” it is necessary for each church school and youth group to meet its financial goal.

Quite seriously, our convention is facing a real financial problem. Lack of funds have already forced us to curtail some of our most worthy projects. We need not have to do this if each church school and youth group will strive to meet its National apportionment on the quarterly basis. It was recommended at the Planning Conference that schools and youth groups send in their registration fee for the National Convention by June 30, 1949.

As you know each school has been asked to represent with not less than five dollars, and each State Bible School Organization with ten dollars, and each State where there are no organizations we hope that the schools will assume the additional responsibility to send in the ten dollars for their state.

Each youth group has been asked to represent with not less than three dollars and each State youth group with five dollars. In states where there are no organizations we hope that the youth groups will assume the additional responsibility to send in the five dollars for their state.

In addition, it was recommended that each Bible School Superintendent and youth director make an annual donation to the National Convention, to be known as the “Superintendent’s and Youth Director’s Contribution.”

Will you kindly send the registration fee for your Bible School or youth group and your contribution as superintendent or youth director to the National Convention treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis 1, Tennessee. Register your school or youth group now; remember our financial goal is $1,200 for the Christian Education Department. Let’s have at least 800 Bible Schools and Youth Groups registered before June 30, 1949.

Oratorical Contest

Plans have been formulated for the National Youth Project. This project is to include all youth of a state or convention area in youth activities of the National Christian Missionary Convention Disciples of Christ. The project is a National Oratorical Contest, accepted by the National, State and youth leaders attending the Fall Planning Conference on Christian Education, in Indianapolis, Indiana November 26-27, 1948 and passed by the Board of Trustees in their December meeting.

Purpose: This project will seek to obtain the following objectives:

1. To develop expression of original thought and work.
2. To encourage youth in the local church to become aware of his responsibility as Christians and dedicate themselves to the task.
3. To develop Christian leaders in order that they might find their place in the community.
4. To encourage and promote Christian training.
5. To help the brotherhood realize the strength of its youth and in so doing join hands with them in helping to build a strong National Youth Program.
6. To help youth realize that formal training is a MUST if they are to cope favorably with the world in which they find themselves.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Participants must be Christian young people and active members of Disciple churches between the ages of 16-24 inclusive, and have completed at least two years of high school training and not more than three years of college training.
2. Each local church is asked to have an oratorical contest and the winner or representative is to be eligible for the “run-offs” at the National Convention in session.
3. The six top ranking participants will be chosen to compete in the finals for the scholarship awards.
4. A photo of the contestant and a typewritten copy of the oration MUST be submitted at the National Convention in session. All manuscripts and pictures become the property of the National Convention.
5. Each contestant will be allowed only 10 minutes to deliver his oration and it MUST be done so WITHOUT manuscript or coaching.

All contestants will be judged on the following points:

- Originality
- Pronunciation
- Enunciation
- Pronunciation
- Poise
- Gestures
- Posture
- Voice
- Animation

Scholarship awards will be given to the National winners.

First Award (non-transferable) $100.00
Second Award (non-transferable) 50.00

7. If the winner does not meet the requirements of going to College directly after graduation from high school, the scholarship will be held one year; after this time the scholarship will be cancelled.

8. If the winner is yet in high school, the scholarship will be held one year after graduation.

9. A national winner is not eligible for further contests.

10. Send your entries by June 30, 1949 stating the following:

- Name
- Address
- City and State
- Sex—male or female
- Age
- Classification in school (high school or college)
- Name of high school or college
- Proposed college you hope to enter if in high school
- State or area representing
- Name of church representing
- Name of pastor
- What participation, if any, in local youth group of the church.
- In what field of endeavor do you plan to work?

11. TOPIC: The Responsibility of Christian Youth in the Modern Crisis.

- Thomas J. Griffin, Chairman
- Mrs. Susie L. Elster
- Lorenzo J. Evans
- National Oratorical Contest Comm.
Crusading For A Christian World

By R. L. Sercy, Warren, Ohio

I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me—Phil. 3:13.

When we think of the writer of our text, we think of a man who lived in a time similar to ours. People were recuperating from perils; and clouds of dissatisfaction were hanging over their heads.

With all of this hate and sin in the world, Paul went out as a crusader for Christ; not the type of crusading that we find in the Brotherhood today, such as amalgamation, federation, and a declaration to mix with everything that sings; but when he arrived at Athens, he did not seek to compromise with the people of Mars' hill but challenged them for having an altar with this inscription: "To the Unknown God."

It is going to take faith and courage if the job is to be done. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.—Heb. 11:1. Courage means to be daring, brave, and heroic which is faith in action.

Paul was willing to face the crisis of his day, he realized that if his faith was not equal to the task it was not worth talking about. It is when we must face conditions that look impossible that we gain more faith in God, and perhaps more confidence in ourselves.

TWO QUESTIONS WE SHOULD ASK BEFORE MAKING A START:

Do I have faith in God? Is the cause for which I stand right? Faith is something that will not make every day pleasant, nor make certain the safety of an organization; we may fall by the way, the instruments of our labor may go down (preachers, teachers, buildings, and organizations). But our faith must be in Christ if the world is to be made Christian.

Trust in God with all of thy heart and lean not upon thine own understanding.—Prov. 3:5. Let us remember the words of the European Refugees: "When a man has lost everything but God, does he realize that God is enough?"

Our work should be the work of God through the church; it must go on; He is able to make it go even through a welter of confusion and destruction, earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

If this is to be a Christian world, we must realize that God is able to keep that which we have committed to Him against that day. We have had wars, and we might have another war soon, but there is one thing we all know; war might check the church but it will never be the will of God for His cause to be put upon a shelf like a what-not. Men might say stop, but the work of God cannot stop, as long as we have men like Paul, and we do have them. Things are pretty bad in the Christian church but they could be worse; even though the forces of hell have joined in a determined crusade to wipe out true Christianity, we still have something for which to rejoice. In the midst of gloom we must be able to see a ray of light.

The church was born in a time like this; and if we are to be successful in our crusade for a Christian world, we must go back to the things from which we have drifted. 1. Faith in God; 2. Sanctity of the home; 3. Value of man; 4. The church of Christ as such; 5. The great commission; 6. The doctrine of the apostles.

Apart from the things above we will have a sectarian world built upon confusion and misunderstanding. Only Christian doctrine can make a Christian world.

As a people, we to some extent, have started to doubting our belief and believing our doubts. Thus, we are building upon wood, stubble, hay, god, siver and organizations instead of building upon Christ Jesus. Paul in getting ready to build a Christian world said: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ."—I Cor. 3:11.

When we learn to close the book of doubt and open the book of praise; ignore what we think the church or people owe us and think of what we owe the church; stop looking for friends to come our way and get out and show ourselves friendly; stop looking for a hand-out or trying to get somebody to help us and start helping somebody without the expectation of praise, then we will be able to see the Christian world. Then as Negroes we shall come to the realization that we are no longer a missionary field, but missionaries—preaching, talking, walking, praying and paying and fighting for the thing which is right.

And remember this: What ever men might say, "We are the Sons of God and it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we do know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is.

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Concord, N. C.

MRS. MARY CALDWELL, Reporter

We, the members and friends of the First Christian Church, are very happy with our new pastor and wife, Eld. and Mrs. G. W. Rolland. They have made many friends in the short time they have been with us, and the church is growing in every way. On the fourth Sunday a concert was given by The Royal Son's Quartet of Winston Salem. On the first Sunday the Missionary Society gave a play, "Servants of the Great Adventure," by Edith R. Bentley and Velva O'Neal.

Our pastor and church have received many invitations to visit nearby Churches. With the help of our Lord we hope to do more in 1949.

Mark Rutherford
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board in doing the total work of the church.

All scheduling of his time, in order to save confusion, will be made through the secretary, Department of Men's Work, 222 S. Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana. Your requests for Mark's services are invited, either for a state, a district or a local congregation; with the understanding that his schedule will be made in the interests of economy and where the need for basic organization is greatest.

Indiana Avenue Christian Church
Chicago, Ill.

Worshippers at the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday morning, December 12, participated in a very impressive baptismal service during which the sacrament of baptism was administered to five boys and young men. Rev. R. H. Davis, president of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ, is pastor of the church.

Immediately following the regular morning worship period approximately 200 of those present joined the church officers and the choirs in the recessional from the auditorium and congregated around the pool in another part of the building. Rev. Thomas J. Girffin, pastor of the Indiana Avenue Junior Church, and Elder Essau Wilson assisted Rev. Davis in the service, the former reading the scriptures and the latter giving the prayer of consecration. The choirs under the leadership of Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, the church director of music, lead in the singing of appropriate hymns prior to and during the baptismal period.

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What Is The Church Of Christ
F. T. FLOYD

The Origin of The Church:
Let us search the scriptures in order to find out when and where the church was instituted.

1. The Church in Prophecy.
There was no church under the old covenant. There was no mention of a church in the entire Old Testament. Acts 7:38 speaks of the church or congregation in the wilderness. We read of a kingdom to be set up by the Messiah, Isa. 2:24. "At Jerusalem in the last days." Read Isa. 9:8 and Dan. 2:44. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

2. The Church in Preparation:
John The Baptist message: "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Jesus came to establish a kingdom. The first intimation that Gentiles shall be allowed citizenship in the kingdom. Matt. 8:5-13. The twelve sent out to preach that "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand." The word "Church" is used for the first time Matt. 16:13-19. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The Master says "I will build," not "have built." Here the Church is spoken of as a thing of the future, it could not have been instituted in the time of Adam, Abraham, Moses, or John the Baptist.

3. The Church is Fact.
Jesus speaks of the church as a thing of the future. Matt. 16:18. In Acts 2:47 it is announced as a reality. It must have been instituted during the interim. Salvation through Christ was to be preached first at Jerusalem, and the Apostles were not to preach until embued with power from on high. Luke 24:46-49, and said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day.

After that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And ye are witnesses of these things, the day of Pentecost. The Apostles embued with power from on high. The angel preached in fact. The charter members of the Church of Christ, The Kingdom instituted. Acts 2nd chapter. Two great powers produced the Church. The descent of the Holy Spirit and the preaching of salvation through Christ on the day of Pentecost at Jerusalem.

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International Council to Consider Educational Plans and Materials

CHICAGO—Decisions of far-reaching educational importance will be made by the International Council of Religious Education during its 27th annual meeting at Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 6-12, according to Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary.

Plans and materials will come from 13 standing educational committees, several important special committees, the Commission on Educational Program, and the Board of Trustees. Policy matters, lesson outlines, and manuscripts of educational bulletins will be considered. Some actions will go into effect immediately. Other decisions will not affect the average Protestant church for several years.

All proposals which come to the Council undergo a thorough process of review and revision by the Council's committees and officers and by member denominational boards and state councils of churches.

Of general public interest will be the consideration of a statement of policy on weekday religious education, according to Dr. Ross. The statement was drawn up "in the light of conditions prevailing and information available at the present time." The statement has been in preparation since the Supreme Court decision on the McCollum-Champaigne case last March. It is expected to set the pattern for Protestant thinking in this field.

Reporting for the first time will be the Council's Committee on Religion and Public Education, of which Dean Luther A. Weigle of Yale University Divinity School is chairman.

Preparation of lesson outlines for Sunday schools and other educational work of Protestant churches is an important phase of the Council's work.

Up for approval will be the 1951 outlines and home daily Bible readings for the 77-year-old Uniform Lessons. These lessons are used in upwards of a hundred denominations with a membership of 20,000,000 members.

Curriculum materials will also be considered for Protestant camps and conferences, youth societies, graded lessons, weekday and vacation church schools. Nine production outlines for visual materials will also be brought to the Council and referred to the Protestant Film Commission.

Manuals and bulletins for the National Christian Teaching Mission, ecumenical education, camps and conferences, youth work, children's work, and vacation religious education will be reviewed.

Plans for the 1950 world convention of the World Council of Christian Education, to be held at Toronto, will be presented. Participation of the I.C.R.E., which is the largest territorial unit of the World Council, will be discussed.

Most proposals originate in the Council's many committees, where the suggestions are thoroughly reviewed. Reference is then usually made to denominational staffs and state councils for further consideration.

After committee approval, proposals are referred to the Council's 44-person Commission on Educational Programs, of which Dr. Harry Thomas Stock, Congregational Christian education executive, is chairman. The commission reviews and coordinates all educational work of the Council. Plans involving finance and personnel are reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

After commission and trustees approval the proposals are considered and passed on by The Council, the 387 persons governing body of the I.C.R.E. Materials are then released for public and for use by member agencies of the Council.

During the week of annual meetings, 17 associated sections also meet with some 1,200 religious educators participating. Nearly 150 speakers and leaders are on the many scheduled programs.

Christ Friend To Man

Tis Jesus Christ I long to find
Pray tell me where he is
Tis him alone can ease my mind
And give my conscience ease.

If you go down in yonder world
And search among the sheaves
You'll find him there so I am told
Among those he loves to keep.

What signal shall I tell him by?
From any other man
He wears salvation on his brow
And in his arm a lamb.

I thank you friend for your advice
To Dance or Not To Dance?

That is the question decided recently in a congregational meeting by a "Church of Christ" in northeastern Ohio. At the November board meeting the decision was made to place the matter before the annual congregational meeting in December, under two questions: 1. That dancing in the recreation room be allowed. 2. That all dances must be sponsored and approved by a church group. The first question passed by a vote of 69 to 35. We were not informed as to the outcome of the second. The resident membership of this church, according to the 1947 Year Bock, was 478.

Dancing, card playing, the use of tobacco, etc., are matters for the individual conscience, to be decided between each Christian and his Lord. But the more enlightened the Christian conscience becomes, the greater is its tendency to forsake worldly practices.

But when a church of Christ, as a congregation, adopts dances, card parties, and smokers as a part of its program, that becomes a public matter, of interest and concern to Christians everywhere. It simply means that such a congregation, or the worldly-minded, worldly church member is noted for his piety or good works.

What Is The Church

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Samaritans, the Ethiopian, Saul of Tarsus and Cornelius all followed the same law of pardon. They heard the word. Believed in the Lord Jesus, were baptized, and rejoiced in their salvation. We teach baptism by immersion. We observe the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week. Acts 20:7.

I'll find him if I can
If I do I'll sure rejoice
Christ is a friend to man.
Dr. George Campbell Dies

Dr. George C. Campbell, Pastor of Central Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Vice-President of the Ohio State Convention and Vice-President and Dean of the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky., died in the city of Louisville February 1st, 1949. Eld. Campbell was one of the last of the few remaining pioneer ministers of our Brotherhood, and was well known in Negro Discipledom. His whole life was one of sacrifice and self-denial for Christ and the Church. He was a great preacher, a great teacher, and a sincere Christian. His greatness was not in the great cathedrals he had built nor the great congregations he had pastored, but in his great spirit. His great love and devotion to and his undying love for the Church of Christ. His love and devotion to and his undying love for the Church of Christ are the words of the poet, "When the great scorer comes to write against my name, He'll write not that I won or lost, but how I played the game." His funeral was conducted at the Cedar Church in Cleveland Monday, February 7th. Eld. F. T. Barnette, pastor at Youngstown, Ohio, was master of ceremonies, and Eld. C. E. Craggett, pastor of the Cedar Church, delivered the eulogy. Eld. Campbell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sadie Combs Campbell, former President of the Missionary Department of the Ohio State Convention of the Christian Church.

Rev. Silas E. Tillman Observes 18th Year As Minister Here

Quitman, Georgia, Native Assigned to Antioch Church In 1931

The Rev. Silas E. Tillman is observing his 18th anniversary as pastor of the Antioch Christian Church at Oliver Avenue and Lincoln Highway today.

A native of Quitman, Ga., where he was born in 1890, Mr. Tillman is the son of George and Elizabeth Tillman. He received his elementary school training in Somerville, Brooks County, Ga.

Interested in church work as a young man, Mr. Tillman became a deacon in 1917. After coming north he received the degree of bachelor of divinity at the Union Theological Seminary and in 1929 was ordained to the ministry.

After serving as field secretary in the Afro-Christian Conference embracing New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Mr. Tillman was assigned to this city by the state convention in 1931. During his pastorate here, supervised the construction of a new church.

In 1934 and 1935, Mr. Tillman founded the Rescue Christian Mission, an incorporated charitable institution.

Mr. Tillman served as a justice of the peace for 10 years. In addition to his church duties, he operates a real estate, insurance and employment agency. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Bright Hope Lodge No. 38, the Elks, and Superior Lodge No. 115 and Good Fellowship Lodge No. 53, A. F. and A. M.

A review of his career as a pastor here, shows that Tillman has officiated at 49 weddings, 53 funerals, 18 baby christenings and has baptized 54 adults. He has also interested himself in the rehabilitation of persons released after serving prison terms.

I Love The Church

By Robbie Lee Williams

I love the church I attend
I love to mix with the crowd
I even join in the Amen
It even makes me feel proud.

I love the church for learning
I love to pray and sing its songs
Which all help in earning
An eternal, everlasting home.

I love to hear the preacher preach
And tell the people what is true
I love to hear the teacher teach
Us young people what to do.

I love to hear the scripture read
A beautiful story it does foretell
I love the spiritual food that's fed
To our bodies we love so well.

I love the church as a whole
Which includes all branches within
I try to serve with my heart and soul
And bring someone from a world of sin.

I love the church
It is the house of prayer
Won't you come, without a search
Of peace and comfort elsewhere?
“RIGHT MAKES MIGHT”
The Christian Plea

Editorial

The February issue of the Christian Plea carried a letter from Eld. M. F. Michell, Eld. B. C. Duke, and Eld. C. B. Torrence, all of Los Angeles, Calif, protesting the action of the Trustees of the National Convention for their decision not to hold the 1949 Convention in Los Angeles. We have no quarrel with our Californian brethren for protesting the decision of the Trustees.

In fact we sympathize with their position. However we are concerned with keeping the record straight. The important thing about the action of the Trustees was not even mentioned in the California letter. But instead the Trustees were accused of arbitrarily depriving the convention of the privilege of going to California. The fact is the Trustees had no alternative.

The Executive Committee of the ‘entertaining churches of Los Angeles recommended to the Trustees that they be permitted to withdraw from the idea of entertaining the 1949 Convention.” The fact is the Executive Committee of the Entertaining Churches is not in agreement on this matter with Elders Mitchell, Duke and Torrence. The Plea does not feel that these brethren should want to drag our National Convention into a situation where there is lack of peace and harmony among those who must provide the entertainment. Neither do we feel that anyone should attempt to put the blame on the Executive Secretary of National Convention. We feel further that if anyone has a quarrel about the National Convention not going to Los Angeles, it should be with the Los Angeles churches and not with the Trustees of the National Convention.

OBITUARY

George Calvin Campbell was born June 6, 1872, in Pinetown, N. C. His parents were rice planters. At the age of seventeen, Dr. Campbell had educated himself enough to be able to pass the county examination for school teachers. At that early age he had for his first students in the county grade school some of his own brothers and sisters. He united with the Church of Christ Composed of Disciples at an early age. This group differs from the Church of Christ or the Christian Church in that they practice foot-washing as an act of worship, have no elders, and have quarterly communion services. It was from this background that Dr. Campbell walked to Hiram College in Ohio around 1890. It was here that he learned the way of the Lord more perfectly and found out that some of the practices of the church of which he was raised were unscriptural.

He had at Hiram as classmates W. R. Walker, President of the Standard Publishing Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, and P. H. Welshemer, pastor of one of the largest Christian Churches in the nation at Canton, O. Following three years at Hiram College he attended three years at Wilberforce University, Xenia, O.

At the age of 18 he was ordained to the ministry. During all his school years he pastored some church nearby. His first pastorate was at Second Street Church in Lexington, Kentucky. At various times he held pulpits at Nashville, Tenn., Columbus, O., Nicholasville, Ky., Carlisle, Ky., and College Hill, Cincinnati, O. He built the first unit of the Woodland Ave. church in Kansas City, Mo. He had a very successful pastorate at the Amour Ave. Christian Church in Chicago, Ill., for 12 years and left the church free of debt with money in the bank towards buying a building and with over 600 members.

He continued his educational work at Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati, O., and a year at Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., and then continued his work at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. After three years he transferred to the University of Chicago where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree and later from the same institution the Master of Arts, the Bachelor of Philosophy, and Bachelor of Divinity degrees.

In 1922 Dr. Campbell returned to North Carolina where he was principal of the Goldsboro Christian Institute of Goldsboro, N. C., four years. In the year 1927-28 he was principal of the High School of Beaufort County in Pantigo, N. C.

He held most of his life a Grade A High School Principal’s Certificate from the Board of Public Instruction from Raleigh, N. C. In 1929 he accepted a call to the Cedar Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio, where he pastored for four years. In 1937 he resigned to accept the post as field man for an orphanage being operated in Irvington, Ky., by O. E. Singleton. In November of 1942 he came back to Cleveland as pastor of the Central Christian Church where he has remained since. His wide association in the Brotherhood gained by his travels for the orphanage made him particularly helpful to the founding of the College of the Scriptures.

In 1914 he was married to Miss Sadie Combs, formerly of Nicholasville, Ky. To this union were born no children. Besides Mrs. Campbell, Dr. Campbell is bereaved by a number of relatives near Washington, D. C.

For about forty years Bro. Campbell has been advocating colleges such as we have in Louisville. In 1943 he joined Drs. Mark Maxey, Max Randall in the founding of the College of the Scriptures. He accepted the post of Vice-President of the Corporation and Dean of the college.

He stood out almost alone for his vision of such a school. Our missionary agencies promised a graduate school attached to some existing university. He protested that this was not only impractical but undesirable, since most of the men needing training for the Negro ministry do not have adequate opportunity for high school and college training to qualify for graduate work. He also pointed out that graduate work was not essential for serving the churches but that a thorough knowledge of the fundamentals was essential to such a ministry. It was in 1945 that he and Brother Tibbs Maxey made a happy connection which was a definite answer to the prayers of both. As soon as he was convinced that Tibbs Maxey was going to give his whole life to the venture and was convinced that he was the man for the job, Dr. Campbell accepted his responsibilities and from then on poured out his life to make this school a success.

As head of the Old Testament department he also taught Christian Ministry and Church History.

He has taught a full course ever since and has continued his ministry in Cleveland. His labors for the church and the school drained his vitality. Dr. Campbell gladly gave his strength, presence and influence to make the institution possible.

Mrs. Sadie Campbell, who has been a partial invalid for several years, devotedly sacrificed many hours of fel-

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The following ministers and congregations were guests at the West Paseo Christian Church during the week of dedication services: Monday night, Jan. 24, the Rev. L. L. Boswell of the Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ; Tuesday night, Jan. 25, the Rev. E. L. McAllister of Centennial Methodist; Wednesday night, Jan. 26, the H. Francis McClure of Bethel A. M. E. church; Thursday, Jan. 27, the Rev. J. W. L. Underwood, of the Pleasant Green Baptist church; Friday night, Jan. 28, the Rev. D. A. Holmes of the Green Baptist church; Sunday afternoon, Jan. 30, an open house tea was given from 3 to 7 o'clock in the social hall of the church.

Seventy-three years ago the Woodland Avenue Christian Church was organized in the home of the late Mrs. L. Evans under the leadership of the late Rev. William Hancock of Kentucky. The church has had many trials, tribulations, discouragements and wanderings, during which periods the members of the church worshipped in 11 different locations and had 111 ministers who gave heroic leadership to the struggling congregation.

In 1916, the late Rev. William Alpin was called to the church and soon after his coming the Woodland Avenue paid off the debt that was against it. Under his leadership, the church grew and prospered. Following the Rev. Mr. Alpin in 1924 was the Rev. C. A. Craggett, who is now in Ohio. He took the ministry of the church just before and during the depression which brought adverse conditions to the membership and financial strength of the church.

In 1932 the present pastor, the Rev. Mr. Myers, was called. The Rev. Mr. Myers, a young man with a promising future, had 11 years experience as a successful pastor. He served in Austin, Texas, for four and one-half years and in Oklahoma City six and one-half years. The Rev. Mr. Myers is well known for his Christian character, business qualities, his ability to organize and the fine Christian training he has had. He was recommended to the church by President J. B. Lehman, Prof. P. H. Moss, Field Secretary of Religious Education, and Rosa Brown Bracey, Field Secretary of Missionary Education.

When Rev. Myers began his ministry here he found the membership divided, discouraged, restless and impoverished by the world's greatest economic depression.

For nearly 17 years the Rev. Myers has worked in a field made difficult by inadequate facilities and has had amazing results. The congregation is at this time well organized with the Official Board, Pastor's Cabinet, Trustees, Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, Laymen's League, Men's Club, Church School, Women's Council, Senior and Junior Choirs, Christian Youth Fellowship, Usher Board and several service committees.

The Joint Board of the Christian churches of Kansas City, Mo., has sponsored most of the present Christian churches in the city, and on Oct. 21, 1939, at the First Christian church, it went on record by adopting a motion made by Dr. George Hamilton Combs, pastor of the Country Club Christian church, that it considered helping the then Woodland Avenue Christian church re-locate and build a new church home.

On April 28, 1941, the Joint board passed a resolution to buy the lots at 2454 West Paseo and proceed with the building program. On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor and this historic tragedy deferred the building program until after the war. September 24, 1946, groundbreaking ceremonies were held with Dr. Warren Grafton, pastor of the Country Club Christian Church, delivering the main address. July 11, 1948, the cornerstone laying was held by Dr. G. B. Key, grand master of Masons of Missouri, with the Rev. Will Session, Jr., pastor of the Independence Boulevard Christian Church, giving the principal address.

The new church has been erected at a cost to date of $120,000, which does not include the organ which cost $2,800. Even though it takes tears, sacrifices and sweat, dreams do come true. The most thrilling event in our church life was January 23, 1949, the day we celebrated the dedication of our new church, "The West Paseo Christian Church," formerly the Woodland Avenue Christian at our new location, 2454 Paseo.

The dedicatory services which lasted a week started at the eleven o'clock services. The message, "A Day of Victory," of the morning was brought by the Rev. Frank Johnson Pippin, pastor of the Woodland Avenue Christian Church, William Pearcy, executive secretary of the board of church extension, whose headquarters are in Indianapolis.

The dedicatory service was held Sunday, Jan. 23, in the new sanctuary with Mr. Howard Darrah master of ceremonies. A report from the area Christian churches was made by Dr. Warren Grafton, pastor of the Country Club Christian Church. Mr. J. Clare Hanna, chairman of the joint building committee, gave a report on the building. The Rev. Frank Johnson Pippin, pastor of the Community Christian Church, gave dedicatory address, "We Come Preaching." "This is a day for 'we' in human life. To many Christians have missed the great concept of (Continued on Page 7)
Cedar Christian Church
East 83rd & Quincy Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

Elder C. E. Craggett, Pastor
Elizabeth Wells, Reporter

We closed the year 1948 with all departments reporting a successful year, and a substantial balance in all treasuries. The officers of 1948 will carry on in 1949 as they are well appreciated for their work. We are looking forward to 1949 with increased faith in our Lord for not only a better financial year, but for a reunion of delinquent members and the winning of new ones.

Our continued thankfulness goes to God for our minister and his wife, Eld. and Mrs. C. E. Craggett, for their leadership in carrying us on in this great task. Mrs. Craggett is indeed a helpmate as she is here and there, helping him along in his work and doing a grand job.

We are now engaged in evangelistic services being conducted by the Christian and Baptist Churches throughout the city. Each Sunday evening we have singing, prayer and praise services, under the leadership of Mrs. Laura Shumate, chairman of the Evangelistic Committee. We are endeavoring to get our delinquent members back into the fold and to win new souls to Christ. These services are bringing results as are noticed each Sunday morning.

Our hearts were saddened by the loss of Eld. G. C. Campbell, pastor of Central Christian Church of this city, and our former pastor. He will be greatly missed by us as he was very near and dear to one and all who knew him. Our loss is indeed Heaven's gain.

In an impressive induction ceremony Rev. R. H. Davis, pastor of the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois, installed the 1949 officers of the Men's Council during the morning worship service Sunday, January 2. Those inducted into office were Dr. J. L. Pratt, president; Leroy Wiley and Marion Marshall, 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, respectively; Carl Reed, treasurer; Anderson N. Zollar, financial secretary; Henry Walker, corresponding secretary; and Rev. James H. Kittrell, program director.

The Men's Council, organized 14 years ago under the leadership of Rev. Davis, is one of the outstanding groups in the Indiana Avenue Church. Its purpose is the creating of a better spiritual fellowship among the men of the church. At present there are about 75 members; the group holds one regular meeting each month and is financed chiefly through monthly dues.

Since its inception the Council has lent variety to the church's activities by sponsoring many special programs. The most outstanding contribution is the forum held the first Sunday night of each month and presenting well-known speakers who have brought subjects of timely interest in the fields of religion, politics, economics, and human relations. Some of them have been Attorneys William Prescott, C. C. Wimbish, and Aaron Payne, state and local political leaders; Rev. Archibald Carey, outstanding clergyman and city councilman; Wendell E. Green, Chicago Municipal Court judge; William Townsend, labor leader; and Lucius Harper, Chicago Defender columnist.

The Council sponsors the yearly Men's Day program of the church and proceeds of the day go to the church building fund: the objective this year is to contribute $500 dollars to this fund. Other outstanding programs who have been the annual Lincoln and Douglas dinners and a homecoming party for the young men in the church who had been service in the last war.

Coming in the Fall!
A New Christian Family Monthly

To meet the urgent need for a distinctly Christian family magazine ... the new *Hearthstone* with fiction for all ages, family worship ideas, tips on good music, suggestions for worthwhile reading for all, games, puzzles, hobbies, crafts, party suggestions, articles on how families live, marital counseling, and special items for children.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION—ST. LOUIS 3, MO.

Write for a Pre-Publication Sample!
The Minister and The Church

If the church is to be strong, there must be vigorous leaders. If there are to be real leaders, the church must produce them. No organization, but the church can provide the leaders the church must have.

Without the support of the church, no minister, however few his needs or deep his consecration, can serve to the limit of his ability. He needs to be supported in the days of inactive service. He also needs to be provided for in the time of his retirement. If the church cares for his needs when he is strong and vigorous, is it not the church’s bounden duty to provide the necessities of his old age?

In order to make this possible, the Pension Fund was organized. It has been working faithfully for more than 18 years. Still there are many churches that have not taken advantage of this way of providing for their minister’s old age.

The Plan is simple. The minister pays in ½ of his monthly salary, and the church pays in an amount equal to 8% of the salary. In the Plan, the church pays in an amount of his monthly salary, and the church pays in an amount equal to 8% of the salary.

During the years of active service the minister and church build up funds to care for the preacher and his widow in old age. While the minister is at work, his wife and family are protected should he die. If he should become disabled before reaching age 65, he is cared for by a disability pension.

The minister alone cannot pay his way, protect himself and his loved ones, and lay aside funds on which to live when he can no longer work. The minister and the church, working together and sharing together in the Pension Plan, are able to do so.

Is Your Minister Enrolled?
Is Your Church Enrolled?

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
800 Test Building
Indianapolis 4, Ind.

Obituary
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lowship with him in order that he might continue his work in Louisville. He spent two weeks of every month in Louisville and two in Cleveland.

Dr. Campbell departed this life at the age of 78, Feb. 1, in his room at the Colleague of the Scriptures of a heart attack. Besides his loved ones, he is mourned deeply by the members of his church in Cleveland, and the student body, faculty and trustees of the college.

Announcement

The college will take care of all the expenses connected with the funeral of Dean Campbell. It will continue to send his salary checks to his wife till the Trustees’ annual meeting in June. Mrs. Campbell will be pensioned for life by the college.

Port Gibson District No. 1
E. E. Chambliss, Reporter
The Port Gibson District No. 1 Church School held its quarterly meeting with the Rose Hill Christian Church January 22-23, 1949 with Brother Joseph Green presiding. The weather was very unfavorable. However, there were a few regulars. On the first day, a few schools made their reports.

The Christian Endeavor president, Brother Eddie West, went through with the business part of his program, but failed to have a program because of the absence of the young people. On the second day, Brother M. N. Brown, the organizer of the usher board of District 1 and 2, was present, and carried out his program. Elder Johnnie West preached a wonderful sermon from the 9th chapter of St. John, 4th verse ‘I Must Work the Works of Him’.

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Ministers’ Exchange Service
For Churches and Ministers
Write
The Christian Plea
For information concerning churches that want pastors and ministers desiring a change.

Are You A Christian?
Sidney A. Scott

Several years ago I read the book “In His Steps”, written by Shelton. On first reading, I did not like it so well because it appeared the author was stretching the blanket to make it cover the entire world. Since then, thinking over what the word “Christian” means, I quite agree with him. The word “Christian” means Christ-like, thus all who believe in Jesus should be like Him and follow in His steps. We find in the life of Jesus His steps led in all the paths that would promote the greatest general good for all mankind. If, in our social Christian contact, we are not willing to eat at the same table, drink from the same cup, warm by the same fireside, one blanket to cover us all, we are not Christians. I do not think the word “Christian” admits of comparison. If we are not a Christian we are just something else, that’s all.

There are no white or colored Christians, no white or colored Disciples. We are just Christians. If we believe that Jesus shed His blood to make one big spiritual family of mankind, we all should show our relationship by walking in His steps. There is no half ground between God and man in relationship. It is a common ground where God and man are one. The great hindrance to the spread of Christianity is a lack of genuine honest belief in Jesus Christ. We must either be or not be a believer. If everyone who professes Christianity was really and truly a Christian human relationship throughout the world would be harmoniously adjusted and civil rights and fair employment would be granted to all people regardless of race or color. Where the people who murder Negroes in the South and turn the murderers free for lack of evidence to convict them do not believe in Jesus Christ. The judge who accepted the verdict brought in by the jurors does not believe in Jesus. No people or nations who mistreat their fellowman because of race, color or condition can believe in Jesus. Hence, they are not Christians.

It is all hypocrisy and deceit. No wonder Jesus predicted such a large percentage of people would go to hell. I hope to be present at judgment day and hear the sentence passed on people who call themselves “Christians” but have not followed in the steps of the Master.

that Sent me While It is Day.”
Money raised in this meeting:
Christian Endeavor $5.98
Usher Board 4.00
Schools 17.75
Total $27.73
Edward Chapel
Christian Church
Russellville, Arkansas

Mrs. Mary W. Brown, Reporter

We were proud to have fellowship with the Youth of the First Christian Church (white) Sunday, February 6, 1949, in our morning worship, which they conducted. Miss Ann Stone gave the worship. Mr. Paul Schultz, pianist, of the Music Department of Arkansas Polytechnic College, Deacons serving were Messrs. Warren Townsend and Bobby Smith.

Mr. George Crosby, who is studying for the Ministry, brought a very inspirational message. Miss Stone gave benediction. This service was a prelude to Race Relation Sunday. We also appreciated the fellowship with the members of other churches of the city.

Mrs. Sallie Woodard and Mrs. Mary Franklin attended the one day district meeting at Mt. Sinai Christian Church, No. Little Rock, Ark., Saturday, Jan. 29. This church will be host to the next meeting which will convene in April. We ask your prayers for our success.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Co-worker:

We have just finished celebrating Christmas holidays. And God has let us come into the new year of 1949. I hope you are thinking seriously of your Sunday School in terms of your obligations this year. I hope you are working on something to build your school in attendance and finance. We have some great work to do this year in our own state of Ohio. So let us ask God for guidance to put the program over. I hope your school is making plans to raise your appointment for this year. As each of you know how very important that is.

In our State Convention at Walnut Hill (Wherener Ave.) church, some school appointment was raised. Each school is asked to give $5.00 extra for O.B.C. I am sure you will want to do your part, and will make special efforts to do so. In our school at 5th Christian (Kenyon Ave.) church we have set aside one Sunday each month as Sunday School Sunday. We take our offering. We ask each member of the church for ten cents, and you would be surprised how the church raises their finance this year. This is just a good plan, I pass it on to you. I am hoping your school will have some

“Lip Service”

In the Cathedral of Lubeck in Germany was the following inscription:

Thus speaketh Christ, our Lord, to us:

"Ye call me Light, and seek me not;
Ye call me Master, and obey me not;
Ye call me the Way, and walk me not;
Ye call me Life, and desire me not;
Ye call me Wise, and follow me not;
Ye call me Rich, and ask me not;
Ye call me Eternal, and seek me not;
Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not;
Ye call me Noble, and serve me not;
Ye call me Mighty, and honor me not;
Ye call me Just, and fear me not;
If I condemn you, blame me not."

Notes from the “Old Asparagus Bed”
By A. D. Gault

I would like to say that we are still moving along in Old Asparagus Bed in this new year 1949. Our pastor, Rev. E. B. Toles is still preaching the Gospel.

On January 15th, Mrs. Maggie Cross, Miss Susie Cross and the writer attended a district meeting in Carlisle. January 22nd, A. G. Gault and the writer attended the State Board meeting at the East 2nd Street Church in Lexington. Everyone enjoyed the meeting. Twenty churches reported and we took in $193.21. Rev. H. D. Griffin was elected State Evangelist and will start the first of February. January 30th, I attended service at the Robin Street Church in Covington. It was a very cold day, yet they had a nice crowd and nice worship. Rev. Jackson brought us a good sermon.

I spoke on our State program. I truly hope we will have a good National Convention. I am very sorry that the Convention is not meeting in Los Angeles this year. We would have had a large delegation and there are a lot of people in this district who would like to attend, many of them who are not members of the Christian Church. I am longing to see the day when our National Convention will be large enough to go anywhere in the United States.

I am for the National Convention, wherever it goes.

good news to report at our next District meeting. Let me hear from you. We can keep in contact with each other by writing.

Yours in Christ,
Cynthia Howard
State B. C. President
522 Richmond St.
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Voice of Fellowship
Christian Church
Philadelphia, Penna.

Under the leadership of Elder Eugene Patterson, and cooperation of the body, the year of hearty Crusading is in progress. Beginning with Watch Meeting, soul-stirring service, everyone was present welcoming a New Year and were on their knees praising God in the Highest. Sister Annie Gunnings, Reidsville, N. C., was present to help us give thanks to God for enabling us to go on in the work of upbuilding His church.

It is encouraging to see the wonderful success that has been accomplished here in the church as it forges ahead, finding its own in the hearts of mankind. Please bear in mind that to develop a New Testament Church, as being done in Philadelphia, is a sacrificial task; but through the fundamental preaching of our efficient pastor, the light is shining and growing stronger daily. Since last reporting, two young men have united with the church by baptism.

Sunday, January 30, 1949, a special program was sponsored by the Ladies Guild. Our own Mrs. Alva Shackleford Brown (National worker) brought a wonderful message. We were very happy to have Mrs. Brown with us and delighted to have other visitors from local churches.

Trusting in God—we are looking forward to a year of Christ-like success, that through us others may see Him.

Yours in Christ,
Calla L. Joseph

5th Christian Church
Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Aurelia S. Morgan, Reporter

The Missionary Society of the 5th Christian Church is doing fine under the leadership of Mrs. Cynthia Howard assisted by Mrs. Pearl Allen. On December 8 we observed Woman’s Day with morning and afternoon services. Our guests were Missionary women from the various churches in the city. Through prayer and cooperation we have had great success.

CALLING ALL CHURCHES! CALLING ALL CHURCHES! H U R R Y ! HURRY! TIME IS FLYING, TIME IS FLYING. RAISE YOUR APPOINTMENT, RAISE YOUR APPOINTMENT, SEND IT IN NOW, SEND IT IN NOW.
fellowship. Jesus, Himself, brought Christianity into being by working through the community of fellowship. We live or die by it. Isolationism in religion is as un-Christian as the devil."

More than 4000 persons representing the Christian churches of the Kansas City area listened to Dr. Pippins address at services in celebration of the opening of the new church.

William Pearcy, executive secretary of the board of church extension, spoke on the topic, "Together We Build." Pearcy said: "This church is a venture in cooperation by the Christian churches of this area. It is concrete evidence of what can be done when we work together for the kingdom. We have no church unit in the United States superior to this one for worship by Negroes."

E. W. Rand Replies To Mrs. Buckner

Alcorn A & M College
January 19, 1949

Mrs. Alice Gadd Buckner
Executive Secretary
Department of Institutional Missions
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Buckner:

I wish to thank you for your recent letter to me and for the report of the Joint Committee. Too, I was pleased to note that you too are concerned about the Jarvis problem and also its progress.

Mrs. Buckner, I have studied with great interest the report in all its details. I finally must conclude, to my own displeasure, that fundamentally, I do not see any basic grounds for progress growing out of the report, beyond the fact that we know that a study has been made, a substantial report turned in, only to be watered down.

Having made the above statement, it becomes imperative that I state concretely the basis for it. In the first place, I refer you to my letter to Dr. McCormick, dated December 7, 1948, in which I made this statement: "This is to me, as I am sure it is to many other Alumni, most important, for I realize that even the change of a word can often change the entire meaning of an entire page or document."

Now allow me to be specific:

1. The Joint Committee completely emasculated item C, PAGE 10 of the Committee recommendation by making the following recommendations:

   "That the present allocation of oil funds and receipts be reconsidered," with the suggestion that the fullest possible financial emphasis be placed on Jarvis for the next five years.

   This is what I meant when I made the above statement in my letter of December 7, 1948. The Study Committee knew as I know and have known, that if Jarvis is to go forward, there must be a specific per cent of her money set aside for her. Unfortunately, the Joint Committee and the boards saw it essential for unstated reasons to flout this restriction and essential, thereby, leaving the situation substantially as it is. There must have been ulterior motives to dictate such a procedure. Can it be that U.C.M.S. desires to continue to use Jarvis as a "Missionary Project?" Therefore, to let it be known; the bare truth, that Jarvis is by far the wealthiest Negro College in Texas or West of the Mississippi, having 20 or 21 oil wells with an income which ranges from $150,000 to $250,000, would lessen the effectiveness of a plea. This statement is made without due knowledge of the proposed technicalities which some would suggest.

   Too, it is not made to say that Jarvis does not need contributions. On the other hand, it is made to make known the fact that the techniques used to shackle the College is under focus as well as to emphasize that they should be taken off.

2. The Joint Committee recommended or approved the suggestion that the College be brought up to "A Class" status at the earliest possible date and turned right around and nullified the suggestion in their conclusion by stating that sufficient funds are not available to do this. This again is most unfortunate. The question we are raising and will continue to raise is: What will be done or what is being done with the oil income?

3. The conclusions, item 1, page 13 of the Study Committee's report was white-washed in the face of the relentless fact, that the present situation, the investigation, Joint Committee, etc., has been necessitated, due to the gross expression of the lack of those qualities as pointed out by them, as exhibited by the present administration of the College. Seven or eight years of experience in the situation taught me this and I am confident that it does not take one expert in administrative analysis to reach this conclusion. It would appear to me that only those who would relegate the College to a continued bare existence and as a Second Rate institution would overlook this important item.

4. Finally and most important: The Texas Advisory Board was placed virtually in complete control of the College. Here again, the committee is perpetuating a system which has without question contributed to the present status of the College to no small degree. To be factual in this matter, it must be specific.

   a. Only passive consideration was given to recommendation 3D with regard to a cosmopolitan

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b. They believe in, and eternally practice in relation to Negroes, the "Paternalistic" philosophy. 
(1) To substantiate the above, only a board which practices and thinks in the realm pointed out in item (3A and 3B) would permit the local administration of the college to:

   a. Do a "batch" job on the College Library as was done last summer.

   b. Dig a ditch across the back of the campus and leave the dirt piled up, and call it drainage.

   c. Permit the dismissal of or approve the principles governing the leaving of most of the substantial faculty personnel, even against their will or desire. I refer especially to the deprivation of the faculty and student body of the much needed medical services which they had available but could not use and finally was forced away due to akward administrative procedures, having approval of the Texas Board.

   d. Have not shown the respect for Negroes, to give reply to intelligent correspondence (this applies especially to the board chairman). Yes, I know that these are serious charges, charges which I feel without qualification, should not be over looked. These are charges which I have no question in my mind, will continue to serve as a stranglehold on Jarvis and its progress. Too, as I know the situation, they will do for you what they have done for your two predecessors. May I emphasize that I am convinced that the God of Justice, the God of Right is displeased and His angels are in a state of unrest. There will be no rest until the real issues are faced and justice melted out. Yes, there are "20th Century Moses" who must "go down into the Egypt of capitalistic expediency" in an attempt to lose the stranglehold on its people. May I, in my concluding statement, point out that Jarvis inevitably must make a change. We as alumni of the College are committed to this point. We will continue our interested struggle to have certain basic fundamentals achieved. In the last analysis it must be projected that we are disappointed in the fact that those who serve as the leaders of our Disciples Brotherhood did not have the courage to meet the challenge. The challenge of:

1. Setting aside a definite per cent of the oil income for the development of Jarvis, which is justly deserve in the light of all points of justice.

2. Facing the item of administrative failure, which, if the college is ever to go forward, must be faced.

3. The placing in charge of the college a representative board, which is imperative if the college is to make progress.

These are essential to any college organization and program: 1. Income; 2. Governing Board; and 3. Administration at the local level it can not be done from remote control.

It is my hope that what I have had to say will be accepted in full faith and in the spirit in which it is given. I am a Jarvisite and a Disciple. I feel, in the interest of Jarvis and the Disciples of Christ Brotherhood, it is my responsibility now as ever, to struggle for and with Jarvis. I am concerned about her welfare and will continue to be so, until I am convinced that a progressive and constructive program is put into operation. I will never rest among my alumni and church brethren until this issue is faced with the necessary courage and a progressive program is initiated. My services are at the disposal of those who are responsible for the college and for the Disciples Brotherhood work.

Yours Respectfully.
E. W. Rand

Eld. Griffin Goes To Kentucky


One reason why some people find so much fault in other is, THEY are so full of holes themselves. The Lord's exhortation is best: "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

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“A Century of Cooperation”

By Dr. F. E. Davison
Pres. International Convention

(1) When the Disciples Union, under the creative leadership of Rev. Joe Van Baskirk, notified me of this unique Television program and asked me to speak to a thousand people gathered around banquet tables in a score of churches I might as well confess I was frightened to death. At once I reminded the committee that I look much better over radio than I do over television. Recently in Lynchburg, Va., I was preceded on a program by a young man who, like Dr. Lungar, was tall, dark and handsome. He was presented to the audience as a handsome young man. Later when I was introduced my few virtues were exalted and my sins minimized. My response was that although I appreciated very much the nice things, I would much prefer be aware of life just before either sleep or death. Dr. Lungar has reminded you that you are beginning now to celebrate one hundred years of history of the Disciples of Christ in the Chicago area.

(2) It is significant that in the year 1849 delegates from one hundred churches of Disciples of Christ gathered at Cincinnati in the month of October to form the first National Convention of this religious body. It is expected that some ten thousand people will make the pilgrimage to Cincinnati next October to celebrate the Centennial of that event. Since it has been my job to help plan that Centennial convention may I take you behind the scenes and tell you of our search for a theme. Many hours had been spent in this search and a score or more of themes or slogans had been suggested. None received the assent of the entire committee but when suddenly the slogan “A Century of Cooperation” was presented the entire group said with one accord “that is exactly what we are celebrating . . . “A Century of Cooperation” is the open door to a brighter and lovelier life. The thought of death has always filled the heart with fear and polluted it with the heartless past. The intelligence of the priest or the ignorance of the slave cannot answer the question of what takes place after death. One thing

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Why Should We Fear Death?

Sidney A. Scott

Man’s life and his continuation on this earth is based on conformity with the laws governing his existence.

There are two states of unconscious life; one is when we are asleep, and the other is when we are dead. The great similarity between sleep and death is being conscious of life just before either takes place. There has been much philosophy written about what takes place after we are dead. Do we become conscious again when we awake from death as we do when we awake from sleep? We do not know whether or not death ends all, or whether it is the open door to a brighter and lovelier life.

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The United Nations Seminar on world order held at Lake Success, New York, February 14-17, sponsored by the U.C.M.S., was a most interesting and enlightening experience. Approximately one hundred disciple ministers attended. The Seminar was under the direction of Dr. Walter Sykes, and was skillfully handled in every detail. It is rather difficult to convey to others what one actually experiences on an occasion of this kind. However, we would like to mention a few of the observations we made. First, that the United Nations, representing 58 nations, is a tremendously large organization. Second, the nations of the world have based all of their hopes for world peace in the U. N. Third, the problems facing the U. N. are tremendous, and some of them seemingly impossible of solution. Fourth, under the present social, political, economic and spiritual condition of the world, the United Nations seems to be our only hope for peace. And finally, the Security Council about which we hear so much, is not, in the final analysis, the most important section of the U. N.

We shall not attempt at this time to elaborate on the above observations, this we will attempt to do from time to time. We would like to say a word about the work of the social and economic section, and in particular its recent Declaration on Human Rights. Certainly anyone with any conception of the dignity and worth of the human personality cannot help but admire this document and appreciate its social and political significance. However, we cannot escape the fact that there is not anything particularly new in this declaration. That practically all the nations of the earth subscribe, at least in principle, to every pronouncement made on human rights, and many of the nations have many of these same principles incorporated into their basic laws.

Hence the question arises as to what effect this Declaration on Human Rights will have on the various Governments that have in the past preached liberty, justice and equality and failed to practice it. One can only hope that the impact of united and unanimous consent to these great ideals will impel all to implement them with direct action, and finally—our hopes for eventual peace and good will among the nations of the earth will hardly be realized unless a way can be found to resolve the cleavage between Russia and the Western Powers, who has done so. Many young men who enter the ministry do so without very much practical experience in the local church.

In most instances the sum total of their experiences have been with youth groups. But these activities carried no particular responsibilities. When a young man accepts the pastorate of a church he has to work with “old people” as well as young people. And he ought to have some first hand information on how to make his ideals harmonize with the realities he must face daily. We know of a very fine young man who came out of school well prepared intellectually and spiritually, for the church. But every one of his attempts to pastor failed. And one of the reasons, he actually did not know what to expect nor how to adjust himself to some of the problems and difficulties of a pastor. This is only one instance and the same may have been true had the entire faculty of his school been pastors. We are merely trying to point out that there is a definite and important place for experienced pastors in our ministerial training program. The fact that there are competent and qualified persons on the faculty of both of our schools makes it none the less true.

It seems to us that the least our schools may do in this respect is to invite some of our leading pastors from time to time to visit our schools and give a series of lectures on the work of a pastor, or should we call it pastoral theology.

EDITORIAL

An editorial in the Columbus Evening Dispatch of March 14th said in part: “The defeat the president suffered was specifically on the issue of whether the president through his senate organizers and spokesmen, can at will change the senate rules to conform to the president’s wishes and thus eliminate largely from the legislative process the senate’s right to legislate as it wishes! No doubt a lot of Republicans would like to have hundreds of thousands of Negro voters believe that was the issue and that the Republican Party is still the liberators of thirteen million American citizens who have been consistently deprived of the privileges guaranteed by the constitution. But to the Dixie-crats the issue was Civil Rights. To thirteen million Negroes the issue was Civil Rights. Negroes are not surprised at the position of the Dixie-crats; they knew they would oppose it to the last ditch. Negroes
A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

By Rose Page Welch

"If there is to be progress in the science of human relations, two things are important: Knowledge and Motivation," says one of the most outstanding American sociologists.

Humbly and with no claim of greatness in any way, I'd like to add that knowledge with motivation impelled by love of every person, regardless of race, color or creed, not for what he is but for what he may become, and because every person is a child of God for whom Christ died, is the most vital need.

It is not only a great challenge to try to love everybody of different races, nations and creeds perhaps, but it also requires great courage to love everybody even within our own nation, color and creed.

It is also one of the most thrilling and challenging experiences one can have. It may not always be pleasant and there may come times when you'll say to yourself, "Oh, what's the use!" But it's worth the effort and you yourself will be all the richer for it.

In order to acquire this knowledge we must find or make opportunity for fellowship which is unstrained and free. Sometimes the opportune moment comes very unexpectedly. My experience is that many times the most profitable moments have come when we have experienced a time or times of beauty and worship together.

The important thing is that I am without fear and strained emotion myself—I must be free and open for God's love to flow through me to my fellowman. I must not be constantly looking for and expecting insult and unkindness or always be ready to strike back if there is insult or the appearance of unkindness. I must remember that many, many times people do what they do because of lack of understanding, and that the same thing might be done by one of our own group even to me.

I must believe that that goodness latent within every person can and must be brought out even through my help. I must believe in the potential good in every person.

Every one of us has that responsibility and every one of us can and must be an ambassador of good will, if this progress in the science of human relations is to be made. In this field every one of us is a potential scientist. Science says, if we were to select the most intelligent, imaginative, energetic and emotionally stable third of mankind, all races would be represented."

Because of my experience in all I am suggesting, and I still have far to go, I can assure anyone of the most thrilling and marvelously rewarding experiences, chock full of stimulating surprises (some ill but far more pleasant one) and challenges. I'd like to mention one such surprise I had recently.

A request came from the Committee on Women's Work, Presbyterian Church, U.S., at Atlanta, Georgia, to sing a concert at a Woman's Training School at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Because I'd met several of their lovely women at Grand Rapids, Michigan, I was glad of another opportunity in the southland. I was met in Birmingham by a fine Christian minister and his wife, and we had a delightful visit as we drove to Tuscaloosa and on to the Stillman College campus. It was late at night when we arrived but I had a cordial, gracious welcome by two of the staff members. They showed me to my comfortable room in the staff cottage. On my dresser was a lovely note of welcome and love from a precious, charming Christian woman.

I did not realize that the Training School was for women of my own race. (Earlier in the summer I'd been on the staff for a similar school which was predominantly white.) It was a surprise, but an extra-pleasant surprise for here were the two races meeting in this beautiful setting, and with a great purpose, with a faculty consisting of representatives of both races, with no signs of condescension on.

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Soaring Thoughts
Esther Freshman

With the wide use of the airplane we have material proof that we are no longer physically an "earth-bound" people. We may soar with great ease in the vast spaces and conquer immense distances in a few hours. When the war is over we shall put away the horrors that the airplane has brought, the destruction it has symbolized, and shall think of it as shiny-winged and sun-blessed, dipping into the black seas of the heavens, knowing intimately the silver linings of clouds, friend to the stars and the sunsets and the moon, soaring blithely and beautifully in the spaces that have hitherto belonged to the birds and to God.

Somehow we think of anything winged as having greater opportunity to come close to God. Many a pilot of a plane alone in the magic spaces has found God, and beautiful have been his tributes to God, his closeness and His goodness. But in spite of airplanes some of us in the past had a tendency to be earth-bound spiritually, eyes looking downward, not even at the grasses and flowers along the way, but eyes, heart, and mind seeing only the dusty, long trek of existence before us. Our eyes mirrored the dustiness, and our mind fed on the bareness, and our heart was filled with fear. We turned from the richness of spiritual belief to try out the noisy ideas of a few so-called leaders. Darkness, chaos, and panic were the result, and a whole world shuddered in its fright.

The thoughts of men were meant to soar. They were meant to have freedom, to know no boundaries; they were meant to seek out God. Any person who has known the glory of his thoughts reaching out and taking wing and making new and splendid discoveries realizes this. He has felt the freshness of the higher winds upon him, has heard the celestial choir, has touched the colors of the sunset, and known the closeness of the gleaming stars. He has experienced an "upward surge" toward divinity and a peace that blesses him with the serene joy of a beauty for the moment crystallized.

Too many of us keep our thoughts earth-bound. We hesitate to seek out our good. Thoughts have wings, they have power, they will go as high and as far as they are directed. Therein

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
April, 1949

11th St. Church
Birmingham, Alabama

Mrs. A. L. Guss, Reporter

The past year marked the 25th anniversary of the pastorate of Eld. A. J. Jeffries. Much has been accomplished during these years for which we are grateful. The Sunday School under the leadership of Mrs. Pearl Jackson is progressing nicely. At the close of the year prizes were awarded to those who attended every Sunday during the past quarter.

This forward step created new interest in attendance. The seniors and junior choirs under the leadership of Mrs. Lillian Threats and Mr. Robert Pugh render the best of service. The Missionary Society has entered wholeheartedly into the Crusade for a Christian World. A very successful quarterly Convention was held at Oxxmoor last month, with Mr. Cleveland Jackson the new president presiding. Mrs. Aletha Saffold was guest speaker. Among recent High School Graduates were Misses Gertrude Rodgers, Molly Curry, and Miss Thelma Murray Smith. Mrs. Vera Hughly is much improved after a recent accident. Mrs. George Walker has recovered from a recent illness.

Notes From the Old Asparagus Bed and State of Kentucky

At Large
Rt. 2, Mayslick, Kentucky

By A. D. Gault

There was some action in the Old Asparagus Bed during the month of February. February 5, I attended a Publication Committee meeting at East 2nd St. Church in Lexington. The discussion was on getting out the History of the State works. One of the main discussions was to get money to bring the history out.

February 18, I went to Paducah for the weekend. I attended Sunday School and morning Worship. Brother Owens seems to be carrying on in a big way. The church seems to be in good working order.

Sundike night I spoke on the State Program. Miss Osceola Dawson, one of our State Officers, made a series of talks on the radio on Juvenile Delinquency and Technology of Control.

February 24, funeral services were held for Mrs. Bessie January, one of our State Officers. She was also vice-president of the State Women's Missionary Work and president of the Women's Missionary Work of District 3. Rev. I. H. is our greatness, the extension of ourselves.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL
AT EASTER

Dear Sunday School Supt.:

As we approach the Easter season, we should be thinking in terms of sharing with others. This is one of the four days during the year that the church schools of our brotherhood are called upon to join hands around the Nation and give in order that the work of the kingdom might continue.

During this season of the year, every church school of our brotherhood will have an opportunity to share in the support of Home Mission. I am sure that as we think of the sacrificial gift made by Jesus, that all of us will be challenged at the point that we too will want to share of our material possessions in order that others might be able to enjoy the abundant life. Won't you see that those in your school have an opportunity to join with thousands of others around this Nation and make their contribution. Your Easter offering should be sent directly to Unified Promotion.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." What will you give?

Sincerely,

Lorenzo J. Evans
National Director
Religious Education

Some people who put forth no effort to do a thing are ever ready to criticize the one who is trying.

It takes only one vote to pass a good resolution.

One reason why evil progresses so well, there is too much good thrown around it.

The reason why there are so many denominations, people are dissatisfied with God's church and God's way.

Moore preached the funeral.

March 5, a State Evangelist meeting was held at East 2nd St. Church in Lexington. Rev. H. D. Griffin, our State Evangelist, gave a wonderful report for the month of February.

We have had our preaching services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays here in the Old Asparagus Bed, and Sunday School every Sunday. Brother Taylor White, president of one of our clubs, is planning a program that you will hear more about at a later date.
Midway, Kentucky
Eld. T. R. Everett

The passing of Dr. George C. Camp-
bell was indeed a shock to the en-
tire Brotherhood. He was Dean and
Vice President of the School of the
Scriptures. His going makes a breach
in the program of the school that will
be hard to fill. He was to the school
what a good fire is to a cold room on
a bleak winter night. Not only will
he be missed by the school, but also
by the entire Brotherhood. He was

Dear Christian Friends:

Mrs. Ethel Davis, Reporter

rev. paul bolman, pastor of the oak park christian

club leaders are: Mrs. Octavia Wells, February; Mrs. Cynthia Martin, March; Mrs. Elma Du-

pickard October' and Mrs. Ruby

Dr. George C. Campbell's death makes a breach in the program of the school that will be hard to fill. Not only will he be missed by the school, but also by the entire Brotherhood. He was a champion of the cause of New Testament Christianity, while many differ-
ed with him on many minor points, all had to agree that he was the best authority in our Zion on the Bible.

Ancient and medieval history was to him as familiar as modern history, he had a versatile mind. He is gone but his memory will linger long in the hearts and minds of those who knew him. His last act in the church where he pastored in Cleveland, Ohio, was the baptizing of three persons. Against public, April; Mrs. Maggie Davis, May; Mrs. Mattie Pelton, June; Mrs. Emily Field, July; Mrs. Christine Adams, August; Mrs. Lesly Smith, September; Mrs. Elizabeth Pickard, October; and Mrs. Ruby Bosley, December.

During this year's tea music was furnished by Miss Mildred Dickens, Miss Pearl Richards, vocalist; and Miss Geneva Holmes, pianist and vocalist. Guest hostesses from other churches in the community presided at the beautifully appointed table and at the end of the program were presented to those present by Miss Ruby Ramsey, mistress of ceremonies.

On Friday, February 25, the D. C. Simpkins entertained the members of the January Birthday Club and guests at their home as a gesture of gratitude to the group for its able assistance and hard work during the year 1948. Mrs. Simp

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spacious and beautiful Simpson
home.

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Our pastor, Rev. L. L. Dickerson, is preaching wonderful sermons. Ten have been added to the church this year. Four by baptism and six by previous confessions. We are asking your prayers.

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A CALL TO THE THIRTEENTH WORLD CONVENTION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The years since our World Convention in 1936 have been long, bitter, and filled with anxiety and pain, fruits of ignorance and sin. Man has used his genius to release nature's enormous powers, but these have been turned to the enslavement of body and mind. Idealism without God has become the weapon of fanatics. Even man's understanding of man has become a tool of cruelty and oppression. The very meeting of East and West has become the occasion of suspicion and conflict.

But even in these dark times God has not left himself without Christ has been proclaimed with joyous and steadfast devotion. There has come into the Universal Church a new sense of worldwide unity in Him who "is the revelation of what God is and what man through Him may become."

Aware of the evil of our time, yet sustained by faith in Jesus Christ our Teacher and Lord, we hear afresh His summons: Go and make disciples of all nations. Let us assemble that this purpose might be rekindled in the hope that we become so involved in the lives of people around the world, that the Holy Spirit might guide us in all the preparatory work.

By quickening our sense of world-wide unity in Jesus Christ as Teacher and Lord.

By proclaiming again to members and leaders of all churches the pressing and immediate urgency of strengthening and extending Christian education everywhere.

To the high achievement of the purpose of this Convention we solicit the petitions of praying people everywhere, that the Holy Spirit may guide us in all the preparatory work.

Mackintosh of Halifax
President
Luther A. Weigle
Chairman
Forrest L. Knapp
James Turnbull
General Secretaries

Christian Education Is The Answer—Lorenzo J. Evans

We are living in an age when much stress is being placed on training. We have gone all out for specialization especially in the field of secular education; but very little emphasis has been given to this whole matter of training for the greatest task one can engage, that of building the Kingdom of God. Because of our lag in this most important job, we have found ourselves in a dilemma. Yet, I am convinced that the church has the answer to our needs. The greatest imperative of our day is to have people become specialist in this matter of Kingdom building. Not only from the standpoint of developing techniques and skills, but also from the point of developing their own spiritual life.

On every hand people are looking for an answer for the yearnings of life's problems and are trying to find a way out. Down through the ages the words of the Master have been ringing out, "I am the way," for too many years people have been longing for that way. There is an awful danger that we become so involved in our own petty personal problems until we really miss the opportunity to give the answer to man's deepest desires.

Your Church School is faced with the responsibility of providing an answer to human needs. If the Kingdom of God would come and Christ's way made known to men—your Church School must pay the price. It must give of its service, its talent; yes, and even its money in order that a ray of hope might be rekindled in the lives of people around the world. Yes, your Church School has the answer. Will it make it known to others.

Church and Pension Plan

The church has always been interested in the care of the aged. Since, in many congregations, the minister represents the paid leadership of our churches, the church has tried to face up to the problem of caring for him when he has grown too old to work.

After years of experimentation, the Pension Plan was devised and put into operation as the Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ on January 1, 1931. The Plan is a contributory, reserve pension arrangement that makes it possible for the minister and the church to provide for the needs of the minister in his old age.

The church must face a few facts.

ONE. No minister ever receives salary enough to meet his current needs and save for old age.

TWO. If the minister does not work effectively, he cannot work at a secular job to supplement his income and, at the same time, give full time service to a congregation.

THREE. The minister is not covered by Social Security, nor will he be, so long as the separation of church and state is a foundation stone of democracy.

FOUR. It is not fair to expect a minister to give his active life to the church's service, and cast him off to shift for himself when he can no longer serve.

There is a way in which the church can help the minister provide for old age, and that is by participating with him in the Pension Plan. The church pays 2½% of his salary. The minister shares an amount equal to 8% of the minister's salary. If the parsonage is provided rent free, 15% is added to the salary to determine the basis on which dues are paid.

The Pension Plan Provides:

1. An income on retirement after age 65 to the minister and his widow.

2. A cash benefit in event of death in active service with pensions for widow and minor children.

3. A pension for a total and permanent disability in active service with provisions for widow and minor children.

Is your minister enrolled?

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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Indianapolis 4, Ind.
A Century of Cooperation

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into the International CYF Com-
mant works together in the name of
the church.

(4) Last summer representa-
tives of the churches of the world
met in Amsterdam, Holland, to
join hands and hearts in finding
a new and more effective way of
cooperating with God and with
each other. In humility and pen-
titely they came confessing the
sins of man’s disorder and pray-
ing that the church which is the
“bride of Christ” might fashion
its future program after God’s de-
sign.

(5) Every church, be it large or
small—located at the cross roads
or on the city boulevard is the re-
sult of cooperation. Every religi-
ous body has built its colleges,
its missionary program, its work
of benevolences, its conventions
and organizational life by cooperation.
When cooperation fails the church
fails—and Christianity is retard-
ed.

(6) Building strong and effec-
tive church programs in a city like
Chicago is not easy. The church
that thinks it can stand alone
without any help from the other
churches of its city needs to re-
member the Scripture admonition
to “Take heed lest it fall.” The cel-
bration of your Chicago Centen-
ial will be wrought with achieve-
ment only as it challenges every
church in Chicagooland to cooper-
ate with the Disciples Union in a
daring and aggressive future pro-
gram.

History records a long list
of saints who have laid foundations
for the cooperative work of this
city. That list would include such
beloved pastors as Eustus Hunter,
E. S. Ayres and Orris Jordan. Such
devoted laymen as F. M. Rice,
L. N. Black and Paul Raver and
such untiring executive secre-
taries as Peru J. Rice and Robert
C. Lemon. However, it is upon
the saints of today and tomorrow
that the superstructure depends.

(7) As a brotherhood we stand
at the half-way point in our great
Crusade for a Christian World.
This Crusade was born in the cra-
dle of cooperation. Along with
other great religious bodies we saw
a world torn and bleeding follow-
ance they came confessing the
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(8) It is true that our Crusade
goal is $14,000,000 but it also calls
for 3,000 recruits for full time
Christian work, 450,000 confes-
sions of faith and another 450,000
to be rescued from that legion of
misplaced church members. There
is also to be a great advance in
Christian Education and a more
adequate support of church col-
leges. Time does not permit the
details. Enough to remind you
that it is a gigantic task that can’t
be accomplished only when we join
our hearts in prayer and our hands
in holy cooperation. Some churches
have already met their Crusade
goals even though only half of the
three years has elapsed.

(9) A greater number of church-
ests have kept pace with the time
and have reached this half-way
mark in their goals. Most of us
are far behind the place where we
should be at this time. How can
we celebrate a “Century of Cooper-
ation” if at the close of that cen-
tury we fail in the true spirit of
cooperation.

(10) This week has been design-
nated as “The Week of Compass-
sion.” Some of you around the din-
ter tables tonight have brought
with you your gifts for the Week of
Compassion. Others of you will
make your gifts next Sunday
morning. This is our chance to
join with the ecumenical church
in its jobs of rehabilitating a war
worn world, feeding the hungry,
clothings the naked, and visiting
widow and orphans in their afflic-
tion. Thru Church World Ser-
vice the foot steps of Christ has
been made visible all over the
needy sections of Europe. In-
asmuch as you have done it unto
one of the least of these you have
done it unto our Christ.

(11) Dr. Lewis Smythe, a noted
missionary in China, wrote recent-
ly to his mission board saying
us to return some of us have
“Despite your gracious permission
hammered out our decision on the
anvil of prayer and have decided
to stay by our work. If the com-
munists come, as it seems certain
now they will, we want to bear wit-
ness of our faith even in their
presence. We believe that the only
way for Christians to meet com-
munism is for Christians to out-
live and outlove the communists.”

(12) Do we who gather around
these church tables tonight have
a faith to match the faith of these
missionaries of the cross.

In the catacombs of Rome there
are those long passageways carved
out of stone by the early Chris-
tians when they were being hunt-
ed by the enemies of Christianity.
Occasionally one comes to a
small room carved out of the
stone and always in those rooms
one sees the sign of the fish. The
Greek word fish “IXTHUS” for-
mred the first letters of their state-
m of faith. This was that
statement, Jesus Christos Uios Sow-
ter. Jesus Christ Son of God, Sa-
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vior.

(14) In this hour let us lift the
banner of our faith. Unite with
others of like faith and pledge our
allegiance anew to Jesus Christ,
Son of God, our Saviour.

One reason why there are so many
bitter things in the lives of some
people is: They will not take the time
to learn the better things of life.

If one cannot love his neighbor as
himself, it will be well for him to
look in the Bible Mirror: And when he sees
himself, he will know the reason.
The part of one or inferiority, not the part of either. It was a glorious experience for me.

After the concert there was a beautiful reception and apparently all the audience, including many fine Negroes of the city, were there.

It was a beautiful evening with no one forced to attend either the concert or the reception and there was genuine fellowship. I've never had a more appreciative audience.

On Sunday morning I attended the session before the morning service. Because of my anxiety to use every available opportunity to challenge others to their responsibility in the building of Brotherhood, I asked permission to say a word to the assembly. I tried to challenge my own people to their responsibility in translating their experiences of Christian fellowship there to our people in their communities, as well as our individual responsibility in helping make possible a true Brotherhood. The spirit of these leaders and ministers gave me great inspiration and courage.

But one of the most wonderfully inspiring and encouraging happenings of that occasion was when one of the white women came to me and asked if I would be willing to meet and talk with their group. We met them in that cozy parlor with thanksgiving and prayer.

For almost an hour we sat there and poured out our hearts unhindered to each other; expressing our fears, our shortcomings, our hopes and our desires to see and work for the breaking down of these barriers which keep us from being wholly Christian so that all of us might be truly free. We realize that that which bars and prohibits one, enslaves us all in mind and in spirit.

Our closing moments which came with our forming a circle, clasping hands, praying and shedding tears, is too sacred to talk or write about. It's what the heart feels but what the tongue cannot utter.

With proper knowledge and motivation stimulated by the love of God for all His children for whom Christ died, we can tread paths, open doors, and break down barriers, whereby all of us together might triumphantly and joyously work for the coming of the Kingdom of God now!
Charles H. Webb

Charles H. Webb, National Director of Church Development and Evangelism, assumed his duties in the National Office in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 1, 1949.

Mr. Webb is a native of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and a graduate of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, and Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. He has served as President of the Piedmont-Tri-State Convention, parliamentarian of the National Christian Missionary Convention, and has held pastorate in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and recently in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is successor to Mr. C. L. Parks, who resigned after serving on the work for several years.

Jarvis College

By Theodore F. Byers

Jarvis Christian College is doing fine. We are molding young lives of the young Christian men and women each day. The Religious Department is helping and doing an excellent job, too.

The C.Y.F., headed by Elder Theodore Byers, has splendid programs on the campus, keeping the young people’s interest high. The (Continued on Page Four)

Convention Goes To Mississippi

A recent communication from Eld. E. J. Dickson, ex-secretary of the National Convention stated that the Trustees had voted to hold the 1949 Convention at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. At Detroit the Convention voted to go to Los Angeles, Calif. But at the December meeting of the trustees, they received a request from the Executive Committee representing the churches of Los Angeles, that they be permitted to withdraw their invitation to entertain the convention. There were a number of the members of the Board of Trustees who felt from the very beginning that the convention was neither financially nor numerically strong enough to go to California this year. The Trustees at the December meeting agreed to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee in Los Angeles, and request churches desiring to entertain the 1949 convention to send in their applications to the Executive Secretary in Indianapolis. The Administration Committee of the Board of Trustees was instructed to consider these applications and refer them to the members of the Board of Trustees by mail with their recommendation as to the place they believed the most suitable. A few weeks ago the Administration Committee selected two places from the applications that were submitted by a number of churches, and asked the Trustees to vote for one of the two. The two places submitted were Centennial, St. Louis, Mo., and S.C.I., Edwards, Miss. The invitation to go to Mississippi came from the 36 churches in that state, according to the Executive Secretary, Eld. Dickson. S.C.I. is one of our schools located about thirty miles from Jackson. Dr. John Long is President and Prof. C. C. Mosley is Dean. The next meeting of the Trustees will be in Indianapolis, Thursday, May 5th.

Minister, Wife Honored

The Rev. D. W. Heath, graduate of Jackson College, Jackson, Mississippi, and Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., and now pastoring The Louden Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, and his wife, Mrs. D. R. Heath, have been graced with special honors during the first part of this year.

Rev. Heath was selected by the Inter-denominational Alliance of the City of Roanoke to be its president for the year 1949, the only Negro chosen on the Religious and Morals Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the City, one of the few colored people who has been admitted to the active membership of the Roanoke Tuberculosis Association, a member of the Disciples Alliance (white), chairman of the Roanoke Bluefield Area Meeting and Chairman of the Board of the Piedmont Tri-State Christian Convention.

Mrs. D. R. Heath, wife of the minister, has been selected as secretary of the Ministers’ Wives Inter-denominational Alliance of Roanoke and vicinity.

Rev. Heath was called the Blue Ribbon Minister for the year of 1948, for having achieved so much with his congregation in such a short period.
Another Dilemma

A close study of the struggle of Negro Americans to acquire all of the rights and privileges of American citizenship reveals one of the serious handicaps he faces. It is the inability of a large number to make up their minds as to what they believe and just where they stand, on all matters of segregation. If this were true of the ignorant only, we could at least hope to remedy this situation through educational processes. But the problem is not with the unlearned, but with the educated and so-called “leaders” of the race. There are two recent events that bring into marked focus this dilemma in which many of us find ourselves. One is the effort of a number of Southern States to set up a system of Regional Education, whereby they may meet the educational needs of the Negroes of the South and at the same time preserve the pattern of racial segregation in tax supported schools.

One of the arguments used to sell the idea to Negroes as well as Whites, is the necessity of doing something to save Meharry Medical College, which according to the proponents of the Regional plan, is the only way Meharry can be saved. The question facing Negroes in particular, is whether it is more important to save Meharry or abolish segregation. Or which is the most important, save our Jim-Crow institutions by accepting the principle of segregation as a part of the American way of life, or stand for full and equal rights as loyal American citizens. Unfortunately, there is among us those who are willing to accept the principle of segregation, at least in part, if there are economic advantages to be derived from it. There are a lot of good paying jobs in segregated institutions that many would like to keep, yet the same people would object strenuously in riding in Jim-Crow cars to get to these Jim-Crow jobs.

The fact is we cannot accept segregation in one form because it happens to be economically advantageous, and protest against it in another form because there is no financial gain in it. We must be for Segregation in every form, or against it in every form. There is no neutral ground here because the issue is moral as well as social or economic or political. Another incident that brings into sharp focus the dilemma in which many Negroes find themselves, is the decision of the U.S. Air Forces to desegregate personnel by abandoning the all Negro Lockbourne Air Base at Columbus, Ohio, and distribute the Negro personnel throughout the service as a step in its program of integration. For years Negroes have been fighting for integration in the Armed Services. But as soon as the announcement was made that this program was being put into effect, that Lockbourne would be desegregated and that whatever “glory” this segregated set-up had brought to the race would be lost, then some of those who had prayed the longest and strongest for integration began to accuse the Air Force of ulterior motives. It is true that Gen. Davis and some of the other big shots at Lockbourne may lose some of the authority and prestige that they enjoyed under this Jim-Crow arrangement, but it is far more important for all Negroes to enjoy all the rights of American citizenship than for a few “big shots” to enjoy special privileges.

Our goal must be EQUALITY. Social, political and economic equality. And when we say social equality we do not mean that we want to attend the White folks dances, bridge parties and family reunions. When we say social equality we are not asking white men to marry our daughters. What we want is the elimination of all laws, customs, and traditions that imply that all men and women with dark skins are mentally and spiritually inferior and therefore, must be relegated to positions in our social order that breeds poverty, crime, frustration and despair. By EQUALITY we mean the acceptance and the practical application that “all men are created equal and are endowed with certain inalienable rights, among them life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” Incidentally this conception of equality did not come from Negroes; it came from the white man. Or did it come from God?
Youth National Oratorical Contest Gets Under Way

Lorenzo J. Evans, National Director, Religious Ed.

At the Fall Planning Conference on Christian Education which met in Indianapolis November 26-27, 1948, it was recommended that an Oratorical Contest be sponsored by the youth of our brotherhood. This project was approved by the group and recommended to the Board of Trustees for their approval at their December meeting. A committee was appointed, which consisted of Thomas J. Griffin, Garrett Biblical Institute, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; Mrs. Susie Lee Elster, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and Lorenzo J. Evans to work out details for the project.

Letters have already been sent to the ministers, superintendents and youth leaders stating the purpose and giving the requirements for the contestants. The topic for the orations is "The Responsibility of Christian Youth in the Modern Crisis." It is our hope that every local church will sponsor an ora-

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Mrs. Kirkpatrick Passes

Mrs. Jonnie Wilson Kirkpatrick of Louisville, Kentucky, died Wednesday morning, March 30, 1949, at the Red Cross Hospital. She was a native of Louisville and a prominent worker in the Christian Church, locally, state and national. Her membership was in the Central Christian Church.

While president of the state department of the Missionary Society she was a member of the state board. She also served as member of the national board while president of the national Missionary department. She was the first president of the McCullen-Sloan chapter of War Mothers of America, past president of the P.T.A. at the Booker Washington and Western Schools, a member of the Louisville Council of Church Women, member of the Twilight Social Club and past matron of Golden Chapter No. 8, O.E.S.

Five daughters—(Mrs. Vivian Lucas, Louisville, Annie Lee Davis, Washington, D. C., Ernestine W. Hancock and Yvonne Kirkpatrick of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Edith W. Bristow of Louisville) and three sons (John P. Wilson and E. S. Wilson of Louisville, R. G. Kirkpatrick of Birmingham, Alabama, survive. There are also two grand-children and one great-grandchild.

She was ever mindful and proud of the achievements of her children. She attributed their success to the abiding faith in her Lord.

She was a loving and devoted mother as well as an earnest and zealous believer in her church.
Christian Plea  
93 North Ohio Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 

Dear Editor:  

I lament, beyond words, that sinister and undemocratic methods were used by some of our National Officials to keep the Convention from coming to Los Angeles; thus over-riding the will of the people. There were only about a dozen of people in our four churches in Los Angeles, who were contrary to the plans of the leadership to entertain the Convention. The dozen only became rebellious, when our National Executive Secretary visited Los Angeles. Before that time we were a unit.

It is too bad that our National Field Workers will come into a community and find pastors of our churches recognized and appreciated by the leadership of the community and bring about an inharmonious relationship. Our churches were a unit in the work of the entertainment of our Convention. The writer was given the go signal to collect letters of invitation—and go to the National at Detroit and be the spokesman.

We return from the Detroit Convention jubilant and full of enthusiasm to give our beloved delegates a satisfactory entertainment. Rumor has it that the disunited of our Los Angeles Brotherhood, as the result of the executive Secretary visited, was suggested and hatched up at the Detroit Convention.

To date, we spent considerable money and time in the capacity of my local duties, and the National Transportation Agency. We have the commitment of the Santa Fe, Rock Island of about three thousand dollars ($3000.00) worth of passes. We had prospects of raising cash, ($3000.00), from outside sources in Los Angeles. We had agreed to feed and house the delegates for eight days. We had planned to meet our delegates at the Union Station in the finest of cars. We had secured a most beautiful school with adequate auditorium, committee rooms, kitchen and dining-room, etc.

Our delegates would have had the best entertainment in the history of our National gathering. But, only because of a few selfish National Officers, our fine Christian women, men, and the youth will be deprived of this hospitality.

The writer received a letter from the Executive Secretary, Dr. Emmett Dixon, requesting me to proceed with the duties of my office as National Chairman, Transportation Agency, to insure a large delegation at the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.

Under the circumstances, and on account of the change of place of the National Convention, it would be too much of a hardship for me to revamp my brief of preparation, since I have already worked faithfully in the line of the information above, regarding the office of Transportation Agency. I wish, therefore, to resign from said office. I wish to further advise that I will be glad to turn over to the proper official, all of my correspondence from the respective Railway Companies. I wish, to further advise, I will be unable to attend the National Convention, nor do I deem it necessary to attend the Board in May, because, it appears to me that the work of the Board is all cut and dried, especially that part that has to do with approving the unanimous vote of the Detroit Convention to come to Los Angeles.

I have been selected Chairman of the Welcome and Transportation Committee to entertain the great National Convention of the N.A.A.C.P. Great plans are being made for the HOME-COMING of the Hon. Ralph J. Bunche, who will be awarded the Spingarn Medal at the Hollywood Bowl, July 17.

After the performance of heavy responsibility that will be entailed in the work of entertaining the National N.A.A.C.P., we will take a brief vacation and return in time to lend a helping hand to many members of our Brotherhood, who expect the Convention to come to the Pacific Coast this summer.

We pray God’s Blessing upon the Board and the Convention. I am Fraternally yours,

M. Frederick Mitchell  
Pastor

National Director Of Evangelism

My Friends and Fellow-laborers:  

On April 1, I officially assumed my new duties as National Director of Church Development and Evangelism. I accept this new calling with several marked apprehensions.

In the first place, I acknowledge the ponderous nature of my responsibility to maintain the high standards established by Brother C. L. Parks during his several years of capable service. It is my hope and prayer that I shall not be wanting in strength and ability to hold the gains whereunto we have achieved with him.

Secondly, I am apprehensive of the increasing difficulty of making strides in my job because of enormous lack of “men for the ministry.” A church will have its problems and its upssets assuredly, but they only strengthen if that church has a strong and consecrated minister. Unless we are able to harvest a crop of ministers of the Gospel of Christ, IN THIS SEASON, we may find ourselves trying to save the dying embers of a restless flame that was the church, in the “more convenient season.” No, I am not afraid the church will die. It will not die. But I am afraid it may become as the salt that has lost its saving power, “good for nothing.” Certainly there is no more timelyst quest than that God will bring more laborers into the vineyard.

My third apprehension is that I shall require too long to loose the tie that binds me to the pastorate. After ten years of hearing beloved members of the flock refer to me affectionately as “my pastor;” of sharing in the most intimate experiences of family and homelife; of giving to the limit of my ability for the nurture and development of the loving children of the church; of taking part, as the people’s proxy, in those activities which make for a more Christian community; after ten years of that in a row, one may require a while to “re-tool.”

With the eager assistance of our staff here in the office, and with the moral support of our Board of Trustees and you the “field-workers,” I feel confident that the re-tooling process will neither take too long nor be too painful.

I’ll see you as soon as I can.

Yours very sincerely,

Charles H. Webb,  
National Director  
Church Development and Evangelism

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JARVIS COLLEGE

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Religious Department has a new instructor, Elder Bingham, from Washington, D. C. He attended the Howard University Seminary School, and was an all around “A” student while there. His intellectual gifts, as well as his spiritual qualities. We are proud and fortunate to have him, and we hope others will join us in our religious movement here.
1st Christian Church
Concord, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Byers attended a program Sunday at Livingston College, Salisbury, N. C., given by the Upil Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Their older son, V. B. Byers, Jr., is a member of this chapter. The principal speaker was Mr. J. A. Tarpley, Supervising Principal of the city schools of Greensboro, N. C.

On the second Sunday in March, the pastor, choir and congregation of the 1st Christian Church offered a program Sunday at the Shiloh Baptist Church there. On the third Sunday there was a Singing Convention at the church. Music was rendered by the 1st Baptist Senior and Jubilee choirs, respectively, the Beulah Baptist Choir, the children of the Rock Hill School, of which Mrs. Byers is a teacher and the 1st Christian Choir.

On the second Sunday in April the church will go to Kanapolicos to the 1st Baptist Church. We have our Crusade drive on and are gaining souls as a result. We go out every Tuesday and Wednesday nights for one and a half hours.

Helena Douglas, Mary Ann Davis and the Youth Leader, Mrs. E. Esther F. Byers, attended the C.Y.F. meet in Reidsville, N. C., March 18-19. The meeting was enthusiastic, spiritual and inspirational and much was gained through the association with other youth and leaders from the Piedmont Tri-State Area. The pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Roland, also attended.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT MEETS
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Chester Crow, Director of Religious Education, Texas Christian University and Evangelism in Action; Gateway to New Life by Edwin L. Becker. We shall never forget the inspiring messages and information that was brought to us. We regretted very much when time came to close. The ministers departed with a zeal to go back to their respective places with a determination to do a better work.

A vote of thanks was given to the teaching staff and all who had a part in making the Institute possible. Those attending were: Rev. O. B. Garner, Little Rock, Ark.; L. E. Hall, Rommie Dallas, Tex.; R. C. Washington, Jarvis College; R. E. Page, Texas State Evangelist, Houston; F. C. Times, Bay City, Texas; R. E. Hancock, Pastor S. 3rd Street Church; O. Zollar, Houston, Tex.; F. A. Olmstead, Henderson, Tex.; Emmett Dickson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. E. G. Titus, Dallas, Tex.; Robert Brown; Epasse Powers, Paris, Tex.; Mrs. Florence Fields, Bay City; O. A. Olmstead; Thomas J. Pennick, Tex.; Prof. T. W. Pratt, Dallas; F. Fielder, Hillsboro, Tex.; M. C. Dickson, Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. W. H. Pierson, Dallas, Tex.; A. A. Henry, Waco, Tex.; Lloyd Brown, Bay City, Tex.


United Christian Church
16 & W. Forest
Detroit, Michigan

Eld. A. L. Jordan, Pastor
A. E. Willis, Reporter

Our Missionary Society is doing nicely under the leadership of our vice-president, Mrs. Saunders. Our president, Mrs. Summers, has been ill for several months.

We have sent in our quota for this year for Unified Promotion, and are now working to raise our portion for the Crusade. We have never been able to get our members interested in the World Call, but at the beginning of the Missionary year, a World Call secretary was elected, and to date we have 27 subscribers throughout the church. Our goal is a World Call and Christian Plea in every family of the church. I've just received my April World Call and the wonderful news about our Kansas City, Mo. church. It is wonderful what we can do when we have a leader who is not afraid to launch out into the deep, assured that our Heavenly Father won't fail us if we trust in Him.

I know the entire brotherhood joins me in prayer for Brother and Sister Myers and their congregation.

The highlight of our society for the month of March was a return Missionary from Africa, Dr. A. G. Haggendy, who brought a very inspiring and educational message.

Wages of Sin

From the Christian Standard

In the very first pages of the Book of God, the Holy Spirit seeks to put us on guard against sin. You say you do not believe the story of the Garden of Eden? Well, I do, and for two reasons:

1. The scene in the garden showed sin in the seed. It was there, the whole of it, its essential nature, its insinuating approach, its evil consequence, its method of attack; it was all there in germ. Sin begins in any man's life just as at began there—in disobedience. It is the same thing in fact always and everywhere. It is the breaking of the law. In the state, we call it crime; in the body, we call it disease; in the intellect, we call it ignorance; in the soul, we call it sin. This breaking of the law is bad enough in citizenship and in the physical and intellectual life, but it is a fatal peril in the human heart. Always there is the broken law, just as in Eden. In disobedience sin began, and in disobedience it will continue. "Disobedience" is the word that has scaffolds in it, electric chairs, guillotines, penitentiaries, and loss of freedom from violated citizenship. It has in it pain, disease, and death for violation of the law written in the flesh; it has in it the close-drawn horizon and the shutting in life for those who violate God's will for the intellect; it has in it atrophy of spiritual faculties and moral decay for those who violate God's law of the soul.

2. But this story of Eden is true also as to the penalty for disobedience. Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden, with resultant irreparable loss. Still, people are being driven out and always for the same reason and with the same results.

The Shaw
First Christian Church
Eld. Edward L. Griffin, Minister
Mrs. E. M. Tounsel, Reporter

On the second Sunday in March, we had a fine spiritual service. Elder Griffin preached "Comparison." He made us realize what comparison meant. After the sermon our invitation was extended, and one came forward. Confession was made.

Sister Ellen Whiting and Sister Ellen Banyon, who have been on the sick list for quite some time were present. We were very glad to see them and hope they will continue to improve. Brother A. Brown was present and when he does come, we all know he has been here.

On the fourth Sunday in March, Brother Johnnie Jacob, Sister Mary E. Douglas, and Sister E. M. Tounsel worshipped with the Mound Banyon Christian Church. We had a glorious time, the weather was gloomy, but we did not stop for that. Elder Griffin preached a wonderful sermon. We are still working faithfully to finish raising our Convention money, both State and National, with God to help us.
ARE YOU A CRUSADER?

By James R. Williams

May, 1949

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

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I do to be saved. They told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved and they preached unto him Jesus and he was immediately baptized. Now is the time for crusading. Crusading in the church for Christ? Are you willing and ready to take the task that is given or assigned to you, or do you just take it because brother or sister so and so asked you and you think you are doing them a favor. Jesus said go into my vineyard and work and whatsoever is right I will pay thee. A crusader must have faith. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God. There was in the days of Herod, the King of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia, and his wife was of the daughter of Aaron and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, had no children because that Elizabeth was barren and now both of them were old. Zacharias was in the temple one day and he was praying to his father in Heaven. An angel appeared unto him. When Zacharias saw him it troubled him and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, fear not for thy prayers are heard. Your wife shall bear a son. Thou shalt call him John and thou shall have joy, gladness and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink, but he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb. Zacharias was a crusader but after the angel spake these things unto Zacharias he did not believe it—but an angel answered him, said I am Gabriel that stands in the presence of God, am sent to speak to thee and show you tidings. Do you know God speaks to us sometimes but we do not listen? Yes and this angel told him that thou shall be dumb and not speak until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou do not believe my word. Now then when this child was born and there came time to circumcise the child the people called him Zacharias after his father. But Elizabeth said not so, we shall call him John. Yes this child became a true Crusader for Christ. When he started out on his mission he went out in the wilderness, preaching, saying repent ye for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Yes, this John had his raiment of camel hair, and a leather girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Yes, John was a crusader for Christ. The people of Jerusalem and Judea and around Jordan were baptized of him confessing their sins. There is one more of the great Crusaders that I will mention. That is Peter, altho He denied Him. But if you are one of those like Peter you should do as Peter did, In Matt. 26:75 Jesus said unto Him before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice, and He went out and wept bitterly. He repented. Then he went out telling other people about Christ and what they should do to be saved. Are you a crusader for Christ? I. I recommend that our recommendations after they have been passed upon at our Convention be printed on separate paper from our minutes and be called Future Work. II. I recommend that the Future Work be in every church in the District not later than 30 days after the convention. III. I recommend that at least one copy be sent to each department of the church and the same be read in an open meeting at least once a month. IV. I recommend that we have some more by-laws printed so the President may have a copy. V. I recommend that the churches cooperate with the whole program of the convention by performing its duty with the program that is brought back home to them from our District meeting. VI. I recommend that these recommendations become the property of the District at this meeting.

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Mrs. Annie Gunnings, Reporter

The Annual Youth Meet of
Piedmont Tri-State Convention

was held at 1st Christian Church,
March 18-19, and was one of the
best held in this district. Eighty-
two delegates registered, and many
local members attended that did
not register.

The adult leaders enjoyed the
fine fellowship as well as the
young, and were very pleased with
the way the youth responded. Mrs.
C. H. Webb, sponsor of C.Y.F., was
presented with a nice gift at the
close of the meeting, this being
the last meeting that she would
attend, due to the fact that they
are going to Indiana, where Rev.
Webb is accepting work in a new
field. There will be greatly missed
in our district, but we are wishing
them success and happiness in
their new home and with new
friends.

The adult leaders were: Mrs.
E. G. Starling; Miss Lois Drewery,
of Martinsville, Va.; Rev. D. W.
Heath, Roanoke, Va.; Rev. and
Mrs. Webb; Rev. and Mrs. G. W.
Rollings, Winston Salem, N. C.;
Mrs. V. Miller, South Carolina;
Mrs. Agnoraa Milliner, Leakeville,
N. C.; Mrs. Byers, Concord, N. C.,
and Mrs. Heath, visitor.

All the Youth Bible School lead-
ers made it possible for everyone
to enjoy his stay.

The Voice of Fellowship
Christian Church
Philadelphia, Penna.

Eld. Eugene Patterson, Pastor
Culla Joseph, Reporter

We are very happy to say that
since last reporting there have
been two members added to the
church. The months of April and
May found us quite busy begin-
ning with the observance of the
Faster to Pentecost Services. The
first Sunday in May our Fellow-
ship Services with the local disci-
ples was held at our church. The
Dedication Services beginning the
third Sunday in May and closing
the fourth Sunday, is a great event
to which we are looking forward.
There will be many local churches
of the city present as well as out
of town and state guest churches.

Sunday, March 27, the members
gave a surprise birthday party for
the pastor at the home of Brother
and Sister Richard Chappell, which
was beautifully carried out. A love-
ly course was served. The pastor
received two mammoth birthday
cakes and many lovely gifts.

Sunday, April 3, the choir spon-
sored an afternoon tea at the home
of Brother and Sister Chappell
which was very enjoyable and the
Christian spirit of brotherhood and
love was manifested.

There is quite a field of work for
the New Testament Church in
Philadelphia, and our pastor and
family are equal to the task. Much
has been accomplished since their
arrival, men are seeing the real
way in a light they had never
known before. We have visitors
every Sunday, they are coming to
hear the word, hear it explained
to them as they pass their way.
From all indications, there is no
doubt whatever, about a larger
Christian Church existing here.
It is truly a delight to see the work
weaving itself into a firm pat-
tern.

Hoping for a continuation in
success, may we submit our lives
to God, by working here in the
vineyard for which has fallen our
lot. With humble hearts, never
complaining but cherishing each
passing moment with praises to
God who doeth all things well.

Cotton Plant, Ark.

To the Editor of
The Christian Plea

Dear Editor:

I would like to mention some-
thing along the line of the Doc-
trine of the Christian Church. I
flew into the church Monday after
the 2nd Sunday in June, 1896. I
was always under the impression
that the Christian Church and the
Church of Christ was one and the
same church, and if it is not, then
we have been grievously misled. Our
ministers in this state tell me that
Christian Church is another or-
ganization from the Church of
Christ. If this is true, one or the
other is certainly wrong. Jesus
told His disciples "Upon this rock
I will build my church." The word
"my," is the personal pronoun for
Jesus was talking of himself when
He spoke these words, and to make
two churches of Christ's church—
one or the other would, I think, be
wrong. Since there is no Scripture
to indicate that Christ built but
one church, there is no possibility
for one to be a member of the
Church of Christ, and not be a
Christian. The word "Christian"
only means that one is like Christ
or is Christ-like. It is a name that
the early church were to dis-

tinguish themselves from worldly
organizations. Now, dear readers,
my reason for writing this letter is
to get some of your ministers,
teachers, laymen, or what have
you, to get me straight on the fore-
gone subject. Now I'm not inter-
ested in historical theories, just
plain Bible proof.

That is, if you see that the
Christian Church is a separate
church from the Church of
Christ. I will say, too, that it
seems that some familiarity is
creeping into the church. I see
in the Plea that one certain
minister—in Ohio, I think, where
his preaching career, has offi-
ciated 49 weddings, 53 funerals,
18 baby christenings, 54 baptisms.
I will stand behind this minister
in the foregoing list, except baby
christening, that is if it was done
in any way to connect those babies
to the church. Now I may be lost
on this church problem we men-
tioned above, if so, it's up to you
to inform me better. If it is the
same church, we stand well divid-
ed. It was the practice and not the
word which made us free. Where
with Christ made us free.

Mrs. Bonner Dies

Mrs. Etta Mae Bonner, wife of
Mr. M. W. Bonner, Vice Presi-
dent-Secretary of Universal Life
Insurance Company, passed to the
great beyond on March 16, 1949,
at the home of her daughter, Mrs.
J. B. Martin, Jr., 328 Josephine
Street, Detroit, Michigan. Mrs.
Bonner had been in ill health for
some time and was attended by
some of the best specialists in De-
troit and Cleveland.

Mrs. Bonner was a charter mem-
ber of Mississippi Boulevard Chris-
tian Church and pianist in the
early days of the church. She was
active in all church affairs and
took special interest in the Mis-
sionary Society and was among
the first to get the Society start-
ed thus making it a strong organi-
zation of the church today. She
was branch chairman of the
Y. W. C. A. and was the only Color-
ed member of the Central Board
of the Y. W. C. A. She also took
active parts in other civic organiza-
tions. She will be greatly missed
by friends and members of the
church. "The Lord giveth and the
Lord taketh away. Blessed be the
name of the Lord."
YOUTH NATIONAL
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torical contest for its youth and select the winner to represent their church at the National Christian Missionary Convention in session. We hope that as the young people begin to explore the topic they will realize as never before that they as Christians do have a responsibility in building a Christian community.

It is the hope of the committee that something will happen to that young person in the local church to sense the need for Christian service and dedicate themselves to full time Christian service growing out of the local church. Scholarship awards are to be given to the National winners. First award $100.00 and second award $50.00. In order to further implement this opportunity for training we have asked several schools to match this amount provided his school is selected by the winner. The response has been gratifying. I quote from a letter coming from the president of Eureka College, "Eureka College will be glad to match the scholarships which are awarded in case the winners are interested in attending Eureka. We would in fact, probably give them more liberal amounts of say about $150.00 a year in additions to the amounts you are giving."

We are counting on all of our young people to respond in like manner. In order that we might follow through, it will be very necessary for each youth group to represent in the National Convention with at least $3.00. You should send your representation fee now for the National Convention. Send it to the National Convention Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis 1, Tennessee. Let's not wait for the National Convention, but let us send in our representation for the Convention now. We hope that by the time for the Convention we will have at least 300 youth groups registered. We are calling on the youth of our Brotherhood to make this one of the greatest events that has ever happened in the life of our National Convention. What will your answer be?

High Street Christian Church
Mt. Sterling, Ky.

The district meeting was held in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and was very successful. A district Usher Board was organized with the following officers elected: Mrs. Frances Thomas, president, Mt. Sterling; Miss Nannie Keison, vice-president, Winchester; Miss Williama Hughes, secretary; Little Rock; Miss Berdie M. Jones, assistant secretary, Fairview; Miss Mary E. Chenault, chaplain, Mt. Sterling; Mr. K. C. Kelly, sergeant-at-arms, Mt. Sterling. So far we have 14 members enrolled.

Sunday, March 13, 1949 — National Usher Day was observed in Mt. Sterling for Kentucky. A splendid program was rendered by members from Louisville and Mt. Sterling. $25.00 was raised and will be sent to Dr. J. E. Walker as a Convention claim to help defray the expense of the officers and Convention. We wish to thank everyone who helped to make our program a success.

A business meeting was held, also with the continuation of electing officers from the State Convention. The officers are as follows: Mrs. Zella Hathaway, president, Mt. Sterling; Mrs. Castella Anglin, vice-president, Louisville; Mr. Jewel Hunt, assistant secretary, Mt. Sterling; Mrs. Mary C. Russell, treasurer, Paris; Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, chairman of program, Louisville; Mr. Thomas Henderson, sergeant-at-arms, Louisville; Mrs. Naomi Douthitt, chaplain, Mt. Sterling; Mrs. Frances Thomas, Mt. Sterling, and Mrs. Johnnie Moore, dress inspectors, Louisville; Mrs. Louella Williams, assistant chaplain, Louisville. We are asking that all local church ushers to please have a representative at the next business meeting. The date will be announced later. Our local board will meet with Mr. James R. Jackson, March 24.

Please send all State Usher news to Miss Virgina Jovette, 18 Danby Ave., Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.
Heart to Heart Message by the President

Dear fellow workers together with Christ; Greetings:

We are partners with Jesus Christ in the significant business of building a Christian, cooperative enterprise. This venture is the National Christian Missionary Convention of the churches of Christ.

I am happy to inform you that the 33rd annual National Convention will be guest of the churches of the State of Mississippi. Moreover, our sessions will be held, from August 22 to 28, 1949, on the beautiful historic campus of the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.

President Long and his corps of teachers will make available to us all the modern adequate facilities of the college. President Griffin, his enthusiastic pastors and other leaders are making unusual preparations for our other needs. Believe me, when I tell you that this will be one of our most successful assemblies across the years.

A Major Need

Our most urgent need now is larger and more consistent financial support to our convention. We wish to remind you that July 31, 1949, is the end of our convention year. We also wish to remind you that we must, together, raise over $5000.00 by July 31 to reach our financial goal of $9700.00 from our churches.

We are earnestly pleading with you to do THREE THINGS that will make possible a great, successful convention.

ONE, raise the amount you have decided to contribute to our enterprise this year now and send it immediately to Dr. J. E. Walker, our treasurer, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis 1, Tennessee.

TWO, if possible, try hard to increase your contribution from five to fifty dollars.

THREE, if you have not decided to give anything to this worthy cause that needs your assistance, please change your mind, unite with us and raise a liberal offering now and send it in right away.

Remember, if you desire to receive credit for your offering to the National Convention this year, you must see to it that it reaches our treasurer on or before July 31, 1949. The treasurer’s books will be closed July 31, 1949. All offerings received after the above date will not be included in his report for the conventional year, August 1, 1948-July 31, 1949.

May the faith, sacrificial service and valuable benefactions of the founders of our enlarging, Christian enterprise inspire and motivate you to greater cooperation.

May the world-vision of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord, for the eventual Salvation of Mankind through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel, challenge you to share in our larger, cooperative endeavor of kingdom building.

Very sincerely yours,

R. H. Davis

Morgan Ave.
Christian Church
2317 Morgan Ave.
Parsons, Kansas

Eld. G. Ellison Lakes, Minister
(Mrs.) Essie T. Garrett, Ch. Clerk
May 7, 1949

Eld. Lakes

On April 27-May 1, we the members of the Morgan Ave. Christian Church, joined in with our pastor, Eld. G. E. Lakes, in celebrating his 8th Anniversary.

We are very proud of him and his loving family. They are doing a great work for the Gospel's sake. We are putting forth our efforts to help them. By the help of the Good Lord, we hope that the work will continue to grow.

Mrs. R. W. Mallory was chairman of the committee that sponsored the program. With the committee, she was able to put the program over in a big way.

Other Communions gave their fine support which was greatly

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An Open Letter To Friends of the Church

Subject: Proposed Increase in Postal Rates Affecting Religious and Non-Profit Organizations.

This communication is addressed to all friends of cooperative Christian work and has to do with what the undersigned regard as a real threat to the dissemination of the printed word both through periodicals and in book or pamphlet form. The threat comes in proposals now before Congress in the form of House Bill, HR 2945, and Senate Bill, S 1103. The proposed legislation would make drastic increases in the mailing rates of newspapers and magazines and in the rates for mailing books and other printed matter.

I. First, we would point out that when Congress established second-class mailing privileges in 1879, giving preferential rates to publications, it did so on the basis of the theory that it is a sound function of a democracy to make possible the speedy and cheap distribution of the printed word. This function of the Post Office in aiding in education and in the exchange of ideas is to be regarded as a service similar to that which the government offers the farmer through the Department of Agriculture, the wage earner through the Department of Labor, and the businessman through the Department of Commerce. The present proposals to make these services pay for themselves violate a principle of national policy which arose out of a concern for knowledge, education and free discussion as essential to the life of a democracy.

2. We would emphasize the severity of the proposals. This seemingly simple suggestion for doing away with the Post Office Depart
Report To The
National Christian Missionary Convention
Board of Trustees

Executive Secretary

STAFF: Rev. C. H. Webb is with us today as the new staff member. He came to this office April 1, 1949. It is with joy we greet him as he comes to work in this very significant post, National Director of Church Development and Evangelism. We pray that he will have a long period of service with National Christian Missionary Convention. From his efforts, we shall reap a great harvest for the work of the Lord.

Mrs. Alva S. Brown has presented her resignation to take effect July 31, 1949. Mrs. Brown states that the duties of building a home have come upon the horizon of her future activities and she must give her attention to that endeavor. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Brown from the staff of the National Christian Missionary Convention, but we can do no other than accept her resignation and recommend the same to the Trustees. We should not let this place of service be neglected by slow or unwise selection.

Legal Status: For exhibition today is the Certificate of Acknowledgement of the Amendment to the Charter of Incorporation of the National Christian Missionary Convention. I know all Trustees and officials are glad to behold the instrument.

The Annual meetings of State Convention is one of the best times to meet the greatest number of local church workers. The dates and places are here for information. You are welcome to attend one or all of these Conventions.

Missouri—Aug. 2-7, West Paseo Christian Church, Kansas City.
Oklahoma — July 21-24, East Sixth Street, Oklahoma City.
Dunn & Wilmington, Nov. 11-13.
South Carolina—Oct. 6-9, Gallilee Church, Holly Hill.
Arkansas—Aug. 4-7.
Kansas—July 14-17, Wichita.
Eastern Sea Board—June 16-19.
Calvary Christian Church, 182 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn.
Piedmont-Tri State—Aug. 3-7.
Tazwell, Va.
Georgia—Oct. 20-22 (?)
Goldsboro, N. C.
Texas—July 12-17, Austin.
Kentucky—July 19-24, Lexington.
Ohio—July 26-31, Columbus.
Each staff member has been assigned to State Conventions and will carry the total program in each Convention visited. All areas of our organized work need cultivation at the State level. From the standpoint of organizational structure, we have very poor expression and cooperation at the State level. Somehow we must use or correlate the State organizations that now exist and build them into the framework of larger cooperation. This can be done by establishing an advisory commission from the State Conventions with members at large from the unorganized States like Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, etc.

The general Committee on recommendations made up by the States was one of the best moves the Convention has made in relating the States to the National Work. No program is carried well without a workable plan that reaches into the congregations through the organized work of the State.

CONVENTION: The 33rd Annual Session of the Convention is to be held with the Christian churches of Mississippi at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. This promises to be the largest attended Convention in our history. Reservations are being made now for the Convention August 22-28 at Edwards, Mississippi.

The Program Committee met

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ATTACK THE SUMMER ATTENDANCE SLUMP

Leaders throughout the brotherhood have found Bethany Sunday school papers actually build up summer attendance, because pupils look forward to getting every issue. These weeklies—Storyland for children under 9, Junior World for those 9 to 12, Vision for youths 12 to 18, and Front Rank for older youth people and adults—are written in the language of their particular age group. They carry Christian teaching right into the home. They are appealingly illustrated and interest readers in many wholesome activities. Write for free samples. See for yourself.

Christian Board of Publication—St. Louis 3, Missouri
Notes from the Old Asparagus Bed Mayslick, Ky.

By A. D. Gault

There was some action in the Old Asparagus Bed and other points in the State in April. Mrs. Izetta Washington, Mrs. Geraldine Green, and the writer attended a district meeting at Covington. We had a good meeting even though some of the workers were not present, being in Louisville attending the funeral of Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick. Eld. H. E. Jackson and his good members took good care of the meeting. On Sunday morning Eld. Jackson preached a great sermon to a large audience. Our next meeting will be in Parkersburg April 16th. The Lewis sisters of Augusta sang at the school in a program for our church, sponsored by Bro. Taylor White, president of the Young People’s Club. Eld. Toles, our pastor, brought the Easter message and in the afternoon we had an Easter program and egg hunt sponsored by the Sunday School. April 23rd Mrs. Izetta Washing- ton, A. G. Gault and the writer attended the state board meeting at the Prall St. Church, Lexington. Bro. D. I. Reid and the ladies of the church entertained us in a fine way. We had a good meeting, 18 churches reported $179.25 on state apportionment. On April 24th the Mayslick Bible School had a joint meeting with the Mason County Sunday-School Association by radio. We had a radio in our church as did the other Sunday Schools in the County. The lesson was taught over the radio by L. H. Lankheuf. The subject was The Discipline of Discipleship. We are looking forward to a great meeting of the State Laymen’s Conference in Louisville May 29th.

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Trustees Meet In Indianapolis

The Trustees of the National Convention met in Indianapolis at 2nd Christian Church May 5th. Plans were made for the National Convention which will meet at Southern Christian Institute August 22-28. Mrs. Alva Shackleford Brown, Director of Missionary Organizations and Education, submitted her resignation, effective July 1st. On May 4th the Program Committee of the National Convention met at 2nd Christian Church with Eld. Cleo Blackburn, Chairman, presiding. A preliminary program has been arranged and a great Convention is anticipated.

Morgan Ave.

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appreciated. Wednesday night, which was the opening, Eld. Charles Young of the Church of God In Christ, Independence, Kansas, brought a fine message. A part of his Choir and the local Holiness Choir furnished the music. Mrs. Frances Wilson was in charge of the program.

On Thursday night Eld. L. G. Cooper of the New Hope Baptist Church in Pittsburg, Kansas, brought the message. His very fine Choir furnished the music. The Hamilton’s Chapel M. E. Church here was also represented. Attendance every night was fine. Mrs. Ruby Gray was in charge of this program.

On Friday night Eld. E. F. Fant and his Choir of the Brown Chapel A. M. E. Church were with us. Eld. Fant also brought us a fine message. Miss Ozella Boyer had charge of the program.

Sunday morning, May 1, Eld. B. F. Rooks, a retired minister of the M. E. Church, had charge of our morning worship. His message was from the 51st Psalm, 10th verse. It gave us food for thought and made many of us happy.

At 2:45 P. M. Eld. A. L. Gardner, and his Choir of the New Hope Baptist Church here were with us. Eld. Gardner preached a wonderful sermon. We were also happy to have with us Eld. and Mrs. James H. Behler of the Central Ave. Christian Church of our city. Eld. Behler made some very encouraging remarks that were enjoyed by all. Mrs. Alice Frey was in charge of this program.

At the evening service Bro. R. W. Mallory, an Elder of the Church, preached a fine sermon on the Lord’s Supper.

We enjoyed the fellowship with the different Churches and extend our hearty appreciation for service rendered. May the peace of God which passes all understanding be with all. The Willing worker and the Christian Socialite Clubs of the Church gave a beautiful bedsprad and a pair of pillow cases as a token of love and fellowship. The Anniversary purse was $126.25.

Too much cannot be said of the beautiful life of our pastor and his family. He has that courage, patience, endurance, humbleness and a profound religion that cannot be tarnished. He is an example for us to follow. Let us continue to work together and show that we are builders for the Kingdom and have fellowship one with the other.

E. 2nd St.

Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Mamie W. Vandyke,

Reporter

Our Bible School is progressing nicely with an average attendance of about 85. Our attendance at Easter Sunrise service was very good. Breakfast was served by the missionary society. The East End Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, sponsored an old fashioned country green dinner, which was very successful. The Willing Workers Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Louise Jackson, presented the Melody Four Quartet of Versailles in a concert that was most successful. The Men’s Council prepared and served a fellowship dinner May 1st. They will give another in about two weeks. Eld Australia entry is President. The Senior Choir has secured new robes and are now leading the way in the purchase of a new Hammond organ. Mrs. Emily Saunders Emeritus Director, Mrs. Mattie Ringo, Pres. Rev. A. W. Fortune delivered our Mother’s Day Sermon. The Gospel Choir sponsored a song fest May 15th with a number of other choruses taking part. The Louisville Harmonizers and our own little Smith Quartet participated. Mrs. Mamie W. Vandyke is Pres. Our Pastor, Eld. R. L. Saunders, has returned from the meeting of the Trustees of the National Convention in Indianapolis. He has been preaching some great sermons and many have been added to the church this year.

An Open Letter To —

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proposed changes jump to $1,860-006 in the second year. These publishers have made the following requests of the House Committee:

“Accordingly, we ask that the present system of preferential rates for second-class mail be continued as a matter of public policy by the Congress and that no change be made in the 1-2c per pound flat rate now applicable to periodicals issued by religious and fraternal non-profit organizations.

“The publishers urge the committee to consider establishing a separate and preferential rate schedule for the shipment of books by non-profit religious organizations. This could be done by requiring affidavits to be submitted to the Post Office Department by the organizations which could readily be filled out and should be relatively simple for the Department to administer.”
The Two Conventions

Sidney A. Scott

Here of late I have been asking myself the question, "Why should there be two separate National Conventions of the Disciples of Christ, one for the white and the other for the colored?" Then, taking into consideration the age-old custom of segregation, the question is readily answered. But, I cannot see why we colored Disciples will segregate among ourselves and have two separate National Conventions of Christ, one to be held in Los Angeles, California, and the other in Edwards, Mississippi. I wonder how does Jesus feel about all this separation business after praying so hard to His Father, just before He died, that His Disciples may be one.

What does the death and resurrection of Jesus mean to us? Last Easter Sunday, the colored Disciples were all in one accord commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus. The thought that comes to me now is, why we colored Disciples cannot meet in one accord in one Convention, in the name of Jesus; and if we cannot meet in His name, let us meet in the name of common sense and wipe out this disgrace from among us. There is but one way and that way is the right way. It seems the admonishments of Jesus mean nothing to us. If the love of Jesus does not constrain us to work together in unity and peace, we had as well disclaim Him as our Saviour and work out our own salvation.

There is something wrong about this two separate Convention business among the colored Disciples. I fear the spirit of exaltation on the part of some of our leaders is much the cause of our disunity. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, but he that exalteth himself shall be abased." We should practice what we preach. "United we stand, divided we fall." -

Monroe Ave. Church
Columbus, Ohio

Eld. C. H. Webb, recently appointed Director of Evangelism and Church Development, conducted a week's revival at the Monroe church, May 15-22. His soul stirring messages were greatly enjoyed and two were added to the church, one by confession and one by baptism. The Monroe Church has had 23 additions this year.

The Definition of the Term Usher and Relationship Between the Church and Usher Board

The general definition of the term "Usher" is one who shows people to their seats at public gatherings of various kinds. But I shall mostly confine my subject to church ushers.

To define the term Church Usher, it is necessary that you know his first requirements. First he or she must be a member of some organized Church and believer in the principles of God. Then we say a Church Usher is one who is a part of and serves any religious gathering. The Church Usher is different from other ushers who serve only for their daily bread and as soon as something happens that is not satisfactory to him, he quits or shows his dissatisfaction with hard word and a face of discontent; but the Church Usher is not a hired servant but was bought for a price and is no more servant but according to the words of Jesus to his disciples which said, "Ye are no more servants. I have bought you for a price and ye are my friends because I have revealed unto you the secrets of my Kingdom since we are friends and members of one organization."

Our relationship would be to pray and work for its progress.

We read in the Bible that surrounding the throne of God are angels standing with folded wings ready to do God's bidding. These angels were the first ushers and the original usher board. They have left a heritage—noble and rich—which shall ever be an example for the best usher in conduct.

When entering the church and seeing the individuals standing at attention, we are sometimes inclined to consider them a part of the furniture and ignore their offer of courtesy. If the usher does not remember at this time that he has been bought for a price and forgets his true relationship to the church, he will create a tense situation that will lead to the misunderstanding and the people will leave the church, thinking of the usher as a crank but this attitude will not discourage the usher but will make him return to the electrical repair shop for a recharging.

Sometimes the public will think that the ushers are giving an exhibit of their authority, when, in reality, they are simply trying to serve and to be real friends to the church-goers in such a way that they will enjoy the service. Often the public wants to have its way, forgetting that in an organization, like the church there must be certain established rules to maintain order.

The Lord admonishes that we shall do everything decently and in order. The usher's true relationship to the church is to help carry out this rule.

The true usher spirit says and means (All ushers repeat this formula): "I LOVE MY CHURCH WITH A RESPECT MORE TENDER AND MORE HOLY AND PROFOUND THAN I DO MY OWN LIFE."

This spirit enables the ushers to give their time, their talent, their money and their wealth of experience to the church.

Central Christian Church
Cleveland, O.

Eld. Wm. Campbell has been called to the pastorate of the Central Christian Church, to succeed the late Eld. George C. Campbell. Eld. Campbell has held pastorates in Kentucky, Mississippi and Indiana. Miss Joyce Alexander, the daughter of Mr. Storey and Mrs. Jamesella Dickerson Alexander won first place in an oratorical contest sponsored by the Elks in Cleveland. The prize was $50.00. She will go to Toledo, Ohio, in June to compete in the state contest. Miss Alexander is a niece of the Editor of the Plea.
Port Gibson (Miss.)
Dist. No. 1
E. E. Chambliss, Reporter
District No. 1 Church School
held its Quarterly session with the
Pine Grove Christian Church April
23-24, Brother Joseph Green presi-
ding. On the first day conference
classes were taught by Bro. F. D.
Rollins. The Christian Endeavor
rendered a program under the di-
rection of Mrs. L. B. Williams, a
member of the Pine Grove Church.
Bro. Eddie West is President.
Among those appearing on the pro-
gram were Bobby Jean Williams
of Pine Grove. Miss Jackson ren-
dered an instrumental solo and
Mr. Jackson read a paper on the sub-
ject—"Aiming at Something." The
Usher Board under the pres-
didency of Mr. Taylor Jackson pre-
sented a very interesting program.
Sunday Church School was con-
ducted by Bro. C. E. Chambliss.
Remarks were given by Bro. M. N.
Brown. Sunday School budget was
$34.39, Christian Endeavor
$14.25, Usher Board $8.51, to-
tal $75.15.

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4. Each contestant will be al-
lowed only ten minutes to deliver
his oration and it MUST be done
so WITHOUT manuscript or coach-
ing.
5. All contestants will be judged
on the following points:
  a. originality
  b. pronunciation.
  c. enunciation
  d. poise
  e. gestures
  f. posture
  g. voice
  h. animation
6. Scholarship awards will be
given to the National winners.
FIRST AWARD (non-transfer-
able) $100.00.
SECOND AWARD (non-trans-
ferable) $50.00.
7. If the winner does not meet
the requirements of going to col-
lege directly after graduation from
high school, the scholarship will be
held one year; after this time the
scholarship will be cancelled.
8. If the winner is yet in high
school, the scholarship will be held
one year after graduation.
9. A National winner is not el-
igible for further contests.
10. Send your entries by June
30, 1949, stating the following:
  Name and address
  City and state
  Sex—Male or female
  Age
  Classification in school

Report To The—
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May 4, 1949, and has a report of
progress to make today.
Mr. Long of Southern Christian
Institute is with us today and
will make a statement in the in-
terest of the churches and the
convention.
CENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION, Cincinnati, Ohio.
As an organized group, we have
been left out of the program of the
Centennial celebration of the or-
ganized work of the church. Some
of our State Conventions are 50,
65, 75 years old, but not old enough
to be in this Centennial Celebra-
tion. Maybe we should ask out
load for we are often forgotten
and neglected by a large segment
of our Brotherhood in program
planning and building. We must
work for unity.
BUDGET: The Budget sheet
shows the condition of the pres-
ent operating budget. We shall
have a report on a proposed new
Asking and Operating Budget
brought by the Administration and
Finance Committee. There is a
 definite need of salary adjust-
ments and the employing of extra
office secretarial help.
We are happy for the high hon-
oras that have come to leaders in
our brotherhood. Dr. J. E. Walker,
our treasurer, has been designated
one of the ten wealthiest Negroes
in America. Eld. E. J. Dickson, Ex-
Sec., has been elected one of the
Disciple members of the Interna-
tional Council of Religious Educa-
tion. Eld. L. J. Evans, Director of
Religious Education, has been
elected one of the members of the
Committee on Church School Ad-
mistration of the Council of Re-
ligious Education. They were
named by the Division of Christian
Education of the United Christian
Missionary Society. Mr. Edward
Owens of Dayton, Ohio, has been
elected Secretary of the Laymen's
Movement in Ohio. Mrs. Rosa Page
Welch has been selected to lead the
singing at the International
Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, in Oc-
tober.

Some Things Every
Church Member Should
Know About The Pension
Plan
1. The Federal Social Security
Act exempts all ministers and
churches in recognition of the
separation of church and state.
The government therefore ex-
pects all churches to care for
their own ministry in days of
active service and in old age.
2. The Pension Plan of our Bro-
therhood has been proven sound in almost nineteen years of
service. Every rightful claim has been paid promptly.
3. The Pension Plan is a reserve
plan, and the reserves now ac-
cumulate to cover actuarial pro-
jections.
4. The pastor who, with his church
or churches, has been enrolled
during all the days of his active
service can retire on pension
without embarrassment to him
or to the church.
5. Should a member minister die
in active service, the Pension
Fund pays to the widow at once
a Cash Death Benefit. It also
provides a monthly pension to
the widow and her minor chil-
dren. The church is relieved of
any such obligation.
6. Should the member minister
become totally and permanent-
ly disabled after twelve months
of service, he is paid a disability
pension. Another minister can
be called and the work carried
forward.
7. The church that participates
with its minister knows that its
minister, his wife and family
have some degree of economic
security.
8. Every minister should partici-
pate in the Pension Plan. It is
the only way that all ministers
can be adequately protected.
9. Every church should partici-
pate in the Pension Plan be-
cause the local congregation
has a divine and social obliga-
tion to direct its stewardship
so that support for active serv-
ce and old age is provided.
10. Participation may begin any
month. The minister pays 2½ %
and the church pays an amount
equal to 8% of the monthly sal-
ary.

IS YOUR MINISTER
ENROLLED?
IS YOUR CHURCH ENROLLED?

PENSION FUND OF
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
800 Test Building
Indianapolis 4, Ind.
National Convention Recommendations

I. Whereas the Laymen's Movement has been voted an auxiliary to the National Christian Missionary Convention with all the rights and privileges thereto at its meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1947: Therefore, be it resolved,

1. That the Laymen's Movement be directed to prepare a session on the program of the National Convention presented over by some laymen so designated by the program committee.

2. That the following section, "That the president of the Laymen's Movement be and hereby is a member of the Board of the National Convention with all the rights and privileges thereto" be referred to the Committee on Constitution.

II. That a Child Care Department within the Convention be established to provide entertainment and supervision for children while the Convention is in session. We further recommend that the host church and the department of religious education finance this service jointly.

III. That the request for a Pre-Convention Youth Session to begin on Sunday night for CYF members be passed on to the Trustees with the recommendation that the pre-convention session be arranged, if feasible, and the National office be requested to work out details and plans for this.

IV. That the 1949 National Convention will be held in Los Angeles, California, upon the invitation of the California Churches.

V. That the amendment to the Charter be approved by this Convention. (See attached copy).

VI. That the suggested budget sent in by the Executive board be adopted. This means that the National Convention will be expected to raise $9,600 during the year 1948-49.

VII. That the Biennial CYF directed a program of Universal Military Training, and Whereas, preparation for war will eventually lead to conflict between America and other countries of the world, and Whereas, peace can come to the world only by preparing for peace, and the coming of the Prince of Peace, Be it resolved:

1. That our Chief Executive, The Honorable Harry S. Truman, be urged to use his influence to prepare the nation for peace by the establishment of a Department of

Fellowship Church

Mrs. Calla Joseph, Reporter

May the 21st, a fellowship service was held by the four Christian churches of the city. At 3 p. m. A musical program was rendered by the local choir which is one of the best in the brotherhood. Our Mother's Day services were very impressive. Eld. Patterson, our Pastor, was at his best. A number of gifts were presented to Mother Smith, the oldest mother of the church. This was sponsored by the Guild. We are hoping to have one of the largest churches in our brotherhood. We are now engaged in a membership crusade, and we are asking the churches with members living in Philadelphia to send us the names and addresses. Send to Eld. Eugene Patterson, 5417 Wyolusing Ave., Philadelphia 13, Pa. The men of the church are working faithfully on the repairing of the church building getting ready for the dedication.

Peace as a part of his Cabinet.

2. That the National Convention urge Dr. James A. Crain, Executive Director of the Department of Social Welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society, to initiate this idea in all other religious bodies wherever possible, urging them to make the same request.

XXII. Whereas, the Supreme Court has handed down some decrees in the last year which have been far-reaching in bringing about Civil Rights to all the peoples of our country, and since cases involving constitutional questions come before that body before we can get action on such matters, Be it resolved that this convention go on record as commending the Supreme Court for their decisions in such cases.

XXIII. Whereas, the National Convention Program is the main vehicle through which we may propagate the Christian religion in our Churches, and Whereas, the Ministers are recognized leaders of our constituency and should rightfully set the example of good stewardship, and Whereas, we want always to undergird our National Budget to avoid a financial emergency such as we ran into this year. Be it resolved that every minister be required to make a personal Love Gift of $10.00 to the Convention to be paid before or during each annual session.

The Christian Faith

A MESSAGE OF HOPE IN THE WORLD OF TODAY

By Huang Su-Chi
Executive National YWCA of China

Scripture Reading: Romans 5: 1-5

"No tragedy is greater than the death of heart." So runs a Chinese proverb. Translated in modern terms, the proverb means that the greatest tragedy is the tragedy of the loss of hope. Indeed it is hope that can bring a man through his journey of suffering and disappointment to the destination of success. It is hope which can hold a family together in tribulation to struggle for a better living. It is hope which kept China from yielding to the aggressor in its unprecedented eight years of struggle for freedom and independence.

It is also hope that has enabled the United Nations to fight for justice and freedom and to organize the United Nations for the purpose of maintaining peace in the world. In other words beginning from the personal affairs to those of a world-wide nature, we need hope in order to sustain our efforts to work for a better future. I believe it is not an overstatement to say that, if there is no hope, there is not life whether for the individual or for the world.

In spite of the utmost importance of hope, the tragic fact is that many men and women have lost their hope. From what we have heard in the past few days, the reasons for losing one's hope may be summarized as follows: The first is continuation of political chaos in the world. Many of us have experienced two world wars. We all know what a world war means to us. During the years of World War II we saw signs of cooperation among the big powers hand in hand to fight for freedom. Many important conferences have been held to lay the foundation of a permanent peace after the conclusion of the war. But the events that have taken place in the last two years seem to lead us once more to the valley of dismay, and the cloud of another global war seems to be hanging on the horizon.

The second reason for the loss of hope is the continued widespread sufferings in many parts of the world. Take China for instance. During the war years many people suffered from starvation, broken homes and many

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other kinds of fears. But they endured all the hardships with courage and fortitude, in the hope that, after the war, the conditions would be better and China would become a united, strong country, embarking on her postwar reconstruction and rehabilitation. But the situation has developed from bad to worse. The people see no end to such sufferings, and many of them have, therefore, resigned to disappointment and despair.

Finally, the third reason for the loss of hope is the deterioration of morality. The traditional teaching of Chinese sages is rather to starve to death than to exist by illegal gains. But the old moral standards seem to be lost in entirety. What many people are striving for is to exist by means of immoral practices, if necessary. The unfortunate realism is that many who are corrupt and pay no attention to moral code prosper and enjoy all the physical comforts, while those who cling to moral disciplines are living in starvation. Hence the question arises: What is the use of being good; what difference does it make if one throws overboard all moral teachings and simply follows the crowd? But the conscientious people cannot allow themselves to do so without at the same time doing violence to the honest, pure lives of the conscientious people. Thus conflict develops in their minds. The result is that many of them lose their hope in life and in the world.

Indeed the world in which we live is in a period of the greatest nervous tension, confusion and restlessness. Many a Christian has the feeling that even our religious truths have somehow grown empty.

The above picture is indeed a very dark one; the entire world seems to be totally without hope. What does it mean to us as Christians? Should we also lose hope in the world? Our answer is definitely in the negative. For the Christian faith is a message of hope, and it is the responsibility of us who are followers of Jesus Christ to bring hope to this apparently hopeless world, for our Master Jesus Christ, never lost his hope in any individual life or the world.

We should not lose hope in the world, because, first of all, we cannot get away from the world in which we live.

Second, we should not lose hope in the world because, hopeless as it may seem, the world can be improved to become a better one if we can learn to unite our efforts.

Once Confucius was asked by a Disciple about the meaning of death. He replied, "Not having understood life, how can you understand death?" The answer implies two fundamental beliefs which typify the prevailing attitudes of the Chinese. In the first place, the world of nature in which man is a part, is more important than the supernatural world, and man as an individual, living in social relations, has carried out by human efforts through moral education.

Indeed, there are Christians who differentiate themselves from the medieval Catholics in holding that the existing structure of society has to be and can be changed, and that human efforts are not ineffective, hence they attempt to go a step further than the early Christians by taking interest in the present world which has duration, though looks an apparently hopeless one.

We all note, of course, that the change in the world is going on and on, and has never been so swift as it is today. Our form of living varies but also within a person's own lifetime. Since our mode of living has been greatly affected by the external setting of lives, we therefore require a new form of religion to fit into the new way of life. In Abraham Lincoln's message to Congress in 1862 he said, "The dogmas of quiet are inadequate to the stormy present—and our case is new, so we must think anew." We cherish our Christian heritage of the past, but we also need to rethink our mission that will bring hope to the world of today.

Kichen Hints

If your cake is coarse-grained, did you use too much baking powder or too much fat? Possibly you did not mix it sufficiently, or baked it too slowly. All these procedures will cause a coarseness of texture.
The President's Message
To the Ministry

My Dear Fellow-workers:

This is an important message from one friend to another. First of all, I sincerely hope your church program is advancing beyond expectations at the beginning of this year. This has been my very happy experience. I hope it is yours.

I am writing you because I believe in Jesus Christ and his challenge to his disciples, as recorded in Matthew 28:16-20. I also believe that you believe and are interested in the co-operative, Christian program of our churches through the National Christian Missionary Convention.

This year, we shall hold the 34th Annual Session of our National gathering at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., on the beautiful campus of the oldest School of our Brotherhood for the education of our people. Moreover, this year brings us to the close of the first five years of our long-range program which was initiated in 1944 at Lexington, Kentucky.

We have made remarkable progress during these last five years. We are grateful to you and your church for your fine co-operation in making our achievements possible. Now, I am requesting you, prayerfully and sincerely, to go a little further with us in making our coming convention, August 22-28, an overwhelming success.

Please try very hard to do the following by July 31, 1949. ONE, Send in your $10.00, which the Convention voted last year that every Minister is to give to Dr. J. F. Walker, Treasurer, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn. If you cannot give ten dollars, give five or whatever you can. But give something. TWO, our attendance goal is 1,000. We must have a minimum of 500 paid delegates. Please see to it that at least ONE delegate is sent from your Church; if that person has to be YOU. Of course, it would be wonderful if your Sunday School and other organizations could send a delegation.

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We have the highest regard for Mr. L. L. Dickerson, Editor.

“LETTERS TO THE EDITOR”

In this issue of the Plea there are a number of “Letters to the Editor.” We appreciate them all. When we were appointed Editor, we had no illusions of grandeur as to our own intellectual abilities in the field of journalism. In fact we believed whether or not we would be able to do a good job. We still have our doubts. However the letters of commendation we receive are good for our morale. In appreciation we pledge ourselves to try a little harder to do a better job. In one of the letters our good friend Dr. John Eubanks of Atlanta, Ga., said in part, “It is my feeling that your mind has changed.” Evidently the Dr. was recalling an incident in Nashville, Tennessee, at our National Convention when our “fundamentalist concept” of the gospel seemed to run counter to his “social concept” of the gospel. It seems from his letter that Dr. Eubanks believes that we have finally arrived at his point of view in my thinking.

We have the highest regard for Mr. Eubanks. We believe him to be a sincere Christian gentleman of great vision, ability and courage. It is just possible that our failure to fully understand each other was the basis for any disagreement we may have had. However there is one thing we would like to make clear, and that is, WE HAVE NOT CHANGED. In matters of religious faith we are still fundamentalist in our thinking. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God. We do NOT believe that ethics and morality can be taught successfully as a religious concept, but ONLY as a corollary, the consequence of one’s faith in Jesus Christ. But we do NOT believe that our faith in Jesus Christ should blind us to the many social evils that make our world a vale of tears, nor serve as an opiate to dull us to sleep while our “Rome is burning.” With the same zeal and vigor that we preach faith, repentance, confession and baptism, we should contend for social, political, and economic justice. Pork chops and biscuits, decent homes in which to live, good health and the elimination of racism, discrimination and segregation here and now is as important to millions of the masses as milk and honey, white robes and golden crowns and “mansions in the sky” by and by. We have no sympathy for those who call themselves Christians and those who call themselves preachers who do not have the moral courage to meet these issues head-on. We do not believe we have to emphasize one phase of the gospel at the expense of the other. We believe in the WHOLE GOSPEL. We need ministers in our pulpits with faith enough to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints” and courage enough to work and fight and if necessary die, that all men might have “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Mr. L. L. Dickerson
93 North Ohio Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Dickerson:

Thank you for the excellent editorial in the May CHRISTIAN PLEA entitled “Another Dilemma.” It was logical, sound, and thoroughly Christian. I used it to support one of my points in my Baccalaureate sermon to our graduates today. I called attention to your editorial and urged everyone to read it.

In my sermon I had three points. I suggested that many people with all the ability and training necessary for real leadership, avoided and hid from that responsibility and privilege because: 1. They lacked a great faith—a faith in God, a faith in their fellow men, a faith in themselves; 2. They were complacent and indifferent; and 3. They placed selfish security above service. You can see how this would make good use of your editorial in connection with my third point. I agreed with you that there are entirely too many of us who oppose segregation in one area, but approve it and fight for it when it provides a job for us.

Many ministers would preach against it except that it might of-

fend some member of the congregation. We thus tone down our message and our witness to the level of the least loyal and devoted member of our church, and wonder why our churches are not effective. What shall it profit a church though it retain all its members and lose its own soul? It thus makes true the indictment that the Christian Church is the most segregated institution in our whole social order.

Segregation is wrong no matter who practices it nor for what reason. That it brings some good to someone still does not justify it. Two wrongs never make a right. The end never justifies the means. There just is no way to defend segregation.

There are those who say that we must have it as long as there is prejudice and misunderstanding among us. But they fail to realize which causes what. Prejudice does not cause segregation. It is exactly the other way around—segregation produces prejudice. Prejudice is the result of ignorance and misunderstanding. Keep people separated and apart and they will never come to understand each other. There will always be prejudice. But remove the barriers, do away with segregation, make it possible for people to get together as brothers of the same family of God, and all of our foolish fears and prejudices will disappear as the night with the coming of the dawn.

But the place to begin in the removal of any evil from Society is with ourselves. The Golden Rule applies here as well as it does anywhere else.

Sincerely,

John Long

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
Elder L. L. Dickerson, Editor
93 North Ohio Avenue
Columbus 3, Ohio

Dear Elder Dickerson:

I take this method to commend you on your recent article appearing in the Christian Plea, entitled “Another Dilemma.”

Information given out by the Christian Plea to the Brotherhood is most valuable and it seems to me that it should be easy to get subscriptions.

With very best wishes. I am Yours very truly,
J. E. Walker, M. D.

ON TO S. C. I. NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUG. 22-27
Letter To The Editor
The Reverend L. L. Dickerson
Editor
The Christian Plea
93 North Ohio Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Reverend Dickerson:

I am very grateful to you for mailing me copies of The Christian Plea, to which I subscribed.

In the first place, I want to congratulate you for doing an improved job with the paper. A church paper, or any other publication, symbolizes the personalities and thoughts of those who publish it as well as those who subscribe to it. I think that you are endeavoring to give us a better paper. That makes me feel happy, because too frequently we get into the habit of just doing enough to get by, and the crowd is just gullible enough to let us get away with that kind of murder. You are not guilty of playing us for fools, you seem to want to enlighten the people.

I have been greatly impressed by several editorials. In the May issue of The Christian Plea the editorial Another Dilemma is a forthright and timely one. It is forward looking and challenging to so many of the Brotherhood who like to spend paper and pencil writing about theological gymnastics and how to secure “mansions of glory” while most of us don’t have a decent one room apartment in which to live. Questions of segregation and discrimination, inequality in educational opportunity, intolerance and hatred, the threat of war cannot be ignored any longer. The Church of Christ must be either all out for these things or it must be completely against them.

It is my feeling that your mind has changed in a more proper direction. That change is due in part to the predicament you were in when the vicious restrictive covenants pressed in upon you. It would be a great thing if something could move the Negro Disciples to do more about the things or it must be completely against them.

The Reverend L. L. Dickerson
Editor
The Christian Plea
93 North Ohio Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Margaret Shaw Is Commissioned

The United Christian Missionary Society commissioned Margaret Elizabeth Shaw a medical missionary in services held in Graham Chapel, Missions Building Wednesday, May 18. Miss Shaw plans to go to Congo as a missionary nurse. This summer she will study French in Yale University and then go to Belgium to take government-directed courses required of all missionaries to the Belgian Congo.

Margaret Shaw is a native of Oklahoma, one of a family of six children. Her parents were school teachers. She describes her home life as “ideal”, in that it was a Christian home where mutual love and understanding were placed above worldly possessions. Miss Shaw has earned her way through her education with her ambition to be a missionary always before her as a goal. She graduated from high school in West Plains, Missouri, in 1923, studied in Southwest Teachers College, Springfield, Missouri, and has had several years’ experience as a teacher.

She received her RN degree from City Hospital in St. Louis in February of 1945, and served in the Army Nurses’ Corps, June, 1948, and received her B. S. degree in nursing education from St. Louis University. She has recently completed a year of study at Kennedy School of Missions.

Her past years of work and study give proof that her cryptic statement, “Merely crossing the ocean will not change one’s spirit of service,” is characteristic of her true self. She believes that the Congolese among whom she is to work have a culture to be conserved even as it is redirected in the Christian way. She believes that all races can share in God’s kingdom and kingdom building.

The philosophy which underlies her consecration is: “Our responsibility always is to serve society and individuals in whatever way we are capable, remembering that the value of each individual soul is of inestimable worth to Christ.”

Sincerely,

John B. Eubanks.
Elder L. L. Dickerson, Editor

ON TO S. C. I. NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUG. 22-27
Activities of Indiana Ave. Christian Church
Chicago, Illinois

The Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois, is on the last lap of a Building Fund campaign which is scheduled to culminate in 1950 with ground breaking about midsummer for a new church plant equipped for educational and recreational, as well as spiritual, service to the community. Because of the size of the church's present program members and friends are becoming increasingly eager to see the fruition of this building program and have for the most part caught the vision of the continually expanding scope of opportunities for service possible to today's religious groups.

Rev. R. H. Davis, president of the National Christian Missionary Convention, is pastor of the Indiana Avenue Church. Following is a brief summary of the activities by the church proper and its many auxiliaries and clubs during the months of March, April, and May.

Beginning March 9 special Lenten services were held each Wednesday evening until Holy Week, during which services were held each evening. Special features of these Wednesday night programs were solos by members of the church's singing groups and an evangelistic message by Rev. Davis on the theme, "I Was There." On Good Friday the pastor and members of the church joined with other denominational groups in the special three-hour community service programs. Good Friday, the students of the Church School presented their regular Easter program.

Alphonso Wells serves as senior director of the school and Mrs. Fannie Clark as junior director and program leader.

On Sunday afternoon, March 6, the Senior Usher Board held its annual program and sermon. This group, which renders incomparable service to the church by functioning in uniform at all of the regular and special activities, is headed by Miss Ruby Ramsey, who also directs the Junior Usher group. In the evening of the same day the Men's Council presented as its regular monthly forum speaker Roger C. Wilson, an eminent psychologist. His group has also done outstanding work with its timely and instructive forum programs, bringing to the church leading figures in many fields of endeavor. President of the Council is Dr. J. Leonard Pratt; Rev. J. H. Kittrell serves as program director.

Another special program held during the month of March was the concert presenting "The Meistersingers Quartet" under the sponsorship of the Christian Endeavor Society the last Sunday afternoon. This quartet is composed of young voice students; the soprano, Miss Pearl Richards, is a member of the Indiana Avenue Church. Mrs. Birdie Branch is president of the Christian Endeavor Society.

In March also the Church purchased a movie projector. This machine will be utilized by all of the church's departments and groups and especially by the school in its educational programs using Visual Aid materials. The projector will also be used in the entertainment and recreational programs for the children and young people of the church.

Special Easter Day services highlighted the April activities. The day began with an early morning baptismal service during which the sacrament of baptism was administered to 20 persons. These new members were part of the 48 persons who were baptized this first of the year until Easter. This great demonstration climaxd the special emphasis on evangelism during that period. In spite of the early morning's very inclement weather a capacity crowd attended this baptismal service, many persons remaining for the breakfast served by the Missionary Society and attending the Church School sessions as well as the morning worship program.

For the Easter evening program the Senior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin presented the oratorio, "The Holy City." This concert given in the church's main auditorium before an audience of more than three hundred music lovers was voted the most outstanding to be presented by the choir in its long history of notable performances. Guest soloists were Helen White, soprano; Ruth Reese, alto; Herbert Wilson, tenor; and Lewis White, bass. Also featured was a trio from the choir, consisting of Mmes. Lesly Smith and Geneva Hunt, and Miss Pearl Richards. Mrs. Elizabeth Gaskin is organist for the choir; Raymond S. Trotter serves as assistant director; and Mrs. Lesly Smith is the choir president.

On the last Sunday in April at both morning and afternoon services the 10th annual Women's Day was observed. Speaker for the morning service was Mrs. E. P. Murchison whose subject was "Womanhood Uplifted by Christ." Mrs. Dorothy R. Greene served as mistress of ceremonies for this service; other participants were Mmes. Blanche Maddox, Ruby L. Bosley, Margaret James, and Alice V. Penn. Special music was rendered by Miss Pearl Richards, soprano soloist. During the afternoon program, which was varied in character, Mrs. F. D. Perkins presided. Others taking part in the program were Mrs. Walter McFarland, Miss Beatrice Hunt, Mrs. Fannie H. Clark, and Rev. Davis; for the special music a solo was rendered by Miss Charlie Belle Warren, soprano. Proceeds from the Indiana Avenue Church annual Women's Day observance go to the Christian Endeavor Society.

A capacity audience attended the special Mother's Day services for which Rev. Thomas J. Griffin, pastor of the Junior Church, gave the message. Rev. Griffin spoke on the subject, "Mothers and the Modern Crisis," emphasizing the contribution that mothers could make in the solution of our present day problems. Features of the service were the dedication of the Senior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Emmett J. Dickson, executive sec. of the Nat'l Christian Missionary Convention. Rev. Dickson, an alumnus of Mt. Beulah College, discussed the work accomplished there from the early years following the Civil War until the present and emphasized the great need for expansion of the school's program to the four-year college level. Rosa Page Welch, soprano, rendered solos; she was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Linnie Welch. Appearing also on the program was the Chicago SCI Club chorus under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Smith Jackson, formerly head of the Mt. Beulah College department of music. About two hundred persons attended the program and the reception which followed. John C. Lewis is president of the Chicago SCI Club.

Rev. Dickson visited the church for the second time during the month as speaker for the youth services on the fifth Sunday at the regular morning worship hour. Using as his subject "Religion at (Continued on Page 6)
Youth National Oratorical Contest Gets Under Way

Lorenzo J. Evans, National Director of Religious Education

At the Fall Planning Conference on Christian Education, which met in Indianapolis November 26-27, 1949, it was recommended that an Oratorical Contest be sponsored for the youth of our Brotherhood. This project was approved by the group and recommended to the Board of Trustees for their approval at their December meeting. A committee was appointed consisting of Thomas J. Griffin, Garrett Biblical Institute, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; Mrs. Susie L. Elster, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; and Lorenzo J. Evans to work out details for the project. Letters have already been sent to ministers, superintendents and youth leaders stating the purpose and giving the requirements for the contestants.

The topic for the orations is "The Responsibility of Christian Youth in the Modern Crisis." It is our hope that every local church will sponsor an oratorical contest for its youth and select the winner to represent their church at the National Convention in session. We hope that as the young people begin to explore the topic they will realize as never before that they as Christian young people do have a responsibility in building a Christian community.

It is the hope of the Committee that the youth will happen to that young person in the local church to sense the need for Christian service and dedicate himself for full time Christian service growing out of the local church. Scholarship awards are to be given to the National winners. First award $100.00 and second award $50.00. In order to further implement this opportunity for training we have asked several schools to match the scholarship amounts of circa $50.00 to $100.00 for third year and fourth year students.

Send Your Youth To Conference

The time has come for the local churches to think in terms of the summer program for the training of our youth. This year the National Office will be sponsoring six Summer Conferences. Every church in our Brotherhood should have at least one young person in one of these conferences or one sponsored by our Brotherhood within his own area. This week of religious experience should be made available to your young people. Check the conference listed below that is in your area and plan now to send your youth to one of these or one that is being sponsored by your brother near you.

South-west, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, July 3-9. Mr. Walter Bingham, Director.
Central Young People's Summer Conference, Kentucky, July 24-30. (Tentative dates) Mrs. Susie L. Elster, Director.
Piedmont, Martinsville, Va., July 31-August 6, Mrs. E. G. Starling, Director.
Magnolia, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, September 5-11, President John Long, Director.

How many of the youth in your local church or area will you have in conference this year? If we are to have disciples we must make them. If we are to represent in the National Convention with at least $3.00. You should send in your representation fee now for the National Convention. Send it to the National Convention Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Let's not wait for the National Convention but let's send in our representation for the Convention now. We hope that by the time of the Convention we will have at least 300 youth groups registered. We are calling on the youth of our brotherhood to make this one of the greatest events that has ever happened in the life of our National Convention. What will your answer be?

Chicago Club Gives Scholarships

The Chicago of the Mt. Beulah College Club has voted to give two scholarships to two students desiring four years of college.

Following are student requirements and club obligations.
1. That students first two years be confined to Southern Christian Institute.
   a. The second two years may be at any school of their choice.
   b. Any person having finished two years at Southern Christian without scholarship aid is eligible for the amount allotted to third and fourth year students.
2. When appeals are made to local Brotherhood Churches and no eligible applicants apply for scholarships, then, any young person wishing to go to school who needed assistance can make application for scholarship.
3. That persons going to school the G. I. Bill are not eligible.
4. That the amount to be given each student will be: (a) $75.00 first year; (b) $100.00 second year; (c) $125.000 third year; (d) $150.00 fourth year. Total amount for four years $900.00.

Applications are now available at 4533 Champaign Ave., Chicago 15, Ill.

John C. Lewis, President
Lesly Smith, Secretary

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Graduation at Southern Christian Institute

Southern Christian Institute has completed another successful school year. Its total enrollment was 565. In May it graduated nine from the grades, 45 from the high school, and 24 from the junior college.

Southern Christian Institute was established in 1875 at Edwards, Mississippi, by Randall and Letitia Faurot. Mr. Faurot was a minister and educator and served as a chaplain in the War Between the States. Mrs. Faurot was a nurse and teacher. They worked to establish schools and churches in several states, but Southern Christian stands as the living memorial to their work and dreams.

The school serves an area where 79 per cent of the population is Negro, 75 per cent in tenant, and more than 15 per cent is illiterate. Every year Southern Christian Institute continues to broaden its program and train young people to go into their communities as leaders.

Evangelism Pays Dividends
At Yakima

The Indian is slow to change. It has been the hope of the missionaries at Yakima Indian Christian Mission that there may soon be an Indian Church. But to the Indian the gospel is a complicated story and the institution of the church is a still more complicated idea. The school, the mission program, and now the work of the new clinic have opened the way for evangelism. Easter Sunday there were fifty-eight in the worship service and Bible classes. Other Sundays the attendance is around forty. Slow though the Indian is to change his ways, he grows toward that day when he will build his own church. The work at Yakima is paying richly in spiritual dividends.

Kagawa Preaches a Great Baccalaureate Sermon

There are few world Christians that have the Christlike simplicity and drawing power in their messages that Kagawa has. He preached the baccalaureate sermon at our Margaret K. Long School for girls in Tokyo March 21. At the close of the sermon Dr. Kagawa, as is his custom at the end of a service, passed out cards to be signed by those wishing to become Christians. Cards were signed by 392 girls. Christianity is growing in Japan.

The Spiritual Door Is Open in Japan

The newspapers have been carrying the story of General MacArthur’s appeal for Bibles for the Japanese. E. Stanley Jones reports that General MacArthur asks too for missionaries. Dr. Jones’s evangelistic work has met with the heartiest support from the general, who sent his message of appeal to the Christians of America:

“Where you sent one missionary, now send a hundred. This is the greatest opportunity the church in the world has faced in 500 years. How long the door may be open is uncertain, probably ten years.”

We Share to Meet The World’s Need

The goal set for the brotherhood for the Week of Compassion was $500,000. Disciples more than met the goal. As of May 10 that goal has been exceeded by $12,251.60, and offerings are still coming into the office of Unified Promotion daily.

The Department of Social Welfare reports that great quantities of material aid have gone to the mission fields during the three Spring months.

More than 2,800 pounds of clothing, soap, shoes, towels, combs, toothbrushes, and layettes were sent to the Service Center at Napanee, India, for inter-denominational distribution.

About 700 pounds of clothing, bandages, and medical supplies have been packed for shipment to Paraguay for Sapucay Leper Colony.

A shipment of 25 layettes is being sent to Japan for foundlings in the home established and directed by the Disciple Mission.

Several hundred pounds of relief goods have been packed for shipment to the Philippines.

Six small shipments have gone to Africa.

Nine hundred pairs of discarded eye glasses, cases, and parts are on hand to be sent to India.

Many gifts are marked to be sent to China, but these must be held until conditions there make it possible to ship to that field. Disciples, like all true Christians, are sharing to meet the world’s need.

ON TO S. C. I. NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUG. 22-27

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NATIONAL

CONVENTION

AUGUST 22-27
Dallas, Texas
Mrs. E. G. Titus, reporter

On March 17th Madame Rose McCrea, Brooklyn, N. Y., was presented in a recital sponsored by Mrs. E. G. Titus, President of District No. 2. The recital was given at Lincoln High School, Madame T. W. Pratt accompanist. The auditorium seating 1200 was filled to capacity. Dallas received Madame McCrea with open arms. Her beautiful voice heightened by the musical strains of Madame Pratt still linger in the hearts of the people. The dramatic soprano was beautifully gowned in a light grey cannon crepe evening costume, wearing gold jewelry and slippers. Her accompanist was dressed in a grey chiffon wearing diamonds and grey satin slippers. The disciples of Dallas were very happy over these two outstanding artists of our own Brotherhood, and were highly entertained by the following persons: Eld. and Mrs. R. E. Hancock, Jr., pastor of South 3rd Christian Church, EId. and Mrs. L. E. Hall, pastor of Romine St. Christian Church, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ford, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Powers. She was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Titus who gave a formal dinner in honor of the soloist and her accompanist. Her visit was augmented by Eld. and Mrs. M. C. Dickson of the Boll St. Christian Church with the use of their beautiful silver streak Pontiac.

She also appeared in Paris to a packed house, Eld. H. G. Poston, pastor, and entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wedgeworth. She also appeared in Greenville, Eld. F. C. Carey, pastor. On her return to Brooklyn she was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Madison and visited the Manse of Eld. Mrs. P. G. Gray of St. Louis, Mo.

Pine Street Christian Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Ex-Secretary, E. J. Dickson, Visits

The Pine Street Christian Church is striving to be a live-wire church in the Disciple Brotherhood. We hope and pray that our future work will achieve for us just such a name. During the past year we have tried to be real crusaders for we feel that is the only way to cope with the people of our day as well as bring lost ones into the fold. The pastor, Eld. E. W. James, and the members ask the prayers of the saints that we labor with the Lord so that our efforts be not in vain.

A highlight of this year's work at the Pine Street Christian Church was a visit from our Executive Secretary, Eld. E. J. Dickson. The suggestion from the National office, "Gateways to New Life" in the church, challenged us deeply. We sought to find "New Life" by entering through those gateways. Each family received a card urging them to be present for mem bership reorganization on March 27, 1949. The entrance through the first gate constrained us to go on through the other gateways—Doctoral Preaching, Visitation Evangelism, and Spiritual Enrichment. Elder Dickson was present to lead us through the last gateway, Spiritual Enrichment. During this Holy Week Brother Dickson taught a class in Stewardship for 45 minutes, and after a heart-warming devotion, he brought a challenging message each night. Thursday night Holy Communion was observed in remembrance of the Last Supper. The Easter services climaxed the week. Brother Dickson's messages enlightened the Christians, comforted the saints, and warned the sinners. One member was reinstated in the morning services and one was baptized in the evening service.

As usual we hated to see Brother Dickson leave, but we were anxious for him to go and spiritually enrich others as we had been enriched. We are grateful to our National workers for their service to us.

We are looking forward to our State Convention in July and to the coming of our National Director of Church Development and Evangelism, Brother Charles H. Webb, former pastor at Tulsa, Oklahoma, is proud of Brother Webb, and we hope by the help of God to make Brother Webb and the Brotherhood proud of Oklahoma.

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Some Things Every Church Member Should Know About The Pension Plan

1. The Federal Social Security Act exempts all ministers and churches in recognition of the separation of church and state. The government therefore expects all churches to care for their own ministry in days of active service and in old age.

2. The Pension Plan of our Brotherhood has been proven sound in almost nineteen years of service. Every rightful claim has been paid promptly.

3. The Pension Plan is a reserve plan, and the reserves now accumulated cover actuarial projections.

4. The pastor who, with his church or churches, has been enrolled during all the days of his active service, can retire on pension without embarrassment to him or to the church.

5. Should a member minister die in active service, the Pension Fund pays to the widow at once a Cash Death Benefit. It also provides a monthly pension to her minor children. The church is relieved of any such obligation.

6. Should the member minister become totally and permanently disabled after twelve months of service, he is paid a disability pension. Another minister can be called and the work carried forward.

7. The church that participates with its minister knows that its minister, his wife and family have some degree of economic security.

8. Every minister should participate in the Pension Plan. It is the only way that all ministers can be adequately protected.

9. Every church should participate in the Pension Plan because the local congregation has a divine and social obligation to direct its stewardship so that support for active service and old age is provided.

10. Participation may begin any month. The minister pays 2½% and the church pays an amount equal to 8½% of the monthly salary.

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IS YOUR CHURCH ENROLLED?

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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Robert Fudge

Robert Fudge, incoming president of the International CYF Commission, will give four months beginning in September to visiting churches, youth groups, and conventions throughout our brotherhood under auspices of the department of religious education.

As regional vice-chairman of the United Christian Youth Movement in 1947, Robert attended the World Conference of Christian Youth in Oslo, Norway. He also traveled extensively on the continent. His message to the youth of the church will aim to help them realize their part in bringing about a Christian world order.

Robert is a student at Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma. He has long been a leader in his home church in Oklahoma City and throughout the state.

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The President's Message

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gate. THREE, we need 500 Churches that will give from ten to three hundred dollars towards our 1948-49 budget of $9,700.00 by July 31, 1949. Please bring this matter to your members and ask them to give a liberal offering. FOUR, we have prepared one of the most informative and inspiring programs for your benefit. MAKE PREPARATIONS now to be at the S. C. L., Monday night, August 22nd, to hear the President's Message. FIVE, all the Churches of the grand State of Mississippi are pooling their financial and spiritual resources in order to give you the finest entertainment in the history of our movement.

Our motto is: “On to the Southern Christian Institute with the largest delegation, the most contagious enthusiasm, the most liberal gifts, and an open mind for participation in our greatest Convention.”

Fraternally yours,

President, Richard L. Davis
33rd Annual National Convention Meets At S. C. I.

R. H. Davis, President
National Convention

The 33rd Annual National Convention will convene on the beautiful Campus of Southern Christian Institute, Monday evening, August 22nd, with Eld. R. H. Davis, pastor of the Indiana Ave. Christian Church, Chicago, Ill., presiding, and President John Long of S. C. I., host pastor. All indications are that this convention will be one of our greatest. The churches of Mississippi under the leadership of Eld. E. L. Griffin are conscious of their responsibility as host to this grand annual gathering of our Brotherhood. It is expected that Mississippi alone will have over one hundred delegates and representatives. Eld. Cleo Blackburn, Chairman and the Program committee have attempted to provide a program that will be most helpful and inspiring. There are many important matters to claim the attention of the (Continued on Page 6)

Mt. Olivet In New Church Home

Eld. C. L. Whitfield, Pastor

It has been more than a year since you have heard from us, and many things have happened since that time. I am very happy over the fact that the Fellowship Christian Church which I organized at Philadelphia has been housed and the reins are firmly in the hands of Eld. Eugene Patterson, one of the wheel horses of our brotherhood.

We have been busy here at Mt. Olivet. In the six years ending last August first we accumulated $12,000.00 in our building fund. August first last the pastor was made general chairman of a $5,000 building campaign to run five months—the amount actually raised was $6,119.

The contract for the new first unit was let and the demolition of the old building began August 26, 1948. We entered the new building on December 12th and opened the dedicatory services January (Continued on Page 5)


Inviting you to Southern Christian is about like inviting a man to visit his own home. Of course you are welcome to SCI; it is YOURS; it belongs to the Brotherhood. We are especially glad for this opportunity which you will have to see what is being done with what you are giving to Brotherhood causes; and to see what might be done if we all gave more. Your presence on our campus will bring us pleasure and great blessing.

Expansion Envisioned At
Jarvis Christian College

Broad expansion for Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, with review and adjustment of programs to meet educational needs more effectively, is envisioned in the report of a committee created jointly by the Texas advisory board and The United Christian Missionary Society. The members of the committee were Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood, Executive Secretary of the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Dr. R. B. Montgomery, President of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia. (Continued on Page 2)
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But as for Paul Robeson we feel that he needs our sympathy more than our criticism. There are countless thousands of Negroes, who in moments of an extreme emotional state, induced by some outrageous exhibition of racial hate, felt like saying the same things Robeson is supposed to have said. Not that they really meant it, after a moment’s reflection they would have been sorry any such thought ever entered their mind. But that is one of the experiences that come to those who have been taught about liberty, freedom, justice and equality of all men “before God and the law,” taught that these are the things that all men of honor and integrity live for, fight for and die for, and then find out that it means WHITE men.

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**Crusade At National Convention**

The Crusade for a Christian World will be given a large place in the National Christian Missionary Convention just as it is in all conventions in our brotherhood during these three years of decision.

Mr. Sheets has been General Representative of the Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ since January 1, 1947. Prior to that he had served as pastor of First Christian Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and First Christian Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania. His last pastorate was the Central Christian Church of Huntington, Indiana. He was educated at Bethany College and Yale Divinity School.

During the three year Crusade period he is devoting the major portion of his time to the great cause.

In the first address he will speak on "What the Crusade Means." In this address will be reviewed the world events that made it necessary, the development of the plan which includes the cooperative agencies and the desperate needs. He will also bring stirring reports of local churches that have found new power through complete participation in the vast program.

The second address will be on the subject, "Commitment." In this, the exceptional powers of Brother Sheets will be devoted to the very heart of the Crusade—resurgence of the personal Christian life.

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Jarvis Christian College received its name from Major and Mrs. J. J. Jarvis of Ft. Worth, Texas, who in 1911 made a gift of 456 acres of land in Wood County, about one hundred miles east of Dallas. The grant was made to the Christian Woman’s Board of Missions, whose work is now incorporated in the continuing program of The United Christian Missionary Society, “on condition that said corporation keep up and maintain a school for the elevation and education of the Negro race on the land, or elsewhere in eastern Texas, in which school there shall be efficient religious and industrial training.”

On January 13, 1913, school began at Jarvis with thirteen elementary students. The surroundings were primitive but the program went forward with courage and determination. Gradually the transition was made from elementary to secondary level, then to junior college, and finally to senior college work, with recognition by the Texas Department of Education in September, 1947. Enrollment in the fall of 1948 was 220 pupils, using 21 buildings.

The acreage in the original grant had been considered inadequate, so in 1913 and in 1924 the C.W.B.M. purchased adjoining land, making a total of 874½ acres available for the campus and farm.

As an unexpected resource for this developing work, oil was discovered on the property in 1940. At the present time there are 19 producing wells, two of which are on the original grant made by Major Jarvis and 17 on the property purchased by the C.W.B.M.

One of our most frequent contributors to the columns of the Christian Plea is our friend Sidney A. Scott, of Kansas City, Mo. We are always glad for Bro. Scott to express his opinions on these various subjects, but quite often he gets in very deep water and we are afraid our good brother is going to get “drowned” if he isn’t careful. His article in this issue of the Plea is on the subject, “Does God Hear the Sinner Pray?,” is away off the beam. We do not have time nor space to set the good brother right in this issue, but we will attend to him in the next. Perhaps some of the other readers of the Plea would like to set the good brother right.
PROGRAMME
of the
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Convention Disciples of
Christ
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Southern Christian Institute,
Edwards, Mississippi
Hosts: John Long, E. L. Griffin
August 22-28, 1949
Registration Fee $14.00
R. H. Davis, President
Richard Saunders, Secretary
Monday, August 22
2:00 p.m.—National Board Meet-
ing
4:00—Recommendations Commit-
tee Meeting
6:00—Dinner
7:45—Opening Session, R. H. Da-
vis, presiding. Welcome Pro-
gram, John Long. Churches of
Mississippi, E. L. Griffin. Pres-
ident's Address, R. H. Davis.
Offering, Announcements, Bene-
diction.
Tuesday Morning, August 23
8:30—Music. Sermon, F. T. Bar-
nett
9:00—Appointment of Committees
and Announcements. Music.
9:40—Inspirational Address.
Gaines Cook, "The Church In
The World Today."
10:15-12:15—Convention Seminar
12:30 p.m.—Lunch
Tuesday Afternoon, August 23
2:00 — Devotions, H. L. Johnson
2:15—Reports. All Officers and
the National Board
6:00—Dinner
7:00-7:45 — Vespers, John Eu-
banks.
Tuesday Evening, August 23
R. H. Davis, Presiding
8:00—Music
8:15—Devotions, W. M. Martin
8:30—Sermon, C. L. Whitfield.
Music. Rally of the States, Dr.
J. E. Walker. Announcements,
Benediction
Wednesday Morning, August 24
Mrs. Arah Garrett, Presiding
7:00 a.m.—Breakfast
8:30—Music. Sermon, Mrs. Maude
Davis
9:00—Crusade Promotion, D. Er-
vin Sheets. Music
9:40 — Inspirational Address.
Gaines Cook, "Steps Toward a
Renewed Church"
10:15-12:15—Convention Seminar
12:30—Lunch
Wednesday Afternoon, August 24
B. C. Duke, Presiding
2:00 p.m.—Laymen's League. J.
T. Chandler, President
2:45—Reports of State Presidents
3:45—Committee Meetings
6:00—Dinner
7:00-7:45 — Vespers, John Eu-
banks.
Wednesday Evening, August 24
Mrs. Arah Garrett, Presiding
8:00—Music. Devotions, Mrs. Dai-
sy Dean
8:15—Pageant. Address, Mrs. Ar-
ah Garrett. National Project
Presentation, Miss Katherine
Schutze. Offering and Benedic-
tion
10:00—Ministers' Wives' Recep-
tion. Mrs. C. C. Mosley, Presi-
dent; Mrs. M. C. Dickson, Vice-
President; Mrs. C. L. Parks, Sec-
retary; Mrs. L. L. Dickerson,
Corresponding Secretary; Mrs.
A. L. Martin, Treasurer; Mrs.
Elizabeth Herod, Scholarship

The National Laymen's League
of the
National Christian Missionary Convention
Names Mark Rutherford As Convention Speaker

Mark Rutherford
Mr. Mark Rutherford is nation-
al director in the Department of
Men's Work of The United Chris-
tian Missionary Society, Indian-
apolis. For more than six years he
served churches in Tulsa, and as
state director of Men's Work in
Oklahoma, organizing and direct-
ing the efforts of men in two chan-
nels of Christian service. That ex-
perience has provided practical
training for aiding men's organiza-
tions across the country and to
gear them into the total church
program. His major service is in
the field, and his territory is the
whole of the United States.

We consider ourselves fortunate
in securing the services of this out-
standing churchman for the pur-
pose of assisting us in the work of
the National Laymen's League of
the National Christian Missionary
Convention. Mr. Rutherford will
be with us during our National
Convention and will help us spot-
light the Men's Work program. He
is doing this at a sacrifice of his
own vacation period because of
previous commitments that will
use his time through November.
Under these circumstances, we
think every layman who can attend
our convention should be register-
ed on time and ready to do his bit
for the Laymen's program.

Thursday Morning, August 25
E. W. Henry, Presiding
7:00 a.m.—Breakfast
8:30 — Music. Sermon, George
Frazier
9:00—Crusade Promotion. D. Er-
vin Sheets. Music.
9:40—Inspirational Address, Wil-
liam Edwards
10:15-12:15 — Convention Semi-
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12:30 p.m.—Lunch
Thursday Afternoon, August 25
R. H. Davis, Presiding
2:00—Usher Board. George Penn,
President
2:45—General Business. Report of
Recommendation Committee
6:00—Dinner
7:00-7:45 — Vespers, John Eu-
banks.
Thursday Evening, August 25
E. W. Henry, Presiding
8:00—Devotions, Thomas J. Grif-
fin
8:15—Echoes from the Colleges.
Jarvis Christian College, South-
er Christian Institute. Music
8:45 — Address, "Educational
Frontiers", M. R. Eppe
9:45 — Offering, Announcements,
Benediction
10:00—Laymen's Fellowship Hour.
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The Centennial Chi Rho Fellowship
By Mrs. Leannetta Sims

Chi Rho on Centennial Christian Church was organized with a few of the twenty-five intermediates who attend church school. It has grown in two years until practically all of the department come to the Chi Rho.

The meetings are on Sunday evenings, from 5 o'clock to 6:20. Usually the boys and girls are so interested they stay until 7:00. A typical evening includes worship, study, games and fellowship around the table. We serve cookies with a drink or peanut butter, and crackers with cocoa or fruit juice, anything tasty and inexpensive.

One very interesting meeting was on the study of Christian missions in China. The week before assignments were made for various intermediates to visit the library and get information about China such as climate, arts and sciences, also the everyday life of the people. Others were to find from our own materials what the Disciples of Christ were doing in China. Pictures of Chinese scenery and people were borrowed from the library. At the meeting reports were given. The pictures were displayed. The intermediates then planned the chores for a movie on China. Following the movie there was a fellowship period with tea and cookies served while the boys and girls discussed the movie.

This type of missionary teaching has increased the interest of the intermediates in the missionary cause of the church and they have given more generously to the missionary offering.

The member of the Chi Rho heard a missionary from China tell how happy the Chinese boys and girls are when they receive pictures of Christ, also, how careful they are with pencils, because pencils are very hard to get.

In the second session of China, a scrap book showing the life of Jesus in pictures was started. Since there were not enough pictures in the picture file, old calendars, primary and junior picture sets were brought. Then the group was divided, some were to select the pictures to be used, some to cut the pictures for mounting in the scrapbook, and others to paste the pictures in the book. The book was completed in three meetings and will be sent to a school for intermediate age boys and girls in China. Some pencils were to be sent also.

Church Schools And Youth Groups
E. W. Henry, Pres. Bible Schools

In less than two months the 33rd Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention will convene at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. This promises to be one of the greatest Conventions in the history of the organized work of the Disciples of Christ. A complete and well rounded program has been planned for your enjoyment, inspiration, and participation.

In the Department of Christian Education the following classes will be taught:
Youth: "My Community and the Christian Ideal."

The National Youth Oratorical Contest is well on its way as one of the highlights of this session. Who knows, you may be the lucky (Continued on Page 8)

PROGRAM
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J. T. Chandler, President. Mark Rutherford, National Director. William Owens, Alfred Thomas, Promotions and Arrangement

Friday Morning, August 26
Rayford Pouncy, Presiding
8:00 a. m.—Breakfast
8:30—Music. Sermon, H. D. Davis
9:00—Staff Promotion. Music
9:40—Inspirational Address, William Edwards
10:15-12:15 Convention Seminar
12:30 p. m.—Lunch

Friday Afternoon, August 26
R. H. Davis, Presiding
2:00—Devotions
2:15-3:15 — Symposium — "Our World and the Christian Answer." Charles Sherman, Chairman; Mrs. Orene Cole, Walter Bingham, Charles Berry, Miss Oseola Dawson, Jesse Hawkins.

Music
3:15—Report of Nominating Committee. Committee Meetings
6:00—Dinner
7:00-7:45 — Vespers, John Eubanks

Friday Evening, August 26
Rayford Pouncy, Presiding
8:00—Devotions. National Christian Youth Fellowship
8:15—National Oratorical Contest Finals. "The Responsibility of

Another Church In Pennsylvania
By C. L. Whitfield

It gives me a lot of pleasure to report another church of our brotherhood in the State of Pennsylvania. The Cameron Street Christian Church, 1166 S. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Penna. Rev. Russia Clark is Pastor.

Rev. Clark was visiting in Baltimore one Sunday last year and heard the name of our pastor at Mt. Olivet Church over the radio and wrote to him. An acquaintance and friendship developed through correspondence resulted in a visit to Mt. Olivet by Rev. Clark the fourth Sunday in May, when he preached at 11:00 A. M. and indicated his desire to join our brotherhood, which he did at the Eastern Seaboard Convention in Brooklyn, N. Y. June 17th, 1949. The Cameron St. Church is located in an apartment building and owns three apartments on the same lot. The church is free of debt.


9:45 — Offering, Announcements, Benediction

Saturday, August 27
R. H. Davis, Presiding
7:00 a. m.—Breakfast
3:30—Music. Sermon, E. A. Daniels
9:00—Unfinished Business and Reports. Music
11:45—Reports of Necrology Committee and Memorial Service. Mrs. E. B. Titus, Chairman; R. Wesley Watason, I. H. Husser, I. C. Franklin, I. H. Moore. Sermon, Raymond Walton
12:30 n. m.—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon and Evening

Motorcade
6:00—Dinner, Lawn Picnic. Audio-Visuals, John Long.

Sunday Morning, August 28
E. L. Griffin, Presiding
7:00—Breakfast
9:15—Church School, E. W. Henry and John Wilson
1:00 p. m.—Dinner

Sunday Afternoon, August 28
Cleo Blackburn, Presiding
3:00 — Convention Communion Service. Benevolence Offering for Aged Ministers and Widows. Benediction and Adjournment of Convention, R. H. Davis.
Some of Those Who Will Appear On The National Convention Program

Mt. Olivet
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2nd and closed January 30. Elder W. H. Taylor preached the first sermon in the series and Elder J. F. Whitfield the last.

The formal dedication was held January 9th. Dr. W. T. Pearcy was with us and brought three splendid messages. The local Christian Churches gave us $271.00, and participated in the service. Dr. Helfer of Christian Temple; Dr. Bowen of Calhoun St.; Dr. Schollenberger of First Christian assisted in the dedication. Perkins Square Baptist, Union Temple Baptist, Pentecost Baptist, Orchard St. Meth.; Penna. Ave. AMEZ; St. John AME; John Wesley Meth.; Payne AME; New Union Baptist; Gillis Community; Mt. Hebron Baptist; Harlem Sq. Bapt.; Gethsemane Bapt.; First Apostolic Faith were among the congregations who came to us during the series, also 12th, St. Christian of Washington, D. C., and Emmanuel Christian of Baltimore.

At this writing we have met all obligations on the $34,000 structure and only owe our extension loan of $12,500 minus two payments already made. We raised $8,500 during the first eight months after the first of last August and have met all current expenses when due. Our present bank balance is over $2,000. We have received 42 members since

January 1st this year, 25 by baptism, in our regular services and prayer meetings.

Our membership is very loyal and has worked extremely hard during the past year. At my request practically all of the members spent their vacations in the city, and kept the attendance level high throughout the summer. We have organized our functional committees and a Leadership Training School with courses for Bible School Teachers and Church Officers.

We are asking for the prayers of the brotherhood for our continued success.

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Act Now
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of your church. You have a contribution to make and share with other churches of our brotherhood. If you can visualize your responsibilities as Christians in the light of world's needs I am sure that you will respond to this call.

If the ideals of the Christ are to be realized it will be because we, as his representatives are made aware of the fact that He is counting on us for action. Because of your Christian convictions I am sure that we can count on you for an immediate response.

Applications are still being received for the National Youth Oratorical Contest. Many of the young people have already responded. Your church should have some young person to take part in this phase of training. If we would have Christian leaders to serve in our local churches then the church must help to make them.

TODAY IS THE DAY FOR AC-

Register Now

The National Christian Missionary Convention will open Monday evening, August 22, at 7:45 with a welcome program and the President's address. Your expense for the week will be $14.00. This will include room and board from Monday night through Sunday noon, and voting privileges in all general sessions. Those arriving before the opening session Monday night will pay for meals at daily rates. Expenses by the day will be:

Registration, $2.00; room per night, 75c; breakfast, 60c; lunch, 75c; supper, 90; Sunday dinner, $1.25.

Persons who remain late will also pay for services received at the daily rates. Children requiring separate beds will pay the same as adults. Otherwise, they will pay one-half the adult rates.

Reservations should be made on or before August 18, 1949 to avoid the last minute rush.

33rd Annual National—
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Convention during the business sessions, not the least will be the $9600.00 budget for this year. As is the case always it will be interesting to see who are the men and women who raise the money and who are the ones whose sole contribution will be talk. It will also be interesting to see how many of those who furnish the money appear on the program. The National Conference faces its greatest test since the adoption of the LONG RANGE program five years ago. What we do about that $9600.00 will tell more than anything else about our future, as well as our ability as leaders.

It is extremely important that those who hold office and occupy important places on the program be present (with a check) when the Financial Roll is called.

TODAY IS THE DAY FOR AC-

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Heartstone (the devotional quarterly) is giving its name to the new monthly Christian family magazine you've been hearing about. This fall, your brotherhood devotional quarterly will be named THE SECRET PLACE. You still pay only 50 cents per year (or if you order 5 or more subscriptions, 10 cents an issue).

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Miss Marjorie E. Chenault

The Convention menu is just what YOU need. It is wonderful to know that we can have a whole college campus all to ourselves for the Thirty-Third Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, August 22-28, 1949.

The founders of Southern Christian Institute agreed, as they looked out upon the surrounding fields, the moss-festooned trees of oak and cedar, magnolia and pine, and the river at the foot of the hill, that this was surely Beulah Land. Since that time, even though the charter of 1875 gives the official name as Southern Christian Institute to all people of the community and the thousands of students and teachers, it has been “Mount Beulah.”

The property consists of 1,265 acres of land and twelve principal buildings. Edwards, Mississippi, is eighteen miles east of Vicksburg and thirty-five miles west of Jackson. While its students come from several states, the majority are from the rural districts of Mississippi. Among its graduates are the leaders in our churches and in the National Organization of Christian Churches as well as in community service all across the country.

The dormitories are clean, comfortable and adequate to take care of all the delegates. The dining room is capable of seating the whole group and providing excellent meals for everybody. The auditorium is large enough for our general meetings and is air-cooled. There are plenty of extra rooms and out of door space for meetings of committees of all kinds and for any offices needed. Instead of being scattered in homes about it proven that the recipients of the scholarships will have developed expression of original thought and words; they will feel this achievement will be a step to encourage

for any recreation desired; and you can get much more sleep and rest and will return home refreshed from a great convention together.

Yes, you will enjoy the music planned especially for you in the morning, afternoon and evening. Speeches, addresses and sermons will be your food for thought and action, presented by individuals who possess physical, mental and moral power to achieve their purposes in phases of:

“The World Hath Need of Thee.”
“The Role of the Church in the Life of the Community.”
“Education of Christian Missions and World Understanding.”
“The Church in the World Today.”
“Steps Toward a Renewed Church”
“Educational Frontiers.”

Don't you dare miss the Rally of the States, the Ministers' Wives' Banquet, the Laymen's Fellowship Hour, and the symposium on “Our World and the Christian Answer.”

You should be a witness to the memorable outdoor evening vessels, your motorcade on Saturday and the moving pictures during the week.

The Missionary Organization Education Department of the National Convention will have its National project presentation Wednesday evening of the Convention. Gifts will be received from people of all our Missionary Societies and Colleges for Southern Christian Institute students. Experience the joy and happiness of little children and students who will receive the clothing, books, pictures, bed linen, and household linen for their use on the campus.

The promoters of the National Youth Oratorical Contest for Friday night will be uplifted to have it proven that the recipients of the scholarships will have developed expression of original thought and words; they will feel this achievement will be a step to encourage

more youth to realize that formal training is a must if they are to cope favorably with the world in which they find themselves.

The program committee workers, leaders and planners of the churches of Mississippi have their aim directed for a week of good fellowship, worship, educational and religious training, fun and rest at SCI. Christian workers do not aim to leave their own image impressed upon the hearts and minds of those they serve. Their desire and highest aim is to reflect the glories of Him who called them into His glorious service.
Does God Hear The Sinner's Prayer?
Sidney A. Scott

The answer to this question is "No!" It would not be wise to say yes unless you wish to lose your best friend or neighbor or be styled as an infidel and be excommunicated from the church. It has always been a question in my mind whether or not God hears anybody's prayer in the way we have been taught; and how do we know that God answers it. This is also a dangerous question to ask, for most any orthodox Christian can tell just how and when God heard their prayer and can prove it. I wonder what proof the poor Negro in slavery time had to prove that God heard his prayer; and what proof have we today that God hears our prayers in the way we have been taught. If God hears only the prayers of the righteous, then I pity the poor sinner. God is the Father of us all, saint and sinner alike, and we are all subject to the laws governing our existence.

Prayers are answered by law and not by our wishes and desires. Must we pray for the sun to rise, the seasons to come and go, the grass to turn green and the flow- ers to grow? It would not show God's love if He turned a deaf ear to a part of His children when they called on Him in time of trou- ble. I believe everybody should pray, it is instinctive in us to do so. I also believe everybody's pray-

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I also do not believe God changes His law in answer to anybody's prayer. Here is a case where a most confirmed Christian and a most confirmed sinner had tuberculosis. They both prayed for restoration to health; the sinner got well, the Christian died. Now whose prayer did God hear? The fact is the bodily structure of the sinner was more in accord with God's law of recovery. Our religion and beliefs are evolutionary in process and it is high time we come to the place where we can see God in a saner light than the ancient people saw Him. I think that passage and every youth group $3.00 as to send the minute sum of $5.00, we are urging every Church School to Mississippi and speak as you will. The National Christian Missionary Convention cannot operate on air. It won't spend. Thus we are urging every Church School to provide entertainment for you during the Convention. We are also presenting Mr. Mark Rudd, counselor of our Men's Work Department in a special address to the Convention. Mr. Rutherford is one of the outstanding laymen of the nation and we can't afford to miss what he will say in connection with laymen activity.

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Here, may I call your attention to the fact that such a fellowship is worthy of your support. I mean financially. Anything that is worth anything costs something. The National Christian Missionary Convention cannot operate on air. It won't spend. Thus we are urging every Church School to send the minute sum of $5.00, and every youth group $3.00 as their registration fees to Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis, Tennessee, on or before July 31, 1949.

Cooperatively yours,
Enoch W. Henry, Jr., President Dept. Christian Education National Christian Missionary Convention

Laymen, On To The National Convention
Brethren:

Have you completed your plans to attend our National Convention at Southern Christian Institute in Ed- wards, Mississippi, on August 22nd, thru 28th, 1949? If you haven't let's be up and doing some- thing about it. We want all past attendance records broken by the laymen this year. We must have your persence to complete our pro- gram. It will pay you rich dividends to be present.

We are planning a program that we believe will help you as well as provide entertainment for you dur- ing the Convention. We are also presenting Mr. Mark Rudd, counselor of our Men's Work Department in a special address to the Convention. Mr. Rutherford is one of the outstanding laymen of the nation and we can't afford to miss what he will say in connection with laymen activity.

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Report of the National Christian Missionary Convention National Board

Elder William Owens

Eld. William Owens, pastor of the Clay St Christian Church, Paducah, Ky., died in Lexington, Ky., July 20th while attending the Kentucky State Convention. Brother Owens was a graduate of the Louisville Christian Bible School, and pastored most of his life in Kentucky with the exception of several years he served as pastor of the Norwood Ave. (now Summit St.) Church at Dayton, Ohio. He also served several years as President of the Ohio Convention, the Kentucky Convention and Registrar of the National Convention.

He was one of the most outstanding doctrinal preachers in our brotherhood. He loved the church and its doctrine and gave his last full measure of devotion to Christ and the task of making disciples of all nations. He was a most successful pastor and greatly loved by all who knew him.

His passing is mourned by a devoted wife who for some 40 years shared with him all of his joys and sorrows, and was his constant companion in all of his labors, two sons and a host of friends that will miss him greatly but always remember him for all of his splendid Christian qualities. Servant of God, well done. Rest from thy labor employ, enter thy Master's joy. L.L.D.

Evergreen Christian Church

West and Magnolia Street
Valdosta, Georgia
Rev. J. Rice, Pastor
Mrs. Alice Conaway, Reporter

Dear Christian Friends:

We are doing fine in our church work. We thank the Lord for two additions to our church, one is an ordained deacon. We also have organized the first choir in our church since 1929 and a C. E. Society, both groups are doing fine work.

We held our first Missionary meeting June 26, and we had a wonderful time. We raised $71.98.

We are asking the prayers of the brotherhood for our success.
Edward Chapel
Christian Church
Russellville, Arkansas

Mrs. Mary Woodard Brown
Reporter

We were honored to have our National Executive Secretary, Eld. E. J. Dickson and our State President, Eld. O. B. Garner, of Little Rock, visit our church May 19. After emphasizing our duty as a crusader, Eld. Dickson delivered a soul-stirring message. The wonderful music was rendered by the New Prospect Baptist Church Choir. Members and friends from various churches of the city were present to enjoy this spiritual fellowship with us.

We are blessed for the $50.00 donation, given us by the Margaret Cherryhomes Circle of the First Christian Church (white), of this city. We are very small in membership July 1, 1944 while attending the state convention at Lexington, Kentucky. We were happy to have fellowship with Bro. E. J. Dickson, our National Executive Secretary of Indianapolis, Indiana, who conducted a spiritual meeting at Bethel Christian Church, July 10-15, 1949. The average salary during Brother Owens' membership was $824.03 per year and therefore the Widow Pension is $206.01 a year payable $17.17 a month.

Pension Fund Memorandum

A letter from Mrs. Dorothy Hughes, Secretary of the Choir of the Clay Street Christian Church, Paducah, Kentucky, informs us that the minister, Brother William M. Owens, died July 20, 1949, while attending the state convention at Lexington, Kentucky.

Brother Owens was one of our ministers. He was 77 years of age and leaves a widow age 65. He began membership July 1, 1944 while serving the Broadway Christian Church, Winchester, Kentucky. He became the minister of the Clay Street Christian Church, August 1, 1948. Both churches have paid the eight percent dues in his behalf; the Clay Street Christian dues were assume by the choir of the church.

A check for $1,000.00 has been sent the widow to cover the Cash Death Benefit. This is the 286th Cash Death Benefit paid since the Plan began and it is the 17th death in active service since January 1, 1949. The average salary during Brother Owens' membership was $824.03 per year and therefore the Widow Pension is $206.01 a year payable $17.17 a month.

The Protestant bodies reporting the largest number of Sunday schools are: The Methodist Church, 37,993; Southern Baptist Convention, 26,135; National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., 21,807; National Baptist Convention of America, (1944 figure) 10,100; *Disciples of Christ, 7,837; National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., 1,357,493; Presbyterian Church, U. S., 902,497; United Lutheran Church, 701,226; Evangelical United Brethren, 554,192; Congregational Christian Churches, 517,117; Evangelical and Reformed Church, 462,806; Assemblies of God, General Council, 432,000; Protestant Episcopal Church, 423,873; Presbyterian Church, U. S., 405,433; Church of the Nazarene, 387,719.

Exact figures are not available for comparison of increases in general population with Sunday school enrollment increase, but the estimate indicates that Sunday school enrollment is increasing more rapidly than population.

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The Voice of Bethel Christian Church
Eastman, Georgia

Eld. R. H. Mitchell, Pastor

We were happy to have fellowship with Bro. E. J. Dickson, our National Executive Secretary of Indianapolis, Indiana, who conducted a spiritual meeting at Bethel Christian Church, July 10-15, 1949. Bro. Dickson brought a great message: each night, and during that time, the Holy Spirit sought to put us on guard against sin.

The sharp words may sink into one's mind, and cause a little bell to chime, To see the meaning is no task— For it may fit you first or last, The rhythm is enchanting and very sweet, And makes one's heart feel most complete, For like all nature your heart is strong, To feel that beauty lies in a song.

Each little thought leaves inspiration, Denying our hearts the act of exasperation, The poet expresses his verses severely, Each little phrase seems crystal clear, Listen while the voices seem to be raised; The lyrics are beautiful and highly cherished.

If we lift our voices loud and strong, We will see that "Beauty Lies in a Song."
Representative of the National Fraternal Council of Churches in America, Inc.

J. F. Whitfield

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the National Christian Missionary Convention, your representative begs your indulgence in his submission to you of the following report:

It is particularly gratifying that the world religious community is rapidly becoming alive to the challenge of these stirring times. The occasion which has brought to the attention of the religious community the unusual significance of these times is the titanic conflict going on between forces whose ideological views concerning the ultimate destiny of man, as to his relation to his society and the state, differ both in letter and spirit.

The world religious community sees in the great industrial revolution of the 18th century with the abolition of chattel slavery in Europe and America, a striking parallel in the new freedom of mind and thought in civilized countries as the result of the rapid development of the art of interchangeability in industry, the introduction of social and economic planning in government, compulsory education; and as far as is necessary for the state to aid in such education; for education is the essential basis of any dynamic culture. In the area of employment, the church seeks an opportunity to exercise the right of the ballot by every citizen under the Constitution of the United States; in race relations, the church urges the achievement of the objectives suggested in a preceding paragraph.

The Council is making definite progress with its program. Meeting in regular session in Richmond, Virginia, last May, the Council approved a recommendation made by your representative more than two years ago—a recommendation to change the name of the organization to National Fraternal Council of Churches in America, Inc.

Thus, many have discovered to their sorrow that knowledge cannot be permanently suppressed. If knowledge could be permanently suppressed or localized, each family or small community confining knowledge to the requirements and needs to meet its own conveniences only, there would be no real conflict of national or world magnitude. But knowledge, like a rising stream, knows no bounds until it has filled all of the lower grounds about it.

The struggle is not with knowledge itself but between forces that would exploit the benefits derived from knowledge. Hunger for the things which knowledge entitles men everywhere to have and use is always a source of conflict when these things are not obtainable or too difficult to obtain.

In this great conflict the church attempts to act as umpire, or impartial judge. But all too often it finds itself taking sides, often the wrong sides.

But with increasing knowledge of the essence of the conflict, the church is becoming more determined and better prepared to tackle the problem and ameliorate, step by step, the situations which encourage and perpetuate the struggle, because it realizes that while the soul may not be separated from the body morals can be judged and evaluated on the scientific basis of cause and effect.

But the church must do more than sit in judgement upon morals; it must, in some way, be a source from which education may be supplied. It must be the stream that maketh glad the city of God. It must be the light upon the hill that cannot be hid. It must be the tree of life bearing 12 varieties of fruit whose foliage is useful for the healing of the wounds of all humanity.

We then, in the realm of education, the church seeks to have everyone, regardless of creed, color, racial, or national origin, trained as far as his opportunities and ability will permit and as far as is necessary for the state to aid in such education; for education is the essential basis of any dynamic culture.

In the area of employment, the church urges acceptance of people as members of a community on the basis of their fitness and ability only. In the area of housing, the church urges acceptance of people as members of a community on the basis of their fitness and usefulness as citizens; in the area of politics, it urges full opportunity to exercise the right of the ballot by every citizen under the Constitution of the United States; in race relations, the church urges no discrimination because of accident of race or birth; in international relations, the church urges support of the United Nations Organizations and the United National Charter, and other proposals designed to preserve world peace; in the area of religion as such, the church is working for world brotherhood and a united fellowship in Christ, this, it believes, will ultimately result in a united church with a new zeal and passion to have the loss of all humanity.

The most outstanding demonstration of the Council this year was its participation in the Presidential Inauguration on January 20th, 1949.
The Work of Disciples Among Negroes

The Disciples of Christ have been interracial throughout their history. The Cane Ridge, Kentucky, and Brush Run, Pennsylvania, churches included Negroes among their memberships. Not until the War between the States did the local congregations segregate the whites from Negroes, but fortunately there was no cleavage in the Disciple body because of the war. The attitude of the Disciple group on the question of race had been evidenced early by the life of Alexander Cross. Mr. Cross was the second missionary sent out by the American Christian Missionary Society. He was an ex-slave, bought from slavery by a Kentucky church, and prepared to go to Liberia in 1853 to work in that free republic.

Educational and evangelistic work was started among the freed Negroes before the War between the States was over. In 1875 the Disciples through the work of Leitia and Randall Faurot established Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi. Today Southern Christian is one of the six institutional missions supported and guided by the home missions division of the United Christian Missionary Society. It is one of the three Negro schools in Mississippi accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, and offers courses from elementary grades through high school and junior college.

This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of nationally organized work among Negro Disciples. In 1889 the American Christian Missionary Society appointed J. W. Jenkins, superintendent of missions and schools for Negro work, and the next year a Board of Negro Education and Evangelism set up headquarters in Louisville. Ten years later, 1900, the entire program for Negro work became a part of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. The Woman's Board devoted its efforts chiefly to missionary and educational enterprises. In 1912 Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, was founded, and today under the guidance and partial support of the United Society is approaching accreditation as a senior college.

As early as 1867 there was a movement for a national convention of Negro Disciples. In 1917 there was organized the National Convention of the Church of Christ, which came to be in 1943 the National Christian Missionary Convention. Today the United Society contributes $12,000 toward the annual budget of the Missionary Convention. It is organized with an executive secretary and directors of evangelism, religious education, and missionary organizations, who work in the local churches.

This does not relieve the United Society of its responsibility to help further Disciple work in Negro churches in the same way that it functions in all other cooperating Disciple congregations. Staff and field workers of the United Society serves Negro institutes especially those training the rural ministry, conferences, and conventions as faculty members and speakers. The department of church development and evangelism includes in its budget support for individual congregations. It sponsors annual training institutes for Negro ministers paying all expenses, including one-way fare to the meeting place, for the ministers attending.

The department of church development and evangelism with the co-operation of the department of religious education helps to maintain one area director of Negro work in Missouri, Arkansas, and Kansas. The field staff of the department of religious education works in Negro churches in the same way that it serves white churches.

The director of missionary organizations of the Missionary Convention cooperates fully with the staff of the department of missionary organizations of the United Society, and thus receives the same help and guidance from this department that other staff members get.

The National Christian Missionary Convention, organized as a mass convention, is a self-determining body. Negro Disciples, however, are still a part of the whole church and therefore a part of the International Convention as are all other Disciple groups. When plans for the annual meeting of the International Convention are being made, special investigation is made whether the host city is prepared to entertain its Negro guests with the same courtesy that it extends others. The unitive ideal of the Disciples requires that the program with and among Negroes have as its goal "that they all may be one."

God and the Ministry

Here is the theme for the 18th successive observance of The Week of the Ministry, October 9-16, 1949!

We invite your church to share with thousands of brotherhood congregations in recognizing the active and retired ministry, and in recruiting the ministry for the future among the finest and most promising young people in the church.

One of Jesus' first acts as He began his service was to choose twelve followers. Through these followers He founded the church. So must it ever be: First, the ministry; then, the church.

The success of the church in making known the will of God and His Son is directly related to the consecration and commitment of the ministry.

To be free to serve, ministers must be supported in the days of active service and in the time of retirement. While they work, pastors and their families must be protected against the hazards of death and disability. No single congregation can provide the protection and security needed. Working together, with ministers and churches sharing in the Pension Plan by paying the 2½% and 3% dues respectively, the needed protection is possible.

IS YOUR MINISTER ENROLLED?

IS YOUR CHURCH ENROLLED?

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
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Report of the National Convention

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the Board will be in a position to do more of this type of work in the future. We wish to express appreciation to the Board to Mr. Merle Eppse, manager, and his workers for the fine way they have handled the Taylor Estate.

Mr. L. L. Dickerson and President R. H. Davis attended the United Nations Seminar at Lake Success, N. Y., in February of this year. The Treasurers reports that more churches and individual gifts have been given to the National Convention this year than in previous years.

The Staff has visited more churches this year and most of the State and District Conventions. They have been well received, and this is the type of relationship we desire and which is of great significance to the National Convention.

The National Board made possible the following Planning meetings: The National Women’s Planning Conference and the Fall Planning Conference of Christian Education. Scholarships for Laboratory Schools for Children’s Workers in the various states have been given.

The following operating budget is given for your consideration and approval.

OPERATING BUDGET

Salaries $13,400.00
Travel 4,000.00
Office Equipment and Expenses 2,000.00
Program 2,000.00
National Convention and Executive Committee 1,800.00
Christian Plea 1,000.00
Pension Dues 1,050.00
Miscellaneous 250.00

Total Operating $25,500.00

ASKING BUDGET

United Christian Missionary Society $12,000.00
National Convention 9,700.00
Christian Board of Publication 2,000.00
Board of Church Extension 300.00
Pension Fund 600.00
Board of Higher Education 300.00
National Benevolent Association 600.00

Total $25,500.00

1949-50 PROPOSED BUDGET OF CHRISTIAN PLEA

Printing $1,080.00
Wrappers 70.00
Addressing 100.00
Mailing 25.00

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Jarvis College

By H. B. McCormick - Pres. U. C. M. S.

Dear Friends:

Jarvis Christian College has rendered an outstanding and distinguished service. Except for the fact that the number is too great to mention them one by one, one could call the roll of outstanding leaders who in the past have been trained at Jarvis. It is difficult to tell what leadership will develop out of any situation at the moment, but it can well be assumed that the young people who have been graduating from Jarvis in the last few years, and who graduated at this last commencement, will furnish their full quota of leadership wherever they may be.

In the last two or three years, deep concern for Jarvis on the part of many of its friends has resulted in a growing emphasis upon the necessity of making new studies of the school and of making new suggestions for its betterment. This emphasis lead a year ago to the appointment of a committee of distinguished educators to study the situation at Jarvis. This committee was made up of Dr. Benjamin Mays, of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, president of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia and Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood, executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education. Dr. Mays, who was a member of this committee, is unquestionably one of the outstanding educational leaders of America among both white and Negro educators.

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Jarvis College
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The work of this group of distin-
guished educators has had to do pri-
marily with Jarvis as it now exists. 
However, growing out of their sur-
vey came the desire for a still more 
extended and intensive study to 
discover what can be done beyond 
the splendid recommendations 
the committee made to make the 
school as effective as it possibly 
can become.

In this connection it is evident 
that Jarvis must remain in the fu-
ture as it has been in the past, a 
liberal arts school. There will be 
need in the future, as in the past 
and in the present, for the training 
of ministers and of teachers, and 
for preparatory work for doctors, 
lawyers, and other professional 
people. To this end Jarvis needs to 
be accredited in the Southern Asso-
ciation of Colleges and Secondary 
Schools and its standards of educa-
tion as to physical property, finan-
ces, curriculum, community rela-
tionships, student body and faculty 
qualifications, must be lifted to the 
full class "A" accreditation.

In addition to this, it is definitely 
true that those charged with the re-
ponsibility of administering Jarvis 
that a study needs to be made of 
the very best methods in the field 
of Negro education. Did we say 
"Negro" education? Let us broad-
end that statement to say a study 
needs to be made to discover the 
finest methods to be found in edu-
cation in America or anywhere in 
this world so that a new Jarvis may 
be built on that kind of a founda-
tion.

In carrying out the above pro-
posals, it is necessary to secure ade-
quate leadership for the new pro-
gram for Jarvis as a Liberal Arts 
Institution. We were fortunate in 
securing such a leader in the per-
son of John Eubanks, who has been 
distinguished for personal charac-
ter, for scholarship and for his abili-
ty to lead groups with whom he has 
been associated. Dr. Eubanks, who 
has accepted the leadership of 
Jarvis beginning August 10, and 
working with the Jarvis board of 
trustees will make those improve-
ments which are required to bring 
the school to the standards sug-
gested above. In this capacity Dr. 
Eubanks will become the executive 
vice-president.

The second proposal that the 

Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention Convenes At Southern Christian Institute

W. K. Fox, Reporter

"Observing a world so sorely in 
need of the healing balm of a vital 
church, we must survey the walls 
and renew our program that God's 
will might be done." Thus spoke E. 
Griffin of Shreveport, Mississippi, 
President of the Mississippi Chris-
tian Missionary Convention as he 
key-noted a delegation of nearly 
300 persons attending the 62nd an-
nual session August 17-20 at 
Southern Christian Institute, Ed-
wards, Mississippi.

Guest ministers and lecturers 
from three states (Illinois, Indiana, 
Tennessee) led representatives 
from nearly 40 churches in the conven-
tion theme: "Forward With Christ!" 
Among the out-of-state leaders 
were: The Reverend R. H. Davis of 
Chicago, President of the National 
Christian Missionary Convention. 
Best in education to be found any-
where in the world be studied with 
the view to making it a part of the 
Jarvis program, will require a pe-
riod of additional study. That peri-
od will probably last from 18 
months to two years. How for-
ut it is that Dr. Cleo Black-
burn, who has been interested in 
Negro education and served in one 
of the sections of President Tru-
man's Committee on Education, 
has consented to be the consult-
ant of the group making the Jar-
vis study. He will not be on Union, 
Society salary and he will not be 
responsible for the administration 
of Jarvis while the study is being 
made, but he will act as executive 
consultant over this period.

We are confident that by carry-
ing Jarvis forward under the able 
counselling and leadership of Dr. 
Blackburn and Dr. Eubanks by 
making the study indicated above 
we are walking in the path-
way which can only lead to stronger 
and more effective service. In-
deed, if we were permitted to ex-
press our deep conviction, it would 
be that we have started in the 
way to make both a strong and effec-
tive Jarvis as well as an outstanding 
contribution, not only to Negro education, 
but to education in America.

For such a program as this, it is 
perfectly reasonable to expect that 
our brotherhood willmarshall its 
forces and that the members of the 
National Christian Missionary 
Convention will dedicate themselves 
to this enterprise through the giv-
ing of money, the using of their influ-
ence to increase the student body, 
and the dedication of their spiritu-
al life to the school through pray-
Piedmont Tri-State Convention
By Eddie McCram

The Piedmont Tri-State Convention held its 67th annual session at the Midway Christian Church, Tazewell, Va., Aug. 10 to 14. Delegates from North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia began arriving early on Wednesday morning. The convention began on Wednesday morning with a welcome program by the Midway Church, followed by a stirring sermon by Eld. D. W. Heath, of Roanoke. The Midway Choir furnished the music.

Thursday morning the convention settled down to work with the organization of the convention under the direction of Prof. A. I. Terrell of Winston Salem, in to the following sections:

The afternoon session was given over to a report from various organizations and departments. This pattern was followed each day, Institute in the morning and business in the afternoon with addresses and sermons each night.

On Saturday the District Orotokinos contest was held with the following persons contesting: Barbara Dodd, Roanoke; Jefferson Gordon, Jr., Bluefield; Roberta Bryant, Roanoke; Charles Dickerson, Tazewell; Laura Allen, Winston, Salem; Thaddeus Reed, Bluefield; and Ralph Carter, Bluefield. Barbara Dodd won first place and Jefferson Gordon, second.

The service ended with a consecration service, after which there was a banquet sponsored by the laymen. Sunday was a high day with Sunday School at 9:30 and the morning service at 11:00 o’clock. Eld. C. H. Webb, president of the convention and national director of evangelism, delivered the sermon. Among the many others appearing on the program were the following who delivered sermons: Elders, G. H. Flemming, W. H. Brown, Theodore Byais, J. C. Hairston and Eld. Carson. We were glad to have Eld. L. L. Dickerson, editor of the Christian Plea with us, and we extend a hearty welcome to Eld. and Mrs. W. H. Brown to our District.

We wish to thank the ushers for the fine service they rendered and the Tazewell choir under the direction of Mr. Charles Dickerson for the most excellent service they rendered throughout the entire week.

Representative of—
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20th. A gigantic float, costing two thousand ($2,000) dollars, publicly subscribed by members of the Council and paid, in the name of the organizations they represented in the Council, was designed so as to accommodate 14 young girls of high school and college ages, and a minister. These characters symbolized education, science, music, arts, business, labor, athletics, and religion. Religion occupied a throne at the rear above, looking down upon all the other activities. This float was the only one furnished by Negroes. Twenty-five dollars were given by your representative for the Disciples of Christ. This float was most enthusiastically acclaimed and applauded as it made its way through the grand parade route amid the hundreds of thousands that packed the streets and reviewing stands.

Since last National Convention, I attended three of the Council’s board meetings, one regular session of the Council, all special and monthly meetings of the Washington Bureau, serving as Secretary of the Board.

We recommend, therefore, that, whereas the national Fraternal Council of Churches in America, Inc., is making a significant contribution to the well being of humanity as a whole and to the Negro Race in particular, this Convention continue to support the program and objectives of the council by keeping active membership in the Council and making our president known for his humanitarian spirit by having his picture placed in the Council’s Hall of Fame.

If our churches and Convention will aid the Council in these and other possible ways to keep its program dynamic it can work more efficiently and effectively in helping the masses of our people in their upward climb toward the ultimate goal of the New Heaven and the New Earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. Whitfield, Delegate
Activities at Indiana Ave. Christian Church, Chicago

The pastor, Rev. R. H. Davis, and members of the Official Board of the Indiana Ave. Christian Church, Chicago, Ill., were very much gratified over the attendance at all of the church services during the summer weeks. It has been commendable,” said Rev. Davis. “That so many of our members and friends have continued, without a break, their church attendance during the hot and humid weather Chicago has had this summer.” A summary of June, July and early August activities of the Indiana Ave. Church follows.

Immediately after the morning worship service on Sunday, August 7, the sacrament of baptism was administered to four persons. The pastor, assisted by Rev. Thomas Griffin, Rev. J. H. Kittrell, and the elders, officiated; special music was furnished by the Senior and Gospel Choirs.

In the evening of the same day the Junior Usher Board entertained the Christians.” Endeavor Society at the regular endeavor hour. The Ushers, under the direction of their sponsor, Miss Ruby Ramsey, presented a program after which there was a social hour and refreshments served by the young people.

The Junior Church, at present pastored by Rev. Thomas Griffin, observed the 13th anniversary of its organization at the morning worship hour, Sunday, July 31. Young people under the direction of Rev. Griffin presented an inspirational devotional service; the address was given by Rev. Richard O. Bass, student at the Garrett Theological Seminary of Northwestern University. Organized in 1936, the Junior Church activities were directed for two years by Rev. Charles R. Saulter. He was succeeded by Rev. J. H. Kittrell who served through December 1947; Rev. Griffin became pastor at the beginning of 1948. The following persons have assisted with the program at some time during the group’s existence: Mmes. Odell Johnson and Pauline Graham, and the Misses Deborah Smith, A. Baker, Florence Gillian, Dorothy Pelton, and Malvole Roberson. The Junior Church has a membership of about 75 children and young people and is meeting a very definite need in the church life.

On the afternoon of the same day the Junior Birthday Club under the leadership of Mrs. Christine Adams served tea at the Rose Bowl. Proceeds from this affair go to the church’s building fund.

Late Sunday afternoon, July 24, the Christian Endeavor Society held an outdoor worship service in one of the city parks. Speaker for this inspirational program was Raymond S. Trotter, who discussed some of the lessons learned from the universe. Others participating were Messrs. Alphonso Wells and Esau Wilson, Mmes. Birdie Branch and Elma Dupree, Rev. Davis, and Misses Charlie Belle Warren, Dorothy Pelton, Artie Rice, Pearl Richards, and Mamie Robinson.

One of the most outstanding services that the Indiana Avenue Church renders to the community is the operation of the Vacation Bible School for three weeks during the summer months. The school this year had an attendance of 80 children representing the following denominational groups: Baptist, Community, Disciples, Apostolic, Methodist, and Roman Catholic. A large number of parents, friends, and members of the church attended the closing program held Friday evening, July 15. Mrs. Fannie Clark is principal of the school; teachers this year were Mmes. Lesly Smith, Essie Smith, Cynthia Martin, Mattie McGuire, Edna Walker, and Ruth Reed.

On the fourth of July the Sunday School and the church held the annual picnic at the Brookfield Zoo; this holiday outing is anticipated each year by children and adults alike. The trip to the Zoo was made by chartered buses; arrangements were in charge of the Sunday School under the leadership of Alphonso Wells.

The Senior Choir presented in the closing musical of the season the Carey Temple A. M. E. Church choir under the direction of Miss Robbie Shields on Sunday evening, June 19. Because of several classes that were enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. Soloist for the evening’s concert was Harry Pryor, baritone. Accompanist for the visiting choir was Miss Betty Lou Jackson, who gave two groups of piano selections which were enthusiastically received by those in attendance.

The Men’s Council presented its closing program on the first Sunday evening in June. The feature of this program was a debate on the subject, “Is There a Negro or a White Problem?” Speakers were Raymond Trotter and Ellis Jordan of Indiana Avenue Church and Herman Johnson, Jr., and Adolphus Slaughter of Grace Presbyterian Church. Also appearing on the program was a chorus made up of members from the Men’s Council; this group was directed by Mrs. Pentecost in Nashville

By Mrs. W. M. Prince, Church Reporter

For approximately 20 years, the Gay Street and Lea Avenue Christian Disciple Churches have been aware of their impotency as a vital Christian force in two areas of Nashville, Tenn. that are rapidly becoming industrialized and (during these years) have been continuously inhabited by non-owners or highly transient citizens.

The movement of time has caused many things to take place which have undermined the total cause of Disciples in Nashville. Though the membership has grown older, few, if any young recruits have been added. Death has continued to take its steady toll. With the passing of the great leadership of the early days (as symbolized by Elder Preston Taylor), a stream of younger ministers have attempted to hold forth. However, mounting disillusionment has caused their terms to usually end after a short time and the general spiritual tone of the churches is correspondingly subsided.

At the same time, civic groups have officially made known an interest and plan to revamp the entire downtown area involving the Gay Street Christian Church. The consumption of this plan is only a few months off from this writing (i.e. 7-11-49).

Envisioning the future and desiring to maintain the noble cause, both congregations launched a series of negotiations beginning at the Lea Avenue Church June 9, 1948 relative to a united approach to the problem. The Easter services for 1949 were held jointly. Several joint board meetings were called. Representative from the National Christian Missionary Convention and the Church Board Extension of the United Christian Missionary Society were called in for advice.

June 5, 1949, the first of a series of four consecutive fellowship meetings was held at the Gay Street Christian Church under the leadership of W. K. Fox and S. J. Chandler, Jr., and the cooperating officers and memberships of both church bodies.

June 12, 1949, the official boards of both churches met and recommended offices for one official board, an executive committee (Continued on Page 9)

Lucille Ramsey Walton. The program was in charge of Rev. J. H. Kittrell, the Council’s program director, and Dr. J. L. Pratt, the president.
Pentecost In Nashville

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tee, minister and choir director for both fellowships.

The executive committee met at the home of Mrs. M. M. Stinnett and recommended the adoption of suggestions made by the two church boards relative to the administrative personnel. They further recommended that a budget of sufficient amount be authorized and solicited for the church body.

June 26, 1949, the church body adopted the recommendations of the executive committee as to administrative personnel, salaries and budget.

July 3, 1949, the new program officially went into operation with the following administrative officials in charge: W. K. Fox, pastor; S. J. Chandler, co-chairman of the church board; Ernest Foster, co-chairman of the church board; Garfield Sanders, financial secretary; C. Ross Foster, recording secretary; O. L. Hambrick, treasurer; M. M. Stinnett, member at large of executive committee; Hazel Holt, choir director; and Lola Sawyers, assistant choir director.

Among the several loyal members of the church who made significant contributions to the movement are: C. L. Parks, former field secretary of Church Development and Evangelism for the National Christian Missionary Convention; E. B. Cowhead, former student pastor of Lea Avenue; S. I. McKinney, recent student at Lea Avenue; Ernest Foster, O. L. Hambrick, B. F. Brown, Frank White, Garfield Sanders, Wm. Johns, S. J. Chandler, James Thomas, C. R. Foster, Hazel Holt, choir director; and Lola Sawyers, assistant choir director.

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The Thirty-third Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention Disciples of Christ, held in lowgear Monday afternoon, August 22, with the meeting of the National Board that heard reports from the business angle including finance and recommendations. Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, the National Treasurer, gave an accurate account of the funds for the year. In his report, the delegation later that he encouraged the members present and assured all that great success and prosperity will come to the Brotherhood if continued increase of financial aid is given by every member of the churches throughout the Nation. The annual address by President R. H. Davis was outstanding in its contents and delivery.

Tuesday morning, August 23, President R. H. Davis of Chicago, presiding, moved the dyna-flo to high speed and everything running smoothly (except in a few places of broken pavement), made the Convention as a whole, a happy, wholesome enjoyable, success, where love and peace led the delegation toward a very hopeful future. Every day was filled with work and inspiration.

Sermons were delivered during the meeting by the following ministers: F. T. Barnett of Ohio; Mrs. Maude Davis of Texas; I. C. Franklin of Mississippi; C. L. Whitfield of Baltimore, Maryland; George Frazier of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; H. D. Davis of North Carolina; Cleo Blackburn of Indianapolis, Indiana; I. H. Husser of Ridgeville, South Carolina; E. W. Wilbert of Ohio; E. A. Daniels of Tennessee.

 Addresses by Dr. Gaines Cook, Executive Secretary of the International Convention, Disciples of Christ; Dr. John Eubanks (Vespers), Executive Vice-President of Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas; W. K. Fox (Vespers), Tennessee; Mrs. Arah Garrett, Texas; D. Erwin Sheets (Crusade Promotion), Pentecostal Fund, Indianapolis, Indiana; William Edward (Missionary) Bel- gian Congo; M. R. Eppers, Nashville, Tennessee; President R. H. Davis, Chicago, Ill.

The Pageant by Women's Department was presented by Miss Katherine Schutze.

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Mt. Beulah Christian Church

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Eld. J. W. Forlus, Pastor
Miss Dorothy Jean Berry, Reporter
The Mt. Beulah Christian Church is striving to remodel a building for a church, which is now under construction. We hope and pray that our future work and aims will prove a success. The pastor, Eld. J. W. Forlus and members ask the prayers of the brotherhood, that our efforts will not be in vain.

Our regular service was held Sunday, July 16, and we were pleased to have three outstanding visitors: Mrs. Mary B. Franklin, State Missionary President of South Arkansas; Mr. C. G. Coates of A.M.&N. College, Pine Bluff, Ark.; and Eld. H. Armstrong of Little Rock, Ark. and former pastor of Russellville, Ark., who brought us a very spiritual and enjoyable message. His subject was "If They Would Enter Into Life, Keep Thou Commandments." Total money raised for the day, $19.00.

We have organized a Sunday School class with three boys and two girls, all of Sister Sanders. We are hoping to have a lively school in the near future.
The VOICE of THE CRUSADE in CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

The Centennial Convention of the Disciples of Christ in Cincinnati, October 25-30, 1949, will commemorate the beginning of our cooperative work as a people one hundred years ago. In this same city of Cincinnati, October 23-27, 1849, 116 leaders gathered for the purpose of effecting an organized cooperation in advancement of the missionary program of our Lord.

The close of this century of growth is climaxed by the fact of A Crusade for a Christian World. It is fitting that our brotherhood should be engaged in the most expansive cooperative effort of its history as the second century of cooperation is entered.

The convention will be more than an echo of yesterday. It would be better that we forget the giants of yesterday than remember them in such a way as to paralyze our efforts for tomorrow. A "Voice" will be heard in every session of the convention. While every convention address will be surcharged with the passion and power of the Crusade, at each session there will be a moving message of six minutes by an outstanding leader in cooperation — "The Voice of the Crusade."

It was felt this would be more appropriate and impressive than a major address on the Crusade. For, after all, the Crusade includes all that shall be covered in the addresses.

With the galaxy of great speakers, and the unmatched challenge of the occasion, we have a right to expect that words may be spoken which may be quoted before a larger gathering of united Christians in the year of our Lord, 2049.

Christian Churches Hold Convention

(Continued from Page 9) The 1950 session goes to Memphis, but a recommendation was passed to the effect that the Annual Session for 1951 will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Friday night in the Oratorical Contest, there were four young ladies. The first prize was given to Miss Barbara Dodd of Roanoke, Virginia; second prize to Miss Billie Schley of Knoxville, Tennessee. The prizes in scholarships were presented by Mr. Lorenzo Evans, Director of Religious Education.

Memorial Services Saturday, 11 a.m. conducted by Mrs. E. B. Titus; sermon by the Reverend E. W. Willbert of Dayton, Ohio. The Motorcade Saturday afternoon was educational and enjoyable.

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Sunday conducted by Mr. E. W. Henry of Oklahoma; sermon by the Reverend Cleo Blackburn of Indianapolis, Indiana, who also presided at the Communion Service.

The Convention adjourned with the Communion Service.
Centennial Convention Meets in Cincinnati

The Centennial Convention of the Disciples of Christ will meet in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 25-30, 1949. The advance registration indicates a very large attendance to commemorate one hundred years of cooperation. The National Convention has secured a booth and will have an exhibit along with the many other brotherhood agencies. It is our hope that a large number of our group will attend this convention. We always have a few to attend every year. But we should have a large number this year. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, our Ambassador of goodwill and concert artist will direct the singing. We have four churches in the Cincinnati area and we are sure that they will play a part in entertaining those of us who attend.

Co-Workers In Kingdom Building

We wish that we could write a personal letter to all who had a part in the special Mission Project of the National Convention, but there were so many of you and name tags did not always remain with packages. We therefore are taking advantage of the excellent services of our CHRISTIAN PLEA to say "Thank You" to you all. We are grateful beyond words and hope that you will express our appreciation to all within your churches who had a share in sending us so many useful and helpful materials and supplies. We hope that you received as much joy in the giving as your good gifts will bring to our group in this area.

Sincerely,
John Long

Eld. R. H. Davis

Pastor of Indiana Ave. Church, Chicago. Was re-elected president of the National Convention, without opposition.

St. Jude Church

Warsaw, N. C.

Eld. C. E. Williams, Pastor

St. Jude Church of Christ is indeed grateful for all that has been done for it. Special thanks to the friends of the Church, both white and colored.

There are others who will help St. Jude at a later date. I am asking the Goldsboro-Raleigh Disciples north and west and all other Disciples who do not fall in this category to please make a special effort to send up prayers for our friends.

We thank the giver in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I pray that you will let the Holy Ghost guide you all the way through this land to a better land. The Lord will not only bless the willing worker but if you will only give a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, you will not lose your reward. These are the words of Jesus. Matt.: 10:42.

We are very sorry that space will not permit us to list the names of all who contributed. The total amount received was $40.45.

London Avenue

Christian Church

Roanoke, Virginia

J. K. Spencer, Reporter

CHRISTIAN BIBLE SCHOOL

We have been most fortunate in that we were awarded both the State Loving Cup and the National Plaque on the merits of the work for the past year 1948-49.

Today we received a very inspiring letter from Mrs. H. Gray Russell, C. C. I. Bolongo, Coquilhatville, Congo Belge, Africa in recognition of the receipt of a box of White Gifts contributed by our Bible School for the Congo Christian Institute Students. These gifts were assembled by us last Christmas and they had been on the way for three months before reaching their destination.
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EDITORIAL

The 33rd Annual National Convention is now history, and a few observations seem to be order first. The Entertainment President Long, the faculty and students of S. C. I. left no stone unturned to make our visit pleasant and comfortable. The food was good and plentiful. The beds were nice and comfortable and all other conveniences and courtesies were cheerfully extended.

Second, the attendance was fair. About one-half of what it has been in recent years. Of course there were a lot of good reasons why a lot of our people did not care to go to Mississippi.

Third, the finances were fair, but nothing to brag about. A lot of the churches didn't give enough—Monroe Avenue, Columbus, Ohio for instance, and a lot of others that claim to be a part of this fellowship did not give anything.

Fourth, the program was good, but there was too much of it. The program committee tried to crowd too much into each day's session.

Fifth, there was a glaring and regrettable absence of sermons on the great Principles and Doctrine of the Christian Church. It would be most unfortunate if a large number of those who still "contend earnestly for the faith" would be compelled to attend the National Preaching Convention or set up some such assembly of their own to give emphasis and impetus to the things they love so dearly. Perhaps, in the future the program committee should arrange a program that would have an emotional appeal to all segments of our Brotherhood.

It was our privilege to attend five state conventions—Texas, Kansas, Kentucky, Piedmont-Tri-State and Ohio. And everywhere we went the emphasis was on those Principles for which we have contended through the years. We might wonder whether or not those who make up the National Convention Program are in harmony with the Spirit of our Brotherhood.

Certainly we are not opposed to emphasizing all things of great importance. We merely want to point out the importance of giving due consideration to the "whole Gospel."

And finally, the fellowship is always good. It is like a family reunion. We meet our Brothers and Sisters whom we only get to see at our National Convention. At these Conventions we develop friendships that last through the years, that enrich our lives and make us glad we are Disciples of Christ.

The September issue of the Kentucky Christian Evangel carried a letter from Dr. Tibbs Maxey, president of The College of the Scripture, in which he calls the Editor of the Evangel to task for his praise of Eld. R. H. Davis, president of the National Convention.

Our good friend, Eld. D. I. Reid was able to set president Maxey right on that score when he said, "Kentucky has fellowship only with Christ. We find Christ in many and on many sides. We are against the devil wherever he may be found or discovered. We are on the side of the pious, but not on the side of the-pious-unemersed." We accept the wheat but not the chaff.

We believe Editor Reid stated our position clearly. We hope president Maxey is not attempting to tell us whom we shall accept as friends.

We wouldn't be surprised to find among his friends some people whom we do not think much of, especially in regard to their stand on the race question. But we wouldn't say President Maxey stands for and condones segregation and discrimination. We admire President Maxey's loyalty to God's Word, we admire his militant enunciation of Christian Doctrine. We believe those things too, and have been preaching them longer than Mr. Maxey. But we hope he is not attempting to split our Negro Brotherhood. If he is he is bound to fail. We Will Not let him do it. We are Brethren, we believe the same thing and preach the same thing. If any one of us becomes so liberal or modern that we can not endure him, we'll put him out, but we will not divide.

In this respect we shall be wiser than our white Brethren.

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This is the third and last year of the Crusade. Our last chance to have fellowship with our entire Brotherhood in this great endeavor and demonstrate to the world that we are willing to assume our responsibility of helping to make our world Christian. Our last chance to redeem ourselves.
Does God Hear Sinners?

By Eld. E. B. Johnson
Cotton Plant, Arkansas

EDITOR CHRISTIAN PLEA,
I have hope for space in the Plea to say something concerning the question our good Brother from Kansas City, Missouri asked—Does God Hear the Sinner’s prayer?

Bro. Scott answered the question in the onset when he said “NO” But after reading his article over and over it is hard for me to get in my mind just what he does believe. He said that we are all God’s children, or God is the Father of all—Saint and sinner alike. If that is true, the Christian is no more in favor with God than the Sinner is. So, I am just wondering what did Christ die for. Personally, I see the sinner under the curse of the law until he is born again. The Brother said that it was a dangerous question. We all know that in a literal sense. We all know that in a literal sense, God hears everything we say. But he doesn’t pay any attention to some things he hears. Oftentimes we hear people talking about frivolous things and we pay no attention to them, so does the Lord. I’m just wondering what our good Brother thinks of the conditions of the Gospel. Christ gave Peter the authority to set the conditions for one coming into the church. Those three thousand who went up and asked Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and Brethren, what must we do?” Then Peter said unto them, “repent and be Baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:37-38.

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My good Brother that confession stopped that chariot and my Bible tells me that both Philip and the Eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. Now Brother this is a pattern of con-

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The challenge of the Brotherhood fell upon a sensitive heart when I was given the opportunity to serve our great church in the position vacated by Brother C. L. Parks. There have not been many times when it was necessary to make decisions of such great moment but this was one of those times. I found it necessary to choose between a great love and a greater pavilion of service; an inspiring challenging local pastorate or an enlarging productive itinerant ministry. I found the decision difficult because of the choices placed before me. It was not a matter of choosing between black and white, or between the world and the church, or even between idleness and action. It would have been quite simple to make that choice. I had to decide, not to serve—but where; it was not up to me to decide to preach but what to preach about. I am happy that the experience that I have had since April is one which God has chosen to have me begin. It would be a mistake to study their purposes and aims a bit more closely prior to making a decision but this was one of those important calls; one of which was on the'state onventlons. serve as

Avenue Church, or at Woodland Avenue Church, or Indiana Avenue Church. The field is white in the National Office also. These earlier weeks were to me as I feel the weeks in the wilderness were to Jesus or perhaps the hours in the Garden of Gethsemane. During that time, I determined once and for all that no call from any area of the field, however remote, would ever fall on listless ears or prejudiced minds that the sacred duty to which I am now pledged would never be relegated to a place of secondary importance; and that I should guard well against making any promise, pledge or policy that I could not keep even under the severest adversities.

I was initiated into the new job through a series of confining Functional Committee Meetings. There was no doubt that these very necessary meetings would have meant much more to me had I been privileged to study their purposes and aims a bit more closely prior to their settings. The meeting of the Board of Reviews for Unified Promotion and the Crusade for a Christian World, was held in Columbus April 26-27. If I have any fervor for zeal for the last year of the Crusade it is because I received the inspiration at the Columbus meeting.

I do not argue that the aspect of the Brotherhood looks any better or any worse from my present vantage point, but I will insist quite vigorously that it looks different. This fact burst forth upon me with atomic suddenness while I was in attendance at the National Board meeting May 5 as a member of the staff for the first time.

From May 22-29 I was with Brother L. L. Dickerson and the congregation of Monroe Avenue Christian Church in Columbus in a series of evangelistic services. There were two additions during the meeting. In May it was also my privilege to attend the spring meeting of the Home and State member of the Commission on Evangelism. This visit to St. Louis afforded the opportunity to visit in the home of Elder and Mrs. P. A. Gray and to go through the very handsomely appointed sanctuary in which the Centennial Church worships. From St. Louis the call led to Louisville to deliver an address for the State Laymen's Conference at the Third Church. It was a memorable occasion. In the evening of the same day I attended the Baccalaureate Service of the School of The Scripture. We were gratified that a number of the students were present for the Laymen's meeting in the afternoon.

Efforts were made tardily for a Visitation Evangelism project to be conducted in Jackson, Mississippi, about the middle of June. The inability to secure a large number of people for visiting thwarted our visitation evangelism program but the week of evangelistic service was inspiring beyond our greatest expectations. The thing which was really heartening to me in the city of Jackson was not the very beautiful and well kept city, nor even the hospitality and courteous receptions of its citizens of every kind, but rather it was a request of a group of young adults from the two local churches for doctrinal preaching and information about our church. It was encouraging that three souls were added to the fold in Jackson during the week I spent with the two churches. Of course, I could not bring myself to leave the state before making some essential calls; one of which was on the campus of Southern Christian Institute where I was received and entertained in the friendly way that has made this school famous.

I did not expect to have the chance to share in the setting up of a new church so early in my new career, but that is what I did in Hawkins, Texas. Brother Paige, the state evangelist for Texas, was at his best on the night June 16, of the organization of the Community Church. Some 30 members were committed to the work and support of the church in that service. This group has a church building purchased from a white congregation and moved two miles to, the present sight. They are making plans to purchase pews and pulpit furnishings in the very near future. They have church school every Sunday but they have preaching only occasionally. Yes, the new church in Hawkins will be handicapped and the new church anywhere else will be handicapped because there is no one to preach the word. There is no shepherd to feed the sheep. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.

I have worked in one Young People's Summer Conference and five State Conventions. I served as Di-
Report To The
National Christian Missionary Convention
Lorenzo J. Evans
National Director of Religious Education
August, 1949

Mr. President, members and friends of the 33rd Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention, we come again to review the past and plan for the on-going work for the kingdom of God. As we look over the work of the last 12 months, we are proud of the gains that have been made in some areas of service. These gains have been realized because of the fine spirit of cooperation and self dedication of the ministers and lay-leaders like you. Yet, this would not be a true picture if it did not reveal our limitations in the areas of service which we have not as yet ventured. When we attune our ears to the will of God, we still hear the Macedonian call from the yearning hearts of men saying, "come over and help us." As long as we can hear these cries coming from the soul of men, we dare make ourselves satisfied. As long as there are those whose lives are not in harmony with God’s will, there will still be the need of the Isaiah’s of our day saying, "here am I send me."

During the year we have been trying to bring these ideas to focus through conferences with lay-leaders, Institute, Youth Meets, Planning groups, young people’s Summer Conferences, young adult groups, addresses, sermons and seminars. During the past year it has been our privilege to render service in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Texas, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Virginia, Kansas and Michigan. We have not been able to answer all of the calls that have come to us, and yet you have constantly been upon our hearts. No one person can give the type of service that should be given in this area.

I am happy to report that for the first time since assuming the duties as National Director, we will be able to have six Summer Conferences for our young people. Five of these conferences have already been held (Midwest, Southwest, Alabama, Central, and Piedmont) with a total enrollment of 181 students and 50 adults serving on the faculties. The Magnolia Conference will be held here, at Southern Christian Institute, September 5-11.

Laboratory schools were held again this year for our children workers in Oklahoma, Kentucky and Missouri. These schools were conducted for the purpose of helping to develop children workers in order that they might better serve in their local churches. A basic need of humanity is Christian Education for all. No greater benefit can be given for our children than acquainting them with the life and teachings of Christ, and emphasizing the paramount importance of the life of the spirit. True religion is the source of peace of mind, peace with our neighbors, peace within our own hearts, that peace of God which passeth all understanding. It is the secret of a well adjusted personality, of mental health, of lasting happiness. Without it our lives no matter how successful materially, lack purpose, direction and significance.

Never in modern times has the need for religious education been greater than it is today. Properly carried out over the years, it can be a key to many of our problems as individuals, as races, yes even as nations. It is daily becoming clearer that man cannot work out his destiny independent of God. Everything in the teachings of the master pointed to the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. That life of great humanity, lived so long ago in a distant land, has shown down the centuries the way that leads to peace and happiness.

This year we have given more thought and planning to the young adult group, which has been one of the neglected groups in our church life, and yet it is in this group that great potentialities are available to the church now. It has been our pleasure to help to organize several such groups. As more material is being made available we hope that more time will be given in channeling this vast amount of energy into the life stream of the church.

We are venturing out into a new experience this year, that of sponsoring an oratorical contest for our young people. The project is being launched with the idea to encourage and promote Christian training and to help youth in the local church to become aware of their responsibility as Christian young people and dedicate themselves to the task. We hope that this year will only be a beginning of realizing the possibilities in such a project.

Hamlet —
On Church Finances
(Apologies to Shakespeare)

To pledge or not to pledge: That is the question.
Whether it is nobler in a man To take the gospel free and let another foot the bill,
Or to sign a pledge and help to pay the church expenses.
To give, to pay—aye, there’s the rub—to pay.
When on the free pew plan a man may have the sitting free,
And take the gospel, too, as though he paid
And none the wiser be,
Save the finance committee, who—
Most honorable men—can keep it secret.
To err is human; human, too, to buy at cheapest rate.
I’m wise; I’ll wait, not work,
I’ll pray, not pay, and let the other foot the bill.
And so with me the gospel’s free, you see.

—Anonymous
Thanksgiving Offering, 1949

American Christians have more than any other people for which to be thankful. We enjoy the fundamentals freedoms: worship, speech, and assembly. We have an abundance of the essentials of life: food, clothing, and shelter. Under the political system of democracy and with unlimited education offered to all, opportunity is unlimited.

The causes supported by the Thanksgiving offering received in the churches are worthy of our most generous gifts.

State Mission provides counsel and assistance to every local church and minister. New congregations are organized and weak churches assisted.

Religious Education is concerned with the Christian nurture and development of every child, youth, and adult, providing training institutes for leaders and teachers, conferences for young people, materials for all church classes and direction of student work on college campuses and family life development.

Higher Education and Christian Colleges are dedicated to the finest of academic training of youth with the development of Christian personality made predominate. Ninety-five percent of all our ministers and missionaries are educated in our own church schools.

Social Education is concerned with providing Christian people with the truth regarding the basic movements which affect our lives and the development of our communities, our national and world society.

Helpful materials for the observance of Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20, have been prepared and are available free of charge to the churches. These supplies should be ordered at once from Unified Promotion, Irvington Station, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.
God Hears the Sinner’s Prayer—Yes or No?

By Elder J. K. Dickerson

Elbert, W. Va.

Recently there appeared in the columns of the Plea an article by one of the Kansas City brethren entitled, “Does God Hear The Sinner’s Prayer?” We were not exactly able to determine from reading the article just where the brother stands or what he believes in regard to the matter. He begins his article by stating, “The answer to this question is ‘No.’” He then proceeds to show, without the use of one passage of scripture, that God does hear the sinner pray. I think, however, that the brother wanted to say that many believe the answer to this question is “No”, and it would therefore be unwise for him to take the affirmative unless he wanted to suffer certain consequences. I would say to this brother and to all others who would answer “Yes” to this question, “You error not knowing the Scriptures.”

I have no desire to enter upon a theological discussion in regard to any one of the various schools of thought relative to this subject. Nor do I claim to be able to chronicle all that the Bible has to say on this matter, even if time and space should permit. But, since a Biblical proposition requires Biblical proof, I shall attempt to call the brother’s attention to only a part of what “thus saith the Lord” in regard to the issue at hand.

As a starting point I wish to use the following passages of scripture: “These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” 1 John 5:13. And this is the CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE IN HIM, that if we ask any-thing ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARETH US. And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, WE KNOW that we have the petitions that we DESIRED of Him.” 1 John 5:14-15. (But the brother says prayers are not answered by our desires).

Nowhere in the Scriptures do we find that sinners are taught or commanded to pray, nor do we find any model prayer for sinners. In fact the brother seems to be somewhat confused as to what a sinner is. He refers to sinners as “a part of God’s children.” Nevertheless, we are told in the foregoing passages that certain people can pray in a certain way, and not only have their prayer answered, but can know before hand that God has heard their petitions. Now, who are these certain people? Speak John: “These things have I written unto you, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, EVEN UNTO YOU THAT BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD.” Immediately following this passage is the promise mentioned in verses 14 and 15. It is clear, therefore, that this promise was made to those that “believe on the name of the Son of God.” No one else has a right to this promise. If one not believing on the name of Christ should take this promise to himself, and should it not be fulfilled, the fault would be with himself, and not with God’s Word. He has taken himself a promise that was made to somebody else.

Another question might present itself at this point: What does it mean to “believe on the name of the Son of God?” Speak John: “But as many as received Him (Christ) to them gave He power (the right) to become children of God, EVEN TO THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME.” John 1:12. So we understand that “believing on His Name” means to “receive Christ” by complying with the law of adoption which makes us children of God. Speak Paul: “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father.” Romans 8:15.

The brother would have us believe that all men are the children of God. This is far from being true. Some men are “children of the devil” 1 John 3:10. Some are referred to as a “child of hell” Matt. 23:15. Also, we learn from 1 Thessalonians 5:5 that those who are not “children of light” are “chil-
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CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE IN HIM, THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARETH US." I don’t know if God answers prayer because of an inward illumination, or still less because of "funny feelings," but I know it because God said so. Brother this is the prayer of faith.

We understand that prayer must be made "according to the will of God when we pray? The answer to this question is "No." Even though we have the Bible as God’s revealed will, will suffice. "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye DESIRE, brother. This is the prayer of faith.

Prayer is also answered by our DESIRES, brother. A few passages will suffice. "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye DESIRE when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. "Lord Thou hast heard the DESIRE of the humble, Thou wilt prepare their heart, Thou wilt cause Thine ear to head." Psalms 10:17. "One thing have I DESIRED of the Lord, that will I seek after ... "Psalms 27:4. Much more could be said here. "Prayer is the soul’s sincere DESIRE," says one poet.

Space will not allow us to answer the brother fully in this issue of the plea, but we shall answer certain other phases of the brother’s argument in the next issue. In the meantime, brother, "Search the scriptures" and "study to show thyself approved unto God."
Change is the surest sign of life. It is the only means by which progress can be made. No institution with fixed entities incapable of change can long perform its function in a progressive community.

In the light of these facts, many changes are taking place in Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas. The reorganization of the college curriculum, the appointment of students to the Executive Committee, the installation of new apparatus and material, and the organization of a college community committee mark the beginning of this new era. Commercially speaking, the college has been sold to the community. Seldom in the space of three months does it happen that a college administrator can so favorably impress a college and its community as has Dr. Eubanks, president of Jarvis Christian College.

Dynamic, militant, ingenious, and affable, he possesses an imposing personality, an index of his breadth of attainment and his strength of character. His qualities of heart and spirit, his profound faith in the moral and intellectual integrity of his faculty and in the possibilities of the student body invite the complete loyalty of both.

Educator, lecturer, member of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, and the National Association of Education of the United States, and many other positions of trust and responsibility.

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

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“RIGHT MAKES MIGHT”

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We go to press the 15th of each month. All news received after the 15th of the month will be published in the following issue.

Editorial

We received several communications from someone connected with the Lynn Street Church of Christ, Cincinnati, Ohio, inviting our Church at Columbus, Ohio, to send some young person to a Christian Service Camp. The communications did not say who was sponsoring these camps. We knew there were only two “colored” Christian Churches in Cincinnati and that the communication, incidentally, had come from neither of them.

Quite often we receive invitations from white people who do not know we are not white, and once or twice when we attempted to respond, we only received apologies for the sponsors’ “mistake” in inviting us to participate in a program which was for “white only”. So, we have made it a practice not to answer these communications, because we are sensitive to be told either in plain English or by inference, “you are alright, but you are a Negro, therefore, we didn’t mean you.” However, the Christian Service Camps were held, and to our surprise were promoted and conducted for NEGRO YOUTH. Now at first glance this might seem to be a noble deed. However, we cannot appreciate our white friends, regardless of how noble their intentions may be, setting up Jim Crow organizations or institutions for Negroes — especially in the name of religion.

In the southland where the laws make it mandatory for all — even churches — to practice segregation, we at least endure it. But there is no excuse for it in any section of these United States — especially in the so-called north, and those who continue in their attempts to do so are not only out of harmony with the Spirit of true Christianity which recognizes no man on the basis of race or color, but they are also out of step with the Spirit of democracy and the trend of the age in which we live.

The trend is toward integration, and of all people who attempt to do anything good for Negroes, those who call themselves Christian should take care not to do it on segregated bases.

The Christian Service Camp we were invited to send our young people to was held in Ohio, and should not have been for Negroes only.

Right thinking Negroes cannot appreciate this move, regardless of their noble intentions.

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Does God Hear The Sinner’s Prayer?

(Answer to Sidney A. Scott, Cont.)

By Elder J. K. Dickerson
Elbert, West Va.

We concluded our last article by showing from the scriptures that prayer is answered according to the desires of God’s children, if that desire is in harmony with the will of God. As we who are of the household of faith should have no desire contrary to the will of God, it stands to reason that our desires are in keeping with God’s will, and our petitions will therefore be granted. We also called the brother’s attention to the fact that there is a dividing line between the children of God and the children of this world! It is hard to conceive of anyone, sinner or saint, not being able to differentiate between these two classes of people. The Bible is very plain on this matter, and no one need err in this respect.

In supporting his claim that God hears the sinner’s prayer, the brother cites an instance wherein a “confirmed sinner” recovered from tuberculosis in answer to prayer.

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Testimonial Services

As a profound expression of loyalty and devotion to their church and Christ, the Gay-Lea Christian Fellowship will celebrate the following services Sunday, October 23rd.

1. Last Sunday morning services at 11:00 A. M. at Gay Street Church.

2. The Free Fried Chicken Dinner at Gay Street Church at 1:30 P. M.

3. The Testimonial Service at Gay Street Church at 3:30 P. M.

4. The Candle Light Service Musical at 7:30 at Gay St.

5. The Jubilee Services signifying union of the two congregations (Gay and Lea) at Lea Avenue Christian Church, October 30 at 11:00 A. M.—S. I. McKinnon as guest speaker, Union Ceremonies at 3:30 P. M.

The Talent Tea sponsored by Mrs. Elnora Bail and Circle No. 2 at the home of Mrs. Bail, Sunday, October 9th, was not just a tea, but a dramatic expression of gratitude on the behalf of students for a devoted teacher who had enabled them to pass the tests of life successfully.

Total proceeds $24.25 from members and $23.15 from friends — making a total of $57.40 in gifts. This was the most outstanding effort yet attempted by that group.

The Missionary Society met Friday night, October 14, at 8 o’clock at the home of Mrs. Ethel Walker, the president. One of its best study sessions was led by Mrs. Wilhelmina Prince.

Orchids and Blessings were extended Mrs. Minnie Alexander (her several workers) and Mrs. C. Ross Taster for making possible new opportunities for fellowship last Sunday and the rendering of unselfish custodian services and the beautification of the altar.

With the presence of guests and the carrying out of formal ritual symbolizing the merger of the two Disciple groups, we feel these services will prove successful.

Elder W. K. Tax, Minister
Mrs. W. M. Prince,
Church Reporter
NATIONAL YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

These are the four young people who appeared in the first National Oratorical Contest finals at the National Christian Missionary Convention on youth night at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. The two prizes given were $100.00 to Barbara Dodd, an active youth worker in the Louden Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia (Rev. D. W. Heath, Pastor); and $50.00 to Willietta A. Schley, an active member of the Vine Street Christian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, of which Rev. E. A. Daniels is minister. The other two honorable mentions were Robbie L. Williams, a very fine youth worker in the Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas (Rev. O. B. Garner, Pastor); and Barbara Berry, an active member of Mt. Beulah Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas—Minister, J. W. Forbes.

These young people wrote their orations from the topic, "The Responsibility of Christian Youth in the Modern Crisis." A real challenge was presented by these participants for the youth of our Brotherhood to dedicate their lives for Christian service.

Ministers' Wives At The National Convention
August, 1949

The Ministers' Wives Fellowship group was happy over the accomplishments of the group.

First, the group extended scholarship aid to men as well as women. Second, the amount of aid was raised from $50 to $100.

The aid for 1949-50 was given to a lady attending Jarvis College. The ladies are pledged to see this young lady through four years of college.

Third, the Fellowship Group is asking all ministers' wives to hold fellowship meetings at their state conventions. We feel that through state groups we will have greater opportunity to increase our scholarship fund. Throughout the year there will be further information on this point.

Fourth, the Fellowship Group recommended to the state ministers' wives of the state entertaining the National Convention be responsible for giving the Appreciation Reception for those having made contributions to the Scholarship Fund.

Finally, records show that wives paying dues and representing, at the convention had increased over last year.

The financial report, according to members of long standing, was the greatest in the History of the organization. $100.00 was given to Mrs. H. L. Herod for scholarship, Balance in treasury—$98.00.

The president is deeply grateful for the cooperation of the members and friends. We are looking forward to a greater Fellowship at our National Convention in Memphis—1950.

Mrs. J. B. Mosley,
President Ministers' Fellowship Group
Kansas State Convention
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we must go where they are. It is the will of Christ that none should be lost, but that all should have life. These people are on the trains, on our streets, on our highways, on our jobs and sometimes in our Churches. Do you know them?

3. My next point is to Win them. We remember the beautiful story of the Master sending forth his servant He found them but he did not win, want to find guests for his supper them. One had bought a field and he had to see about it. One had bought 5 yoke of oxen and he had to prove them. And another had married a wife and he could not accept the invitation. But the Master intended to have his house full and he sent forth his servant into the hedges and byways to compel. We seem to think that this is a hard way to win people for Christ, but if no other way will work, we must compel them. There are about four classes of people we will meet: 1. Those who are anxious to become Christians and who simply want to understand how. 2. Those who do not want to become Christians and do not want anyone to talk to them about the matter. 3. Those whose lives are deeply in sin. 4. Those who live fairly and who are indifferent as to Christian lives. It is our duty to study these people with a purpose in mind to win them. And it cannot be done with what we think, but Thus said the Word.

4. My next point is to Make Them. It took 3 degrees to make me a Mason. It takes 5 steps to make one a Christian. Regardless of how good one thinks that he or she might be they are not good enough until he or she has fulfilled all requirements of a Christian. The final step is to be baptized. “Go ye therefore and make Disciples of all the Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We make a true garment by a pattern We make a true Christian by the Holy Scripture. After making them, then what?

5. My final point is to Use them. “Take My Life and let it be, Lord, consecrated to thee.” We must have that consecrated life to inspire others to do likewise that they may be used in the service of the Master. Through evangelism our ultimate goal is the world. Our immediate goal is 900,000 by 1950. Through Christian Education Church School 300,000; Christian homes 500,000; trained leaders 100,000; Missionary Education 500,000. Through Stewardship, Tithers 250,000 and Property Givers 250,000. Finance $14,000,000. Brother Watson often says in making Disciples we need to baptize their pocketbooks also. The early Disciples gave of themselves and their possessions. Can these goals be attained? They can be attained if we use and use and used all to the glory of God and his kingdom. We must feel that I have a stewardship that must be used in attaining the goals of this great Crusade for a Christian World.

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That a definite program of finance be set for each local church in proportion to the local church membership, and ask each local church to include this appropriation in their budgets. If the local church does not have a budget, ask that a committee be appointed to care for same.

2. That our Church year will begin July 1 and end June 30 to comply with our other Brotherhood agencies. And that all our goals be set accordingly.

3. That a news bulletin be made each bi-monthly by the President, who will receive news items from all churches, and mail to all churches.

4. That the church make a recommendation regarding the number of delegates from the church.

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5. In view of the fact our churches
have grown in the past thru evan-
gelism, that this convention go on
record as recommending that our
churches engage in evangelism
and that each church hold one or
more evangelistic meetings.

6. That when information goes to
church, we recommend that we
ask each church to give time to the
reading of same that the
churches may know what is going
on in our State.

7. That the State Convention be
rotated to the several churches of
the State.

8. That each church send at least
one young person or child with its adult delegate or delegates.

9. That local churches select dele-
gates and also alternates to take
their place in order they may be
able to attend.

10. That those who are placed on
program that there will be a
alternate.

11. That each church send the
number or names if possible of
delelegates elected to the host
church three weeks in advance.

12. That we make a study of the
idea of one State convention in or-
der to know how to accept the
invitation, when it is presented, to
unite.

13. That we subscribe to the Chris-
tian Plea, Kansas Messenger and
other Brotherhood publications.

14. That a Year Book report be
sent to the State Office in Topeka
for publication in the State and
National Year Book.

15. That a letter be written by Bro-
John Zimmerman asking that he
list all the churches in the State's
Year Book.

16. That if a State Officer is a dele-
gate from the local church that
the church pay one-half of the
expenses, if possible.

17. That recommendations will be
sent one to the delegate and one
to the Pastor within 60 days.

18. That original recommendation of
entertaining the convention be
followed out.

19. That the State Sec'y will send
minutes giving officer's name, re-
ports of churches and report of
Crusade goals to the National Of-

20. Whereas the Emporia church
has no minister and we are inter-
ested in the program and have
some ministers who would help
carry on the work, that we as a
State endeavor to help them.

21. That each Missionary Society
give a donation for repairs on the
Camp at Bonner Springs, getting it to Elder Watson by March,
1950.

22. All officers who do not com-
municate with the President or
Secretary by letter or word why
his absence is necessary will be
automatically replaced.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Missionary
Rosa Sims, Pres.; Mrs. Huggins,
V. Pres.; E. T. Garrett, Sec'y;
L. B. Gray, Ass't Sec'y; Pearl Butler, Treas-
urer.

Church School
Paul Sims, Pres.; Anna Jones, V.
Pres.; Louise Hendricks, Sec'y; Ov-
ara Mallory, Treasurer.

CYF
James Blair, Pres.; Eva Belle,
Fine, V. Pres.; Mildred Golden,
Sec'y; Mabel Graves, Ass't Sec'y;
Vergena Cavell, Treasurer.

Board Members
J. H. Cooper, J. E. Blair, W. E.
Graves.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Brought Forward $2.39

Taken In
Representation from Church .72.40
Representation from Miss. .44.50
Representation from Ch. Sch. 29.00
Representation from CYF .11.75
Offerings .53.66
Thurs. Night 26.00
Friday Night 16.28
Sat. Night 13.37
Bible School 14.60

Sunday A. M. 43.37

Paid out (Cont) $271.67
Wichita Church School 14.60
Wichita Sunday Offering 43.37
Total 251.07
In Treasury $15.60

PAID OUT
Elder Watson, fare and reg. $14.12
Elder Sims, programs & exp. 13.69
Mrs. Sims, exp. 13.73
Paul Sims, exp. 13.73
E. R. Wallace, exp. 16.54
Mrs. Douglas, exp. 16.54
Minutes and Stamps 3.46
Elder Lokes, exp. 25.00
Mrs. Davis, exp. 2.00
Mrs. Garret, exp. 3.00
Elder Graves, 1948 exp. 15.04
Mrs. Buckner, 1948 exp. 4.00
Mrs. Covell, exp. 5.00
Eld. Webb, Nat'l Evangel. Regist. 5.00
Eld. Webb, Nat'l Evan. Regist. 5.50
Eld. L. L. Dickinson 1.75
For Nat'l Conv. Church 10.00
For Nat'l Conv. Missionary 10.00
For Nat'l Conv. CYF & Ch. S. 10.00
For Tri-State Work 15.00

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
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TRI-STATE EVANGELIST REPORT
R. W. Watson

No. of places visited—83, in Kansas 7. Meetings held in Kansas—2, additions by baptism—18, by membership—7. Meetings attended: We attended first staff meetings of Educational Directors at Turkey Run, Indiana, Board of Reviews at Columbus, Ohio, Director of Religious Education in St. Louis, Mo. Two National Board meetings of Church in Indianapolis, Ind. A Home Visitation Clinic in Chicago, Ill. Three State Conventions and one National in Detroit. Also two district meetings in Kansas, 1 in Mo. and 2 in Kansas. Promoted and directed the Mid-West Conference 44 present, 2 exchange students, 5 to graduate. Money paid to Tri-State Evangelist from Kansas Dist. Conv.—$50; Lawrence, $39; Atchison, $45; Wichita, $30.71; Eighth Street, $8.40; Institutional, $10; Parsons, $5. Total received, $188.11. Sermons, 145. Accept our sincere thanks for the fine fellowship given the worker and do not always wait for the worker to come. Command him, he is your servant, ready and willing to serve. Call—I will respond with every good wish for a greater convention. I am sincerely, Field Secretary for Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri.

Crusade Meetings Scheduled

Nov. 14—Kansas and Missouri area, held at West Paseo Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Nov. 15—Tennessee and Kentucky, held at Third Christian Church, Louisville, Ky.

Nov. 16—George, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, held at Ross Street Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Nov. 16—D.C., New York Maryland, N. J., Penn., held at Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Md.

Nov. 17—Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, held at Boll St. Christian Church, Dallas, Texas.

Nov. 19—South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia held at Cleveland Ave. Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE ROLL

James Warren
Elaine M. Thomas
Sarah Mayer
Barbara Crenshaw
Joseph Scott

Facsimile of the “Christian Service Roll” showing possible name arrangement.

Every church should provide suitable recognition for its own members who have gone out from it in response to the call of full-time Christian service— as ministers, missionaries or workers in the field of Christian education. A means for paying such tribute with dignity and beauty is now available in the “Christian Service Roll.”

The service roll was produced by the Committee on Effective Ministry of the Home and State Missions Planning Council of Disciples of Christ. It is beautifully printed in three colors on heavy paper, 18 by 24 inches, and is so designed that it can attractively accommodate from two or three to twenty or more names. The roll is shipped with complete instructions for framing and lettering, together with a suggested service of dedication. It may be secured free of cost from the Department of Church Development and Evangelism, United Christian Missionary Society, 222 S. Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Ind.

The “Christian Service Roll”, inscribed with the names of those from the church serving in full-time Christian service and suitably framed and hung in a place of prominence and honor, can be displayed with pride. Not only does it honor consecrated men and women who have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service, but it also honors the teaching and example of the home church which have made that call worthy of response.

Monroe Ave. Christian Church
Columbus, Ohio

Our Sunday school, under the direction of Mr. H. E. Fisher, Supt., and Mrs. Thelma Thomas, assistant Supt., is making great progress. In the last five weeks our attendance has increased from an average of 40 to 90. Our problem now is to find sufficient teachers and facilities to accommodate them. This rather sudden growth in attendance is the result of an organized effort to “FIND THEM and WIN THEM”. Our goal is 100 by Thanksgiving.
John B. Eubanks—
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ity signify his breadth of interest and altruistic spirit.

His success as an administrator is a logical sequence of his previous experience and training. Mr. Eubanks is anything but a traditionalist. He keeps his eyes and ears on the alert for new and better ways of doing things. He never hides behind the bulwark of convention as a protection against the painful process of change when it comes to taking into account a new truth which reveals itself. Nor is he satisfied simply to embrace the new but constantly reaches out to find that which may hold a promise of better results than are now being accomplished.

His transparent integrity, his whole-hearted devotion to the school, his grasp of human motives and desires are contributing factors to his phenomenal success. His achievements have been accomplished with a simplicity of manner and an apparent ease which have concealed both the genius and the effort which made them possible. There is no doubt that there is a decided hand at the helm of the institution and that its continued progress and development is assured.

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Education of their children.

While the whole assembly seems to be possessed with the idea that the school must be built, yet one cannot escape the fact that Bishop Davis is a virtual dynamo of zeal and persistence and his leadership in this worthy endeavor has the wholehearted support of all the ministers in the Goldsboro-Raleigh Assembly.

work at Chicago University in 1948 and this fall enrolled in Drake University College of the Bible to take the one year of theological studies required of non-theological missionaries. She will leave for Mexico in the fall of 1950 to practice her nursing profession in that country.

Crusade In America Inspires Pablo Bringas

Pablo Bringas, veteran Filipino pastor, arrived in America, August 15, 1949, and planned to return to his ministry with the church at Bangued, Abria, Philippines Islands, after the convention. Mr. Bringas has served for twenty-six years as a pastor in the Philippines, following his education in Drake University, where he received his B. S. L. and B. D. degree.

He was greatly moved by the crusading of America churches and believed his visit here will enable him to accelerate the Crusade in the Philippines.

Following World War II, his church at Bangued served as headquarters for relief work by the American Mennonites, who stationed seventeen of their members there on a subsistence basis. Part of our Week of Compassion money was used in this relief work.

The church gave every assistance to the Mennonites in building a quonset type hospital. Contributions of labor and material were generously given. It was a beautiful example of Christian cooperation, and when these Mennonite brethren closed their work, the hospital was turned over to the Disciples.

Mr. Bringas said there is need for more native workers. His admiration for our missionaries is unbounded. He was told of a young Hindu, now visiting America, saying, "In India we need your American dollars to feed our starving people, but we do not want your missionaries." Mr. Bringas was shocked. He exclaimed, "These missionaries! The kind of stuff they are made of is entirely different. We appreciate your money, but between money and missionaries, give us missionaries."
Does God Hear The—
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while a "confirmed christian" who also prayed, died of the disease. Brother, prayer is by no means the thing that keeps a sinner from dying with tuberculosis. There are many "confirmed sinners" who never pray, who have never had tuberculosis, or any other disease for that matter, and they are very much alive yet. If prayer has played any part here, it has been the prayers of God's children, certainly not of the sinner himself.

There is certainly nothing to regret when a confirmed christian dies, but it would have been sad had the confirmed sinner died. The Gospel of Christ is one of the second and third chance, and as He is willing that none should perish, men have reached their three-score years and ten, and yet serving the devil. any of these confirmed sinners seem to get along better in this life than most confirmed christians, because in this life there is an imperfect distribution of rewards. This is evidence of the existence of a just and righteous God who at some time will grant to all men the reward of their doings, thank God. The christian died because, "It is appointed unto men once to die." The sinner will die for the same reason, because we are not promised freedom from death. "To live is Christ, to die is gain."

Oh yes, and speaking of deliverance from jail—Herod killed James, the brother of John with the sword, and then took Peter also. But the church prayed, and an angel of God came down and delivered Peter. I am unable to believe that this same church failed to pray for James just as "unceasingly", nevertheless his head came off. A wicked woman and a drunken king got the head of John the Baptist. One cried out on one occasion, "If there be why has all this befallen us?" Judges 6:13. Even the Master cried, "Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Such questions as have been raised by the brother, have been raised by others before him.

We also stated in our previous article that God does not command the sinner to pray. The sinner is not on praying ground. He is commanded to "forsake his way, and return unto the Lord, for He will abundantly pardon." The sinner is not told to pray for pardon, but he is told to comply with a definitely defined law which makes him a child of God. The promise that God will hear prayer is made to His children only, and no one else need take this promise to himself. Space will not permit us to bring together all the bible references on this subject, but it seems a few will suffice.

"The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth." Psalms 34:15, 16. See also 1 Peter 3:12. "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." Psalm 66:18. "The Lord is far from the wicked, but he heareth the prayer of the righteous." Proverbs 15:29.

"He that turneth his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." Proverbs 28:9.

"And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you. Yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood." "Isa. 1:15. "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." Isa. 59:2. Much could be said on these passages and many more could be cited.

May we say in conclusion that we find commands in the scriptures for erring christians and backsliders to pray, but none for sinners. If there is such a command, I am not aware of it. It would be an interesting study to turn the pages of the Bible and take note of the accomplishments of God's people while on their knees. They have turned the world up-side-down, whenever it was not love-side-up. They can still do it. As there appears to be no promise in the scriptures that God will hear the sinner's prayer, it behooves us to teach within the realm of His promises, and if He desires to do something that He has not promised, He can do it, after all He is God.
And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass which the Lord hath made known unto us.
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The Crusade

We are now in the last year of "The Crusade for a Christian World." Many of our churches have cooperated in helping to achieve the spiritual goals. However, we have failed in efforts to reach our financial objectives. A few of our churches have done fairly well, but the great majority have failed completely to raise our crusade money.

It is true that the Crusade Committee has made no specific effort to promote the crusade among negro churches. That responsibility has been left entirely up to our National Convention Staff, that is already overburdened with the task of promoting the regular program.

Some of our crusade leaders thought that most of our churches could and would receive their inspiration and incentive from the crusade meeting sponsored "for the 'white' churches. What they failed to realize is that under The American pattern of segregation, it is difficult, and in many instances, impossible to reach our people except on a segregated basis. Of course, we are not to blame for that. We are merely victims of the system, and in order to secure the best results in any unified effort, special plans must be made for the negro brotherhood.

However, we are not attempting to offer an alibi for our failure to meet the financial goals of the crusade. It is just one of those things we should do, and so far have fail- ed to do. But it is not too late for us to attempt to redeem ourselves. We have until June 30, 1950.

The ministers and leaders of our churches should make every effort possible to raise and send in a substantial offering for the Crusade for a Christian World. We can if we will. It is one of the things we should consider A MUST. To fail to do so will reflect upon our churches as a whole and our ministers and leaders in particular. We should make an all out effort to get every member of our churches to give at least $1.00. In addition, there is among us those who should give from $5.00 to $100.00. Men and women of means, whom God has blessed, exceptionally well, who owe it to themselves, to the church, to Christ and to sinful and sick world. One of the great tragedies of our negro brotherhood is that those who possess the most of this world's goods have no sense of their personal responsibility, to give in proportion to their ability. Most of those who earn the most and have the most are unwilling to give any more than those who have the least.

Let us accept our responsibility and make one honest, all out effort to raise our crusade money.

Our good brother Sidney A. Scott, of Kansas City, Mo., has another article in this issue of the Plea that shows how far off the beam a man can get. Our first impulse was not to print it. One of our friends suggested as much. Then we remembered something about "freedom of speech" and "freedom of the press," so we decided to let it pass. In fact, we do not want to develop the habit of telling people what they should or should not say or think.

Then too, it might do us all good if we knew more about what people are thinking, especially the christian ministry. Maybe they have taken too much for granted. Maybe, after all, a lot of people don't believe what the preacher preaches; and maybe, too, some of the preachers don't believe what they preach; and maybe again, what some preachers are preaching does more to confuse the people than it does

Simon Calvert Commended

I have personally and intimately known Mr. Simon Calvert, of Cedartown, Bluff, Miss., since boyhood. We attended the same "log" school house as boys. He is neither a pauper nor a tramp. He is a remarkable character.

Although deprived of his eyesight in his younger days; yet having ambitions to learn and to know, he pressed forward. He has a wonderful memory. Not being able to see how to read now, he not only remembers what he hears read or spoken; but he remembers almost everything he ever read himself before losing his sight.

I would that everyone I know, whether colored or white, were as well informed as he. I beg for him your kindest and most patient consideration. He is now an agent for the Atlanta World.

Rev. James W. Shaffer Pastor Siloam Baptist Church. Teacher in Mississippi Public School System.

Associate Editor

Eld. D. W. Heath, pastor Loudon Ave. Christian Church, Roanoke, Va., has accepted the position of Associate Editor of The Christian Plea, and Circulation Manager of the Piedmont-Tri-State District.

We feel sure the appointment of Eld. Heath will mean much to the Plea and will do much to increase the circulation in the Piedmont-Tri-State area. We hope to announce in the next issue the names of the persons who will serve in the same capacity in other sections.

to give them something solid to build their lives upon; maybe after all, Bro. Scott's article is a challenge to the christian ministry; and maybe all of our ministers have a few "Bro. Scotts" in their congregations. Of course, if anyone thinks as the Editor does, that our good Brother needs attending to, the Plea will be glad to provide the space. As for us, suffice it to say to him, "Ye do err not knowing the Scriptures."
Fulton Street Church Calls New Pastor

Rev. B. F. Fleming, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, was recently called to the pastorate of the Fulton Street Christian Church in Palestine, Texas. Rev. Fleming came to Jarvis Christian College in September, 1947, where he is furthering his education in the field of "Religion."

He was formerly pastor of the new Mt. Olive Christian Church in Henderson, Texas, and the West Campbell Christian Church in Paris, Texas. He took up pastorship at Fulton Street Christian Church on August 14, 1949. Under the leadership of Rev. Fleming the church is moving forward with renewed spirit and courage to accomplish many new plans of church improvement.

A building fund treasure has been started. Two new members have been added to the membership. He has rapidly gained for himself the recognition of the city as an upright Christian character and a dynamic speaker.

The greatest ambition of this young man is to be a dynamic minister in every respect, and he plans to devote his life to kingdom building on earth.

A hearty welcome is extended to the public to attend our services at

National Bible School Award Goes To Louden Avenue Christian Church

By Lorenzo J. Evans

Miss Justina K. Spencer, General Superintendent of the Louden Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, attaches the name plate of the school on the National plaque. The librarian, Mrs. E. B. Penn, explains the display of the books and magazines which are to be used during Christian Literature Week. The Christian flag was made during Vacation Bible School.

The annual program of the Bible School of Louden Avenue Church is as follows:

September — promotion and installation of new officers.
October — Christian Literature Emphasis.
November — Thanksgiving.
December — Christmas Program.
January and February — Youth emphasis.
March — Pre-Easter Classes, Easter Sunday Decision Day.
June — Children Emphasis and Vacation Church School.
July — Young People's Summer Conference.
August — State and National Convention.

This school has a well planned program of work and one which I am sure is doing an effective job in the community. This is the second year the National Plaque has to be awarded which is based on the ten points in the Achievement Chart.

It is possible for any school to achieve these goals if it is willing to work. I do hope this year we will have a large number of schools showing definite progress on its program of teaching and service. Reading from left to right, Miss Justina K. Spencer, a faithful little Bible worker (name unknown), Mariette Spences, Mrs. E. B. Penn, Librarian, Charles Palmer and Shirley Wallace. Elder D. W. Heath is pastor of this congregation.

Foreign Correspondent

Rev. E. A. Edwards, Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I., has accepted the position of Foreign Correspondent for the Plea. Rev. Edwards is pastor of our church in Kingston, and we are sure the readers of the Plea will look forward to reading his articles with a great deal of interest.

Rev. Edwards recently spent several weeks in the states and visited many of our churches and attended the Centennial International Convention in Cincinnati in October.
Seaboard Jottings

By C. L. Whitfield, Sec'y, Eastern Seaboard United Convention

T. C. R. Bragg Installed As Pastor At Hagertown
Eld. T. C. R. Bragg of Washington, D. C., was installed as pastor of Second Christian Church on the first Sunday in July with impressive ceremonies participated in by Dr. Norment, pastor of Potomac St. Christian Church, and many religious and civic leaders of the city and the Seaboard Area. Bro. Bragg is reported to be doing a fine job in Hagerstown.

J. F. Whitfield and Wife Observe Silver Anniversary
Elder and Mrs. J. F. Whitfield observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 9th, in their palatial home on Columbia Road. It was a beautiful and colorful spectacle. There were more than 250 guests and an enormous number of gifts running into thousands in value.

The receiving line did not break until late in the evening when this fine inter-church and inter-racial fellowship ended after the couple had been deluged with gifts and felicitations. The fraternal, professional as well as religious groups were well represented.

Cameron St. Christian Church, Harrisburg, Pa.
The Cameron St. Christian Church and pastor, Elder Russia Clark were host to Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, on Sunday, Sept. 18th, when the latter church paid the first fellowship visit to the newly affiliated congregation in Harrisburg with a bus and several car loads of members and friends. After the morning service the entire group was invited to a free dinner at the parsonage where about 200 people were entertained.

A New Person
Here is another story Mrs. Virgil Sly brought home to America from her trip to Africa, where she and Mr. Sly, Executive Secretary, Department of Africa Missions of the United Christian Missionary Society, witnessed the vital effect of the Crusade among the Disciples for Christ in the Congo.

Ntanga Timothy, pastor of the Mondombe church, his wife and Miss Gertrude Shoemaker made a two weeks' itinerary trip into the back country last December during the school vacation. One of the sixth year students in the Mondombe school was among several boys who accompanied him. He became greatly impressed with the message which these Christian leaders carried to the people in the back country villages. He saw in the lives of these people many things that were not Christian and he saw contracts between Christian and pagan people that he had never known before. On the way home, this student spoke to Miss Shoemaker and told her he had decided he would give his life to the church if he could help people like that. Now he is a student at the Congo Christian Institute preparing himself that he may preach and teach in the back country villages.

The Crusade is at work in the Congo!

Plea Subscriptions Increases

Beginning January 1, 1949, the subscription rates of The Christian Plea will be $1.50 per year. We are sure that most of our subscribers will agree that this increase is long past due. It has been all but impossible, for the Plea to survive on $1.00 subscription plus the $1000 subsidy from the National Convention Treasury. Even with this increase in subscriptions, the Plea will still have to accept the services of its editors without pay.

Fulton Street Christian Church Loses Loyal Elder

"Remembrance wakes with all her busy train."—Goldsmith

During the reign of the late L. P. Bowser, as chairman of the Ider Board, there was a renewing of his determination to make the church definitely feel as a guiding factor in a Christian living. His labors were constant and arduous. Visiting from house to house was a prize joy of duty for him.

When the "hour" came and this valiant player laid down his bat and left home plate, a shocked silence prevailed, racial lines faded into insignificance, and admiring comrades stood over his bier with tears washed faces and declared:

"He was faithful, loyal and optimistic." "He was a christian gentleman with a converted heart who possessed the power to pray." "He believed in progress, kingdom building, and did not mind shouldering responsibility." How much do we miss him? Let us count the ways. His strong personality penetrated the individual needs and interest of the membership — we miss him there. We see him no more in our church worship, Sunday School and weekly prayer meeting — we miss him there. In our group meetings here and there we can not hear him say "Take care of your precious cargo"—we miss him there. We miss him more than our hearts can say and we are sorry that he is away.

"Blessed is the servant whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing." (Luke 12:43)
Palestine, Texas
Rev. B. F. Fleming, pastor.
The Alabama Annual State Convention

Mary A. Elmore, Reporter

The Alabama State Convention held its session with Ross Street Christian Church, Montgomery, Alabama, October 27-30, 1949. Presided over by our humble, courteous and loving president, Rev. A. Jeffries, of Birmingham, Alabama. Most of the delegates were present from the various churches of the state. Thursday night, an interesting program of welcome was given by the local church, and from all business enterprises of the city. The cordial welcome made the visitors feel at home. The president, one among our greatest leaders, called of the coming best sections of the city. We expect to hear a lot from this fine young man in the coming years.

fifty persons enjoyed a fine dinner. Elder Clark will return the visit in the spring. The offering approximated $50.00. The Lord’s Supper was served at 4:00 p.m.

Calvary Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

It was my good pleasure to worship with the Calvary Christian Church, Brooklyn, on Sunday, September 4th, and to hear a most excellent sermon by their fine young pastor Elder David Kinnard. His text was: “The Lord Is My Shepherd, I shall not Want.” It was a message that any person could enjoy and appreciate. He has a congregation of intelligent, energetic and interested people, of all age levels with young people predominating. The church is located in one

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"To do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God."

On Sunday morning, Rev. C. H. Webb delivered one of the most powerful sermons that has ever been preached. His argument was based on Peter feeding the sheep and the lambs. He held the audience spellbound for a period of time. Every eye filled with tears from the truth that was being told. Our prayer to God is that Rev. Webb may live long and that he may continue to hold up Christ to the world. Elder I. C. Franklin, of Mississippi, extended the invitation. Some of the very best singing was heard from one of our rural churches, Mt. Zion, White Tall, Ala., conducted by Mrs. Rosa F. White, and splendid singing was rendered by the choir and chorus of the Ross St. Christian Church. We do not have words to express to dear Lord, in the battle that goes on through life, Elder Bradley and Elder C. J. Hinson his co-worker, the loyal staff of officers and the entire membership for the comfortable homes and the fine way of serving the people. We can never forget it — thank you.

We are glad to state to the brotherhood that every minister who pastors a church was present. From the teachings and plans offered by the leading men and women of the brotherhood, the outlook for the state of Alabama is very promising. This convention went on record as one of the best that has ever been held in the state. We were honored to have with us, Elder I. C. Franklin, Mrs. Franklin and other distinguished ministers and business men and women, from other religious bodies of the city. Through these critical times, we can say that we have a nice sum of money in our treasury. We want the brotherhood to know, and to feel that Alabama is on the march, and under the leadership of our president, Rev. Jeffries, we are looking forward for success. Yes — intermingled with love's sweet songs, fervent prayers, powerful sermons, instructive teaching, great demonstrations, social entertainment and sightseeing with

The Prayer of The Sportsman

By Pauline Staples, Reidsville, N. C.

Dear Lord, in the battle that goes on through life,
I ask but a field that is fair.
A chance that is equal to all in the strife,
A courage to give and to dare.

But if I should win, let it be by the code
With my faith and honor held high.
And if I should lose, let me stand by the road
And cheer as the winner goes by.

Dear Lord, may my life be ungrudging and clear,
A tribute that comes from the heart.
And let me not cherish a snarl or a sneer,
Nor play any sniveling part.

By the side of the road, where the warriors bestowed,
Since they played the game better than I.
Oh, teach me to stand by the side of the road,
And cheer as the winners go by.

the fine fellowship, the convention was quite impressive with a lingering memory. The next convention will be held at Mt. Pleasant Christian Church, Matthews, Alabama, home of the reporter.

Society Organized

Under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Thompkins, a Community and Neighborhood Cooperation Society has been organized in Montgomery, Alabama. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. W. E. Thompkins; vice-president, Mrs. F. B. Bradley, wife of the minister of The Ross St. Christian Church; secretary, Mrs. C. J. Hinson; and treasurer, Mrs. Mack Mullin.

One of the projects of the group is to prepare a box to be sent to our school, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. The inspiration for the organization of such a society was received at the National Convention in Edwards, Mississippi. Eld. F. B. Bradley is minister of the congregations in Montgomery and is doing a very fine job.
I thank the Lord that I have done some of the things that I was instructed to do when I was given the commission to come back to the east last summer from the National Convention, which was held at Edwards, Mississippi. Since that time, we have organized a Christian Church at New Brunswick, New Jersey. Rev. W. F. Keyes, president of the New England District, was called to New Brunswick by the Regional Evangelist, Bro. S. E. Tillman, on October 20, 1949, to the dedication of the church. The church is known as the New Brunswick Christian Church with a small membership, but it is very likely the pastor, Rev. Tillman will build a new meeting hall in the summer of 1950, which will in all probability serve as an incentive for new membership. Rev. Tillman has a reputation of getting things done and he has made known his intentions to have a new meeting hall in the near future. At present the service is being held at his home, 169 Seaman Street.

On Sunday, November 13, 1949, Rev. Tillman set up a new church in the Bronx, N. Y. Accompanying him to New York was his wife, Sister Ester L. Tillman, Sister Lillie Mae Foot and Mother A. B. Washington. He met Rev. W. Robinson, Deacon Dan Davis and his wife, and Sister H. McRae, of The Friendly Christian Church, Brooklyn, New York. Rev. Keyes is the pastor. In addition he met Rev. G. B. Haynes and Rev. Edwards, both of New York City. They assembled at 3458 3rd Ave. in the Bronx, where they set up the new church, which is known as The Third Avenue Christian Church. Rev. Tillman is heading the church until the new group is able to secure a minister to serve them. Rev. Tillman is expected to make a good report to the National Convention, therefore he cannot stay at one church. He is also working to unite two groups, that have different unions, in the same city. Rev. Tillman attended one union meeting that was held November 29, 1949, at Mt. Zion Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., where Rev. C. R. Murdock is pastor. At this meeting he urged the two unions to unite in order that they may do better work together.

To all sister Churches of Christ Disciples:

In Christ's name I greet you. I hope that you just as I, are doing well in your church work; and that you are enjoying the work of the part of the work that you are engaged in for the Master.

My friends, many of you may know the contents of this letter, while others do not and that is why I am mailing a copy to all of the sister churches, to acquaint them with the facts. Last August, at the National Convention, which was held at Edwards, Miss., I was commissioned to cover the New England District at the Regional Evangelist. The purpose of this event, in this area, was, to urge the churches in district to work together. It should be the hope of every christian man and woman to have within them, the mind that was in the Master, that is, to do good unto all men. If we could only take the words of Christ and put them into action, it would mean so much to the growth of the Christian Church in the east. The minister should be the one to take the lead in these matters, for if we do not work together here, then tell me, when and where will we get together. It is only to the minister that God gave his church, and what have we done with it? Let thieves come into the church and they have taken over, and have caused division. As a matter of fact, we do not teach the same thing, yet, we say that we are one man's sons.

You may not like me to say this, but, the word of God is very clear, but we do not have clear minds. Let's forget that we are "so much" and just think of being God's little children. We must love that brother and sister who do not understand matters as we do.

To those who have the Recommendations Report of the National Convention, will please notice Section 30, paragraph 34. You will find (Continued on Page Eight)
Salvation of the World
Sidney A. Scott

Is it possible for the world to be saved in the light of the Scriptures? We are taught, if we believe that Jesus is the Son of God and are baptised in His name, we shall be saved. Saved from what? The sins we have committed, or sins we are liable to commit, or saved from sinning at all?

From what we learn from contact and experience, salvation is more of an imaginary thing than it is a reality. It is impossible to be saved from sins which have already been committed. To be saved from sins we are liable to commit, would be to deprive us of the capacity or the faculty to choose, which would mean an idiotic state of mind. Saved from sinning at all would necessitate a state of invulnerability to all outside and inside influences, which would mean total inactivity or death. So, what kind of life or state of existence should we strive for, a life of believing and escaping, or a life where we face the issues as they come and profit by experience?

Salvation of the world will be only when life is fully complete in the sense that we know life. Hence, it is reasonable to say our lives are never so complete till all the elements in nature meet to say goodbye.

Recently at a men's club, the subject for discussion was "A Living Church in a Dying World." Someone challenged the wording of the subject, by stating it should read, "A Living Church in a Changing World." There would be but little hope for the church in a dying world, but an abundance of hope in a changing world.

"Life may change, But may not fly, Hope can vanish yet not die, Truth be crushed, Still it burns, Love repulsed, yet it returns." The miracles that Jesus performed while He was here on earth were convincing enough to make His followers believe Him to be the Christ, and in His power to save the world. It is reasonable to think if He had the power to heal the sick, make the blind see, the cripple walk, cleanse the leprous and bring a man back to life, after his body had reached a state of decomposition, He had not only the power to save the world, then, but to save it in the midst of or from any kind of calamity that might come.

In the time of Jesus, it is said there were schools in India, Persia and Egypt, where one could go and study occult science and become masters. It is also said that Jesus attended one of these schools called the "Grand Lodge." The result was, Jesus became a master in occult science and went forth as the founder of His religion. Other masters in occult science started their religions as did Jesus, and their religions are still in existence today as in the religion of Jesus. But as we Christians of today do not believe in occultism and pronounce the founders and followers of other religions heathens and try to convert them to the religion of Jesus, telling them that Jesus is the Savior of the world. It remains a fact that Jesus along with the other founders of religions are all dead and the world is yet unsaved. We are still pleading for the salvation of the world.

(To be continued in next issue.)

1st Christian Church
Reidsville, N. C.

Elder M. L. Lambeth, Pastor
Mrs. Annie Gunnings, Reporter.

During the month of October, 1949, we held a week's meeting. We were proud to have our guest speaker for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights was our National Executive Secretary, Elder E. J. Dickson. We were proud to have him. This was his first visit to our church and we are hoping he will visit us again soon.

Wednesday night, Elder D. W. Heath, pastor of Louden Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Va., and president of the Piedmont Tri-State Convention, delivered a wonderful sermon.

Thursday and Friday nights, Elder Wm. Brown, pastor of Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, was our guest. This was also his first visit to Reidsville and he, too, brought wonderful gospel sermons.

The following was passed and is now effective. The state and district are the basis of the christian life in building the future church, and many churches fail to send reports or delegates to the District and State Conventions, thus handicapping the local work.

It was resolved — any church that failed to work with its District and State Convention, will be ineligible to report to the National Convention. Get into your district work and stay with it. Your district must, then, cooperate with the state. The state body will then furnish blank forms for your district report, which the district secretary must file with the state secretary. That report should show the number of churches in the district and the number of members in each church, which will be reported by the local churches. The report will also show the number of ministers in the district, the number that are pastors and the number without appointment. You must state whether you own the church property or rent. This information will let every one know the strength of the brotherhood. The National Convention will furnish the State Convention with blank forms for its report. I hope that each pastor will do his part and work with the program, for it will mean much to both the church and the district, as well as the state and national body. I suggest that the pastor of each church appoint two or three field workers to do work in their own area.

Lastly, I am asking that you support the Christian Plea. Send your church news regularly. Subscriptions will be $1.50 effective January 1, 1950.

Yours in the Master's service
S. E. Tillman

The entire week was a spiritual feast. Six persons were added to the church. We had baptizing the following Sunday. Our pastor and the church as a whole are doing fine. We have on a $2100.00 furnace drive, and the furnace is now being installed.

Eld. S. E. Tillman
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