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Sunday, December 4, 1949, was Woman's Day at 12th Street Christian Church. And, most typical of women, it was splendid, beautiful, incomparably so! Though other parts of the program as arranged and conducted by Mrs. Katie B. Anderson, the leader for the day, were good, the introductory speech by Miss Dorothy Bogan and the address by Myrtle G. Barger were most attention catching.

Petite Dorothy Bogan's introduction brought out the great wisdom of Shakespeare who said: "Women are soft, mild, flexible and pitiful." She quickly explained that the great author meant that women were undisturbed, quiet, graceful, easily adjusted to attendant influences for the most good and compassionate, having pity, as against being hard, cruel, stubborn, etc. The person who best fits that description, in Miss Bogan's estimation, was the wonderful Mrs. Myrtle G. Barger, a well-known missionary. These are but a few of the facts I gleaned from Mrs. Barger's address.

There are two events in the life of Christ celebrated regularly: they are His birth and His resurrection which we celebrate at Eastertime. But, there is another very important time in the life of Christ which we should celebrate more. It is His entry into the ministry. When we consider the long and lone stand he had to take, and the many obstacles in His way, we realize it was not an easy decision for a young person.

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My Church

DEEP in my heart I know that the Church is of God. That in spite of human frailties she has brought blessings untold to all generations, including my own. That she has made my community and my country a better place in which to live, to work, to establish a home, and to rear my children. That I would not want to live or die in a land where no church spires point its people heavenward.

I ALSO know that the Church continues to live triumphantly even when men and nations reject her by indifference or open hostility.

In this knowledge I gladly give myself to my Church and offer her my loyal support by intelligent membership, regular attendance, generous giving, ardent prayer, and devoted service.

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P. O. Box 154
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Reverend L. L. Dickerson, Editor
The Christian Plea
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Rev. Dickerson:

I have been greatly impressed with the reading of the two copies of the Christian Plea that I have received recently. It means so much to learn about the work of the Disciples of Christ in many places through the reading of your paper.

I am very anxious for more of our people in this section to subscribe for the Christian Plea, for I do think that Disciples of Christ should be more acquainted with the work of Disciples of Christ throughout the nation.

It is my greatest desire that we all shall be united everywhere in helping to carry out the great commission of Christ found in Matthew 28:19-20.

We were happy to have had Rev. C. H. Webb and Rev. Emmet J. Dickson with us in our church assembly of the Washington and Norfolk district of Disciples of Christ in October. Both of them brought very inspiring sermons during the meeting. We do hope they will come back to visit us and others who will come.

More of us here are hoping to attend the church conventions of the United Christian Missionary Society in the future.

Here is wishing for you and your staff a happy and successful New Year.

Yours-In-Christ,
Miss Ella Wilsonia Whitley

World Convention On Christian Education

The thirteenth quadrennial World Convention on Christian Education (formerly the World Sunday School Convention), meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 10-16, 1950, brings this important gathering to North America for the first time in more than twenty years. In 1928 the tenth convention, meeting in Los Angeles, attracted 7,636 delegates from 51 countries, the largest attendance at any of the conventions so far. It is estimated that at least 5,000 from 75 countries will attend in Toronto.

Disciples of Christ have great interest in this convention, finding in its purpose an expression of the motivation of their program of Christian education: “to extend and strengthen Christian education throughout the world, that always and everywhere in their daily lives, children, young people, and adults will manifest in word and deed their allegiance to Jesus Christ as teacher and Lord.” From this purpose comes the theme of the convention — “Jesus Christ, Teacher and Lord.”

Many of our brethren leaders in education are helping to make plans for the programs as well as giving leadership to the World Council of Christian Education. Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, executive secretary of the department of Latin American Missions, of The United Christian Missionary Society, is a member of the North American administrative committee which has made plans for this convention.

Mr. George Oliver Taylor, executive secretary of the department of religious education of the United Society, is a member of the Assembly, governing body of the World Council, which meetings just following the Convention. He is also a member of the executive committee of the convention Promotion Committee.

In addition to the week of the convention itself, an Institute is to be conducted from July 22 to August 10, offering solid work in Christian education methods and curriculum under an international faculty. Proposed primarily for persons who will come from a distance to attend the Convention, and seeking to give them a training period in addition to the sessions of the Convention, it is expected that many others will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Two general subjects will be considered by all who attend: "The Foundations of Christian Education" and "The Contemporary World and Its Bearing upon Christian Education." Specific subjects to be elected will be determined by persons who wish to provide service in Christian education for Sunday school teachers, weekday teachers, and pastors for their educational work, also age-group methods and curriculums.

Miss Ruth Reynolds, national director of children's work leadership in the department of religious education of The United Christian Missionary Society, is heading the section on work with children.

It is hoped that at least 500 Disciples of Christ will be in attendance at the convention. Plans are to be announced later for special sessions of these delegates for fellowship and mutual benefit.

Local churches, county, and district organizations can benefit greatly from this convention by sending a delegate who will then share the experience with other educational leaders in the months to follow.

Even so did the Lord ordain that they that profess the Gospel should live of the Gospel...
1 Corinthians 9:14
DR. AND MRS. GEORGE EARLE OWEN

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A native of Virginia, she was graduated from George Washington University with a B.A. degree. She did graduate work in the Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, with a B.S. in music, and in Union Theological Seminary where she received her B.D.

The Owens have three children, Mary Devon, age 5, Anne Franklin, age 3, and Margaret Earle, age 10 months.

Dr. Owen is serving on the staff of the United Nations Seminar for Disciples of Christ was held in New York, November 28 - December 1, sponsored by the Department of Social Welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society. Attendance totaled 86 ministers, laymen and women from the churches in 23 states.

The Seminar program began with an orientation course on Monday evening, November 28, at Marble Collegiate Church, New York City. On Tuesday and Wednesday delegates went by special bus to Lake Success where they attended morning and afternoon sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Expressions of appreciation for the opportunity presented in this Seminar were made by all the delegates. Not only were they able to become acquainted with the organization of the United Nations and the general plans for carrying on its business, but they were impressed by the fact that its plans far exceed the ideas held by the general public. Representatives to the United Nations have developed a deep sense of their responsibilities and a quality of world citizenship which makes it difficult to consider them in the role of national representatives but rather lifts them to international or world positions.
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

January, 1950

DREAMS IN PROCESS OF REALIZATION

By Richard H. Davis

The National Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ held their thirty-third Annual Session on the beautiful campus of historic Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. For nearly a century this mission school has been training Negro youth of America, Jamaica and Africa for Christian leadership. The writer has never-to-be-forgotten experiences of the fine years when S.C.I. was his home, his school and the source of his inspiration and hope for his future years in America.

The S.C.I. is a creative dream that is coming true. The first significant discovery of former graduates of more than two decades is the advancement in the areas of Christian democracy, intercultural understanding and confidential cooperation between teachers and students. To the graduate of twenty-five years ago, these progressive changes are the equivalent of a peaceful revolution. President John Long, his wife, and his excellent, alert corps of teachers are worthy of our brotherhood's commendation and cooperation.

REPRESENTATION

Delegates were present from Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Illinois, Indiana, Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Kansas, California, Maryland, Missouri, Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, New Jersey, District of Columbia and Jamaica. In this representation were business men, college professors, farmers, teachers, nurses, ministers, national representatives, lawyers, physicians, students and leaders in churches.

PROGRAM

The Program Committee, with Cleo Blackburn as chairman, provided one of the most informative, challenging and inspiring programs in the history of our movement. The sermons revealed careful preparation. Moreover, the audiences were exposed to every type of theology and every shade of philosophy and scriptural interpretation. There was an abundance of spiritual refreshments for everyone. The hearts of delegates were deeply stirred by the masterful messages by Mrs. Arah Garrett, third vice president of the Convention. Our hearts burned within us as we listened to Gaines M. Cook, D. Ervin Sheets, William Edwards, John B. Eubanks, Merle R. Eppe, Mark C. Rutherford in their thought-provoking addresses. The vespers services each evening with Dr. John Eubanks as guest speaker, were exceptionally inspiring. The daily two-hour Seminars planned by the Staff of the Convention plus the unusual congregational singing, the timely messages, the social fellowships gave the convention all the earmarks of a modern Chautauqua.

FELLOWSHIP

The most encouraging sign on the ever-widening horizon of the National Convention is its enlarging intercultural fellowship on a Christian basis. The absence of tension; the demonstrations of common, mutual understanding and spontaneous participation were the factual operation of Paul's idea: "We are laborers together with God". As we worshipped together, worked together, ate together, socialized together, we were repeating over and over again: "Beloved, now are we the children of God". We were experiencing true Christian fellowship.

In 1944 we launched a long range program. How long the range is to be, no one seems to know. There was one thing, however, that all of us knew. We were certain that without more money our long range program would be exceedingly short. Our Brotherhood's agencies have played a significant role in Christian fellowship in the area of financial support to the enlarged program of the National Convention. Because of this voluntary, intercultural fellowship on a Christian basis, we have been successful in reaching all the objectives of the first five years of our long range program.

With our headquarters in Missions Building, our Executive Secretary, Cleo Blackburn, did an excellent job.
Dreams In Process
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The founding fathers of the National Convention envisioned many things in their creative dream. They believed in the principle of learning through practice. They saw clearly that if Disciples of color were to become assets rather than liabilities in the Brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ, in the integration of Protestant communions and in the developing World brotherhood of the Christian Church, more Negro Disciples must be trained and be given places of responsibility in every phase of our Brotherhood’s Christian enterprise. With this thought in mind Patrick Henry Moss, a graduate of S.C.I., became the pioneer missionary among the Negro churches in the field of Christian Education. Rosa Brown Bracy, also a graduate of S.C.I., became the pioneer in the field of missionary education. Graduates from the S. C.I. went to Liberia, Africa as missionaries. Every Disciple should read “The Life of Jacob Kenoly” by C. C. Smith. Graduates of S.C.I. became the founders of Jarvis Christian College and teachers of Lum Christian Institute in Alabama. Moreover, they became aggressive pastors in urban centers where churches were very weak and have built strong congregations that are making fine contributions to our Brotherhood’s causes.

The Thirty-third National Convention was revealing and prophetic in all its activities. It revealed the advancement of scholarship among our young men and women as compared to thirty-three years ago. It revealed a changed attitude among many of our white Disciples in their approach to the aspiration of the Negro Disciple of this generation. It revealed the slow operation of a revolution motivated by the spiritual urge which stems from the two greatest Commandments enunciated by Jesus of Nazareth.

It was prophetic in supplying hope that eventually not only the dreams of the founders of our cooperative Christian enterprise will be fulfilled, but that the prayer of Jesus will be fulfilled when he suggested to his disciples of the long ago to pray believingly: "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

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man to make. It was at this time, perhaps, that He came to the full realization of His Sonship to God, although He may have realized early that He was a special Son. In His early teachings, report Isaiah and Jeremiah, Christ refers often to the Old Testament and the prophets. But He went beyond the old Mosaic Law. He insists that life is more than meat. There are faith and spirit. An example of faith and spirit, excluding Christ Himself, is George Washington Carver, who though severely criticized for his humble manner, has done much to teach the way of Christ. Similarly, Ghandi was and is an inspiration for India. And, many others like these men caught and practiced the spirit of God. These men were not forced to dedicate their lives to God; it is a thing that one must do for oneself.

God admonishes man to “listen, listen!” for His command. Are our ears open to the clear small voice of God? Are we seeing Him in our everyday work? Here she quoted Jeremiah 4.47. Then she cautioned us that God’s commands fall into three groups: (1) Relationship with God; (2) Ourselves; and (3) Relationship to fellowman. The greatest of these commands falls in the first group: Love God with all your heart and soul. By following God’s commands, our fears could be banished. Isaiah 41:10 pleads “Fear not, for I am with you . . . Be not dismayed for I am your God.” (It is interesting at this point to note that what seemed discrepancies in Mrs. Barger’s Bible verses was due to the fact that she liked Moffit’s translation better than our King James’ translation.) To further banish fear Isaiah 30:20-21 says “Your teacher never leaves you . . . This is the way.”

To strengthen the stand that we need have no fear of today’s horrors, the Atom bomb, a germicidal war, etc., Mrs. Barger referred us to Dr. Hastie’s speech. He said that the Children of God only were able to understand the mysteries of His commands. Through them come the greatest change and growth and human kinship.

At a medical meeting for Lepers, comparison of Christ for mankind was pictured in Peter’s ability to heal although he proved unfaithful. That power was so great that Peter’s shadow alone healed. We, too, could be healed, if all the nations and people of the world would face the Light of the World, Jesus Christ; all our shadows would fall behind us and not frighten us any more. A less idealistic picture of God’s power is evidenced by an FBI man’s definition of crime: Crime is the deviation from right. Its only solution is in the teachings of Christ.

Mrs. Barger’s address covered several points and she delivered it in the manner of a teacher, quietly but seriously. While appearing mild and soft, the force of Mrs. Barger’s eyes, deep and piercing, and her sincere personality caught and held her audience until she released them at the end of her address.

NEWS OF COLORED CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF WEST FLOORDA

Pensacola, Fla.

Elder P. J. Jackson, president of the District Convention, called a Leaders Planning Conference. After full discussion on the West Florida State Convention, we re-organized it. Our motto is ‘A Greater Church and Brotherhood in Florida.’ To attain this, we launched a one year crusade and crusaders have been sent out—watch the church grow.

Elected officers are: Rev. J. R. Booth, president; Rev. Z. G. Byrd, vice-president; Rev. P. J. Jackson, Evangelist; Mrs. Wegelia Jackson, president W.M.S.; Mrs. Mazie Preyer, treasurer; Mrs. Odell East, secretary.
Thinking Out Loud
D. W. Heath

The time has come now when our Brotherhood must become cognizant of the power that we have within ourselves. Also, there must be someone to provoke this Power Conscious Thinking on the part of all of us, so that we may get the best out of whatever we possess.

The thing that is on my heart has not come from any bias grievances, it is my honest conviction.

We are living in an age of "struggle for supremacy" among Men, Nations, Races, Businesses and Educational Institutions and if anything is to survive, it must meet the on-rush of the age in which it lives. Our brotherhood must wake up to this idea. We must operate, not separately, but more independently so that we can retain respect and dignity that we deserve.

I received the report of the Executive Committee the other day and I ran across one item which read thus: "Dr. J. E. Walker asked the body to endorse a previous recommendation calling for investing five thousand dollars ($5,000) of profit from the Taylor Estate in Government Bonds. The trustees voted to receive the previous action. It was moved and seconded that five thousand dollars ($5,000) be invested with the Board of Extension at 4% interest.

This is one of the wisest things that we could do if we were not doing it at the expense of our churches, educational institutions and our young people who are to carry the load of the Church of tomorrow. It would be a fascinating idea if our schools were not suffering from the disease of nonaccreditation, if our churches had enough field workers to supervise the work and build churches in areas where we don't have any, and if we had foundations around the campuses of accredited schools in the South where our ministers could get in-service training, thereby obtaining more professional degrees among our men so that our churches would gain a higher altitude.

"Pie in the Sky" is all right but it seems to me that places like Jarvis Christian College, Southern Christian Institute and the Church in Mississippi as well as in other areas could use some of the pie now. What I am trying to say is that long range planning is fine but we need to take care of some of these immediate needs before it is too late.

I am not so sure I understood the reading of the report but it looks as if there were five thousand dollars invested in two places. If this is so, I believe Jarvis Christian College would have appreciated one of the five thousand to help increase her speed toward accreditation. The other five thousand could have been well spent to develop two pastoral units for a period of one year in a state like Mississippi where over 36 churches are dying.

To me this would have been one of the greatest investments that we could have made at this time and I am sure that those who made this fund possible, if they could have a voice, they too would agree that this would be a wise thing to do.

We must stop sitting around action where it is most needed.

The Gay Lea Christian Fellowship
Church Activities

Thanksgiving week, Circle No. 1, under the energetic direction of Sister Ruth Kelsoe, helped needy families in its respective neighborhood. Circle 2, under the progressive leadership of Sister E. Ball, extended help to shut-in members of its circle.

The Sunday School is now in operation after earnest planning and effort on the part of Sister Fox and her committee. Mr. Ira Gentry is doing a splendid job as superintendent.

The Youth Fellowship, organized recently by Mrs. Fox, has opened interesting issues for discussion for the past month.

The Missionary Society meetings, under the presidency of Mrs. Ethel Walker, is doing an excellent service. Guest speakers and study sessions prove interesting.

The Social and Cultural Committee, co-chairmaned by Sisters Beatrice Chandler and Minnie Alexander, sponsored the White House Tea, Sunday evening, November 20, from 4:00 to 6:30 P. M. at the Elks Temple. It was the most exceptional tea as well as successful financial project in the history of the present administrations.

MEN'S DAY SERVICE
November 27 at 11:00

Prelude—B. L. Mitchell at the organ.

Hymn of Adoration — No. 29.

Marching to Zion.

Call to Worship and Invocation.

Hymn of Praise—No. 457, "O

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The One Great Hour of Sharing at 11 A.M., March 12, 1950, will be the climax of the greatest Week of Compassion among our churches. In every one of our nine foreign missionary fields, our missionaries are countries.

Victory will be attained in this Great Hour of Sharing only through confronted with much the same needs as those in war devastated planning and prayer that will issue in a willingness to sacrifice to an extent three times as great as in former years.

In Memoriam
The late Mrs. Nettie B. King, of 302 Greenwood St., Port Gibson, Miss., departed this life while presiding during the Woman's Day program, Dec. 4, 1949. She was a loyal member and worker in all departments of Christian Chapel Church. She was president of the Mission a Church School teacher, etc. The entire community regarded her passing as a great loss.

"On that dismal Sunday morn When Sister King's Soul took its flight, And ascended heaven's throne Where her deeds were counted right. But thou who doeth all things right And seeth what is best Thou knoweth our needs before we ask, Please help us stand the test."

By the Missionary Society of Christian Chapel
Mrs. A. M. Baker, President
Eld. D. Leon Jackson, Pastor

A United Christian Church, Detroit
Eld. R. L. Jordan, Pastor
A. E. Willis, Reporter

The 1949 Christmas is history. Our congregation observed it with an all day service. The Senior Choir rendered the music for the sunrise service, breakfast was served in the dining room and then we had Sunday School. Mrs. Norma Cody, our superintendent, is doing a fine job for our young people. She has a wonderful group of teachers. Sunday School dismissed and we were ready for our 11:00 service. The Senior Choir and Gospel Choirs rendered music for this service. The pastor brought the message. He was at his best. His subject, "Our Appreciation of God's Gift to Man." (John 3:16). This service closed with three coming forward to take a stand for the right. At 5:30 we returned for the Sunday School program and Christmas tree, so you can see that we tried in our humble way to keep the day as we thought God would have us do. We ask the prayers of the brotherhood that we may do more in the coming year than we have done in this one.

534 McDowell Ave., N.W.
Christian Missionary Convention:
I regret very much to inform you that I shall not be able to represent "The Administration Committee on Christian Education" in The Piedmont Tri-state Area. This appointment was made at your last sitting which I did not attend. At first I said that I would do the best I could—even though I had already taken on more obligations than it seemed wise for any one person. Since being informed of the type and extent of work these ten individuals are supposed to do, I now realize it is too much. I am hereby informing the Conventional Staff and all others concerned so that another person can be named for the task.

With best wishes for our work during 1950, I remain,

Very truly yours,
Miss J. K. Spencer
The Gay Lea Christian Fellowship

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For a Thousand Tongues."

Responsive Reading—No. 38, P. 449, Prof. A. V. Boswell, Master of Ceremonies.

Music — Lift Him Up, Male Chorus; Omar Robinson, Director.

Music — Missionary Offering.

Music — "Over My Head" Male Chorus.


Hymn of Faith — "O God Our Help,"

Greetings from the Layman's League, Mr. J. T. Chandler, Memphis, Tenn.

Reading from Holy Writ and Prayer—Ernest Newborn.

Music — "Just a Little Talk With Jesus"—Male Chorus.

Sermon — "God Makes a Man"—Pastor, W. K. Fox.

Hymn of Challenge — No. 104, "I've Wandered."

Appeal for Worship Through Giving—Eld. S. Chandler.

Hymn of Reconversion — No. 250, "There Is a Fountain."

The Lord's Supper.

Hymn—A Fellowship.

Benediction—Elder Ernest Foster.

"An Old Command — A New Compulsion" was the theme used for Woman's Day, Sunday, December 4, at 11:00 and 3:30 services.

The leading parts played by members during the morning service were as follows: Mrs. Lola Sawyer at the organ; Call to Worship—Mrs. E. Walker; Reading and Prayer—Mr. M. M. Stinnett; Missionary Chandler—Miss Beatrice Chandler; Sermon—Rev. W. K. Fox; Acknowledgements—Mrs. Minnie E. Alexander.

SPECIAL MISSIONARY SERVICES

Dec. 4, 1949 — 3:30 P. M.

Mrs. Minnie Alexander—Mistress of Ceremonies.

Characters playing leading parts were the following:

Mission Scripture — The Great Commission—Mrs. J. T. Patton.

Prayer for Missions—Mrs. A. B. Strawther.

Music by Girls Baptist Training School Chorus—Mrs. Sawyers, di-rector.

Presentation "Our Heritage"—Mrs. W. M. Prince.

Music — Vocational Training All Girls’ Chorus—Mrs. B. Miller, Di-rector.

Speaker — Mrs. Lillian Edwards, president of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Nashville, Tenn.

Offering—Mrs. Dallas Harris and Mrs. Kelly Haynes.

Missionary Benediction — Mrs. Ethel Walker.

Ushers—Mrs. Dina Sanders and Mrs. Fannie Powell.

Importance Of The Invitation

By Robert F. Weber

From Disciples Rural Fellowship Bulletin

A sacred tradition of Disciples of Christ everywhere is the giving of the invitation to accept Christ at every service. There have been times when even Disciples have wondered as to the need for such a procedure. We have been told that the frequency tends to distract from the sacredness of the service and it becomes commonplace.

A recent issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald throws an interesting light on this important question: "A layman visited a great city church in Ohio during a business trip. After the service he congratulated the minister on his service and sermon. 'But,' said the business executive, 'if you were my salesman, I would fire you! You got my attention by your appearance, voice and manner; your prayer, reading and logical discourse aroused my interest; you warmed my heart with a desire for what you preached; and then—you stopped without asking me to do something about it! In business, the important thing is to get them to sign on the dotted line.'"

Of course we do not ask or expect anyone to "sign in the dotted line" but our service should always be of such a nature that the normal climax is reached at the close of the message. Consecrated ministers of all ages have challenged us to preach for a conviction at every service. When the invitation is given all of us should be breathing a prayer to God that some heart will be touched—some soul will be put in tune with its creator.

Next Sunday and every Sunday may the moment of invitation be for you a moment of silent prayer for the souls of others. "Do not be surprised when someone answers your invitation—be surprised when no one does."

Sarah Bostick
MINISTER AND MISSIONARY

By BERTHA MASON FULLER

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Mrs. B. M. Fuller
2216 Summit, Little Rock, Ark.
Elder Cragget Dies

Elder C. E. Cragget, pastor of the Cedar Ave. Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, died Saturday, February 4th, at 1 p.m. Elder Cragget had been in poor health for some time and spent the last three weeks preceding his death in Doctors Hospital, Cleveland.

He had been the pastor of the Cleveland church for eleven years. Before going to Cleveland he had held pastorates in Columbus, Ohio, Kansas City, Mo., and Topeka, Kan. He also served as president of the Missouri and Ohio Conventions. Elder Cragget was one of the outstanding preachers and pastors of our Brotherhood. Everywhere he served he left some outstanding achievement as a monument to his memory. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Pearl Cragget, two sons, Elders Foster and Alexander Cragget of Los Angeles and Cleveland respectively, a mother and sister in Martinsville, Va., and a brother in Columbus, Ohio.

Elder S. J. Compton of Canton,
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Hazel Green Church Burns

Early Sunday morning, January 8, the Hazel Green Christian Church caught fire from an overheated stove, and burned. The structure, seventy-five years old, housed a congregation organized by "Raccoon" John Smith more than a hundred years old. Its membership is composed largely of the staff and students of Hazel Green Academy, a junior and senior high school, supported through The United Christian Missionary Society.

Part of the church equipment was saved from the fire, including the organ and the mechanism of the chimes which were installed a little more than a year ago. The loud speaker which broadcasts hymns to the surrounding countryside was lost with the building.

While the fire still smoldered, plans were made to hold the morning worship services in the auditorium of the Academy. Almost immediately after that service the congregation met to arrange for rebuilding.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

By Helen Gibson

Beginning this new year, we look back into 1949 as having been another year of growth for Southern Christian Institute, the faculty, and students. The enrollment thus far is 566, and approximately 600 students are expected by the end of the school year. This number also includes Summer and Extension School teachers, and new students who are admitted each quarter. The following are a few of the events which took place during the past year:

Dean Charles C. Mosley made a trip to Daytona Beach, Florida, to attend the Southern Association of Negro Colleges and Secondary Schools meeting. The meeting was held at Bethune Cookman College. Dr. Mary Bethune gave the keynote address. Dean Mosley reports that this meeting was "one of the best."

Prof. J. J. Hawkins, Head of the Department of Religion, has done much to create interest in the progress of Southern Christian Institute.

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Editorial

The passing of two of our minis-
ters the same week lends additional
emphasis to the crisis that our
churches are facing. For more than
twenty-five years we have been talk-
ning about the shortage of Christian
ministers and the disastrous ef-
fects it would have on the church
in the future. For twenty-five years
we have been talking, talking, talk-
ing, and that is all. We have ut-
terly failed to develop any kind of
recruiting and training program.

Not only is it true that we face
a critical shortage of ministers now,
but a large percentage of those who
are active have reached or are very
near the retirement age. There is
perhaps, a number of reasons why
we are in this predicament. First,
because we haven't actually tried
to do anything about it, that is,
nothing but talk. We have no
agency whatever whose primary and
specific responsibility is to recruit or
train young men for the ministry.
Perhaps we should say, we have
only one, The College of the Scrip-
tures at Louisville, Kentucky. But
of course we cannot claim any cred-
it for that.

For several years our beloved R.
L. Peters, has tried to establish a
school to recruit and train young
men for the ministry in Winston
Salem, N. C. Recent information
from there indicates renewed efforts
with better chances of success. But
we can't claim any credit for that.

And because of certain circum-
stances which we shall not go into
at this time it is doubtful if either of
these schools can do very much to-
ward meeting our needs.

It is true that we have Jarvis and
Southern Christian Institute. Both
of these schools have given to us
some of our best ministers. But the
fact is that neither of these schools
are primarily and specifically charg-
ed with the responsibility of pre-
paring young men for the ministry.
It seems to us that our big problem
is recruiting. And that is going to be
extremely difficult for a number of
reasons. One is the poor salaries
our churches pay. But that is not
the only reason it is difficult to re-
cruit young men for the ministry.
But whatever the problem it is ours
and we must find the solution. We
must have more ministers.

IN THE MINISTER'S MAILBOX

Charles H. Webb

After nine months in the service
of the Brotherhood as Director of
Church Development and Evangel-
ism, I think it is about time we talked
about some things over together, don't
you? In the first place I would like
to put you on the lookout for this
monthly report under the caption
“IN THE MINISTER'S MAILBOX.” I have
been a minister and a pastor long
enough to know that a lot of the
material which comes to him
through the mail does NOT get the
consideration it deserves. I am not
arguing that every pastor should at-
tempts to execute to the letter, every
phase of every program that is sug-
gested by your National, State, and
District officers and workers; nor
even that it is all worth using. It is
true, however, that the minister has
found such a small amount of the
material received to be usable with-
out a great deal of adaptation, until
he eventually does not even take
the time to examine the mail he
gets. Consequently, the only medi-
um we really have of keeping in
touch with the churches and minis-
ters is sharply cut in its effective-
ness. The only purpose for this
constant visit through the mail is
to attempt to render two vital ser-
vice.

1. To help the minister keep the
calendar and program of the
church before him and
2. to provide minimum aid in
the planning of ways to per-
form the essential function
the church has before it.

Whether or not these helps are
accepted is entirely a matter of the
receiver's personal choice.

Specifically, I want to call atten-
tion to two recent mailings and urge
that maximum attention be given
to them. The first is the pocket
mailed to all ministers in the Fall
by UCMS. It is “On To Victory in
Evangelism” and contains a letter
from the Executive Secretary of De-
partment of Church Development
and Evangelism. Materials in this
package gives outlines for a Pre-Easter
Evangelistic project and suggests
ways to carry it out. It is my per-
sonal hope that every church in the
Brotherhood will use this program or
some locally planned program of
Evangelism during the Easter sea-
son to spur our Evangelistic efforts
for this final year of “A Crusade for
a Christian World.” This will be
one of the ways by which each church
can really accomplish the effort “To Win Just One This
Year,” which I launched some time
ago as a challenge to individual
church members. We believe that
our Evangelism score goes upward
yearly, but we can be certain if
every pastor will send me a report
on Evangelistic projects as soon as
they are completed. I should like
to have the following information
about projects:

1. Type of Project, etc., Visita-
ton Evangelism, one week of
preaching without visits, etc.
2. Dates of project.
3. Guest preacher, if any.
4. Number of additions—Bap-
tism—Transfer.
5. Did you use the Department
materials, if so, did you have

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Mt. Beulah College Club  

Dear Friends:

We know you have been waiting to hear the names of the recipients of the scholarships to which you so generously contributed. We hoped to be able to run the pictures of these young people in the Plea, but we were so late getting them, therefore we can only tell you about them. Both are in the sophomore class at S.C.I. Lula Mae Fletcher was born in Scott, Ark., a member of a large family. She entered S.C.I. as a work student in 1943. Her aim is to complete four years college majoring in costume designing and minoring in nutrition.

Kenneth Bradley was born in Florida but was reared in Chicago. He plans to complete four years college majoring in Religious Education. The S.C.I. Club of Chicago is happy to award scholarships to these deserving young people.

SALVATION OF THE WORLD

(Concluded)

Sidney A. Scott

Jesus tells us in the Scriptures what it takes to save the world. We have been studying the Scriptures and trying to put them into practice for nearly two thousand years and we seem to be no nearer this salvation than when we first started.

We might ask, what is salvation as applied to man? Webster says it is saving of man from eternal misery. Now if the world is unsaved, it must be in a miserable condition and at present it looks that way.

The question arises, how is salvation to be brought about and what will it take to bring it about?

It is apparent that, Lo, these many years we have been deluded by a belief in some miraculous power aside from our own efforts which would bring us salvation. So, it is reasonable to say that if the world is ever to be saved, we must save it ourselves.

Salvation is a long drawn out problem with ignorance and superstition versus intelligence. We must learn to save ourselves, then teach others to save themselves, thus, forever preach the gospel of self-preservation, going from one good degree of grace into another.

Learn to love our neighbor as ourself, and do unto others as we would be done by. We will then wipe out the misery from the world and in its place there will be peace and happiness.

After all, man's existence on this earth is a school that begins with the cradle and ends with the grave. Nature is his textbook, experience is his teacher, and just how well we learn our lesson, as we journey through life, is marked by accomplishments either for good or for bad.

It is evident that all we know, all we have known, and all we shall ever know is but the result of our contact and experience. Occultism has failed to save the world through its leaders. Millions of people today are living in eternal misery. Millions of Christians today are living in eternal misery. How, then, will we find the solution of this problem of world salvation? Many different equations have been applied to this problem and when they are cleared we find ourselves still in the dark seeking the unknown quantity.

Then it is reasonable to say that salvation of the world lies in higher development of man's intelligence, to the degree that his religion will be to do right because it is right to do right, and the common good of all concerned will be his reward.

Why in the name of common sense can we not see a universal God of nature, operating the affairs of the universe and mankind in accordance to eternal law and justice, and not in accordance to our wishes and our prayers.
ANARDARKO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Miss B. B. Anderson, Reporter
Laneville, Texas

December 8th marked the second appreciation of our pastor, Rev. T. A. Armstead.

Three nights and one day were given to this event. Different types of programs were planned for each night for the purpose of making the pastor realize his efforts through the years had been appreciated. December 8th, the Laneville High School had charge of the service, Prof. E. U. Allen, Principal. A soul stirring sermon was delivered by Rev. Bruce Dansby, one of the teachers. December 9th and 10th, the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor had charge of the service, with Bro. Zack Walker, Supt., and President. Friday night, talent program; Saturday night, sermon by Rev. Jack Jinkins, and it was a masterpiece. December 11th, Sunday School and regular service.

The program was climaxed Sunday afternoon with dinner at the church, at which time the pastor and his wife were presented gifts from the Church.

After lunch, Rev. D. V. Patton of the Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Church, Henderson, Texas, delivered the appreciation sermon. Wesley Chapel choir furnished the music.

Sunday was a high day, the spirit was high. We had representatives from some of our sister churches.

This is one of the many wholesome programs that was given during the program. Written and delivered by Mrs. Zelma Palmer:

Rev. Armstead as a minister and friend to humanity, and a child of God.

Rev. Armstead came to Henderson December 1, 1943, to pastor Mt. Olive Christian people and pastored there four years successfully.

In that time under his careful supervision bought and paid for the New Mt. Olive Christian Church.

Then was called to Pine Hill. He is entering his fifth year there. He also pastors a church in Jacksonville and Anadarko.

Rev. Armstead is now president of the Area Institute in three states and is also president of all Bible Schools in Texas.

In spite of all his church obligations he has time to visit the sick and always has a warm handshake for everyone he meets. No one is too low for him to reach out and help. Even every little child loves him.

When sickness and trouble come to many a home, Rev. Armstead is called to comfort and go down in prayer.

The reason we can trust Rev. Armstead as a mediator to God is because his life is so clean, and when he prays it seems as if all Heaven stands still and Christ calls the Angels and tells them to run and tell the Father that my child is calling and the answer must come quickly. To the sick he is a ministering Angel. To the distressed he is a wonderful comforter. To the lost he is a sign board pointing to the highway that I may reach some man with the message of God. He has given him, he is glad to tell men of the redeemer who take away their sin and give them eternal life.

Many are those who have found happiness in their soul through his preaching and teaching.

To all humanity he is a friend. His heart is too small to harbor hatred and yet large enough to love all mankind.

Perhaps the one thing that makes it easier for him is the fact that he has a good wife to stand by his side and even get behind him when his way seems rough, because we all know the success of every man is a good woman behind him.

And Rev. Armstead, may I say to you, may God open the windows of Heaven and pour its richest and choicest blessings upon you, and when the hand of time shall have stopped on the dial of eternity and the light has gone out in your life and time for you shall be no more, then we are sure that the guarding angel will take charge of your soul, number it with the blest and present it in that last day among those whom John saw who had their garments washed and made white in the blood of the lamb. Then shall be spoken unto you these blessed words, “Come thou good and faithful servant. Thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many, enter into ‘thou’ into the joy of thy Lord.”

Rev. Armstead may God bless you.

Spencer P. Austin, executive secretary of the resources department of the United Society, will spend six weeks this summer with our churches in England, Scotland and Ireland. At their request, he will aid in the promotion of their Crusade effort, launched a year ago.

He will also serve as fraternal delegate to the conference of Christian Churches in Great Britain, having been elected by the International Convention.

241 ALEXANDER STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Jan. 5, 1950

The Community and Neighborhood Cooperation Society is moving along very nicely, and we have finished our work for the past year; and have now started our work for the New Year, which we hope to make bigger and better, for this year. We are working for this state at the present time. I do hope with my faith in God, we will be able to put the program over.

It is my highest aim, to not only give gifts that will help the body, but to give gifts that will save the soul. I am trying to reach the lost souls that have not yet been reached, and this is my prayer.

Dear Lord, help me to stand on the highway that I may reach some lost soul today, for only you can help and give strength to the kind of servant I hope to be. Help me not to fail because of those who will not share, but let my hope, my aim be in Thee to gain.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. W. E. Tompkins, President

Spencer Austin To Aid British Churches
District Board No. 6, convened with East Crockett Christian Church Sunday, Jan. 29, 1950. It was one of the best board meetings spiritually and financially.

Due to the inclement weather the Taylor, Lyons, Waco and Temple delegation was curtailed, but the visitors made up for our loss. We opened with a large Bible School with a number of visitors as well as delegates from Austin and other churches. We appreciated the fact that Sgt. Coleman and wife from New York City came to Bible School and worshipped with us all day and also had dinner with us.

Elder Raymond Brown brought the morning message, subject: "The Master Has Come." Elder Brown is a great preacher and every one thoroughly enjoyed his message. Elder Brown is the pastor of the 12th St. Christian Church in Austin, Texas. The Austin choir furnished the music. When you say 12th St. Choir "enough said." We all know what the Austin Choir can do.

In the afternoon we had a round table discussion, "How To Make Your District Board a Success." Prof. Steppings, one of the city teachers, and also a member of East Crockett St. Church, opened the discussion, and with a beautiful flow of English, and being an ex-Army Captain he knew all terms of organization fitting each one correctly in place. He held the audience in awe. Mrs. I. Q. Hurdle responded on "The Work of the Organization." Elder G. C. Robinson spoke on "Time, Place and Preparedness." Bro. R. Brown told of some experiences of East Texas boards. Mrs. Johnson, the wife of Prof. M. T. Johnson, our state treasurer, spoke on "The Spirit and the Help We Get From the Heavenly Father When We Are In His Will." Elder Butler of one of the Baptist Churches of the city talked on "Knowing God and Going to God With Your Problems and Praying to God and Receiving the Answer." Then Prof. M. T. Johnson raked us over from the state board on down to the musical board of East Crockett Christian Church, opened with a large Bible School some experiences of East Texas boards.

During our meeting, there was a visit from Fort Worth, gave timely reports. That did not apply to me. Sister QRales, who was visiting from Fort Worth, gave timely remarks on working and talking less, which we all could profit by.

Bro. Hurdle is doing a great work in San Antonio. He has added a large number of new members and some very influential people to the church there. I was really surprised at the growth of the church.

Too much praise cannot be given to the culinary department, those sisters who prepared the delicious food. There were large, delicious baked hams, platters of golden brown southern fried chicken, delicious tart salads, exquisite cakes, coconut, pecan, chocolate, pineapple, and white icing cakes made at home and baked at the wayside store. The best sweet potato pies and apple pies you ever tasted. It had been long before the war since I had seen a banquet table loaded with large, whole homemade, vegetables cooked to a queen's taste. Bless these dear people. I think we all felt like singing "Dear Hearts and Gentle People," after the rest.

Minister's Mailbox
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I know a number of churches are planning Evangelistic projects and I would like to know how they are coming along.

The other packet that came to your mailbox recently was in a Big Brown Envelope on the Week of Compassion. It contains suggestions for observance of the Week of Compassion March 5 - 12; two folders, "Exclusively for the Ministers" and information on "One Great Hour" of sharing in which Disciples of Christ will participate this year. A very conscientious effort for success in this program will do a marvelous job to improve our record of financial giving in the Crusade, for all gifts to the Week of Compassion are credited on your Crusade goals and you have two Sundays, March 5 and March 12. Of course March 12 is Crusade Sunday and you may prefer to center your financial effort on that day.

You will get some more material in your "Mailbox" Brother pastor, and some of it you will want to use. There is no way to tell what you ought to throw away until you look at it. So open it anyway.

By the way, has your church given any money to the National Convention, c/o Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, as yet? You'd be surprised to know how much your contribution helps.

Too often people throw food together and bring to the House of God as an offering, like Cain gathering his refused herbs to offer God. I was at a church affair once when a sister brought something in a dish which shouldn't have been given to a nice dog, but she came in with an air, knowing she was not going to eat the mess. May God bless those San Antonio people for their liberality and hospitality.
Elder Cragget Dies
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Ohio, preached his funeral. A large number of ministers were in attendance. Among them, Eld. R. H. Davis, president of the National Convention, Eld. E. J. Dickson, Executive Secretary, Elders H. E. Fowler, president of the Ohio Convention and Elders E. W. Wilbert, S. C. Devine, John Compton, William Campbell, all of Ohio, and Elder R. L. Jordan of Detroit, Mich. More details in next issue.

The pre-Christmas programs on campus began with a play "The Christmas Candle" given by the Community School. Misses Velma Greer and Elaine Minott directed the music under the supervision of Miss Thelma Murphy.

The next evening, the Dramatic Club under the direction of Miss Emma R. Bradford presented two plays. The first, "Slave With Two Foci" was a portrayal of Life. The second, "The Other Shepherd" was a presentation of the Christmas Story.

The third evening, the Southern Christian Institute Choir presented a cantata entitled "Bethlehem," by J. H. Maunter. This cantata related the Christmas Story in three parts with an invitation in which all were invited to come and worship the Christ Child. Floreec Rollins, Errol Needham, George Parker, Kenneth Bradley, Christopher Moore, and Velma Greer were soloists. It was directed by Miss Thelma Murphy and accompanied by Miss Eleanor McKee.

The climax of our pre-Christmas celebration was in the form of a banquet followed by a movie Friday night, December 16. Everyone was there dressed in his best for the occasion, and the feast was fully enjoyed by all. The hall was beautifully decorated in keeping with the delicious turkey dinner served. The movie which followed was entitled "King of Kings," a Biblical production by Cecil B. DeMille.

On the third of January, students and faculty said good-bye to holiday fun and once again buckled down to work. The college sophomores and high school seniors began their work with a greater enthusiasm as they are looking forward to "that day in May." This year Southern Christian Institute boasts of having the largest college graduating class in its history. Out of a junior college enrollment of 61, we are proud to say that 35 are sophomores!

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Tuesday morning, January 10, Mr. Kenneth Bradley was presented in chapel program. Mr. Bradley was our representative at the DSF Conference which convened in Des Moines, Iowa, during the Christmas holidays. He urged that any student not hesitate to go to any future DSF Conference because of the "intellectual and spiritual emancipation" would be gained.

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Have You Got the Giving Habit?

Some one has said: “Habits are soon acquired and we can acquire good habits as easily as bad ones.”

Yes! some habits are good, some habits are bad,
There’s not the least reason for doubt,
And it’s not very easy to break either one,
As some of us quickly find out.

Some habits are natural as ever could be
And some of them we have acquired,
But I have contracted a habit of late
And it’s one to be fully desired.

I once had a habit to take all that came
And I’d take it as quick as I could,
I seldom would give, but I’d always receive
And I’d get whilst the getting was good.

But now I’m rejoicing because I have found
A thing I could scarcely believe,
The words of the Saviour are evermore right,
It’s more blessed to give than to receive.

It’s glorious to live now I’ve started to give
I am filled with a constant delight;
It smoothen and lessens my trials by day,
And it sweetens my dreams in the night.

Yes! some habits are good, some habits are bad,
And they cling to us while we live;
But I’ve proven the happiest mortals on earth
Are the folks who have learned how to give.

—John Dale Kempster,
Interlachen, Fla.

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Imagination, and Initiation.” He is presently on a committee appointed by the President of the United States to remodel and rebuild buildings not only in the United States, but in several of the foreign countries.

Each year the Y. M. C. A. of Southern Christian Institute gives a small scholarship to offer encouragement to some worthy S. C. I. graduate who is furthering his or her education in some institute of higher learning. Last year this scholarship went to Miss Effie Stamps who is attending Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. This year, the scholarship will be awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Euton Williams who are attending Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

“Happy is the man who getteh wisdom, and findeth understanding . . . . . .”

Sex Education

Sidney A. Scott

In this present generation we hear much talk about sex education and child delinquency and how much sex relation should be taught in the school and how much should be taught in the home. Educated men and women, the best we have in this country and abroad, are discussing these questions and advising what is best to do. Yet, premature sex relations and child delinquency are on the rampage. I have often thought, is it a matter of us not knowing what is best to do or a matter of us not doing what we know is best to do.

The fundamentals of sex relations should be taught in the home by both parents, they themselves having learned from the school of contact and experience. No school room and no teacher can create that warm confiding influence in the mind of the child as comes from a loving mother and home. Sex appeal is the strongest force in nature governing human activities.

The growing child should have a companion, someone whom it can bring all its little petty vexations.

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Successful Worrying

A budget helps you worry about your expenses in advance instead of your bills afterward. A church budget wisely set up and strictly followed is the most successful kind of worrying to prevent year end congregational headaches from economic crises.

A New Testament Church seriously following the precepts of Jesus will plan for the future. Jesus pointed out (Luke 14:28-30) that one who intends to build a tower will first figure up the cost. This is budget making in the light of needs.

God has given us intelligence to be used in planning His work. Wistful thinking instead of intelligent planning is not an evidence of faith but of foolishness as Jesus implied. A church certainly should be honest, pay its debts and meet its obligations on time. A government with the power to tax and to issue money may get by for a time on deficit spending but a church, despite its idealism, must be realistic and live within its income. This calls for planning — budgeting — worrying in advance.

Does your congregation have a budget? What expenses are anticipated? What income should be expected? What are the needs? Can they be met? If these questions are asked in terms of facts and figures you have a budget.

Here are some suggestions for budget making. On the anticipated expense side make two divisions: Local Expenses; For Others. Now list the items which must be included in the cost of the local work: salaries, building maintenance, pastor’s expense account, office supplies, publicity, insurance, repairs, new construction. A review of expenses during the previous year will help you include all items.

Now consider the privileges of sharing with others that your congregation has. Remember, your congregation has absolute and final authority over these contributions. In fact any member of the congregation is to have the right to contribute to whatever cause he may want to support. With this in mind, study carefully all the causes which should have your attention: foreign missions, home missions, benevolence, education, and various other such causes. It will be wise to divide these items into three groups: Missions, Benevolence, Education.

As suggested, Missions will include both home and foreign missions with ample room to support special projects as the local congregation or various of its members may desire. Benevolence, of course, will make provision for the homes for the aged, orphans, the infirm.

An item for Higher Education can easily be indicated here in the Northwest. Just provide for a gift from the congregation to Northwest Christian College that is equal to one dollar per member per year. This will provide for the minimum needs of training Christian leaders in this area.

Finally, the budget should leave room for special projects. For example, a special budget item or a special campaign may be desired to meet the challenge of a Crusade for a Christian World.

Having set up the budget, the next thing is to plan to meet the expenses indicated. Of course this could be done easily if every member of the church were a tithe but since there are so many unconverted pocketbooks it may be necessary to do a lot of stewardship teaching to get the income to measure up to the anticipated out-go.

Anyway, it is better to worry in advance as to how money shall be spent than to worry afterward why it went so rapidly and accomplished so little. A good New Testament Congregation will “count the most” in advance. This is successful worrying.


Kentucky Youth Meet

By Nannye V. Butler

Plans are being completed for the most successful Youth Meet, to be held at the High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, March 24-26. Each youth organization in the state is asked to send as many representatives as possible to share in this great fellowship. The registration fee will be $2.50. (Two dollars and fifty cents). All young people are urged to plan now to attend.

Mrs. Edith Bristow, Director
USHERS' FELLOWSHIP UNION
National Christian Missionary Convention
Disciples of Christ

Mrs. Elmo M. Dupree, Secretary
5928 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

To the Sr. Usher Boards:

We submit the minutes of the Ushers' session held August 22-28, 1949 at Edwards, Mississippi. The National Ushers' Day is just around the corner, the second Sunday in March, 1950.

We are endeavoring to raise two hundred dollars ($200.00), our goal for the National Convention. Each Board is asked to try and raise twenty-five dollars ($25.00) on that Sunday, or as much as you can. Send money raised direct to convention treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis 1, Tenn. Report the amount sent to the secretary of Usher Board as she must have a record of all monies; the secretary will report said amount to Treasurer of Board. We are raising this money to help defray the expenses of the Ushers' work. There is much to be done; the Board will be working all sessions of the Convention. We need lots of ushers to attend this year as their contribution will add dignity and order to the Convention.

We are asking our local churches to help us organize Usher Boards in their churches, those that haven't already. Write the president and say that you are uniting with the National Board and will support it by sending as many ushers from your Board as you can, plus your delegate and representation fee of five dollars ($5.00).

We will appreciate any suggestions you have for the growing program of our National Board. The president will be glad to help in any way that she can; you are free to write her for any information needed. Ushers have a manual which has very helpful instructions and information.

The program for the second Sunday in March is entirely up to the local Board; each plans its own program. Please write the secretary or president and tell how your Board is getting along.

The Convention will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, August 22-27, 1950.

Thanking you in advance, we are

Sincerely yours,
Ruby Ramsey, President
Elma M. Dupree, Secretary

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

John B. Eubanks
Jenvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, is moving to the front these days as an institution of higher learning. Jarvis is not just another liberal arts college. It is a college which recognizes as central in its teachings and practices the great ethical, religious, and moral values which undergird the life of mankind everywhere. Its devotion to making education meaningful and functional has been constant throughout the thirty-six years of its existence. Furthermore, Jarvis has been geared all these years to a work-study program. Such an arrangement integrates the theoretical and practical aspects of human experience into one pattern. We do not exalt theory over practice; nor do we exalt practice over theory. We understand these as aspects of the total life pattern.

Where We Are Now
Since August 10, 1949, we have been busy preparing Jarvis Chris- (Continued on Page 5)
In The Minister’s Mailbox

In the fall a packet was placed in the Minister’s Mail Box from the Department of Church Development and Evangelism. That packet was calling attention to the “On To Victory In Evangelism Project” for the Easter emphasis.

In January your Mail Box received a large brown envelope from Unified Promotion. This packet contained samples of materials for use in the Easter (April 9) to Pentecost (May 28), a period of seven weeks and eight Sundays, or fifty days. This is really one of the essential packets of the year. If you have kept your packet intact, that is, if you have not opened it yet, get it now and let’s go over the materials.

Now the first thing you should do is read the Introductory Letter written by Julian E. Stuart, Associate Director of Unified Promotion. It is dated January 24, 1950. There is always a letter with the packets you get, and it will give some introduction to what you will find. If the letter is carefully read, doesn’t it make you want to look further, then throw the packet out if you wish. This is a challenging letter. It closes with the sentence, “Good Stewardship is Good Discipleship. You will find three small pamphlets in the packet entitled, “What is Proportionate Giving?”, “How To Tithe” and “The New Testament on Christian Stewardship”. These are free and should be ordered in quantity for liberal distribution. Some churches will promote a period of tithing during this period, and many others will have special financial campaigns. These little items will be of great help as educational material.

Next is a leaflet, “Dedication Sunday.” This calls attention to Dedication Day, May 21, and may be sent out in a church letter as an announcement. The next three pamphlets suggest means of promoting the stewardship program to all age levels. They are called, “Youth Has Money for God”, “Children’s Giving in the Church School” and “Studies in Christian Stewardship.” The latter two may be used to exceptional advantage as the basis for a series of class discussions or training programs in preparation for your stewardship emphasis.

The next item is a twelve page program and planning manual for the minister and his committee. The plans are given in rather detailed fashion, but we know that some of that has to be adapted, don’t we? Of course you will violate no laws if you use it just as it is in the manual.

Finally there is the poster. There is always a poster too. If you are still using last year’s poster, take it down and put up a new one. You have received several in the past six months. The important thing about this poster is what it says, “The Key To Christian Progress Is STEWARDSHIP”. You will not question the truth of that and as you think on the words the depth of meaning will sink deeper and deeper into your consciousness. Simple Christian stewardship—practiced—will solve all the problems of the Christian church as it relates to the National Convention.

Your mail box was really full that time, Brother minister; had you noticed? Easter should provide significant experiences for every individual Christian. If soul winning and liberal sharing do not make their impact in the life of the church THIS YEAR, the church will have no one to blame but itself.

Well here comes your post-man.

Yours to serve,

Charles H. Webb, Director
Church Development
and Evangelism

Missionary Organizations

Mrs. Arah E. Garret, Pres.

Dear Co-workers:

There is an analogy with our Missionary work and Tennyson’s poem, “The River”. Our directors “come” our directors “go”, but like the river the missionary work goes on forever.

I am definitely sure it will be as heart warming to you as it was to me to know that we have Mrs. Berniece Blackburn Holmes of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to join our National Staff as Director of Missionary Organizations-Education and women’s work (Ad-Interim).

Mrs. Holmes comes to us steeped with Christian indoctrination and well equipped with missionary zeal. She is the daughter of a pioneer Christian family of Mississippi. She is the sister of Mrs. Deetsy Blackburn Gray and Mr. Cleo Blackburn. She has led the Oklahoma Women’s State Missionary Organization for several years and worked with inter-racial groups. Mrs. Holmes is a graduate of Southern Christian Institute.

It has been our avid desire that we secure a worker with Mrs. Holmes’ integration. We are fortunate to have her join our National personnel. We sincerely hope that each state and local organization will cooperate fully with Mrs. Holmes in reorganizing and reviving our work. We must give her our last full measure of loyalty as she charts our course.

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Mississippi Blvd.

Elder Blair T. Hunt, Pastor
Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter
852 Polk Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

With the coming of the New Year, the members of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church pledged to do greater things in the year 1950. Following are some of the things accomplished by different departments of the church during the year 1949.

Under the spiritual guidance of the pastor, Elder Blair T. Hunt, and the Visitation Evangelism Campaign headed by Dr. J. E. Walker, Board Chairman, thirty-six (36) members were added to the church roll during 1949.

The Laymen's League, under its President, Mr. J. T. Chandler, contributed a great part in the evangelism campaign. Some of the other things accomplished for the year by the League follow: Provided four public programs, supervised annual church picnic, sent delegates to Youth Conference, instituted a "Men's Breakfast" project for the first Sunday in each month and supplied funds for a communion set for the new Riverview Christian Church.

The Bible School's annual Fall Drive proved a great success numerically and financially. This drive covered a period of seven weeks and during the seven week period, the following resulted: new members 27, visitors 22, attendance 682 and offering $524.68. The Bible School also provided Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas fruit and presents for members of Bible School and Church. Sponsored Vacation Bible School. Mr. M. W. Bonner is Superintendent and Prof. J. A. Swayze, Assistant Superintendent.

The "C. Y. F." under the direction of Prof. J. A. Swayze was successful in proportion to the Bible School.

The Sunshine Fund spent $335.72 in helping the less fortunate and worthy civic organizations.

The Missionary Society spent $323.77, including National apportionment, Christmas Cheer to shut-ins, chairs for new Riverview Christian Church Choir, two delegates to National Convention, provided funds for S. C. I. Project and State Convention. The Society observed its special days, including Easter Week of Prayer, Woman's Day and Annual Tea, also other programs during the year. On Woman's Day, the Society had two great speakers for the day. Miss Harry Mae Simon, teacher in Memphis City School System and Basileus of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority at the eleven o'clock service and our own Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Secretary of Budget Committee of National Negro Business League, spoke at night. Both speakers were very fluent and gave us messages that will long be remembered.

The Plea Secretary, yours truly, sent in thirty (30) subscriptions for 1949.

The year 1950 came in with great promises for Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church. Six people have been added to the church roll this year, five of them by baptism.

The first Sunday in February was another great day in the new year. The Laymen's League had a large number at their monthly breakfast. Rev. J. A. McDaniel, Pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church, was guest speaker. The Bible School had 126 present. The Pastor, Elder Blair T. Hunt, chose as his subject for the eleven o'clock service "WAIT AWHILE". It was a well delivered sermon and left you wanting to wait awhile and listen for the voice of God that would help you find a larger life which comes to those who lose themselves in the Master.

Port Gibson District No. 1

R. E. Chambliss, Reporter

The Church Schools of Port Gibson District No. 1, held the quarterly session with the Tillman Church, Jan. 22-23, 1950, Brother Joseph Green presiding. The weather was warm and pleasant and the attendance was good. All the different departments were represented and played important parts on the program. Bro. Eddie West, president of the C. Y. F., was present with his program each day. Miss Lula Mae Washington sponsored the program for the first day and Miss Barbara Jean Williams the second day. Bro. Taylor Jackson presided over the Usher Board and the program was very interesting. Bro. Thomas Harris a young man studying for the ministry, preached a wonderful sermon on the subject, "A New Life." Amount raised as follows: Church $45.36, C. Y. F. $21.98, Usher Board $18.27. Total Raised $85.61.

Laymen Elected to Advisory Commission

The following have been elected to membership in the National Laymen's Advisory Commission, to serve for one year or until their successors are named: Clifton B. Huff, Emporia, Kansas; W. W. Summers, Huntington, W. Va.; John Scott, Duluth, Minn.; Sam Bundy, Farmville, North Carolina; Lewis, Jackson, Miss.; B. S. Ramsey, Atlanta, Ga.; and Charles Lucas, Charleston, South Carolina.
Southern Christian Institute Bookmobile
President John Long
Southern Christian Institute

What would you do if you had no books? You are so used to having so many attractive books with interesting stories and pretty pictures that you probably never thought of such a question.

But there are children who are not so fortunate as you. They do not have books in their homes. And these children are not all in Africa or India or some far-away place. There are many of them right here in America. We have numbers of them very near our oldest home missions school, the Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi. That is why SCI has a bookmobile which carries books and magazines to as many children as they can reach in the neighborhood.

The books which they use are books which children like you have read many times and which they wanted to share with other children of 32 public schools in the area. The children take the books home so that their mothers and fathers and other children can read them too. One little girl named Lula was so happy over the book that she ran all the way home to show it to her mother and before school was out. Her book happened to be a Bible story book. Lula's mother could not read. The next time we saw her, she was so happy about the book and told us about the story which Lula had read to her. It was the story of the Prodigal Son. Lula's mother was so happy that Lula could read it just as the preacher told it at church.

We wish the little boy or girl who sent us that book of Bible stories could have seen how happy the book made Lula and her family and the great many other children who read it too before it was worn out. We should be glad that we can read, that we have so many beautiful books to read. But we should also remember the many children who do not have such books and share a few of the pretty ones with them.

We need books of all ages, but particularly for Pre-School and Primary Groups. We need them for juniors and intermediates too; but the greatest shortage is with the younger children.

Crusade Funds Supply Bibles All Over the World

Disciples of Christ with their appreciation of the Christian scriptures, find unusual satisfaction in the share they have had in augmenting the budget of the American Bible Society in supplying the unprecedented demand for Bibles in all parts of the world since World War II. 9,716,251 copies were distributed in 1948.

The Bible takes a unique place in missionary advance. It can go where missionaries cannot go and remain there when the missionary moves out.

To answer the calls for Bibles in 1950 requires a budget, regular and emergency, of $3,296,914.

He Became Totally And Permanently Disabled

What Pension Plan Membership Has Meant to One Minister Who Became Totally and Permanently Disabled and What It Continues to Mean to His Widow.

This servant of the Lord, a member of the National Christian Missionary Convention, enrolled in the Pension Plan with his church, January 1, 1931. Two years and ten months later, he became totally and permanently disabled. During the years of membership, he paid 2 1/2% dues amounting to $71.12, and the church paid 8% dues of $229.51— the total dues paid being $301.33.

The disability pension began November 1, 1933 and was paid at the rate of $33.75 per month, or $405.00 a year. The pension represented 40% of the average annual salary on which the dues were paid, and did not exceed the maximum $900.00 per year.

Our pensioner lived for six years and five months after becoming totally and permanently disabled. During this time he received benefits amounting to $2,598.83.

On the first of the month following the death of the member, the widow pension began. The widow pension, which is one-half of the pension paid the member, has been $202.52 a year, payable at the rate of $16.88 a month. In 9 years and 11 months, the widow has received $2,008.36.

Thus far, total benefits of $4,607.29 have been paid. Though the widow is now 69 years of age, she is assured of receiving $16.88 each month as long as she lives.

Protection for total and permanent disability is just one of three benefits available to members of the Pension Plan.

Is Your Minister Enrolled?

Is Your Church Enrolled?

Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ

800 Test Building
Indianapolis 4, Indiana
The foods service department must be integrated with the teaching functions of the college.

How Our Churches Can Help
Jarvis Christian College needs the full financial and moral support of the churches of the Brotherhood. Our churches should assume some responsibility for the present developmental program of the college so that the goal of full accreditation can be achieved. One or two things could be done by the churches. Some churches could ask their members to give one dollar a year to Jarvis. Others could help Jarvis by taking an offering one Sunday in each month and sending it to the college. It might require a lot of bookkeeping to do this, but the total amount of small contributions would go a long way in helping the college. This should be done as an expression of the Church’s faith in Christian Higher Education, that is, if we really mean all we say about education for high moral and spiritual living.

Individuals Are Helping
The call for help by our Brotherhood is being answered. Dr. J. E. Walker, President, Universal Life Insurance Company and National Treasurer of the Convention, has made a contribution of $250.00. Pledges of support and smaller contributions are already coming to the college. The churches of Texas are planning to do a big job. Many of them have been contacted through personal visits. We can all do our share. The size of the gift (Continued on Page 6)

A SUGGESTION FOR Christian Family Week
Give a 3-Month HEARTHSTONE Subscription to Every Family in the Church
Christian Family Week (May 7-14) offers churches one of the best opportunities to acquaint members with the Christian family magazine—HEARTHSTONE. Ask your church to order a quarter’s subscription now for each family, and give out the first issue during Christian Family Week. Your church will find it easy to obtain regular subscriptions for HEARTHSTONE after parents have had the opportunity to read three successive issues. Price: single subscriptions to one address, 60 cents each per quarter (20 cents a month); individual yearly subscriptions, $2.50 each.

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Christian Family Week

Christian Family Week will be observed in the churches May 7-14 this year. The theme will be "God Works Through Homes", and the purpose of the observance in churches of Disciples of Christ will be the enlistment of homes in the Crusade, and the strengthening of Christian family life education.

J. D. Montgomery, national director of adult work and Christian family life of The United Christian Missionary Society, is sending a packet of materials to the churches to guide them in planning their observance. Several leaflets in the packet offer suggestions to families to help them with programs of Christian teaching in the home.

Christian Family Week was started in 1940 by Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo., and was adopted as an annual project of the International Council of Religious Education in 1941. The special week has been observed by most of the churches cooperating in the International Council of Religious Education in 1941. The special week has been observed by most of the churches cooperating in the International Council for the past nine years.

Fellowship Christian

Mrs. Calia Joseph, Reporter

There has been quite a lot of progress made during the 19 months Elder Eugene Patterson has been our pastor. Thirty-three members have been added to the church, eight of this number in the last three months, four by baptism. Among them, Mrs. Odessa Pratt of Easton, Pa. During the first two weeks in January our pastor conducted a Crusade Revival in Baltimore for Eld. C. L. Whitfield and the Mt. Olivet Christian Church, 11 additions. Eld. Whitfield organized the the Philadelphia church in 1946. On Sunday, Jan. 8th, a delegation from Fellowship Church visited Mt. Oli-

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should vary in proportion to ability to give, but every gift counts.

The Task Before Jarvis

Accreditation is absolutely necessary in 1950 for Jarvis. The college must compete with other standardized colleges in this country, and survival will depend upon being able to compete. However, accreditation is a means to an end; not an end in itself. As a church-related college emphasizing moral and spiritual values in the total program, the college is training men and women for leadership both for the church and for the world needs. No one can truthfully doubt the fact that the need for men and women of moral worth to serve church and state is greater than ever before. Jarvis has taught and continues to teach young people how to make a living and also how to make a life. Modern man cannot live in the splendid isolation of the past either geographically or spiritually, therefore, Jarvis emphasizes education for international understanding. The glaring need for a more effective and trained ministry for our Brotherhood churches must be met at the level of recruiting and training. So Jarvis steps out on that front. To help meet that critical need is one of the major tasks of the college in cooperation with other Brotherhood endeavors. Jarvis must also train an increasing number of pre-professional workers in the fields of medicine, dentistry, law, social work, library science, civil servants, and research.

people with a religious and spiritual interpretation of their callings.

The immediate task of Jarvis Christian College is to become accredited so that it can do its job better by standards of high merit. The ultimate goal of the College is to help transform society through the training of men and women whose minds are morally and spiritually strong and courageous so that human brotherhood may increasingly become a reality and the Kingdom of God may come in this world.

The immediate task and the ultimate goal of Jarvis Christian College should be that of every Disciple. If this is true, then do your share!

Director of Missionary Organizations

Mrs. Berniece A. Holmes
Director Missionary Organization Education

Dear Co-Workers:

Having been elected to serve as National worker for Missionary Organization-Education and Women's work, I have pledged to do my best; but first of all I must have the cooperation of state workers, local ministers and local presidents. It is going to take all of us to do the job.

Our work must be strengthened by the giving of our time and means for its support. There are many things we lack and must improve upon if we are going to expand our work and reach our goals. Our people must be informed of our responsibility and the needs of our work. We are here to serve in giving information and help to make plans that will awaken every Christian to his duty and create within the National church family a desire to do a job so well that we will enjoy spiritual growth throughout the brotherhood.

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Edwards, Miss., Southern Christian Institute Held August 22-28, 1949
Ushers Fellowship Union of the National Christian Missionary Convention

The 33rd Annual Session of the National convention opened Monday night August 22, 1949. Theme: "The World Hath Need of Thee." Ushers began their second year of service for the convention. We did not work on the opening night due to the absence of the President and Vice-President. Miss Ruby Ramsey, First Vice-President, arrived Tuesday night and received a hearty welcome from ushers. Miss Ramsey called a meeting for ushers to discuss some of the handicaps that the ushers had to face because of not having learned of any plans Mr. George C. Penn had for this year. The regular business hour for ushers was held at 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., afternoon hour 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday morning, August 24, the meeting was opened with a brief devotion led by Mr. Meyers Brown. Business for this period was registering Boards and collecting registration fees.

Boards Represented
Ross St. Board of Alabama; Mrs. C. J. Hinson, delegate; fees, $1.
Indiana Ave. of Illinois; Mrs. E. M. DuPree, delegate; fees, $15.
Ball St. Board of Texas; Rev. Dickson, delegate; fees, $5.
Mississippi State Board of Mississippi; Mr. M. Brown, delegate; fees, $5.
Romine St. Board of Texas; Mrs. W. H. Peirson, delegate; fees, $2.50.
Eastern Sea Board of New York; Mrs. R. McCreek, delegate; Fees, $3.00.
Mt. Sterling Board of Kentucky; fees, $15.00.
Total fees, $46.50.

Boards reported to National Convention Treasurer, Dr. Walker. Meeting adjourned.

Ruby Ramsey, Pres.
Elmo DuPree Sec'y

Wednesday afternoon's meeting was called to order by the President. Devotional service led by Mrs. E. M. Townsel. Minutes of the 1948 Session were read by the Secretary. It was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Townsel that the minutes be adopted. Motion carried. Unfinished business was discussed with the suggestion of the Vice-President, that we carry on the best we can, due to the absence of President Mr. George C. Penn. Election of Officers was held, Mr. Meyers Brown presiding. Officers elected as follows:

President, Ruby Ramsey, Chicago, Ill.
1st Vice Pres., Lillian Mackey, Tillman, Miss.
2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. C. J. Hinson, Montgomery, Ala.
Secretary, Mrs. Elmo DuPree, Chicago, Ill.
Asst. Sec'y, Sadie James, Tillman, Miss.
Treasurer, Emma Townsel, Shaw, Miss.
Reporter, Octavia Wells, Chicago, Ill.
Chairman of program committee, Ruby Ramsey, Chicago, Ill.

Thursday morning, August 25th, the meeting was called to order by the President. Prayer was offered by Mr. Meyers Brown. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary. It was moved by Mrs. Townsel and seconded by Mrs. James that the minutes be adopted. Motion carried. Business for the period was rehearsing and planning for the afternoon program. Tabled suggestions for the next meeting were:

1. Plans for the ushers' National day to raise money. Where and how money shall be sent to National convention treasurer.
2. The Secretary was excused from the meeting to get the recommendation ready for recommendation committee of the convention. Meeting adjourned.

Ruby Ramsey, Pres.
Sadie James, Asst. Sec'y

Thursday afternoon—Unfinished business, planning and outlining the work for the ensuing year.

1. Local Boards are asked to raise the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) on ushers' National day, second Sunday in March 1950.

Money that is raised on that day shall be sent to the convention treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn., and send amount of receipt to the secretary, Elma M. DuPree, 5928 Michigan Ave., Chicago 37, Ill., so that the secretary can keep a record of all money raised. Secretary will send receipt to treasurer of Ushers Board as we are not permitted to have a treasurer. This money is raised to help defray the expense of the Usher Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Ruby Ramsey, President
Elmo DuPree, Secretary

Friday morning, August 26th. Meeting was called to order by the President. Lord's Prayer in unison. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary. It was moved by Mrs. Hinson and seconded by Mrs. Mackey that the minutes be adopted. Motion carried. Report on program, the proceeds turned over to the National convention treasurer. New business (Ways and Means). How we can promote a better and bigger board by contacting local Ushers Boards of the entire brotherhood through the Ministers of our local churches. To work out a definite project in raising money and discharging our duty to the convention.

Meeting adjourned.

Ruby Ramsey, Pres.
Elmo DuPree, Sec'y

Friday afternoon's meeting was called by the president: Minutes of (Continued on Page 8)
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the previous meeting were read by the secretary. It was moved by Mrs. Townsend and seconded by Mrs. Wells that the minutes be approved. Motion carried. The unfinished business was tabled for 1950. This closing the business period for 1949 Session. Miss Ramsey asked all ushers to work on Sunday morning, those who had their uniforms. A letter was read from Eastern Sea Board Ushers, which was organized in June 1949 and united with the Fellowship Union in August 1949. We thank this board for their loyal support. The president, Miss Ramsey, expressed her appreciation to all ushers for their loyal support and also to the boards who sent their representation fee. Total money raised 1949, $59.78, paid to National convention treasurer. 1948 Disbursement for traveling expenses of president and secretary and secretary supplies, $55.58.

Recommendation Presented to Recommendation Committee

1. That the Ushers Fellowship Union be allowed to keep the sum of $25.00 in their treasuries for secretory needs, etc. This recommendation did not pass, we are not allowed to have a treasurer. The convention pays all necessary bills.

2. Ushers serve in all Sessions passed.

A motion was carried that an itemized statement be presented with bills ordered written on treasurer.

In addition to the recommendation on proceeding business the secretary is to send out letters to the local boards two months prior to the “National Ushers Day”. This letter shall be dictated by the President. Miss Ramsey announced that Saturday will be the convention outing day. The ushers will go on a motorcade. Ushers expressed themselves, how much they enjoyed the fellowship working together.

Saturday, August 27th: The convention’s business was finished. On the motorcade trip we visited the National Park and other beautiful sceneries. After the trip a fish fry was served on the campus.

Sunday, August 28th ushers served in the morning services. Afterwards, dinner.

This was the second year for usher serving the National Convention. We enjoyed it very much. Twenty-eight ushers attended the meetings. Only a few could work because of not having their uniforms. We are grateful to Mississippi State Ushers for their loyal support and giving us a hearty welcome.

Added Features

1. A nursing staff to the National Board.
2. One new Board, Eastern Sea Board.

Appeal From The President

Ushers: We are looking forward to seeing you next year in Memphis, Tenn. Come, bring your uniforms, let's have a big Usher Board. 1950. Thanks to S. C. I. for everything.

Ruby Ramsey, President
Elma DuPree, Secretary

Director of Missionary Organizations—

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The world is struggling against political power, greed, selfishness and prejudices. They must be conquered by love and understanding. We the Disciples must prove to the world that we will accept the challenge of the 20th Century and that the church has strength and good will backed by its harmony and divine guidance to become the guiding light of the age.

We are asking for your cooperation in this program and your support to our National Office. The National Convention must meet its goals and the Crusade giving must show that we have had a share in it.

We will do our best to keep you informed and give guidance wherever possible. May we as Christian women strive to make this a great year in Kingdom building.
Activities of Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Ill.

The senior choir of Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois, presented its Easter musical "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by DuBois at the church Good Friday evening, April 7. Soloists for the affair were Miss Pearl Richards, soprano; Herbert Wilson, tenor; and Shelby Nichols, baritone. Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, who was in charge of all musical activities of the church, directed the choir, and Mrs. Evelyn Smith Lawson presided at the organ.

Rev. R. H. Davis, pastor of Indiana Avenue Church, reports that sixteen new members were added to the church during the period covered by the first eleven Sundays. Three of these persons united by confession and the others came from the following denominational groups: Congregational, 1; Disciples of Christ, 5; Methodist, 2; Church of God, 1; Baptist, 4. Attendance at all of the Sunday morning services has been very good, Rev. Davis states, the average being about 240 persons.

Two new groups in the church have recently begun active service to the community. Mr. G. S. Simmons, who is a trained Boy Scout leader, volunteered to reorganize the Boy Scout group. The leader, who is not a member of Indiana Avenue Church, started his services as a result of an appeal made by the pastor at a recent regular church service and is doing an excellent job. The other group is the Brownie Pack, serving girls in the church and community between the ages of seven and ten. The Brownies are in charge of three very active young women of the church, Mrs. Diana Kittrell, Mrs. Cleathia Keith, and Mrs. Evelyn Lawson.

Special emphasis is being placed on the mid-week services during the Lenten season. The service each Wednesday night is in charge of two laymen with Rev. Davis closing with a special Lenten message, using as the general theme, "The Man, Christ Jesus".

Outstanding of the church's recent events was the annual calendar (Continued on Page 9)
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Editorial

D. W. Heath

Some time ago I was asked to do what I could to help make our PAPER (The Christian Plea) a more readable as well as more subscribed magazine of our brotherhood. Ever since that time I have been thinking about what could be done to make our CHRISTIAN PLEA more interesting.

One of the first things that came to my thinking was that of sponsoring a PICTORIAL PAGE each month featuring one of our Churches and some of its activities. Since the paper doesn't have money for this sort of thing I have asked some of our Ministers to have several cuts made, at the local Church expense, of some interesting service. May be some pictures that you already have, for example, one of the official board, one of the congregation and one of the minister of the church. Send along with this a bit of information about each picture. The cuts and information are to be sent to D. W. Heath, 915 Eighth St. N. W., Roanoke 17, Virginia. I will see to it that your church gets to the press in the proper time.

It is our hope that all of the churches of our brotherhood will respond to this request because our PAPER needs more subscribers and I believe that this is one of the ways to increase them.

One more last word is this: Let your news be newsy and don't send in the minutes of the last board meeting.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

April and May, 1950

Editorial

The Editor of the Christian Plea has always been in sympathy with the Christian Standard Publishing Co. in its efforts to restore the church of Christ in its primitive faith and order. We have admired its stand on the fundamental teachings of the New Testament Scriptures and its avowed opposition to what we call "Modernism". However, we were somewhat disappointed in the Standard's indorsement of an article by Dr. William Harllee Bordeaux in a recent issue of the Christian Standard.

Dr. Bordeaux is General Secretary of the American Council of Christian Churches, and is not only conservative but reactionary in his religious thinking. The only thing that we can see the Christian Standard has in common with Dr. Bordeaux and the American Council of Christian Churches is that both of them are opposed to the Federal Council of Churches. We can even understand why the Christian Standard is opposed to the Federal Council. But we cannot understand why any group that calls itself Christian has to be reactionary just because they don't want to be "Modern". In his article in the Christian Standard Dr. Bordeaux criticizes the Federal Council of Churches for asserting, "Christians should be loyal to Christ, resolved to discover his will, and pledged to move forward in his spirit, to make his way regnant in the economic life. His question therefore is not is it Communist? is it Socialist? is it Capitalist? but is it Christian? The Church must keep before men the vision of the just, brotherly society as revealed in the Christian concept of the Kingdom of God, which we believe to be God's will for society."

This is what Dr. Bordeaux calls advocating a "socialistic welfare state" and attempts to brand those who made the assertion as communists by accusing them of "emitting an odor the Kremlin would like." We wonder just what does the American Council of Christian Churches stand for if they are opposed to the things set forth in the statement from the Federal Council.

It seems that Dr. Bordeaux believes it is more important to believe in "capitalism" and "free enterprise" than it is to believe in Jesus Christ. Maybe the American Council of Christian Churches believe the Christian Ministry of today SHOULD be "Chaplains of the status quo" rather than heralds of "a better day." No wonder millions of people call the church "obsolete", "a racket" and a "nuisance" when such a large section of the church offers "pie in the sky by and by." The Negro Christians find themselves in a terrible dilemma. If they go along with the Conservatives they must resign themselves to social, economic and political injustice and oppression. If they go along with the Modernist in their fight for social justice for all the people we find ourselves "bed-fellows with those who deny the Deity of Jesus. Just why the Modernist won't accept the Fatherhood of God and the conservatives will not accept the brotherhood of man when both pretend to be Christian is beyond our comprehension.

Editorial

Several days ago Mr. John O'Donnell in his column in the Ohio State Journal accused the Truman administration of attempting to use the U. S. Supreme Court in a sinister attempt to retain the Negro vote. He referred to the "separate but equal facilities" case that is now before the Supreme Court. Just what strange quirk of the mental faculties can make a supposedly intelligent person see something sinister and evil in every attempt to make our democracy real for all of the people, is beyond our reasoning. According to Mr. O'Donnell, Negroes are not interested in Civil rights, they are not concerned about those rights and privileges that are guaranteed to ALL citizens by our Constitution. The foreign right set on by the N. A. A. C. P. to secure for all the full rights and privileges of American Citizenship has nothing whatever to do with the case now before the Supreme Court. The N. A. A. C. P. is merely a tool fashioned some forty years ago by "Boss" Pendergast and his political henchmen to corral the Negro vote for the 1950 elections. Just why is it that those who bray the loudest and the longest about preserving our democratic way of life, see in every attempt to apply democracy to all the people either a diabolic scheme to garner votes or the ugly head of communism? And to make the whole mess smell worse a large section of the Press with pious phrasings and high sounding motives like the one in the Ohio State Journal, "Here shall the people's rights maintain," aid and abet these dastardly practices.

As an example of how vicious and unfair this sort of thing can be and what methods will be employed of

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Jesus Christ
By Robbie Lee Williams
Cross St. Christian Church
Little Rock, Ark.

J—is for Just
A characteristic so true

E—is for Eternal
An everlasting life to endure

S—is for Savior
For whom we must live

U—is for Us
His life He did give

S—is for Son,
Who loved all, not a few.

C—is for Church
He found upon a rock

H—is for Hell
Which contains unworthy stock

R—is for Right
For which we must fight

I—is for Inside
To make it, we must not slight

S—is for Sin
Which we must forsake

T—is for Task
Which we undertake.

Put them together they spell
A name we love quite well
Our Lord and King, Jesus Christ
His body He gave as a sacrifice

What About Your Church School Kindergarten?
Miss Bessie E. Chandler

Have you ever looked at your kindergarten room, equipment and material and feel lost as to what to do? What does the room say to you when you enter? Does it say to you and your children that you have put thought in its care? If not, does it say that soap, water, clothes and teachers will make it into a new room? Does the arrangement of chairs and tables make ample floor space for work and play for the four and five year olders? Does this room say to the children "COME and WORK", or does it say "COME and SIT STILL"? What unused and extra pieces of furniture are in the way? Are there too many chairs and tables? Do you know the floor can be used for many work activities?

Do you list your toys and work materials? Are they such materials as will say to your children "come and use", "come and work", "come and play", "come and enjoy new experiences"?

Have you planned the work of your department? Do you share your plans or do you plan with your teachers for the department? Do your plans show hurried preparation or do they indicate several weeks of thinking and planning? Do your plans show opportunities for learning through purposeful activities? Do your plans show a real concern for your children?

Do the parents of your children know your objectives in Christian Education for the children? Do you send home to parents the "materials for parents" that will inform them? What contact have you made with the home through a visit, telephone call, parent conference or a short "chat" at the department door?

Teaching kindergarten children in the church school in such a way as to provide purposeful experiences, to change attitudes, to give the child an opportunity to express his ideas, to create, to imitate, to enjoy a worship experience and finally to help him adjust to his total environment may be a new adventure for you, but you are not alone in this new teaching procedure. There are many teachers across the country venturing new paths in teaching and re-discovering old ones. These questions are challenging you to re-examine your teaching procedures, your knowledge of the kindergarten

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Loudon Avenue Christian Church
Roanoke, Virginia
By Francis Hancock

The Loudon Avenue Christian Church rounded out one of the biggest Easter services that we have ever witnessed.

On Sunday morning at 9:30 our Bible School was loaded with youngsters from all over the community. All three superintendents had a full house. Decision Day was deferred until Easter Sunday. We had combined assemblies and the invitation was offered, at which time four young people came forward and accepted Christ.

The 11 o'clock worship was very high. The church was practically filled, with three choirs furnishing the Easter music. The children's choir sang from the balcony while the young people and senior choirs sat on both sides of the pulpit. At the end of the message on the subject, "The First Sunday Morning", two more came forward to accept Christ, one of whom was from the Catholic Church.

In the afternoon the eminent Dr. Merl R. Epps of Nashville, Tenn., delivered a most outstanding address to a city-wide union service held here at the church. Dr. Epps did a great job that will always stand out here in the city of Roanoke.

On Easter Sunday night we had our big Easter program which was presented in sections by each department of our Bible School. The children did a grand job of characterizing Easter.

Monday the young people and the children of the church as well as a few adults, loaded into trucks and cars to go an Easter egg hunt and for a bit of fun and recreation. The trip was quite enjoyable by all.

On Monday evening we started our revival with the Eminent Bishop H. D. Davis, Bishop of the Goldsboro Raleigh District, Disciples of Christ. The Bishop started off with a dynamic force that seemed to charge the audience. It does seem as if we are going to gather in a great harvest.

child, your church school kindergarten room, your general and definite purposes in planning, your method for making home contacts. May your concern in children be deepened and your enthusiasm in becoming the best teacher grow steadily as you work toward that goal.
The Home Going Of
Elder J. G. Gilder
Mrs. Maude Davis

In reporting the passing of Elder John Gilder, March 2, 1950, 1:55 p.m., of Beaumont, Texas, I am reminded of the story of the little girl who was relating her Bible School lesson of Enoch to her mother. She said, "O Mummy, my teacher told us there was a man named Enoch, who went walking with God; and when they got near God's house, God said, 'Come in, Enoch, you are nearer my house than you are to yours, and Enoch went in and would not come out.'"

If ever a man walked with God I believe Bro. Gilder did. He was an Elder of Forrest St. Christian Church for some thirty odd years, where he brought his seven children up in the Christian faith. He reared a family of seven children, four handsome sons and three lovely daughters, all of whom are active members of Forrest St. Christian Church. Two of his daughters are teachers in the City school; all three are active members of Forrest St. Church.

Elder Gilder had been in poor health for several years. His good wife preceded him in death a number of years ago.

Elder Gilder was one of those rare kinds of saints. Although he served as an Elder in Forrest St. Christian Church, it was never his attitude to boss the preacher. He served his Church well; he filled the pulpit when the Church was without a pastor. Many times he has taken his own money to pay a debt or a note on the Church, when there was no money in the Church treasury, and did not go about griping about the Church owing him. He assumed the Church debt as he did his own. He never shirked his duty.

He was an Elder in every sense of the word, "The husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient, not a brawler, not covetous, ONE THAT RULED WELL HIS OWN HOUSE. Timothy 3:2:3."

When I acted in the capacity of Pastor of Forrest St. Church he was never the Elder to come in a dictatorial manner and tell me what to do, but in deep humility and in the spirit of love he would offer his advice.

His life will serve as a benediction to all who may have known him. I know of no expression which would so beautifully fit his life as the words of the little child relating the story of Enoch. If I am allowed to paraphrase, I would say there was a man named Johnny Gilder and on March 2, 1950, God called him. He went walking with God to God's house and did not return.

Planning Conference
Dear Co-workers:
The following recommendation was made by the Children's Workers Section of the National Planning Conference. This recommendation was passed by the Planning Conference as a part of the work program.

"We recommend that we send books to Southern Christian Institute's Bookmobile: books for preschool and other age children, such as story books, Mother Goose, picture books, Bible story books, etc. Send directly to President John Long, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi."

May we come to the National Christian Convention with good reports on this our first sharing project with a Definite Object of Giving. Plan now with your children to send books with "a smile across the miles".

Yours for a greater Children's Work Program.

Bessie E. Chandler

Mt. Pleasant Christian Church
Rev. R. L. Peters, Pastor
Mrs. Lula Bell Brevard, Reporter
Greensboro, N. C.

February and March were very busy months with us. On February 18th the Hubbard Walker Area met with us. The theme: "The Crusade and Our Final Goals." On February 19th, the Tri County C. Y. F. met with the youth of the church. Miss Pauline Staples, District President, and Mr. Eddie McCray, Vice President, in charge. It was a very enjoyable affair for all. The Missionsary Society sponsored the week of Compassion. It proved to be very helpful. The Youth of the church helped in the observance of "The Great Hour of Sharing," which was very largely attended and effectively carried out. We are planning another program next month to finish raising our financial Crusade Goals.

Our Pastor is in declining health. We are asking the prayers of all the readers of the Plea.
WALKERS VISIT LOS ANGELES

Dear Editor,

It has been a long time since we have penned the Brotherhood items of interest through the medium of our church official organ.

The subject of this report is so illuminating that we are taking time from our busy daily calendar to report the visit of the Walker family to the "Angel City", Los Angeles.

The eight churches of Los Angeles and vicinity were hosts to a colorful banquet in honor of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker and their daughter, Mrs. Johnetta Kelso, namely, Avalon, Rev. Baxter Carroll Duke, Broadway, Rev. James F. Irvin, Cosmopolitan, Rev. M. Frederick Mitchell, Ninety-Second St., Rev. Cornelius W. Arnold, Pasadena, Rev. E. W. Faulkner, St. Mark's, Rev. Cannon J. Malcolm, Twenty-Eighth St., Rev. Walter J. Bryant, Western Avenue, Rev. Foster T. Craggett.

A cross section of leadership was present and took part in this auspicious occasion. Among them was Councilman Don Allen, representing the city of Los Angeles, who presented Dr. Walker with a cherished scroll by vote of the legislative body of the city of Los Angeles. Since Dr. Walker is a distinguished layman of our Brotherhood, you will be interested to know he was the fourth to be recipient of this signal honor, Dr. Ralph J. Bunch being the third of which the writer was the instigator during the fortieth anniversary of the N. A. A. C. P. Only men of the caliber of Dr. Walker and Dr. Ralph J. Bunch are considered for such an award.

Extracts were read before the City Council, the book "From the Driftwood of Bayou Pierre", and Dr. Walker, achievements as follows:

- Founder and President of the Universal Life Insurance Company.
- Founder and President of the Tri-State Bank of Memphis.
- Past President of the National Negro Insurance Association.
- President of the National Negro Business League, five years (1939-1944).
- In 1941, received congratulations from President Franklin D. Roosevelt for achievements of the National Negro Business League (while President of the League).
- In 1944, received Citation from Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., for distinguished service in behalf of the War Finance Program.

A unanimous vote was made by the legislative body of the city of Los Angeles, tendering Dr. Walker the deserving honor of becoming the recipient of this cherished honor. The citizenry of Los Angeles vied with each other to do honor to Dr. Walker and his charming wife and daughter. They were so queenly in all of their appearances.

The writer made it possible for the Walkers to be guests for an entire day with Hattie MacDaniel as hostess. They had the opportunity to see how pictures were made and television done at the studio. Then the famous movie star entertained a small group of us at her palatial home in Sugar Hill. The Brotherhood back East had better be good to the Walkers because there is a possibility of Los Angeles stealing them.

The writer is happy to have had, in recent months, distinguished persons in our Brotherhood like Professor Pratt and the Walkers, who came and saw for themselves that we are able to entertain our great National Convention, invitation of which we hope to extend in 1952 and we want to say to the rest of the Brotherhood stay off this date. If the Lord is willing, "be seeing you" in Memphis.

Fraternally yours,
M. Frederick Mitchell
3309 South Hooper Ave.
Los Angeles 11, Calif.

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Young People's
Summer Conferences

Midwest—Bonner Springs, Kansas, June 25-July 1
Southwest—Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas, July 2-8
Alabama—Montgomery, July 9-15
Magnolia—Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, Sept.

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It Happened In
Dallas, Texas

Members of the great Romine
Street Christian Church in Dallas
are proud of a rich Christian tra-
tion, are also proud of accomplish-
ments in the present as one by one
they reach Crusade goals.

This Church of which L. E. Hall
is the minister reports advances in
all phases of the Crusade. Since
the first of this year it has experienced
the thrill of 12 additions. Plans are
under way for the realization of all
goals by the end of our convention
year.

It was our pleasure to have E. W.
Henry, minister of East 6th Street
Christian Church, of Oklahoma City,
and president of our Bible School
Department, of the National office,
preach for us for several days, and
come a Sunday School Work Shop
with the members of our South
Street Christian Church and the
members of South Third Christian
Church attending.

The Missionary Society, under the
challenging leadership of its pres-
ident, Mrs. E. G. Titus, has sent in
to our National Office its funds for
the causes cooperating in unified
promotion. We have for the first
time in the history of our Church
organized our men in what is known
as group number five, under the
administration of the local Society.

We are also happy to announce
that our great Church observed
Brotherhood Week and collected
funds during our annual Brother-
hood Dinner observance. The Week
of Compassion with its One Great
Hour of Sharing has come and gone,
and it was our great pleasure to
raise funds in answer to the needs
of humanity. God wills it! The sum
of $30.00 was sent in on our Church
Crusade goal, and plans are under
way to raise additional funds to be
sent in as soon as possible. Our
Great Crusading Church is doing
all this while the minister is study-
ning at Jarvis Christian College.
A special donation will be given to one
of our members who is studying at
Jarvis and will complete her work
there this year.

This Church is experiencing an
immeasurable resurgence of Chris-
tian spirit because of the Crusade.
Pray for us as we continue on with
the profound realization that we can
do all things in the name of Jesus
Christ, who was the first Crusader
for a Christian World.

Laurence Edward Hall,
Reporter

Gay-Lea Christian Church Gives $166.00
In “One Great Hour of Sharing”

Stimulated by a crusading pastor
and his courageous wife, historic
Gay-Lea Christian Fellowship church
of Nashville, Tennessee, tapped un-
foreseen power March 12, 1950, as
the membership brought forth an
offering of $166.82 in the “One
Great Hour of Sharing” service par-
ticipated in by the Disciples of Christ
and eighteen other leading Protest-
tant fellowships.

Preaching from the theme, “THIS
IS YOUR HOUR”, based on the dual
text of Luke 22:53 and Galatians
6:2, Pastor W. K. Fox led a revived
congregation in one of the church’s
signal services. The climax was
reached when each person present
shared money for the needs of the
world by walking to the altar and
placing his offering in the “Empty
Box.” It was the largest single of-
fering for missions since the days of
Elder Preston T. Jarvis.

The observance was initiated at
the church February 23, when the
annual Brotherhood Dinner was
held. Program Committee Chairman
Mrs. R. M. Fox organized a varied
program which included representa-
tives from Norway, Africa, China
and Japan. The International fea-
ture of the program was under the
direction of Mrs. Ethel Walker. Stu-
dents from three of Nashville’s lead-
ing schools, Mrs. George West, wife
of the State Director of Religious
Education for Disciples of Christ,
and several other friends from the
Disciples Divinity House were among
the visitors present. Mrs. Minnie
Alexander, church hostess, planned
and served a delightful repast after
the formal presentations. Professor
Merl R. Eppse served as Master of
Ceremonies.

The effort represented cooperation
in the annual Week of Com-
passion observance by the Disciples
of Christ and marked another step
forward in the revitalization pro-
gram of the local church initiated
July 1, 1949.

New Brunswick
Christian Church

New Brunswick, New Jersey
Anna B. Washington, Reporter
Rev. S. E. Tillman, Pastor

“Brethren, I count not myself to
have apprehended, but this one
thing I do. Forgetting those things
which are behind and reaching for-
that which are before. I press toward
the mark for the prize of high calling of God in Christ
Jesus.” Phil 3:13-14

This is our motto. For this year
we are forgetting the past and are
looking to the future, taking God
as our guide as He knows our de-
sires and will supply our need.
We are doing nicely so far. We are bless-
ed to have two services every Lord’s
Day. Our Bible School at 9:45 A. M.
and regular morning services.

On Sunday, January 29, 1950,
our pastor spoke from Isaiah 59
chapter, “God is able to save”. It
was well delivered. This is true that
we sometimes forget God. At 2:00
P. M. we journeyed to Newark, N.
J., to the St. Luke Christian Church
where we met Rev. F. W. Key of
Friendly Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.,
and a few members of the Third
Ave. Church, Bronx, N. Y. We en-
joyed a wonderful fellowship. God
bless Rev. McKissell, pastor of St.
Luke Church. He is doing a fine
work. We are asking prayers for
our churches.

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July 1, 1949.

Other Activities

YOUNG PEOPLE: Mrs. R. M.
Fox has been able to organize a
CYF group which has been carry-
ing on an active program for the past
four months. She has been ably assisted by Mrs. Mary White
Washington.

LAYMEN’S LEAGUE: Professor
Merl R. Eppse is providing aggres-
sive leadership to the recently or-
ganized Laymen’s League program.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY: Under
the adventurous leadership of Mrs
Ethel R. Walker and Mrs. Minnie
Alexander the Society has sponsored
the best attended Woman’s Day
program in the history of the church,
co-sponsored the Brotherhood Din-
er and has already come within
14 dollars of its $70.00 Unified Pro-
motion objective.

CHOR: In a program of reorgan-
ization led by Mrs. Johnnie Davis,
President, the Gay-Lea Choir has
taken on new life. It recently ac-
cquired new robes and is operating
on a specific program guided by
sound policies.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Encoun-
tering seemingly unsurmountable han-
dicaps, Prof. Ira Gentry assumed
the leadership of a defunct Sunday
School program some five months
ago. Today the Sunday School pro-
gram is moving forward with grad-
ed school material and pushing sev-
eral projects for the increase of the
class attendance.
In Defense Of
Organization
Mrs. Odessa Howard Waters

The series of campaigns undertaken by Christians of western Europe between 1096 and 1291 for the recovery of the Holy Land from the Moslems are known as the original Crusades were characterized, not only by ferocity but by bloodshed. They were a strange mixture of good and evil. Much of the good stemmed from the fact that these Crusaders represented the surge of religious revival sweeping western Europe and an interaction of Orient and Occident that afforded mutual modification.

During every period of the nineteen and one-half centuries since Christ, the Christian religious movement has spread to many parts of the earth by various means. Methods of spreading the Gospel vary from time to time and geographical location to geographical location. Today, we attach no spiritual significance to the possession of empty tombs of Christ won by hatred, lust, and bloodshed; but we are impelled by the spirit within us to continue to tell the story of Christ throughout the earth.

There are several distinct periods of missionary expansion. The first covers the first five centuries after the beginning of Christianity, during which time the chief concern was with the winning of the Roman Empire. By the end of the fifth century most of the people of the Empire professed Christianity, and the doctrine had spread to some parts of Asia.

Between 500 and 1500 A.D. we have a second period of the extension of Christianity, at which time the movement was carried into China, India, Persia and northern Europe. In addition to this there were many conversions in England, Italy, Gaul, Spain, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Scandinavia and Saxony.

From 1500 and 1800 there is a third period of missionary expansion when Christianity spread to the Americas and throughout China. Geographical discoveries during this period had the same influence that the Crusade had had in an earlier era.

The present period of the extension of Christianity began in the 19th century. It is characterized by wide geographical and population increases, as well as by organized missionary effort.

Along with Europe’s industrialization and colonization has gone the Christian religion and Western civilization. The religious revival that accompanied the Protestant Reformation in northern Europe kindled in the hearts and determination of professed Christians the zeal to share with the rest of mankind their religious privileges.

Throughout the world where they have gone Christian missionaries have also introduced forms of western life and certain influences of modern science. They have reduced hundreds of languages into writing and have laid the foundation for creative literature in many. These same Christian missionaries have started reform movements and have launched programs of social action. They have been pioneers in medicine and have “challenged the end of ignorance, superstition, slavery, poverty, illiteracy, disease, pestilence, and undue suffering from flood and famine, political corruption and tyrannical misgovernment. It has become increasingly more important that religion not be assigned to a separate compartment of life, as it has come to be recognized as the center of all personal and social behavior.

All the above mentioned successes of the missionary movement were made possible through the outstanding faculty of western people for organization as is quite evident in every phase of their living.

The word “missionary”, from the Latin, is the same as the word apostle from the Greek, both meaning one sent. Christians believe that in the same way that Jesus was sent by the Father, the Twelve were sent by Jesus Christ to proclaim the Kingdom of God upon the earth. Every true Christian, then, is not only one who is himself saved, but one who is sent to all mankind. This points up a dual responsibility and privilege for Christians; that of sending and being sent. Christianity meaning for none unless it has meaning for all. It was Alexander Duff who stressed the fact that the object of missions is to “share in the divine purpose of creating the spiritual universe and to carry forward the whole message and scheme of redemption for all mankind.”

In spite of the personal responsibilities of all Christians in the missionary movement, it is too far reaching, too social for any one individual to work at independently of all other Christians who have the same obligation as he. Long since we have sensed the waste and inadequacy of unorganized charity, and so we relieve the suffering of indigent people through organized agencies whose programs are administered by people trained in a special type of social work. Long since we have learned that social action is most effective through organizations headed by specialists. We have come to accept some forms of organized medicine, at least that of hospitals and clinics. We admit readily that organization in our educational systems is essential. Yet, we quibble still over the effectiveness of organized missions even while admitting that Christian missions cannot be isolated in a channel to itself.

There are certain definite values to be derived from organized missionary effort. In the first place, it is economical. Organization increases efficiency, a result of the centralized use of materials and equipment. Another economic value derives from the concentration of intellects and energy.

Then there is social value in organization. The impulse of people to associate for the prosecution of common objectives is exemplified vividly all about us. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is a social religion inspite of its strong emphasis on personal religious living. Chris-

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Notes From the Old Asparagus Bed and Over the State

By A. D. Gault

The beginning of the new year 1950 was the half-way mark of our
North Balton Street Christian Church
Jacksonville, Texas
Mrs. Leola Cox, Reporter

It has been a long time since we have expressed ourselves. We just
want to let you know what North Balton St. Christian Church is do-
ing. We are all working together in love. We have a pastor that every-
one loves, Rev. Armstead. Rev. Armstead is at his post at all times
and he brings soul stirring messages. If everyone will follow his teachings,
their souls will not be lost. The rally we held at our church was a
great success. It began February 28, 1950, with the Young People’s
CYF, with Rev. Ward in charge. On March 1, 1950 Rev. Christapal
and the Missionary rendered the services. Thursday night the Sunday
School, with Rev. White, rendered services. Friday night was Elder
and Deacon night and Rev. Moore was speaker. Sunday, March 5, 1950,
various churches took part in the services and everyone had a won-
derful time. Money raised, $214.95.

Our Missionary Society is doing a great job under the leadership
of their wonderful president. We are asking the prayers of the broth-
erhood, that he may stay on the highway and save some lost soul.

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ten by our “sacred press” to defeat the very principles they yell the loud-
est about, several months ago when a number of Negro Pastors in Co-
lumbus, Ohio, became active in the fight for a state F. E. P. C. bill some
of our newspapers, the champions of justice and fair play, accused
them of being ignorant and seduced and misled by the communists. We
suppose, if the U. S. Supreme Court should happen to hand down a de-
cision against “separate but equal” facilities, that Mr. O’Donnell will
then accuse the court of being in collusion with the Truman adminis-
tration to help keep the Democrats in power. My, My, Mr. O’Donnell,
what queer ideas you have, for an American.

convention year. We have been moving along in a fine way in the
old asparagus bed, having good services on the first and third Sun-
days of every month. On the first Sunday in January, Bro. Copeland
Jefferson, one of our members of Columbus, Ohio, visited our serv-
ices. Mrs. Sallie Toles of Paris, Ky., and Prof. William Butler, an offi-
cer of the Paris Church and a teacher in the John Dee High School of
Maysville, was also in our midst. The Mayslick has over three-fourths of
its State Apportionment paid. On January 21 A. G. Gault and A. D.
Gault attended the State Board meeting at the East Second Street
Church in Lexington. January 28 Mrs. Elnora Gibbs, Mrs. Maggie
Cross, Mrs. Ilsetta Washington and A. D. Gault attended the District
meeting of District 3. The meeting was successful and every church in
the district was represented. The district voted to set up a Scholarship
Fund to be known as the William Owen Fund, to help some boy or
girl to prepare for full-time Chris-
tian service. After the first Sunday in February I went on week-end vis-
its over the state. The second Sun-
day, February 12, I attended the
morning services at the Hill St.
Church where Rev. C. M. Roach is
pastor. I was given the honor of
speaking on the State Program and
also to bring the message. Sunday
night I visited the Third Christian
Church where Rev. F. T. Floyd is
pastor, and attended the Christian
Endeavor. Bro. Floyd and his mem-
bbers are making big plans to take
care of the Convention in July. Feb-
uary 19 I attended the Clay St.
Christian Church in Paducah where
Rev. R. Ray is pastor. While there
I talked with Rev. Hugh Hayes,
pastor of the Mayfield Church. He
assured me that Mayfield would
support the State Program. I was
glad to see Sister Hayes on her way
back to health. In the afternoon
I attended the Mass Meeting of the local N. A. A. C. P., of which our
Miss Osceola Dawson is secretary.
February 26 I attended the Robin
St. Church in Covington where our
State President, Rev. H. E. Jackson,
is pastor, and was given the honor
of teaching the Bible School Class.
Everything seems to be moving
along in a nice way. We are look-
ing forward to a big board meet-
ing in April.
New Filmstrips In Production

The United Christian Missionary Society announces that work is progressing on the production of three new sound filmstrips, that is, filmstrips with the script recorded on records.

One, entitled SOME TO BE PASTORS, is designed for recruiting young people for the ministry. It will be produced in black and white with approximately 80 frames. Script will be contained on the four sides of two twelve-inch records.

Another will portray the central content of the present of Christian missions and education presented the title PIONEERS, O PIONEERS, at the Centennial Convention, under This will also be in black and white, with approximately 120 frames. The script will be contained on the six sides of three twelve-inch records.

A third sound filmstrip is also being initiated for use in the 1950-51 missionary study, when the theme will be "Toward a Christian Community." This will present something of the romance and the problems of the rural church, and is being prepared in cooperation with the department of church development and evangelism. It will show the changing environment of the rural church, something of the variety of problems which must be met by the diversity in the location of churches, and ways in which the rural church is meeting the challenge of the modern community in relationship to modern schools, cooperatives and other local organizations.

This will probably be ninety frames in length, black and white, with the script recorded on the four sides of two twelve-inch records.

A Message —

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holding a job but have not completed more than one year of college work may qualify.

2. Each local church is asked to have an oratorical contest and the winner or representative is to be eligible to compete in the state contest in conjunction with the state convention, and the winner of said contest be eligible for the "run-offs" at the national convention in session. In those areas where churches are not a part of state convention in session, the six top ranking participants will be chosen to compete in the finals for the scholarship awards.

3. A photo of the contestant and a typewritten copy of the oration MUST be submitted at the national convention in session. All manuscripts and photos will become the property of the national convention.

4. Each contestant will be allowed not less than ten minutes nor more than fifteen minutes to deliver his oration and it MUST be done so WITHOUT manuscript or prompting.

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-transferable)

$100.00

SECOND AWARD (non-transferable) $50.00

7. If the winner does not enroll in college directly following graduation from high school, the scholarship will be available 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, 1950, stating the following:

Name and 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 representative
Pastor
What participation, if any, in local youth group of the church
In what field of endeavor do you plan to work?

11. TOPIC: Essentials For Christian Growth

National Oratorical Contest Committee:
John Compton, Chairman
Mrs. Edith Bristow
Thomas J. Griffin
Lorenzo J. Evans, Dir. Rel. Ed.
Stewardship
By Eva Sessions,
Jacksonville, Tex.

Stewardship is particularly a matter for church members. Stewardship has been committed to the church and a sense of stewardship should be developed by the church. Although stewardship is particularly a church matter, a faithful stewardship is to be manifested by all of those who have not united with Christ. Through faith in him, they will be held accountable to God for their stewardship. The ungodly are responsible to God for the use they make of the blessings they enjoy and which God in his goodness bestows upon them—"and every man shall give account of his stewardship." A sense of stewardship is greatly needed in the church because so few realize their responsibility. Many church members evidently never thought that they have an obligation resting upon them to give of the gospel to their fellowmen. If they have thought of it at all they have missed the spiritual import, and shored and partaken it as a matter of business to further their personal gains, or they have felt that the responsibility lay on the Minister or the Missionary Department. When it comes to stewardship of our money we give too little to Foreign Missions or to Home Missions. This is not because we are not able to give. Our lack of development in stewardship, rather than our ability, has been the factor that has kept us from doing greater things for the advancement of the kingdom of God and for Missions.

A great revival is needed, a revival of Christian stewardship—for the consecration of the money-power of the church of God. And when that revival comes the kingdom of God will come. It cannot be prevented. Such a revival is not an impossibility. It can be brought about, led by the spirit of God. If the pastor and officers of the churches set their heart to the task of bringing it about and religiously and earnestly pray for it and work for it, the pastor really holds the key to this situation. The church will be largely just what the Minister, through prayer and the help of God, makes it. The church as such will do what the Minister, under the power of God, inspires it to do. Seldom if ever will a church advance beyond the point which the pastor places the standard. The best plan in the world will be a failure unless it is properly worked.

A stewardship program should be planned by the pastor, and the plan should of course include a weekly giving to Missions. Many members cannot give a large amount at a time, but any amount given weekly, as wages are received, will make a fine total for the year. All indirect methods of raising money for the Lord's work should be discouraged. Nothing has done more harm to our Christian morale and to our churches than indirect methods of raising money.

Aside from churches being in debt, crippled and weak financially from trying to meet expenses by the indirect method, we become spiritually weak as we work with suppliers, sales, various entertainments; we miss the mark of personal stewardship; we miss the spiritual enrichment that comes from knowing that God has given us precious gifts and that freely we should give of our possessions as well as our time. Thus true stewardship is not developed, spiritual growth is stunted, and the dignity of the church lowered in the eyes of the outside world.

Prayer is another approach to stewardship. There has been far too little prayer and too little recognition of the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with the finances of the church. How seldom is a prayer meeting devoted to money matters? We pray over every other part of the work; when a financial crisis arises we resort to every sort of plea and scheme, but scarcely ever are the people called together to spread the need before God in prayer.

For success in our work of Missions let us pray, and consecrate ourselves to the responsibility of our all with others.

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A Book For The Bookmobile

By Bessie E. Chandler

"Please, suggest good sharing projects for our Vacation Church School and Church School Children," asked a children's worker. After hearing the story of the Southern Christian Institute Bookmobile and seeing it last summer, I've felt a real challenge to share books with the children on the route of this bookmobile. Would you like to know that story? (Read the story in this issue of the bulletin by Pres. John Long of S. C. I.) Would you like to experience the joy of working on such a worthy sharing project with the children of your church school?

Begin now along with many other teachers and children in this sharing project. Here are a few suggestions you might use in your planning:

1. The four special days, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Children's Day, offer splendid opportunities for teachers and children to share a book.

2. A bookmobile book shower carefully planned and conducted.

3. A special gift offering to buy books for boys and girls living on bookmobile road.

4. An imaginary trip on the bookmobile, leaving a book or books at each home. (Secure enough books that could really be left at several homes on the S. C. I. Bookmobile route)

5. Writing to Southern Christian Institute for more stories about the bookmobile.

The joy of having a book as his very own is a real experience to any child. To share a book with another child brings real happiness to any child. Will you and your children experience this real happiness?

Some of the best known and inexpensive books for younger and older children are available in most local bookstores, department stores or five and ten cent stores. Note these in the list below:

- Traditional Folk Tales and Rhymes
- Little Golden Books—Phyllis McGinley (many other editions)
- Bedtime Stories—illustrated by Tenggren
- The Three Little Kittens and Nursery Tales—Pictures by Masha
- Nursery Rhymes, illustrated by Gertrude Elliott
- Little Red Riding Hood, retold by Elizabeth Jones.
- Animals of Old MacDonald's Farm
- Poky Little Puppy—Janette Sebring Lowry
- Animals by Farmer Jones—Phyllis McGinley
- A Name for Kitty—Phyllis McGinley
- The Fuzzy Duckling—Jame Werner
- The Little Pond in the Woods—Muriel Ward
- The Family and Everyday Happenings

Mrs. Bernice Holmes, Director of Missionary Organization and Education of The National Christian Missionary Convention. Mrs. Holmes' appointment is temporary.

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The Happy Family—Nicole
The New Baby—Ruth and Harold Shane
The New House in the Forest—Lucy Sprague Mitchell
A Year in the City—Lucy Sprague Mitchell
A Year on the Farm—Lucy Sprague Mitchell
Fantasy and Imaginative Nonsense
Golden Sleepy Book, Margaret Wise Brown
Gaston and Josephine—Georges Duplaix
The Little Golden Books of Poetry, Hymns and Singing Games
Bible and Religious Story Material
Jesus and the Children—Ethel Smith
When Jesus Was a Boy—Mary Entwistle
Jesus, Friend of Little Children—Muriel Chalmers
For Children Six to Eight
The Story of Jesus, Gloria Diener
Bible Stories to Read—Jessie E. Moore
Jesus and His Friends—Mary Alice Jones
Stories of the Christ Child—Mary Alice Jones

For Children Nine to Thirteen
The Boy Jesus and His Companions—Rufus Jones
The Story of Jesus—Walter R. Bowie
The Greatest Name—Elise Ball
The Story Peter Told—Elise Ball

He Became Totally And Permanently Disabled

What Pension Plan Membership Has Meant to One Minister Who Became Totally and Permanently Disabled and What It Continues to Mean to His Widow.

This servant of the Lord, a member of the National Christian Missionary Convention, enrolled in the Pension Plan with his church, January 1, 1931. Two years and ten months later, he became totally and permanently disabled. During the years of membership, he paid 2 1/2% dues amounting to $71.72, and the church paid 6% dues of $229.51—total dues paid being $301.23.

The disability pension began November 1, 1933 and was paid at the rate of $60.00 per month, or $720.00 a year. The pension represented 40% of the average annual salary on which the dues were paid, and did not exceed the maximum $600.00 per year.

Our pensioner lived for six years and five months after becoming totally and permanently disabled. During this time he received benefits amounting to $2,509.85.

On the first of the month following the death of the member, the widow pension began. The widow pension, which is one-half of the pension paid the member, has been $210.52 a year, payable at the rate of $16.88 a month. In 9 years and 11 months, the widow has received $2,608.36.

Thus far, total benefits of $4,807.29 have been paid. Though the widow is now 62 years of age, she is assured of receiving $16.88 each month as long as she lives.

Protection for total and permanent disability is just one of three benefits available to members of the Pension Plan.

IS YOUR MINISTER ENROLLED?
IS YOUR CHURCH ENROLLED?

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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Indianapolis 4, Indiana
HAVE YOU MADE RESERVATIONS TO ATTEND

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Memphis, Tennessee

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Let's Make It A 1000
What Is Religion?
Sidney A. Scott

I have often wondered if that something we call religion was in existence before we found a name for it, and whether or not we know what it is after we have given it a name. We do not know of any universally accepted definition for it. It seems to mean most anything a group of people may say it means no matter what theirs may be.

I remember what the people in my father's and mother's time thought religion was and compare it with what we think it is today.

We find there are different religions according to different groups of people. The Hindus, Chinese, Japanese and Americans have a different kind of religion; all thinking in terms of what it means to them.

But, really just what is religion? Is it something that satisfies our emotional feelings, arising from a sense of fear, or is it something we can get hold of or something that gets hold of us? I think we can come just as near giving a definition of what love is as we can giving a definition of what religion is. We see quite a similarity in emotional activities of people when under the spell of religion. Both love and religion are born of human feelings and emotions, and when working together become the perfume of that wondrous flower, the heart. Take love and religion away and we become beasts; with them the earth becomes our heaven and we become God's.

To my mind there is no such thing as revealed religion any more than there is revealed human love and affection. Both love and religion are born of human feelings and emotions, and when working together become the perfume of that wondrous flower, the heart. Take love and religion away and we become beasts; with them the earth becomes our heaven and we become God's.

Lest We Forget
Mrs. Arah E. Garrett

"Lest We Forget", the crusade's curtain is being gradually drawn. We are wondering if our portrayal, as a participant, reflects our best action as a Crusader? Have we portrayed the role of being preoccupied with our own comfort and complacency with our own Christian; or has our role reflected a burning passion to give Christian comfort to a perturbed world? Has our interest in soul saving been reflected by our achievements? Has our stewardship of possessions reflected our all on the altar of sacrifice? We earnestly pray, when the Crusade curtain is completely drawn June 30, we shall not be found "wanting in the balances."

"Lest We Forget", our pre-convention planning conference convenes Monday, August 21, in Memphis, Tennessee. This is the conference we previously attended in Indianapolis in the latter part of November. The conference is for all interested in missionary workers, especially state presidents and other state workers. We changed the conference date for two specific reasons. First, in order that the year's program could be released at the beginning of the conventional year, instead of waiting until one-fourth of the convention year had elapsed before we met even to plan the work. The second reason for changing was economic. We felt it would be far more economical to convene a day earlier in the city where the convention would be than to make a special trip to Indianapolis.

If this change proves unsatisfactory, you will have the opportunity to weigh its advantages and disadvantages and change it again in a Christian democratic way for the best of all concerned.

This is an ever changing society or civilization. We find our church organizations undergoing changes rather than becoming static. You know by this time that our organization's new name is Christian Women's Fellowship. This change of name should not disturb us. Most of us are inclined to be traditional in our thinking and attitudes about changes pertaining to church. The fact that is most significant is that we differentiate traditions from basic principles of the New Testament church. The church of the New Testament is most dynamic in a dynamic society. When we encounter some "brain trust" infringing upon New Testament ordinances and fundamentals that will warrant our concern or alarm and we come to the "parting of the ways."

"Lest We Forget" our National Project is Linens for Jarvis. The last Continued on Page 7

From The President
Eld. R. H. Davis

Greetings!

Within the next 60 days, our 34th Annual National Christian Missionary Convention will assemble in Memphis, Tennessee, with the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church as our host.

Our trustees, board members and staff are earnestly planning, working and praying to make this Convention the best from every viewpoint. The most significant factor in such an achievement is money. As an alert minister, you are aware Continued on Page 4.
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Church of Christ  

Pantego, North Carolina  

Miss Ella W. Whitley,  
Youth Leader - Reporter

Elder Noah Boston, our pastor, is conducting revival services for Elder Gilliam in New York City. During this time Elder C. L. Parks, executive head of the Goldboro Christian Institute was presiding for us and was our guest minister for Mother’s Day. We were happy to have him and his good wife for the day. Elder Parks brought an inspiring message to a large audience in the morning. Due to inclemency of the weather the special Mother’s Day program for night services were cancelled.

The Christian Endeavor of the church is a great organization. This organization is composed of very young people who have been loyal workers. They accepted the program to raise money to help build the Goldboro Christian Institute and to support the Christian Hour, which comes over the air every Sunday morning from a Cincinnati station—Ord Hevan, minister, Harry Poll, announcer.

The reporter of this article and her sister, Miss Freddie Lee Whitley, will attend Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., this summer. Miss Freddie L. Whitley will do graduate work in the field of home economics while I will continue my graduate work in the field of religious education.

Dear Co-workers:

As we face the last half of the 20th Century, I am hoping that we face it with a consciousness of the scope of our task. Every church in our brotherhood can make some contribution to the total program of Christian Education.

What kind of community would you like to be living in during the next fifteen or twenty years? Well, that community is possible. You can have it if you really work for it. Now is a good time to take stock of your educational program and see just what contribution it has made to the community.

I want to mention here those states that have organized their State Committees on Christian Education and are now functioning: Alabama, Arkansas, Ohio and Missouri. The representatives from these states, working on the Administrative Committee of the National Convention are Mrs. Pearl Jackson, Alabama; Mrs. O. B. Garnor, Arkansas; Mrs. E. W. Wilbert, Ohio, and Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Missouri. Get your committee organized and send the names in to the office.

In your state or area you will find the Director of Religious Education willing to assist you in any way. May I suggest that you call his office whenever you need assistance or guidance.

You are now getting ready for the National Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. Well, let me remind you to register your school now and also your youth group. For each school it should register with at least $5.00 and each group with $3.00. This should be sent to Dr. Walker not later than July 31 if you expect your school or youth group to be listed on the treasurer’s report. There should be 300 schools and 150 youth groups listed this year. Will yours be in the number?

Let’s try big things for God once.
I will see your young people at conference and both you and the young

National Convention

Recent reports from across the Brotherhood indicate that the 34th National Convention, to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, August 22nd to 27th, will surpass all others in attendance, enthusiasm, quality of program and finances. The reasons why so many people want to go to Memphis are so many that we shall not attempt to mention them. Suffice it to say that we have heard so much about the great Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, its Pastor, Eld. B. T. Hunt, and the many other outstanding men and women of that congregation, among them our own Dr. Walker, that most of us want to go to Memphis and see some of the great people and fine things we have heard about. All delegates and friends who plan to attend the convention have been requested to send your name and address to Dr. J. E. Walker or Mr. J. T. Chandler, 480 Linden Ave., Memphis, Tenn. If you want to send your registration in advance you may do so, but the Memphis church is more interested in names and addresses of those who plan to attend. So send your name and address whether you send your money or not.

MEMPHIS! MEMPHIS! MEMPHIS!
PURPOSE? INFORMATION, INSPIRATION, FELLOWSHIP, ACHIEVEMENT.
WHO? YOU, ME AND 998 OTHER CHRISTIANS.

people at the National Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, August 22, 1950.

Sincerely,

Lorenzo J. Evans, Director
Religious Education
District Board No. 6

Mrs. Maude Davis
Taylor, Texas

District Board No. 6 convened with St. James Christian Church April 30, 1950. The church is located on the highway four miles from Lyons, Texas. Elder W. B. Washington has pastored this church for a number of years. It is one of the best rural churches in our brotherhood.

The church had been freshly painted and newly decorated, a new piano installed. The choir would be a credit to some of our city churches, under the efficient direction, Mrs. E. B. Washington.

This was by far one of our best boards spiritually, financially, and with the largest delegation a representation from all churches in the district.

The local program was great. The welcome address by Mrs. Franklin and the exceptionally good singing by the Lyons choir. Elder E. B. Washington presented Prof. and Mrs. Baughnight, teachers with whom he works. Prof. Baughnight gave us some very encouraging remarks.

Bro. Louis Washington, the son of Elder W. B. Washington and a deacon in the San Antonio Christian Church, led the congregation in “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.” Bro. I. Q. Hurdle brought the morning message which was a masterpiece and timely. Just as he was closing his message, in stepped the Davilla choir in their beautiful grey uniforms, under the supervision of Mrs. S. A. Kerr. They relieved the St. James choir for a while. Both choirs sang so well Elder Hurdle suggested renting a bus and taking them to our State Convention. I know one thing—they can’t be beat for singing. Elder H. B. Nix, pastor of the Davilla Church, is doing a wonderful job.

We adjourned for dinner, and what a dinner! I have never seen such a large variety of food so nicely cooked and prepared in such large quantities. They had chicken cooked in every style your appetite may call for, prime rib roast lamb, tenderloin, all kinds of delicious homemade cakes, delicious pies, even to fresh dewberry cobbler, all kinds of tart salads, young mustard greens, fresh garden peas and beans. Drinks consisted of ice tea, lemonade, pop, and plenty of ice water with beautiful teasing browns serving all these goodies. It was truly a feast where the trees were covered with moss and birds were singing while you dined. The wild spring flowers were in profusion. I am sure we all felt as Peter did on the Mount of Transfiguration. “Let us build three tabernacles.” I could not help but think no wonder the Master sounded the silver trumpet of the gospel, when he said, “The Lord has anointed me to preach the gospel to the meek.” You can sincerely commune with God. Out in the wide open spaces where none but God can hear, “Closer is He than breathing, nearer than hands and feet.”

After dinner we opened our business session, right after the church reports. Mrs. Garrett, our National and State President of the Missionary Societies, made a short talk on the program of the work in the state. She also gave us an introduction of the book on our national treasurer Dr. J. E. Walker’s life, which is on sale.

A number of expressions were made by delegates and friends, also remarks from our State Treasurer, Prof. M. T. Johnson of San Antonio. Mrs. Mattie Carey sang a solo and Bro. A. A. Henry brought the afternoon message from Joshua 4:6. He brought a great spiritual and inspirational message filled with the gospel.


It was a great inspiration as these men stood in the Holy place, for there stood representatives of some of the outstanding families of Texas, who have descended down from generation to generation and “have kept the faith.”

We have a Scholarship fund in our district. Some of the churches are not doing much but before our convention we trust they will do their part.

I am indeed thankful for a check of $10.00 which was sent to me from the Friendship Bible Class in Portland, Oregon, of which Rev. Myron T. Cole is pastor. I thank the Women’s Council of Washington Boulevard Church, Beaumont, Texas, for their gift of $50.00. I wish to say these Christian souls help make my work a success as pastor at Forrest St. Church in Beaumont, not only with their gifts but by their presence. The Scripture says “Ye shall know them by their fruit.” They have more than mouth religion. They are Christians indeed.

Last but not least I owe a deal of thanks to a man of the sporting world of Cleveland, Ohio, for a check of $150.00 who does not want his name mentioned, who happens to be a colored man. No wonder the SINNER world LAUGHS out LOUD at our supposed-to-be Christians. Paul said faith without works is DEAD. Some supposed-to-be Christians who haven’t given a dime—and wouldn’t—want to tell me whom to give it to. As though I didn’t know. I have a number of individual gifts to report at our State Convention in Houston. I am not the kind to collect money, then GO SOUTH with it. For I am on business for the King, and I sure keep his money straight. I appreciate the least gift and will report it.
NATIONAL USHERS' FELLOWSHIP UNION

From The President — of this fact in your church program. Our total asking budget for this year is $25,500.00. Our six cooperating agencies will give $15,800.00 The National Convention, including our ministers, churches, Sunday schools, women's missionary groups, young people, laymen and ushers, are all responsible for the raising of $9,700 by July 31, 1950.

I feel confident in the National Convention and its adventurous program of advance in the important business of Kingdom building is so established and stabilized that you will see to it that your church and all its departments will raise and send in their apportionments not later than July 31, 1950.

I am asking you prayerfully to go the "second mile" with me. Show your personal interest in and concern for our cooperative enterprise by making a donation of ten dollars toward our financial goal.

Plan to attend the Convention yourself, select a capable delegate to represent your church. Encourage your laymen to attend. Pray consistently for the success of the entire program. Bring an open mind and an understanding heart. You can depend upon the pastor, officers and members of our host church to do their share in making our next Convention the most enjoyable in our history. Remember we are "laborers together with God".

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1st Christian Church, Concord, N C.
By D. W. Heath, Asst. Editor

The Christian Plea presents the first guest the FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH at Concord, N. C.

The Church was organized in 1898 which makes it about 52 years old and has been moving on very well since under the leadership of different ministers. The first minister’s name was the Elder James Archibald who practically started off with the Church. The first chairman of the board was the Elder Craig Douglas, the charter elder was Elder Ben Ellis, along with the charter members whose names were Mrs. Lula Huff, Mrs. Ella White, and Mrs. Cora Douglas.

These very fine people worked very hard to keep the Church going down through the years and it has been successful very recently in securing the services of a very outstanding character to do the work of the ministry. This character is none other than the Rev. G. W. Roland, Winston-Salem, N. C., who works every day in the tobacco factory, studies at night and preaches every Sunday at the Concord Christian Church. He lives in the suburbs of Winston-Salem and raises chickens and dogs in his spare time. He likes to hunt, fish and play baseball as well as attend the big league games there in the city of Winston-Salem. Rev. Roland has a very fine wife who goes with him every step of the way in all of these activities.

Mr. V. B. Byers is now the senior elder of the Church who is doing a very fine job as a leader. He is the chairman of the board and the president of the choir. His vocation is cleaning clothes. Brother Byers’ wife is a very fine woman, who plays for the choir, heads the missionary organization and teaches in her Bible School. Mrs. Byers’ vocation is teaching. She works in one of the finest consolidated public schools in her county.

I would consider Rev. G. W. Roland the Blue Ribbon Minister for the year because, besides the things that have been mentioned, he has added, during his very short ministry at First Christian, about sixty new members to the church. Their future plan is to add a $10,000 expansion to the building that they

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Mississippi Blvd’d Christian Church

Elder Blair T. Hunt, Pastor
Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter
852 Polk Ave.
Memphis, Tennessee

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church observed Woman’s Day Sunday, April 23, 1950, with Dr. E. W. Rand, Alcorn College, Alcorn, Mississippi, as guest speaker. As this Woman’s Day marked the initial drive for a new sanctuary at 978 Mississippi Blvd., the men of the church assisted the women in reaching the mark of $7,500.00 in cash and $5,000.00 in pledges.

Dr. Rand based his sermon on the parable of the Good Samaritan, taken from the tenth chapter of Luke and climaxed with the thought: “What Is Mine Is Thine, I’ll Share It.” This marked a highlight in the history of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church.

The Pastor, Elder Blair T. Hunt, preached a soul stirring sermon that night—“Faith, An Appeal to God’s Honor.” The thought gleaned was that faith is a medium of exchange between God and man.

Mrs. Harriet Walker was Chairman of the drive. Mrs. Johnetta Kelso was Co-Chairman.

Another great day in the history of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church was the affair held Sunday, April 30, 1950, when Mrs. J. E. Walker made an unparalleled gift in the City of Memphis among Negroes in the purchase of the M. W. Bonner home, 719 Walker Ave. and presented the deeds to the Federated Clubs as their Club House. The Club House will be known as the “Lelia Walker Club House.” This gift stands out as a living monument to Mrs. Walker in her love for humanity as the twenty-five Federated Clubs are doing a great work for the less fortunate of Memphis.

Each Club President was presented and gave in detail the great work her Club is doing to help alleviate pain and aid in the rehabilitation of lives as well as provide scholarships for worthy girls and boys.

He Lives In Retirement

A playlet, “The Aristocratic Mrs. Haynes Joins The Federated Clubs,” was quite unique in its presentation and was composed by Mrs. Mary D. King, President of the Memphis Federated Clubs. The musical numbers added much to the occasion. Mrs. Esther Brown sweetly sang “Think On Me” and dedicated it to Mrs. Walker. Mrs. N. M. Watson composed the words to “Lift As We Climb,” and the congregation sang it to the tune of “Trust and Obey.” This song was gratefully dedicated to Mrs. J. E. Walker by Mrs. Watson. Other musical numbers included:

- Miss Rosetta Hicks—Piano
- Mrs. Shirley Carrol—Piano
- Mrs. Aline Walls—Voice
- Miss Jean Brown—Voice
- Mrs. Thelma Penn—Voice
- Mrs. Mary D. King presented

Mrs. Walker with a bouquet of red roses, stating the red roses typified the rich red blood that flows through the veins of Mrs. Walker, “God’s Aristocrat,” as she was called by Elder Blair T. Hunt. Elder Hunt in his presentation of Mrs. J. E. Walker said that all people who labored in the kingdom of God were “God’s Aristocrats.” Immediately following the presentation of the roses, a trio from Hamilton High School sang “Give Her Roses While She Lives.” The trio was accompanied by Mrs. Lucille Rhine Woods at the piano. Mrs. Woods is director of music at Hamilton High School.

Mrs. Walker was also presented with an orchid, the queen of flowers, by Mrs. Etta M. Paige.

At the close of the program, Mrs. Bettye Ann Flowers sang “The End of a Perfect Day.” The congregation was invited to go and view the beautiful “Lelia Walker Club House” at 719 Walker Ave.

Mrs. Juanita Turner acted as Mistress of Ceremonies.

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have and which sets directly in front of the city’s beautiful new high school.

Hats off to the First Christian Church, Concord, N. C., Rev. G. W. Roland, minister.
Lest We Forget —  
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two years, your response to our Na-
tional Project was most gratifying.  
In Detroit, you gave unstintedly to  
the Mountain School, Hazel Green  
Academy. Last year, in Edwards,  
Mississippi, you lavished gifts upon  
Southern Christian Institute. Your  
interest, your faith and love were  
wrapped in bundles, packed in box-
es, and enclosed in letters which  
commanded deferential admiration.

We appeal to you this year not to let  
your interest, your faith, nor your  
love wane; but let it penetrate into  
the remote recesses of your being  
that you may again manifest a  
flaming passion for the needs of  
your youngest school, Jarvis Chris-
tian College; that your efforts again  
may be translated into reality,  
something tangible in the form of  
sheets, pillow cases and towels, plus  
checks and money orders.

"Lest We Forget" our director  
of missionary organizations is new,  
not in missionary work but her po-
sition is to direct this vast field of  
ours, which has slumped because we  
have had no worker. Let us under-
gird our spiritual stamina and be  
most cooperative that she may en-
counter no hindrances, so that her  
time, her planning and her think-
ing may be used constructively for  
directing our work in order that we  
shall achieve most significantly.

Baltimore News
Eld. C. L. Whitfield, Pastor
Mt. Olivet Christian Church is  
still on the march. After almost a  
year’s silence I wish to make this  
report to the brotherhood: Shortly  
after entering our new building  
which we erected at a cost of  
$34,500.00, the congregation of the  
nationally famous Christian Temple,  
built by Dr. Peter Ainslee, decided  
to follow the population trend and  
move to the suburbs, making their  
magnificent stone building avail-
able to us. We began raising funds  
after the International convention  
at Cincinnati and have raised thus  
far about $4,500.00. The congre-
gation is full of enthusiasm for this  
venture, and after a lot of hard

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Mrs. Mary W. Brown, Reporter

The dedicatory service of Edward Chapel Christian Church was held June 11th, 1950, at 3:30 p.m. Special music was rendered by the New Prospect Baptist Church Choir with the pastor, Rev. N. H. McGill, director, and Mrs. H. C. Jones organist. Scripture was read by Rev. C. W. Smith, pastor of Lane Chapel C.M.E. Church. Prayer by Rev. L. W. Mason, pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. Welcome address by the reporter and response by Mrs. Lucy Berry, a member of Mt. Bulah Christian Church of Pine Bluff, Ark. History of the church was given by Mrs. Mary B. Franklin.

Mrs. Robin Cobble, a returned missionary from Africa sang some of the native songs and interpreted them. She told, in a most inspiring manner, the story of Africa. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. Ralph Wesley, Tri-State evangelist for the state of Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.

The church was blessed with gifts for improvements. Among the gifts was a beautiful set of lights donated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, of the First Christian Church, and $50.00 by the Margaret Cherry-

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congregations of this city. We have a remarkable group of women who raise almost any amount named by the pastor. Space does not permit my naming the deserving and worthy members who labor to make the success of the church certain.

On the third Sunday we went to Philadelphia and preached for Elder Patterson after our morning service. About 50 accompanied us. Elder Patterson is doing a fine job in Philadelphia.

Our Eastern Seaboard Convention will meet in our new Harrisburg Church the third week in this month, and we are expecting a good session. Rev. Russia Clark is the pastor.

Our Crusade and Missionary funds will be going forward very soon.

Yours for the kingdom here and hereafter.
Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

ELDER BLAIR T. HUNT, Pastor
MRS. C. E. ROWAN, Reporter
852 Polk Ave.
Memphis, Tennessee

Elder Charles Webb, National Director of Evangelism and Church Development, carried on revival at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, June 11-18, 1950. Sixteen were added to the Church. Baptising was Sunday morning, June 18. Elder Webb preached some very forceful and soul-stirring sermons. One of the most impressive ones had as subject, “A Righteousness That Excel.” Quoting Elder Webb: “There are three levels—righteousness and less, righteousness and just righteousness, righteousness and more; the job of being Christian is a big job.” The whole church was revived by having Elder Webb with us.

Elder Blair T. Hunt, pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church and principal of Booker T. Washington High School was designated for top honors in June in connection with the new quarter million dollar gymnasium on the Washington High School grounds. The building was named the Blair T. Hunt Gymnasium in recognition of the many years of service Elder Hunt has rendered the community. He serves as chairman of numerous committees, including Negro Advisory Board of Shelby County Tuberculosis Society; the Travelers Aid; the Negro Division of City Beautiful Commission; and chairman of finance of the Lauderdale Branch Y.M.C.A. He has served as chairman of various drives as the American Red Cross, the Community Chest Fund, Y.M.C.A.; continued on Page 6


Christian Education Executive Committee—E. W. Henry, chairman, 1139 N. E. Sixth St., Oklahoma City, Okla.; George O. Taylor, H. N. Sherwood, Lorenzo J. Ev—Continued on Page 3

Jarvis Christian College

Jarvis Christian College had an overall enrollment of some 315. This includes students in the summer session. Thirty-six students received A.B. and B.S. degrees in June and about eight will finish in August. Approximately 44 persons will have degrees conferred upon him by Jarvis during the 1949-50 school term.

Student Affairs
The students participated in the following activities of the college during the current school year:
Future Teachers of America (an affiliate of National Education Association of the United States). Only two colleges for Negroes in Texas have chapters, Jarvis being the second such college.

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Editor Reid And President Moxey

My good friend D. I. Reid, editor of the Kentucky Christian Evangel, quotes President Libbs Maxey in the "College Journal" on an editorial in the Christian Plea, "Anent Ministerial Shortages and Why." He refers to what he calls the "Signal breach of the Plea policy as a subsidized sheet of the national convention of the Negro Disciples." He seems to be rather careless with the truth when he says C. H. Dickerson and Merle Eppse "disqualified themselves" by entertaining opinions of their own. We happen to know that no attempt was ever made by the National Convention nor the U. C. M. S. to control the opinions or the expressions of either of these two former editors.

The Christian Plea is more than a "subsidized sheet." It is the property and official of the National Convention. It has a right to say what should and what should not be published in its own paper. However, it has never attempted to exercise that right by dictating to its editors. In regards to President Maxey's comment on the editorial in the February issue of the Plea. He attempts to state why the editor of the Plea doubts "that the School of the Scriptures or the Winston-Salem Bible College can do very much toward meeting our needs" for trained preachers. The editor of the Plea did not state what the circumstances were, but Mr. Maxey draws his own conclusion. He says that the only thing we do not agree with concerning the College of the Scriptures is that it is not affiliated with the U.C.M.S. Since the editor of the Plea has established something of a reputation for being out-spoken on all matters he is interested in, and since he did not say what the circumstances are, Mr. Maxey has made the common mistake of falsely accusing us when he says we make affiliation with the U.C.M.S. a test of fellowship. That, too, is a false accusation. When he says we will not accept College of the Scriptures' trained ministers, he makes a third false accusation. Three or my very good friends, C. B. Gentry of Winchester, Ky., M. J. Dabney of Springfield, O., and A. J. Johnson of Xenia, O., are all products of the College of Scriptures and not one of the three will support Mr. Maxey's accusation that we will not accept them. The truth is that we have been severely criticized for our sympathetic attitude toward this school.

The trouble with Mr. Maxey is that he doesn't like the U.C.M.S. and he heaps criticisms upon and hurls accusations at everyone who does not conform to his own ideas and opinions on the matter. If Mr. Maxey would devote more time to training Christian Preachers and less time finding fault with others because they have not declared war on the U. C. M. S. he would probably do a better job.

The men who come out of the College of the Scriptures and Winston-Salem Bible College as Christian preachers are our brethren. If they support U.C.M.S. and National Convention it's ok with us. If they don't that's their business. A. J. Johnson and M. J. Dabney have been welcomed into Ohio. The late G. C. Campbell, former dean of the college, was also dean of the Christian ministers of Ohio, loved and revered. The honored and venerable R. L. Peters of the Winston-Salem Bible College is loved and accepted everywhere in our brotherhood. The same is true of I. H. Moore of Kentucky.

Again we ask the question—What is President Maxey trying to do? Create dissension and ill feeling among the Negro Christian ministers? If he wants to know what are the circumstances that will prevent his school from doing much to meet our needs, why not ask us. We are of age. We can answer for ourselves, we don't need a Charlie McCarthy.

"The Future Belongs To Those Who Prepare For It"

Each weekday a certain large insurance company reminds its radio listeners that "the future belongs to those who prepare for it." When does the preparation begin? It can begin right "now."

A minister never looks forward to becoming a wealthy man so far as money goes. He sacrifices for his education in most cases. He serves congregations for small salaries. He foregoes the protection of Social Security. He lives in the hope that his efforts will be blessed by God and be a help to his fellow-man.

Years ago the brotherhood set up a Pension Plan for the protection and security of the ministry. The dues are modest—2 1/2% of the salary for the minister, and an amount equal to 8% for the church. They are sufficient to assure the minister that old age or disability will not find him unprepared. They also assure the widow and minor children of an income should death overtake him.

Membership may begin with any month. "The future belongs to those who prepare for it—now."

Write today

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Christianity In China

What missionaries in our brotherhood are better known than Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Goulter of China? From their first assignment in 1923, they have called Hofei home (Luchowfu as it was known in earlier years). Mr. Goulter was director of religious education and country extension work. Mrs. Goulter, with three daughters at home, found time to help in many phases of the work on the station but was of particular help through her music, training the choirs of the church, playing for services, etc.

Then came war with Japan in 1937, which found them in the United States on furlough. They returned to China in 1938 and he went at once to Hofei while she remained in Shanghai for a year before joining him. In the late spring of 1941, she again left China on advice of our consul general, but he stayed on at Hofei in the strenuous work of evangelism, while also engaged in relief work for the thousands of destitute people in the area. Immediately after the entrance of this country into war, Mr. Goulter was interned in his home in Hofei. Shortly afterward he was taken to Shanghai but, unfortunately, his Australian citizenship stood in the way of repatriation and he remained in interment at Shanghai until the end of the war.

As soon as possible after release, Mr. Goulter, though thin and weak, visited Nanking and Hofei, helping to hold mission properties for their intended use. Then he came home to rest and recuperate.

Again in 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Goulter returned to China and Hofei. By this time two of their girls were married and the third had finished college. Almost at once plans were projected by mission forces in Nanking for a Christian Rural Service Union. Headquarters were to be located in Chusien, where buildings were available, because this was the center of a rural area suitable for demonstration purposes. Mr. Goulter was made director.

The work of the Rural Center was hardly begun before the People's Government (communists) took over the town, but the service has continued. Mr. Goulter tells that in the effort to help farmers in production of basic foods, the Union distributed tens of thousands of tomato and cabbage plants last year. They also have a service for the destruction of insect pests. This service is free to any rural church in the area showing initiative.

The Union sponsored forty literacy classes last year in rural and town churches, providing both the books and the teachers. Where such classes were not permitted, many people started home reading groups. The teachers then made the rounds of the homes to help with difficult words and phrases.

Says Mr. Goulter, "In order to show what the Union does, it is probably better to give you some examples of activities rather than to show a detailed description of the rather extensive program and organization." Then he tells this story:

The little church at Ta Ma Chang was for years without a pastor or evangelist. The church building was occupied first by one group of soldiers and then another, by one official and another. There was opposition to "religion and superstition" which is the confused way in which the two are often regarded. It looked as though regular church services would be impossible because of the lack of understanding.

After many attempts and delays, an evangelist at last arrived at the village. The Rural Service Union had provided him with improved seeds, enough books for a literacy class, and the usual little kit of common remedies. He found an entire family down with fever, while their crop had failed in the field in urgent need of harvesting, and the time was approaching when the wheat must be planted. Both dangerous disease and starvation faced them. A few doses of atabrine put them all on their feet in a short time. The rice was harvested and their winter wheat planted, and hope restored in the family.

This was a demonstration that the most bitter opponent of "religion and superstition" could understand. If Christianity could do this, it might at least be tolerated.

Trustees To Buy—Continued from Page 1

Christian Missionary Convention, Department of Church Development and Evangelism of the United Christian Missionary Society, Butler School of Religion and other interested agencies and special friends. It was decided that the National Christian Missionary Convention buy the house and have title to the property. This house to be located near Butler University and adequate for eight men and a caretaker.

Certain houses have been approved by the Committee of Butler School of Religion and the Pension Fund's Real Estate Committee. Our best buy now is $9,000. If we can act quickly in this purchase, we shall have an ideal house for this project. We hope to open the home for use by Sept. 1, 1950.

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ans, 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. F. Whitfield, 2931 11th St., N. W., Washington 1, D. C.

Administrative Committee—This committee is to assist the National Director of Religious Education, and cooperate with the directors in their particular states and areas by channelling the program of Christian Education to the local churches.

Mrs. Pearl Jackson, Alabama; Mrs. O. B. Garner, Arkansas; Mrs. R. M. Phillips, Florida; Miss Blanche Thomas, Georgia; Mr. W. K. Fox, Tennessee; Mr. I. Q. Hurdle, Texas; Mr. Paul Sims, Kansas; Miss Bessie Chandler, Missouri; Mr. J. J. Hawkins, Mississippi; Mrs. E. G. Storling, Virginia; Mrs. Rosa McCrea, New York; Mr. E. W. Henry, Oklahoma; Mrs. E. W. Wilbert, Ohio; Mrs. Ethel W. Bristow, Kentucky; Mrs. Eunice Miller, South Carolina.

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Dear Co-workers:

The church will face a very vital and important period during the next half century. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the church to make a definite contribution to the needs of mankind, if we are willing to move out of the realm of words into the realm of work and service. It is with this thought in mind that these seminars have been designed.

Listed are the areas of service in which help and guidance will be given. It is our hope that you will select the representatives of your church and have them sign up in the area of their interest and follow through during the entire seminar period. Some of the best leadership in our Brotherhood has been selected to give council and guidance. Our primary purpose is to help the leaders to do a more effective job of service in their own local church.

This is an opportunity for your church to begin now moving out into the realm of action "from words to work."

Lorenzo J. Evans
National Director

BEFORE THE CONFERENCE
1. Select your study group in the light of the major responsibilities you have in your local church.
2. Select the leaders in your church as delegates to get the best results.
3. List the problems that you would like to have help given.
4. Think clearly what you would like to get out of the Conference.

DURING THE CONFERENCE
1. Go immediately to your study group.
2. Do not hesitate to ask for help on your problems, the conference is to help you do a better job.
3. Take full notes of the discussion.
4. Make good use of the material.

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Tentative Convention Program

Tuesday Afternoon
2:00 National Board Meeting
5:00 Recommendations Committee
6:00 Dinner

Tuesday Evening, R. H. Davis Presiding
7:45 Opening Session
Welcome Program—Miss. Blvd.
Sermon—R. H. Davis
Offering—Announcements—Benediction

Wednesday Morning
7:00 Breakfast
8:15 Convention Assembly
Inspirational Message—J. F. Whitfield
Guidance for the Day
9:00 Educational Seminars
11:15 Convention at Worship
Sermon—C. L. Parks

Wednesday Afternoon
12:30 Lunch
B. C. Duke, Presiding
2:00 Convention Assembly—Music
2:10 Address—Dr. Ross J. Griffeth
2:30 General Business Reports: Officers, Staff, National Board, Crusade

Wednesday Evening, R. H. Davis, Presiding
8:00 Devotions
8:15 Sermon—L. L. Dickerson
RALLY OF THE STATES—Dr. J. E. Walker
Announcements—Benediction

Thursday Morning
7:00 Breakfast
Mrs. Arah E. Garrett, Presiding
8:15 Convention Assembly
Inspirational Message—Mrs. Arah Garrett
Guidance for the Day
9:00 Convention Seminars
11:15 Convention at Worship
Sermon—D. W. Heath

Thursday Afternoon
12:30 Lunch
B. C. Duke, Presiding
2:00 Convention Assembly—Music
Fellowship Meeting—Laymen’s League—J. T. Chandler
Address—Mr. Albert Hofrichter Jr.
3:30 Report of State Presidents
5:30 Dinner

Thursday Evening, Mrs. Arah E. Garrett, Presiding
8:00 Devotions
CWF and Missionary Dollar
Address—Mrs. Elizabeth Herod
National Project—Linens for Jarvis
Presentation—Mrs. Garrett
Acceptance—Dr. John Eubank
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OUTLINE FOR STUDY GROUPS
Wednesday through Friday. Study groups are offered each morning. The first hour will be given over to lecture and discussion. The second hour will be used in organization and promotional planning.

FIRST HOUR—9:00 A. M.

YOUTH—
Choosing a Christian Vocation
Kenneth Henry, Presiding
Discussion Leaders:
Cleo Blackburn
Mrs. Rosa P. Welch
Miss Hertercene Turner
Co-President:
Miss Fredia Hall
Advisers:
Thomas J. Griffin
Walter Bingham

CHILDREN WORKERS—
Miss Bessie E. Shandler, Presiding
Juniors:
Miss Mary Butler
Primaries:
Miss Ruth Reynolds
Kindergartens:
Miss Bessie E. Chandler
Nursery:
Mrs. Margaret Webb

MINISTERS, LAYMEN AND WOMEN—
Your Church and You—Assets and Liabilities
William K. Fox, presiding
James Crain, Discussion Leader

MINISTERS, LAYMEN AND WOMEN—
The Church and World Outreach

SUB-TOPICS:
The Role of the Church in Community Organization and Welfare Service
The Role of the Church in Education
The Role of the Church in Political Organization and World Community
Discussion Leaders:
Mrs. Odessa Waters
Miss Mary White

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Jarvis Christian College

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Nations organized this year.

Sigma Rho Sigma, National Honorary Social Science Fraternity.

Mid-Century Forum; American Education Week; United Nations Week.

Students edited Student Voice, participated in Student Council, students served on faculty committees. The debate team had a full schedule and the college choir and sextet had a large number of public appearances.

Special activities for students were the senior seminar dealing with the problem of general law and the realms of knowledge, and the Creative Writing Group taught by Mr. Nathaniel Brown of Marshall.

Jarvis Christian College moves nearer toward its goal of accreditation. The board of trustees at the June meeting voted a sufficient budget to implement basic minimum requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Competent instructors in art, physics, voice, piano, band instruments, will be added to the faculty for the 1950-51 sessions.

New Program

A terminal program in vocational agriculture, home economics and business education and leading to the degree Associate in Arts will be offered during the 1950-51 school year. This program is an integration of general education and vocational education for those students who do not plan to pursue the four year college program. This program covers a two year period, but requires the same high quality of work as the four-year program. After finishing this two-year degree should a student wish to continue for another two years the student will find no difficulty in doing so. The purpose of this program is to prepare another group of students for life who have no inclination of going through the four-year liberal arts curriculum.

College-Community Cooperation

Rural Life Sunday, Wood County Recreation Conference, Wood County Track Meeting, Wood County Teachers Social, all held in cooperation with the Wood County Teachers’ Association and the 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers and Future Home Makers were centered on Jarvis Camp this year. Such affairs are to be annual. The commencement exercises for all county elementary schools were held on Jarvis Campus this spring.

Health

The newly equipped health office with Dr. M. L. Edwards, College Physician and Professor of Health, has been in service for several months. Blood tests, T.B. tests and the regular physical examination for all college students have been administered.

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Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Urban League.

Elder Hunt has been recipient of many honors. Epsilon Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity presented him with the Omega Achievement award in 1949. In 1948 the Memphis Negro Junior Chamber of Commerce offered him the Community Service Award and the Girl Scouts named him the “Citizen of the Year” in 1947. It is a rare occasion when a building is named for a living person and the citizens of Memphis think the Board of Education acted wisely in the selection of Elder Blair T. Hunt for the honor. The Superintendent of Memphis Schools Mr. Ernest C. Ball and board members were present at the dedication. The president of Tennessee State College presented Elder Hunt with a beautiful silver loving cup during the dedicatory services.

The Laymen League was honored with the presence of Dr. V. E. Shipps, Port Gibson, Miss., as guest speaker on Sunday morning, July 2, during the Continued on Page 7
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the regular monthly breakfast with Mr. Singleton Moore as host. Forty-two men were present to partake of the breakfast and hear the address by Dr. Shipp.

Sunday night, June 25, 1950, the Missionary Society had its installation of officers for the new missionary year 1950-1951. Mrs. Georgia B. Smith of the Bethlehem Baptist Church was in charge of the installation services. The candle light ceremony with appropriate songs was very impressive. Elder Blair T. Hunt preached the sermon. All officers of the previous year were re-elected as follows:

Mrs. Louvenia Moore, president.
Mrs. C. E. Rowan, vice-president.
Miss R. R. Crawford, secretary.
Mrs. Laura Cade, treasurer.
Mrs. Ambrie Brown, chaplain.
Mrs. Katie Yarbrough, program chairman.

Group Leaders—Mesdames Eleanor King, Ida Crawford and Ambrie Brown.

Regional Evangelist,
S. E. Tillman
I WONDER

Attention Please—Your regional evangelist wishes to speak to you and especially to Sisters and Brothers of the Eastern Seaboard.

I wonder what the pastor, officers and members of the church are thinking of.

I wonder if the pastor finds it hard to get you to see the necessity of carrying the responsibility of your local church.

I wonder what you have done this year to cooperate with the brotherhood in each department.

I wonder if you have worked wholeheartedly with the pastor and the other departments of the year through to help to make this a better work for the Master's Kingdom.

I wonder what you have planned to do with your district union this year and in the years to come.

I wonder if you have given the presidents of your district of each department your full support.

I wonder why you vote to put men and women in office to run the district union, the state and national conventions each year, and then fail to give them your loyal support.

I wonder why you say, "My brotherhood," or "Our brotherhood," and you never do anything to help your brotherhood.

I wonder what you think will become of the church when you fail as you have to respond to its program.

I wonder, if at all, when will you decide to help train the youth in our churches.

I wonder how you think the future church will be what you want it to be when you fail to contribute to the church's support.

I wonder do you know that the people in the local church are responsible for the church in your community, and in your neighborhood.

I wonder if you know that it's the people of the local church that make the church.

I wonder if you know that it's the local churches in your district that make your district union.

I wonder if you have done your best to help make a district union.

I wonder if you know that it is the District Unions that make your state's convention.

I wonder if you know that it is the state's convention that makes the national convention.

I wonder if you realize that you are not helping to save souls for the Master.

I wonder do you know that if each of us would give just one dollar a year, we could spread the Gospel around the world.

I wonder if you realize what a spot we have our sisters and brothers in when we vote to have them

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take office in our district union, state and national convention, to lead us through with God's help, and we refuse to give them our support each year.

I wonder why some of us pastors fail to work with the brotherhood by having the church to lead, and instead of us leading the church, we let the church lead us.

I wonder why some of the pastors will not sacrifice more time and some of the blessings that God has given them back to the cause of Christ.

I wonder why it is that some of us ministers want everything for ourselves and we are not willing to give to the cause as we should.

I wonder if we trust the Lord as we should or do we put our trust in a dollar, fine cars and in fine clothes.

I wonder if we are sincere about what we say about Christ and his church.

I wonder why not, if we find that we cannot attend a district union meeting or a state and national convention we don't mail whatever amount of cash that we have to the president, secretary or the treasurer at the place where the meeting is held. Little or much will be of help and help and the brotherhood will know that you are with the work wholeheartedly.

I wonder why, if we are not attending a district or state meeting that we fail to mail a letter of regret to the secretary so that others may know something about you and your work.

I wonder what you will do from now on to help the missionary work.

I wonder if you will work to help educate and train people for the work of the Master, known as Religious Education.

I wonder if you would like to see an institution in the vicinity of Baltimore, Md., which would be centralized for all of the eastern groups where your son and daughter and mine may go and get a religious training, and some of us older ones can take courses if we wish.

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Some Pertinent Facts

Today there are approximately 16,000,000 Negroes in the United States. For these 16,000,000 people the Restoration Movement can boast of less than 300 churches with a total membership of about 22,000. This means that there is one church for every 53,000 Negroes. Not more than 175 ministers supply the pulpits of these 300 churches. During the past 20 years at least 50 churches have died. At least 23 states have no Negro churches of the Restoration Movement and all of the 23 have sizeable Colored populations.

The picture is not bright, and there is a reason. For the past 25 years, until the College of the Scriptures came into existence, there was no College or Seminary dedicated solely to the task of training Negroes for the ministry. There has been no trained leadership. For that very reason the College of the Scriptures was called into being. It has just completed its fifth year. Two young men have now received their Bachelor of Arts degree from the College and three have graduated from the Academy. Six men who have taken work at the College now preach full time, and three trustees and one professor make 10 men preaching each Lord's Day in 10 different Churches in five states.

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**Ohio Convention**

The 67th Ohio State Convention of the Christian Church was held with the Lincoln Ave. Christian Church, Youngstown, Ohio. Elder H. E. Fowler of Lockland, president, and Elder F. T. Barnett, pastor.

It was a fine convention in every respect. Every church in the state was represented except one.

The Ohio Convention approved a recommendation to take immediate steps to secure a benevolent home. Another one of the outstanding accomplishments of the Ohio Convention is the Sarah Wilson Scholarship Fund, that has granted more than $2000.00 in scholarships to worthy young men and women who were preparing themselves for Christian service. This year the grants amounted to $400.00.

The Scholarship Fund is under the supervision of the Woman’s Missionary Department of the Convention.

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**D. I. Reid Passes**

D. I. Reid, Elder of the Prall St. Christian Church, Lexington, Ky., Editor of the Kentucky Christian Evangel and for nearly forty years secretary of the Kentucky State Convention, died Tuesday, July 25, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky. Bro. Reid was a staunch defender of the faith and a firm believer in the "old Order". He was a man of great convictions and courage. He was the best informed man in the state on the history of the Christian Church in Kentucky. The funeral was conducted by Elder F. T. Floyd of Louisville, assisted by Elder H. E. Jackson of Covington.

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**Here Is News!**

A list of churches which have reached their Crusade financial goal will be distributed at the International Convention in Oklahoma City. The list will include churches which have completed their goals by Sept. 27, 1950, and the money has been received by the Crusade Office by that date.

Here is the chance for the churches which have not yet reached their financial goals to do it by September 27, 1950, and be on the list of churches which have achieved.

Here is the chance for your church to be on the Honor Roll of a Crusade for a Christian World. Personally, I hope that your church may qualify.

Very sincerely yours,

C. O. Hawley

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**“The Future Belongs To Those Who Prepare For It”**

Each weekday a certain large insurance company reminds its radio listeners that “the future belongs to those who prepare for it.” When does the preparation begin? It can begin right “now.”

A minister never looks forward to becoming a wealthy man so far as money goes. He sacrifices for his education in most cases. He serves congregations for small salaries. He foregoes the protection of Social Security. He lives in the hope that his efforts will be blessed by God and be a help to his fellow-man.

Years ago the brotherhood set up a Pension Plan for the protection and security of the ministry. The dues are modest—2 1/2% of the salary for the minister, and an amount equal to 8% for the church. They are sufficient to assure the minister that old age or disability will not find him unprepared. They also assure the widow and minor children of an income should death overtake him.

Membership may begin with any month. “The future belongs to those who prepare for it—now.”

Write today

**PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

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The North Bolton St. Christian Church District No. 3 Sunday School Convention was held Friday, June 23 to 25. The opening program was rendered by the local church, with Mrs. Carol Balling as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Saturday night was Talent night and the young people of various churches of the district rendered a very effective program, with Mrs. George Ester Collin and pianist and her choir from Corinth Christian Church.


After all sermons, Rev. Lee, pastor of the Church of God, was the recorder of the messages. The meeting was inspirational and a very cooperative spirit was manifested, both spiritually and financially. Rev. Armstead put his shoulders to the wheel trying to put the program over and he is always at his post.

Every one should prepare to go to the State Convention with the spirit and love in their hearts to do better work in the future than we have done in the past. We are working for the state at the present time. We hope, with faith in God, that we will be able to put the program over. It is our highest aims to not only give gifts that will help the body, but to give gifts that will save the soul. We are trying to reach the lost souls that have not been reached. That is our prayer.

Rev. T. A. Armstead, Pastor
Mrs. Leola Cox, Reporter.

LONG-RANGE PROGRAM

Department of Men's Work
The National Christian Missionary Convention

There is an increased interest on the part of the church on "How Laymen should participate in the over-all church program." This increased interest is being manifested on a large scale throughout our brotherhood and it is our opinion that the National Christian Missionary Convention should avail itself of every opportunity to incorporate in its over-all program a definite plan on laymen activity or a Men's Work program. With this in mind, the following program is submitted for the consideration of the Trustees and National Board of the National Christian Missionary Convention. This program is projected on the idea of 10 years operation and in an effort to fit the smaller church program, as well as the program of the larger churches; the program has been developed from only three basic activities.

1. A program that will stimulate evangelistic activities among our brethren on the local church level.

2. An organized plan for improving stewardship on the local church level.

3. A program for sustaining church attendance at an average 85 percent of the membership level.

However, an important feature of the Men's Work Department will be in helping the men of our churches organize for the specific purpose of relating men to the total program of the church.

EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITY

A casual survey of the activities in the average church of our connection indicates little or no actual personal evangelistic efforts on the part of the men of the church. For the most part, when evangelism is thought of, it is only in connection with what the preacher can do or who can be sent for to hold a revival. It is our opinion that this attitude, on the part of the average church member, can be changed to the extent that every member can be made fully conscious of his or her evangelistic responsibility.

STEWARDSHIP

We realize our inability to cover this all important matter of stewardship. However, it is our opinion that every church in the Brotherhood should be provided with a simple but standardized outline covering church finance. This outline should be fitted into a budget and the membership of the church properly organized and trained to meet the demands of the budget. Our Year Book's record of finance does not show a very favorable condition on the part of the Negro church, as a whole. This condition is evidence of the lack of organized procedure on the part of the average church. It is recommended that the men of the church be informed on this condition and an intensive effort with direction from National Headquarters be made to improve stewardship among the men of the church.

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My Trip —

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room, library and classrooms. I had the pleasure of looking through the entire library of the late Dr. Campbell.

On Monday afternoon we were guest of Dr. and Mrs. Maxey to a buffet dinner which was enjoyed by all. At 8:00 p.m. we attended the Class Day exercises held at the Hill Street Christian Church. These exercises were very nice and enjoyed by all.

There are so many things of interest to tell, but I will mention only this particular one. There was a Scripture and Hymn Reading Contest on Monday night. The purpose of the contest was to pick out appropriate scripture and song to correspond with the scripture. So many of us and a few verses in the Bible and sing one verse of some song with no connection whatever.

Tuesday the 23rd was quite a busy day on the campus. At 8:00 p.m. the commencement exercises were held at the above named church. I would that I could tell you all about these splendid exercises, and the way they were carried on. There were only two graduates, one from high school, a Spanish-American War veteran, and one from college, a World War II Veteran.

The commencement address was delivered by Mr. Mark G. Maxey, a brother of the president. His subject was "Pioneers." Mr. Maxey said, "You are pioneers going into a needy field of 16,000,000 Negroes in America. The majority of these are not church members. Your college is a pioneer institution because it is the only seminary among churches of Christ providing four years of Ministerial training on the college level." Mr. Maxey, an army chaplain in Japan for the past five years, plans to return to Japan in August as a missionary with the Kyushe Christian Mission.

The occasion of my visit to the College of the Scriptures was to become a member of their honorary society. The Theta Delta Mu Key for outstanding Christian service to Negroes was presented to four of us: Rev. W. H. Taylor, Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Castella Jones Anglin, the college's Registrar-Bursar; Mr. Joseph Daniels Saunders, retired treasurer of the college, and myself.

My trip to the College of the Scriptures is a never to be forgotten pleasure, and I can appreciate being listed among those who from time to time have and will be awarded this cherished emblem.

When I returned to my work as an assistant to the Registrar at Knoxville College, I found a lot of work on my desk to be done, which had accumulated during the four days absence from my office. I went about my work cheerfully and with a light heart, because some one had remembered me for the work I tried to do the 22 years at Jarvis in helping my husband to build an institution. Just how well I did, I will leave that for others to say and consider. However, I would not cry out with the poet—

"Backward, turn backward O, Time in your flight,
Make me a child again Just for tonight."

But what I have done, and perhaps not my best at all times, but I trust a loving Father to forgive all my shortcomings.

Why The National Convention —

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O God.

For the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing;

Special Features

The special features of this National Convention will be paramount in your experiences.

THE RALLY OF THE STATES is scheduled for Wednesday evening.

THE NATIONAL PROJECT — LINENS FOR JARVIS

You will see the culmination of this project Thursday night. It is sponsored by the Women's Missionary Organization's Education Department. The presentation will be made to the college representative.

THE YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Friday evening youth will speak on Essentials For Christian Growth. The winners will receive scholarship awards at this time.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

One of the most impressive services of the Convention is this hour of fellowship around the table. The 34th Annual Session of the Convention will close with this service.

Only through sincere prayer and deep meditation; study of the life and teachings of Christ; of conditions and problems of present day; and a true concern for implementing the program of our Brotherhood in our communities, can the National Convention be victorious. We need workers, the local church needs workers. The answer is YOU. Through YOU and through trusting in GOD will the National Convention prevail.

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Both Standard's Closely Graded and International Uniform series of lessons help to Christ-centered and true to the Bible. They are used in thousands of Christian Church Bible schools where teachers believe in the inspiration of God's Word.

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ATTENDANCE

The low level attendance of the average Christian church has been a disturbing factor for our ministers over a period of years. This condition will continue to exist unless definite efforts are put forth not only by the local church but by the National body to stimulate attendance by using modern day methods that seem to be serving churches of other denominations. The average layman's attitude in connection with church attendance can be changed by encouraging him to participate more fully in the activities of the church. In other words, give every layman something definite to do in the church and with increased interest, better church attendance follows as a natural sequence.

We have made an effort, in a limited way, to say something about three major activities in the church. A recent communication from our Department of Men's Work on "THE THINKING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MEN'S WORK UNDERLYING ITS PROGRAM PLANNING FOR ADULTS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH"—begins by stating "In one sense of the word, the Department of Men's Work does not have a program of its own but the church and our Brotherhood have a program. Strictly speaking, the program of the men of our communion is the same as the program of our brotherhood. The job of the Department of Men's Work is to gear men into the total program of the church. The program of the church of Christ, which is the body of Christ, includes doing everything that Christ would do."

With this in mind, it is our opinion that our real need among the men of the churches, under the direction of the National Christian Convention, is sustained personal contact in the form of a paid worker who has been trained in the ways and methods of accomplishing definite objectives within a Laymen's organization along the three basic activities, as above indicated.

1. We recommend the employment of a young man, preferably married.

2. This man must meet certain high standards of qualifications as to training, family background and churchmanship.

3. A written program covering every phase of this man's work must be given to him every six months of each fiscal year. A written monthly report must be required of this man.

4. This man's activities must be controlled and directed by the Men's Work Department of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

OUTLINE OF ONE-HALF OF LONG RANGE PROGRAM

Men's Work Department (Five Years)

I. First Year's Objectives of Men's Work Program

Organizational Structure

(a) Organize all churches in the National Christian Missionary Convention into three groups as follows: Class "A"—Churches with 400 members and above; Class "B"—Churches with 200 members and above; Class "C"—Churches under 100 members.

(b) Create a file of all male members of the Convention Churches.

1. All male members 16 years old and older.

2. Information—Name, address, occupation, profession or business, age and length of time in church.

3. Special list of men able and willing to carry specific responsibilities.

4. Files must contain names and addresses of pastors and churches pastored and description of property.

II. Employment of Special Field Worker

(a) Employ a young man to work out of our national office.

(b) Qualifications — Good family background, graduate of church school preferred, with pronounced talent for church work and a strong desire to achieve greatness in a service of Kingdom building.

(c) Compensation, $2900 and travel not to exceed $1000 a year. Increase thereafter on basis of increase shown in churches serviced by him.

(d) All activities under supervision of the President of Men's Work Department of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

III. Three Point Program

For Men

(a) Promote evangelism in its various applications through the men of the church.

(b) Develop an educational program on stewardship.

(c) Stimulate church attendance among men through special emphasis on individual participation.

IV. Goals

(a) A 10 per cent increase in male membership of all churches by the field worker.

(b) A substantial increase in participation on the part of all churches in the over-all program of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

SECOND YEAR'S OBJECTIVES,

MEN'S WORK PROGRAM

1. Organizational Program

(a) Strengthen men's organization by securing certain additional information and activity as suggested out of our first year's efforts.

(b) Develop a series of promotional letters covering the "KNOW HOW" among men to organize themselves in a church related organization on national, state, district and local church levels in an active fellowship group.

(c) Send each church a copy of the goals expected for the year in men's work departments.

2. Evangelism

(a) Encourage both personal and visitation evangelism within all churches by designating certain special periods through the year for emphasis on evangelism.

(b) Take membership inventory at end of fiscal year, June.

3. Continue the 1950 Three Point Program With Added Emphasis.

4. Field

(a) Publish a quarterly bulletin for distribution to the entire brotherhood. Use information from field

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workers’ report and other key workers.

5. Goals
(a) Six state organizations.
(b) Twenty-five local organizations.
(c) Ten per cent membership increase.
(d) Twenty per cent increase in over-all church finance.

THIRD YEAR’S OBJECTIVES FOR MEN’S WORK PROGRAM
1. Organizational Program
(a) Complete organizational structure as outlined in (a) and (b) under organizational structure indicated in the first year’s objectives of men’s work program.
(b) Organize Goldsboro-Raleigh District according to (a) and (b) of the organizational structure — first year’s objectives.

2. Evangelism
(a) Promote a national census for non-churched persons.
(b) Organize direct local churches for an intensive visitation evangelism program ending possibly two weeks before Easter.

3. Stewardship
(a) Complete the organizational structure of the Goldsboro-Raleigh District.
(b) Organized conferences on methods and procedures according to the organizational outline.

4. Field
(a) Area planning conference for needed areas (field worker).
(b) Comparative report on first four years of progress.
(c) Focus the attention of groups upon the content of the quarterly bulletin.

4. Goals
(a) Six additional state organizations.
(b) Twenty-five additional local organizations.
(c) Ten per cent membership increase.
(d) Twenty per cent increase in over-all finance.

FIFTH YEAR’S OBJECTIVES FOR MEN’S WORK PROGRAM
1. Organizational Structure
(a) Plan a National Conference on methods and procedures according to the organizational structure.
(b) Encourage state conferences on organizational know-how.

2. Evangelism
(a) Secure a National Director of Evangelism.
(b) Organize evangelistic promotion so as to reach the state and local organizations.

3. Stewardship
(a) Promote an educational program on stewardship.
(b) Organize and promote a program of orientation for new members.

4. Field
(a) Area Planning Conference for needed areas (field worker).
(b) Comparative report on first five years of program.
(c) Focus the attention of groups upon the content of the quarterly bulletin.

5. Goals
(a) Six additional state organizations.
(b) Twenty-five additional local organizations.
(c) Ten per cent membership increase.
(d) Twenty per cent increase in over-all finance.

6. FORMULATE PLANS FOR LAST HALF OF LONG-RANGE PRO- GRAM — CONFERENCE

Alabama Sunday School Convention
Mr. President, Sunday School Officials and visitors, I am very glad to have this opportunity to come before you with this subject, “A Daily Guide.” Keep a bridle on your tongue, think twice before you speak. Always say less than you think. Cultivate a sweet, persuasive voice, because how you say it often counts more than what you say. Be dependable, make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully.

Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to or about somebody. Praise good work done, regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, criticize helpfully, not spitefully. Be interested in others’ welfare, their homes, their families. Rejoice with them that do weep. Endeavor to scatter sunshine everywhere you go.

Be cheerful, hide your worries, pain and disappointments under a pleasant countenance. Don’t tell others your troubles, tell them to Jesus if you don’t want to hear them again. Be gentle, keep an open mind on all debatable questions when in Sunday School, Young People’s meetings or other meetings. Discuss but do not argue. It is a mark of superior minds to disagree and yet be friendly.

Let your good speak for itself. Don’t let your testimony be upstairs when you are living in the basement. Always let your virtues speak for themselves. Discourage gossip, filthy, foolish talking and jesting. Make a rule not to say anything ill of another especially when they are (Continued on Page 7)
absent. Tell me my faults and tell my good to others. Always be care-
ful of another’s feelings and of whom, what, how, when and where
you speak because “Grievous words stir up anger, but a soft manner
turneth away wrath.”

Don’t worry about the evil doers, pay no attention to ill or false things
said about you, just live so nobody will believe it. Remember what Je-
sus said in St. Matthew 5:11-12.

Don’t be a fault finder. Don’t be a slothful. Don’t be a tale-bearer.
Don’t let other people use you or your house for a garbage can by
bringing you all the stale and bad things they hear or say about your
pastor, the church, or your sister or brother and dump it in your mind
because this would hinder your progress.

Always do your duty because Jesus is calling for a Holy life and
service too. “Let not your hands be slack.” Forget self, come before the
Lord with singing, prayer, supplica-
tion. Be thou faithful until death and you will be rewarded.

Miss Leona Hall
Calhoun, Alabama
P. O. Box 12

**Recommendations**

Recommendations received and adapted by the Convention and
Usher Board:

1. Second Sunday in March is Na-
tional Ushers’ Day. All boards
are asked to observe this day.
Proceeds will be sent to the Na-
tional Convention Treasurer.

2. Local boards’ fee to Convention
is five dollars ($5.00).

3. Women’s uniform: white shirt
waist style dress, white shoes,
military heels (nurses’ oxfords)
and white gloves.

4. Men’s uniform: white flannel
pants, dark blue coat, black
folding hand tie, white gloves
and white shoes.

5. Ushers wear local church badge-
es.

6. Secretary must contact the Host
board two months before the
Convention date to work out
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At Memphis, Tennessee
Aug. 22 to 27

The Convention was well attended, the spirit was good and the program very inspiring. Mrs. Bernice Holmes, Director of Missionary Organization, conducted the Institute on women’s work and Elder L. L. Dickerson, Editor of the Plea, conducted the Institute for ministers and officers.

Dr. John Eubanks, ex vice president of Jarvis College, addressed the convention on Friday evening.

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Elder George Frazier, pastor of High St. Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, vice president of the convention, ably assisted President Jackson in directing the entire convention program.

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7. Local boards shall send in reports to the Secretary two months prior to the Convention. Number of ushers expected to attend the Convention and name of delegate with fee.

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**Called From Labor To Reward**
A. E. Willis, Reporter

Elder C. A. McLendon, born April 25, 1899, in Tenville, Georgia, departed this life in Detroit, Michigan, June 10, 1950.

At the age of 12 years, he was baptized into the Christian Church in Muller Grove, Georgia. In 1924 he married Miss Eudella Outhow and to this woman was born three sons and one daughter. In 1925 they moved to Detroit, Michigan. In 1936, when the first Negro Christian Church was organized, under the leadership of our present pastor, Elder R. L. Jordan, C. A. McLendon was one of the first members and has been loyal and faithful. He has been an Elder since the beginning of the church. His spiritual light was always shining and he met any situation with a smile and never a complaint.

He leaves to mourn his departure a loving and devoted wife, four children and host of relatives and friends. We who knew and worked with him are sure that our loss is Heaven’s gain.

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**Kentucky Convention**
The 78th Annual State Convention of Kentucky was held at the Third Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky, July 18-23. Elder H. E. Jackson of Covington, president, and Elder F. T. Floyd, pastor of Third Christian Church. The convention was well attended, the spirit was good and the program very inspiring. Mrs. Bernice Holmes, Director of Missionary Organization, conducted the Institute on women’s work and Elder L. L. Dickerson, Editor of the Plea, conducted the Institute for ministers and officers.

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**Make Your Reservations Now To Attend The NATIONAL CONVENTION Of The Christian Church At Memphis, Tennessee Aug. 22 to 27 Let’s Make It A 1000**
SOME 400 ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Convention

The 34th Annual National Christian Missionary Convention of the Christian Church, convened in Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 22-27, with Eld. R. H. Davis of Chicago, presiding and Eld. Blair T. Hunt, Host Pastor. All of the sessions were held at Booker T. Washington High School where Eld. Hunt is Principal. There were some 400 delegates and visitors present.

On Tuesday evening a program of welcome was presented by the local church with Dr. J. E. Walker, Master of Ceremonies and Eld. Hunt and some of the leading citizens of Memphis extending words of welcome on behalf of the Mississippi Blvd. Church, and the citizens of Memphis. After the welcome program Eld. R. H. Davis, President, delivered a ringing challenging message on the theme, "The Church At Mid-Century: From Words to Works."

He pointed out the revolutionary nature of the Christian religion and the early church, and challenged the church of this mid-century to grasp the same spirit. The entire program was well planned and all of the messages were instructive, inspiring and challenging. (The Wednesday evening sermon to the contrary notwithstanding). The spirit of the convention was fine, the fellowship excellent and the accomplishments notable. All of the reports indicated progress in every field of endeavor except one, the recruiting

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ELD. B. T. HUNT ELECTED PRES.

Eld. Blair T. Hunt, Pastor of the Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church of Memphis, Tenn., and Principal of Booker T. Washington High School, was elected President of the National Convention to succeed Eld. R. H. Davis, Pastor of Indiana Ave. Church, Chicago. Eld. Hunt is one of the outstanding ministers, educators and leaders of the south, and has received many high honors for distinguished service. He has been the pastor of the Mississippi Blvd. Church for some thirty years. Under his leadership it has become one of the outstanding churches of the brotherhood. His church has the distinction of being the only church of our Brotherhood to take both the initiative and the responsibility of establishing a Christian church in the same city. His election to the presidency of the National Convention is a well deserved honor and brings to this high office great talent and ability which will be of tremendous value to the National Convention in its onward march. Other officers elected are, L. L. Dickerson, Pastor of the Monroe Ave. Church, Columbus, Ohio, and Editor of the Plea, 1st Vice President. Mrs. C. C. Mosley of Edwards, Miss., 2nd Vice Pres., Miss Bessie Chandler, St. Louis, Mo., 3rd Vice Pres., Kenneth Henry and Willetta Schley, Co-4th Vice Pres., Eld. R. L. Saunders, Pastor East 2nd St., Lexington, Ky., Secretary and Dr. J. E. Walker, of Memphis, Treasurer for the thirty fourth time.

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Piedmont Young People's Conference

It is now ten minutes to 1:00 a.m. All lights are out except room No. 124, but it seems very hard for me to extinguish my light until I tell you something about our Young People's Conference that is being held on the beautiful campus of the Winston-Salem Teachers College.

There are one hundred and one boys and girls who are now presumably asleep, resting from a very hard day's work.

This is the largest conference that has ever been entertained in our area, nevertheless, we are making a profound impression upon the teachers and summer school students of the school.

I must say that we have some very fine conferees this year, who are tying into the program nicely. With the very fine facilities here at Teachers College, there isn't any reason to believe that our conference should not be at the top of the ladder within a few years.

I must not close this article without paying tribute to Mrs. E. G. Stirling who for nineteen consecutive summers, has conducted our Young Peoples Conference and in a large measure has brought it thus far. Tribute should also go to Rev. R. H. Peoples who is "daddy" of all the Conference Deans and who is doing a great job here in our conference in Dean-
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D. W. Heath, President

“The Future Belongs To Those Who Prepare For It”

Each weekday a certain large insurance company reminds its radio listeners that “the future belongs to those who prepare for it.” When does the preparation begin? It can begin right “now.”

A minister never looks forward to becoming a wealthy man so far as money goes. He sacrifices for his education in most cases. He serves congregations for small salaries. He foregoes the protection of Social Security. He lives in the hope that his efforts will be blessed by God and be a help to his fellow-man.

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“DR. EUBANKS AND JARVIS

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1st, Our churches need Jarvis very badly. That is, we need the trained and inspired leadership that Jarvis could give us. If we are to have trained leaders we must have schools whose primary objective is to meet that need. 2nd, Jarvis needs our churches. That is, if Jarvis is to be a Christian College, it needs the goodwill, cooperation and support, moral, spiritual and financial. And unless Jarvis can get these things it will never do very much towards meeting the needs of our churches. If Jarvis has not had the goodwill, cooperation and support of our churches in the past, we cannot put all of the blame on the churches. Goodwill, cooperation and financial support are things that have to be cultiva-ted and promoted, by both the churches and the college, especially the college.

The truth of the matter is, Jarvis has been too far away from our churches in more ways than geographically. We do not have enough ministers in the pulpit and lay-people in the pews with the “Dear Old Jarvis” spirit, who will in turn, instill that same spirit into the hearts and minds of others. Whose fault this is, we cannot say, but we do say it is a fault that should be corrected. If our churches fail to appreciate what Jarvis has done in the past and what it can do in the future, that too, should be corrected. We believe Jarvis could do a lot to correct these faults by producing more preachers with a burning zeal for “the faith once delivered unto the saints.” That’s what our churches want, not only men who know HEBREW, GREEK and LATIN, but who also know the doctrine and plea of the church and are neither afraid nor ashamed to preach it. May we suggest that we all beat our peep at S.C.I.

In the next issue we will take a peep at S.C.I.

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Missouri State Convention

The 76th annual Missionary convention of the state of Missouri, convened in Hannibal, August 1-6, at the Second Christian Church, with Rev. Raymond E. Brown host pastor and Rev. William Martin, convention president, presiding.

The theme of the convention, "The Field Is The World," was emphasized by the speakers who brought our inspirational messages and sermons. Such persons as Elder J. J. Green of St. Louis, Rev. R. W. Watson, Tri-State Evangelist, Rev. S. S. Myers, Mr. C. C. Damel, Rev. Lorenzo Evans, Rev. F. H. Coleman and Rev. Emmitt Dickson, brought sermons and messages which inspired the whole convention.

On Thursday evening, Mrs. Lorraine Groves, president of the women's work presided. Special music was furnished by the Fulton Christian Church Choir, with Mr. C. C. Damel of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, as guest speaker.

The Youth departments daily discussion groups were conducted by Rev. Evans. On Saturday evening the youth had charge of the services. Their speaker was Rev. Dickson, executive secretary of the National Convention.

The highlight of the convention was the Observation Bible School. The church school department started the Observation School on Tuesday morning before the official opening of the convention, with Mrs. R. W. Watkins, State Children's Worker for the state of Missouri, director. The faculty consisted of well trained leaders who were able to carry on a beautiful program, even under adverse conditions. It was the thinking of the director and president of the Church School Department that this was an excellent opportunity to show how the graded program could be carried on in the small church. With the use of curtains we were able to have our individual rooms, where lessons were taught, worships and activities carried on very effectively. The Kindergarten department, with Miss Margaret Bundy as instructor, was a well equipped place where the life of Jesus was taught. The furniture consisted of tables, toys, stove, and bed most of which were made by Miss Bundy. These articles were made from cardboard boxes, covered with wrapping paper and colored with crayons. These little tots did such activities as spatter painting, drawing, and dramatizations. The Kindergarten, like all departments, grew after the first day.

Mrs. Octavia Sweatt and Mrs. Eva Coleman served as co-instructors of the Primary department. In conjunction with their lesson the pupils built a Palestinian City. The children made many objects of clay, such as jugs, bowls, fruit and vegetables. A synagogue was built, for no Jewish community was complete without one. Shoes like the ones that were worn in Jesus' time were made and worn by the pupils.

Mrs. Cerise Palmer, instructor for the Junior department, had a class of seventeen boys and girls. Many interesting things were done. Some of their activities included spatter painting, drawing, making clay objects and a movie. The movie was very unique and gave an opportunity for the boys and girls to work together. Having completed the movie the children took turns telling the story of the pictures as they were flashed on the screen.

The Intermediates, Miss Marjorie Hill instructor, grew from four the first day to fifteen. This group of 12, 13, and 14 year old boys and girls were vitally interested in the work. They were eager to ask and answer questions, to participate in the discussions and carry out the activities. As a cooperative project they drew a wall map, putting on it places studied where Jesus taught. Each person made a booklet in which he could keep his individual materials.

The school grew from fifteen the first day to forty-six. Student teachers were used in all departments. These were persons who made up our leadership class. Mrs. Watkins was instructor of the class of eighteen persons who completed the course and received leadership credit cards.

As a result of the work which was done in the Observation Bible School, one school in the state has gained two teachers and changed from the uniform to graded material.

On Friday evening Rev. Lorenzo Evans, National Director of Religious Education, was guest speaker. Music was furnished by the Hannibal Junior choir and Miss Leona Griggsby. Rev. Evans brought a very inspiring message which made each of us, who teach, conscious of the tremendous task which faces us today.

We were honored to have two national officers with us for the convention and one state worker. The fellowship and inspiration received in this our 76th convention was exceedingly rich.

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Laboratory Training School

The Christian Plea presents its second in a series of the pictorial articles. This features the first Laboratory Training School of the National Convention Disciples of Christ. The school was conducted at Roanoke, Virginia in the spacious building of Laudon Avenue Christian Church. The staff consisted of people like the eminent Bessie Chandler, Miss Carrie D. Hancock and Miss Euband of Richmond, Virginia. Miss Chandler is a graduate of Columbia University, Miss Carrie D. Hancock is a graduate of Drake University and Miss Euband is principal of the Socially Unadjusted School of Richmond, Virginia. All of them specialized in children's work.

This was one of the greatest experiences that the Piedmont Area has ever had. The work of these very fine and qualified leaders has proved miracles to Roanoke and vicinity as well as the whole Piedmont Area. There were only about twenty student teachers who attended this school, but the school was a marvelous success because of the wonderful leaders who were in charge.

This was a course of study where the actual teaching of children was carried forward as the student teachers looked on. After their session the evaluation period of what went on while teaching the children was presented.

Then came the theory of the course. And the last operation was the workshop which was most interesting to the student teachers and children. Here they made hangings for the back grounds for worship centers with what is known as spatter work. They also made housekeeping furniture and book cases out of orange crates that the fruit producers usually throw away and the little kindergarten fellows and teachers learned how to color and mount pictures. Surely every church, district or state should have had this rich experience. It turned out so impressively that the Y.M.C.A. of the city of Roanoke, Va., has already committed itself to help promote this school for another year.

It is hoped that this Laboratory Training School should well become the Training Center for all of the people in the Eastern section of our Brotherhood.

No. (1) is a picture of Miss Bessie Chandler, demonstrating how to teach kindergarten children while two teachers look on. No. (2) is a table where both students and teachers are doing some spatter work on a hanging for a worship center.

The Piedmont Tri-State Area is looking forward to the return of all three of these great women who so graciously gave their time to teach our local church leaders the technique of handling children.
TRoubled AND TErrified WOMEn

MRS. ARAH E. GARRETT

It has been said many times that one of the greatest tragedies of Christianity in our day is the lack of a deep consciousness of sin among Christians. Worldliness and materialism have invaded our churches and have rendered us all too tolerant of sin. While there are all too many within our ranks who have lapsed into tolerant complacency toward the rising tide of sin and unbelief which is slowly undermining our civilization, there are some folks who are blind to the "sore spots" in our civil and religious life, and others who treat them with indifference, nonchalance or sadly shake their heads. There are also some Amoses who see these "sore spots", who hear God's call to do something and who refuse to compromise or quit in spite of opposition. There are women with the courage and determination of Esther, who exclaim, "If I perish, I perish."

Some one has said there is no instance in the gospels of a woman who was hostile to Christ. We might add that no woman who has sense enough to know what Jesus has done for woman will ever be hostile to Jesus. It was to a Samaritan that the first disclosure of His messiahship was made. The Samaritan chosen to receive the revelation was not a man, but a woman for a Samaritan woman was lower down in the scale than a Samaritan man. She was nothing but a toy or a slave in whose soul the Rabbis had no interest. Jesus preached His gospel first of all to a Samaritan woman. She was not a lady, but a jaded ignorant woman, mentally unfurnished, morally bankrupt. She had neither education, character nor reputation. Of all the human beings at that time upon the stage of action, this woman was as low as the lowest. He announced to her he was the Messiah and to her he explained what kind of worship is acceptable to the Eternal.

"A certain woman was there, who had an infirmity for a long time, and when Jesus saw her, He had com-

passion on her and said to her, 'Wilt thou be made whole?'"

The story of the tomb goes—that when Jesus bowed his head and died the light was gone out of his eye. The people were smitten with dread at the earthquake and fled the city. A group of faithful women troubled and terrified stood alone and watched it all. The Sanhedrin were grim masters of the situation. The Galilean multitudes which had joined so enthusiastically, many of them, perhaps, said, "I told you so." It beat into the soul of Mary, His mother, like the pouring rain. The disciples were scattered like sheep without a shepherd. Judas, the traitor, had committed suicide. Peter, the denier, was in tears in secret. The hopes of the disciples lay in Joseph's new tomb. The last to leave the tomb of Jesus Friday afternoon was the group of troubled women headed by Mary Magdalene, who seems to have devoted her life and great substance to Jesus after her great blessing from Him.

These troubled and terrified women were gravely concerned about preparing the body of Jesus for burial. Perhaps they thought that in the short time available Friday afternoon Joseph and Nicodemus did not have proper time to prepare the body for burial. So late Saturday afternoon after the Sabbath had passed these troubled women bought sweet spices to anoint the body of Jesus. At dawn Sunday morning they went to the tomb, worried, troubled and confounded, absorbed in the thought who shall roll away the stone? Upon their arrival can you feature their bewilderment and perplexity, when they found the stone had been rolled away and the tomb of Jesus empty? As they stood there in awe, they became terrified, when an angel broke the silence with the pointed question—Why seek ye the living among the dead? The angels also reminded them of Jesus' teaching, and then released the angelic message. The message was "THE TOMB IS EMPTY. Jesus is not here but has risen from the dead. Go quickly and tell the disciples they will see Him in Galilee." They ran with fear and great joy. Mark says they went out quickly, and they trembled and were amazed and terrified.

The world hath need of women yet, to herald the resurrection that the tomb is empty, that Jesus lives. We think it futile to bandy words with any one who limits the message of salvation to any sex. We usually feel it idle talk when we hear discussions on woman's place in the church, for more than nineteen hundred years ago down the corridors of time, Jesus Christ removed the barriers which men persistently and inconsistently set up as to preaching. We aren't surprised, for commentators have said the disciples questioned the credibility of those troubled and terrified women's report. They did not care for the stories of these women. Their report sounded like nonsense or the vaporings of those in delirium or hysteria. Why sensible men could not accept the idle tales of emotional women. But Peter was stirred to the point that he investigated. If the story had stopped there, it would have been auspicious. It's a fine thing when women can arouse men

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to investigate their reports, especially when men are penitent, and conscious of their own shortcomings. Men are yet apprehensive of women messages. They yet feel women are overwhelmed with sentiment and broken with emotion; and subject for a psychiatrist and charges for psychopathic ward, when they persist to go tell the world Christ is "not dead but that He lives again." Yes, women are troubled and terrified when they go tell the message. (He didn't want to go).

Yes, women are troubled and terrified when they go tell the message of salvation as to who shall roll away that stone of sex prejudice, especially when the church is facing one of its greatest challenges — when communism, modernism, atheism, and all collectivisms especially in view of feverish war rumoring and the new implications of war in the atomic era to preserve spiritual freedom, spiritual mobilization of recruits is needed. Women are troubled and terrified over the church meeting its challenge of safeguarding the moral standards of hundreds of thousands of teen age boys and young men up to 25 who are in the peacetime draft. Thus our armed forces are composed mostly of boys still in the plastic or formative stage. If evil influences gain the upper hand in molding their characters, the damage will be irreparable, not only will the lives of these two million youths be corrupted but the foundations of the nation itself will be undermined for in the final analysis the foundation of a nation's freedom and security rest upon the moral character of people. The church must cope more dynamically than offer a blanket invitation to attend services when in town. The church program must attack the problem on three fronts — political, social-recreational and religious.

Troubled and terrified women are alarmed because wickedness apparently is increasing on every hand. Unbelief is rampant everywhere, infidelity and atheism are stalking through the land. Many deny the very existence of God and defiantly set aside His word. Many schooled men and women reject the story of creation to follow the speculations of their own imaginations and fancies. Even many who profess to be ministers of the gospel openly deny the deity of Christ and set aside His virgin birth. They have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. (Isa. 24-5.)

Yes, Christian women are troubled and terrified and quaking with fear for our ministers who have never renounced worldliness. They drink hard liquor, and play cards and dance and have their fling as all other worldly folk. We are asking who will roll away the stone of modernistic trends, philosophical dissertations and viewpoints, doctrinal compromises and practices of open membership? Such practices are illegitimate to Christian warfare. Broke and terrified over the church "nowhere" and preach to himself only. The preacher of the Disciple's Church should be a messenger with a special New Testament message. Isaiah, Jeremiah and Lot had special messages. Jonah had a solemn message. (He didn't want to go). But he had a special message. John the Baptist had a message of conviction to sinners. When John saw Jesus coming to Jordan with unwavering faith he pointed to him and said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." What a dynamic message! Peter gave a soul saving message on Pentecost. Yes, Christian women are troubled, and terrified. They stand on the brink of frustration, when our messengers give psychological elucidations, philosophical elaborations and astronomical positions for sermons.

Three persons went to church to be helped one Sunday morning. One was a business man, who had failed in business and he contemplated committing suicide. The second was a young man who lived extravagantly, wasted his salary and thought of stealing money from his employer. The third was a young woman who was living a disgraceful life. Instead an anthem about building up Zion's walls. The minister addressed an eloquent prayer to God and then preached on the subject "Is Mars Inhabited?" We are concerned gravely over scientific treatises and exegeses substituted for the Message of the Cross and we stand asking who will roll away the stone? We would that our ministers, like John the Baptist, may point to the text and say, "Here is what God has declared and thus it is. They must know and believe the New Testament message to give it. The greatest tragedy of all tragedies is a messenger without a soul saving message.

Troubled and terrified women are alarmed over many of our college trained folk, who evaluate their sororities, fraternities and various clubs more than the church and its enduring qualities. Symbols are used to convey ideas. Too long the building has been thought of as the church — the church is more than that. It is the living, moving, vital force of civilization today. Its purpose is that of teaching Christianity. Take away the sermons; take away the laws growing out of Christian idealism; take away the coming together for worship; take away all Christian hymns, art and literature. What have you left? The lives of righteousness are severed; emotional outlets are turned into baser channels; potential Christian citizenship is denied. Standards are lowered; the mighty forces back of hospitals, orphanages, charities and missions are cut off. The word HATE is chanted instead of LOVE and PEACE gives way to STRIFE. You cannot forget God and keep these things from happening. The stone or frame building at the street corner of village or city and the white spires lifted above the village trees are mute testimony of the enduring qualities of the forces of righteousness.

Yes, troubled and terrified women are not fogy, but alarmed, when many college and church people spurn the silences of worship. Beyond the shrill cries of the market (Continued on Page 7)
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peddlers, beyond the glare of the day, or of winter winds, into the sanctuary of the open road, church of the quiet village, church of the busy town, or teeming city; within our portals we enter for REST and MEDITATION. We are welcome. Here we stand before the unseen presence; here we listen to His word; here we sing hymns of praise and talk with Him, and in quiet of the hour we catch the voice that says, “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” Sometimes we are blind; sometimes we are deaf; sometimes we cannot talk or feel, sometimes we cannot walk but the Christ is there too with outstretched arms, if we come looking for His presence in the silence of worship, the church brings to people of a community, harmony, ideals, guidance, trustworthiness, morality, honesty, faith and spirituality, all positive qualities of value, no life can afford to be without. Then Christian women, troubled and terrified, tremble, tremble, tremble, when the tail lights of the automobiles are turned to the church at night; the many empty pews at day and the choir goes on Sunday night strike. Christian women quake with fear and are terrified when the church must resort to quartet singing or concerts in order to prevent a black-out at the House of Prayer on Sunday nights. Christian women are yet asking who will roll away this stone of negligence and indifference that we may all be in the church and the church in us?

Christian women, troubled and terrified, are concerned with the many accidents which point up the super tragedies of American highways, men, women and children killed or maimed by drivers, not always drunk, but so affected by liquor that they become a menace to public safety. This is but a single phase of the complicated liquor problem of our time, for the same highways on which the killings occur are lined and ornamented with taverns, road houses and clubs that dispense liquor of all kinds. The youth of the land are allured to these night spots for diversion and entertainment. Such places are the hatcheries or incubators for not only drunkenness, but drug addicts gambling, unwed mothers and all other vices and present day evils. Is there any wonder that our youth run amuck and become inmates at the insane institutions?

Women are troubled and terrified at the brazen advertisements of Chesterfield cigarettes which move out on the high school gridiron. Last Christmas the enterprising advertiser had a special broadcast for the kiddies with a Chesterfield in the mouth of Santa Claus. Women are wondering, no not fogy but troubled and terrified that this Holy Season, that Chesterfield may by-pass nativity and move in in the pre-natal field. Who will roll away the stone?

A few weeks ago, just a block from my home, a 10-year-old Negro boy shot and killed his uncle, who was his mother’s brother, because the uncle had knocked his sister down, who was the mother of the killer. The courts of the county and society generally approved the youngster as a hero. The factor which points upward is—the boy sat down on his porch cross-legged, cool and collective and perused his funny book to determine whether or not he manipulated or wielded the deadly weapon according to western gangster’s fashion. The women—the mothers of boys, Christian women—stood in breathless awe,

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What Will The New Convention Yr. Bring?
Mrs. B. A. Holmes

Looking back and trying to measure the progress made in the last year, we can account for many things over which we are pleased and yet there are some things we need to face and give our attention because we left them undone or we failed in purpose or accomplishment.

The state conventions are history; the planning conference recommendations on state level should be ready to go into effect. We have set our sails toward another port and our way of travel has been planned. We should be ready to accept the plan and move out this new convention year with vision and caution (Continued on Page 2)

SCI Begins 76th Yr., School Advocates True Brotherhood, True Democracy
EDWARDS, Miss.—September 5 saw the beginning of the 76th corporate year of the Southern Christian Institute. Chartered by special act of the Mississippi Legislature in 1875, the school at Edwards thus rounds out seventy-five years of service. Negro and white Mississippians saw the need for such an institution and successfully sought support from Christian churches across the country to establish and maintain it.

Members of both races signed the original papers for incorporation and have worked actively through the years to make the school what it is today.

According to a statement by President John Long, who himself begins his twenty-sixth year at SCI, the administration still feels that the most lasting contribution which Southern Christian Institute is making is in the area of human brotherhood by providing opportunity for the two races to work side by side in the interest of Christian living and Christian education. Since its founding Southern Christian has LIVED Democracy in addition to teaching about it.

The school has always sought to substitute scientific attitudes for prejudice, and to educate for a new world in which will be found freedom, equality and true brotherhood.
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EDITORIAL
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To Whom It May Concern:
This is to certify that the Mt. Beulah Christian Church of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is trying to build a more commodious house of worship.

We would appreciate your aid so much. We are twelve members, two are non-resident, six are wage earners and paying members. We have 35 in Sunday School and about the same number in the morning service.

Our old and present house of worship are paid for. The new cotton mill employing over 2500 people is very near us. Two fine Negro schools are full of young people. No other churches are near us. The white brethren are helping us. They have given money, and will come and work on our building on Labor Day. They expect to put on the roof and siding.

We are promised a loan by the Church Extension Board, but we have to raise cash to meet it.

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Thanking you in advance for anything you may do for us, we are
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from words to work. The time to begin is now.

The Missionary program for our church should be for every member of the church. We are hoping that every church will begin now to work on the new Christian Fellowship plan, to extend it throughout the Brotherhood during the next year. The local church leaders are going to have to want this new Fellowship and believe in it themselves. The bringing together of all women for a more effective task in missions, should be the desire of all ministers and church leaders. Missionary Education will help us to have the desire in our hearts to want our church to share in a program of world missions.

We are hoping that every state will plan some type of educational program during 1950-51, for the purpose of personal enrichment and leadership training for the members of the churches of that state or area. This will be the first step in preparing for greater participation in our national church program. We are going to have to be awakened to the fact that the local church, the National Convention and worldwide service is dependent on us on the other. Therefore, we must start with the local church.

We have accepted a new long range plan for the next five years to double the church's strength in every way in which means growth for the total church.

Every state president should study the minutes of the Planning Conference and then pass the information on to churches of the states. The new report blanks and the requirements for the National Award should be followed through by state presidents and local leaders.

The recommendation passed by the convention about representation fee for National Convention is not an increase but a set fee for the churches to strive to meet. The old recommendation says the representation fee from each state convention is $10 and two dollars from each local society. Too few of the churches followed through on the old recommendation. The new recommendation sets a stipulated sum for the state to represent with which will cover all representation for missionary organization for the state. Please cooperate with this new recommendation.

The new president, Mrs. Charles C. Mosley, will need your cooperation and best wishes as our leader for the next year. We are hoping you will strive to make this year one of the most outstanding years of work we have ever had.

JARVIS TEACHER LAID TO REST

Mrs. Lillian Jacobs Uggams, for twenty years a professor in Jarvis Christian College, died here Thursday night, September 7, 1950, at 11 o'clock.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, July 20, 1901, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jacobs.

Mrs. Uggams received all of her grade and high school education in the public schools of Des Moines. Drake University, Des Moines, conferred upon her the B.A. and A.M. degrees in 1924 and 1926 respectively.

In 1927 she was elected Professor of Foreign Languages and Philosophy at Paul Quinn College, Waco, Tex. In 1928 she was elected to serve as Professor and Head of Department of English at Jarvis Christian College. Later, she was elected to serve as Head of the Social Science Division in which capacity she served the College with distinction until her death.

The deceased was quite alert and resourceful in her classroom teaching. She supplemented her classroom instruction by inviting whenever or wherever possible, guest speakers and experts in related fields. Her theme was “Get the work done”—and she often led by example.

Mrs. Uggams was a member of the College Church. She gave unstintedly of her time both to her Church and to the Missions activities of the Church. She served upon occasions as the President of the Women’s Missionary Organization.

Mrs. Uggams held membership in many professional and learned societies. In 1947 she was elected to membership in the American Political Science Association, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

She was an active member in the Colored State Teachers Association, Houston, Texas. She was a member of the East Texas Teachers Association.

Mrs. Uggams was one of the founders of the local chapter of the Eastern Star Lodge. She was a member of the Gamma Tau Sigma Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Hawkins, Texas.

Funeral services for Mrs. Uggams were held Sunday, September 10, in the Mary E. Ervin Chapel, at 2:30 p.m. Interment was at the Jarvis Christian College Cemetery.

She is survived by her father, Mr. H. E. Jacobs, and a step-daughter, Miss Eloise Uggams, New York City; Mrs. Daisy Gater, Des Moines, Iowa, and by a host of relatives and friends.
Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

The members of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church honored their pastor, Elder Blair T. Hunt with a Recognition Banquet on Friday night, September 29, 1950. The banquet was held in the lower assembly hall at the church.

Mrs. Laura Cade was responsible for the beautiful decorations, which consisted of palms in each corner of the room, in the center of the table were yellow and green leaves with ivy forming a cluster around them, on the piano was a basket of huge oak leaves depicting their golden fall color and in each window was a vase of huge chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Hattie Lawrence, home economics teacher at Booker T. Washington High School, had charge of the menu. At each place card was a tiny basket of snacks, olives and pickles, carrot and celery curls, spiced tea, individual iced cakes and cream.

Dr. J. E. Walker, chairman of the Official Board, acted as emcee for the occasion.

Rev. J. A. McDaniels, pastor Bethel Presbyterian Church, Rev. S. A. Owens, pastor Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rev. Leonard Brown, pastor Riverview Church and Elder A. C. Crawford, Riverview Christian Church were guest speakers.

Many fine things were spoken of the honoree, Elder Blair T. Hunt, and a touch of humor was added which made the occasion a night of enjoyment.

Mrs. V. E. Rowan read an original poem, "Our Pastor," which was heartily received by the guests. (The poem will be found elsewhere in this issue). Elder Blair T. Hunt, honored guest, looking immaculate in a gray suit, responded to the occasion with timely remarks. Elder Hunt thanked each person who had been responsible for making his party a great event, one that would never be forgotten.

The honoree received many beautiful gifts. His birthday was October 1, 1950.

Mrs. Louvenia Moore, president Missionary Society, was general chairman of the banquet.

OUR PASTOR

By Mrs. Corrine Elizabeth Rowan

I'd like to tell you about Blair T. Hunt. He is a man who is always in front; he's a leader classed among the great men. A man that preaches against every sin. A native Memphian, he loves his birthplace. He firmly believes in God and his Race;

By Mrs. Corinne Elizabeth Rowan

Not only his Race—other Races, too. His advice—love all, be a Christian true. Lover of children, he heads a High School. At "BTW" you must abide by the rule. The children adhere to his sound advice. Some want to do good, whatever the price.

Blair T. Hunt "GYM" symbolic of his fame. A living monument bearing his name; Loving Cup Award from "A & I" State. As citizen of the year, he was great.

In civic affairs, he rates at the top. Finding much to do, he just cannot stop; His work requires his time both day and night. That those in darkness might see the great light. He loves the church, when he gets up to preach. The innermost soul he attempts to reach; His sermons uplifting—you want to sing Praise and adoration around you ring. A long life is desired for this great man. As he goes through life doing all he can; To promote good will among the Races, Not only in Memphis—but other places.

Missionary Volunteers

"Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;"

An encouraging note for the future of our world is that young people of the churches are volunteering in large numbers for full-time Christian work in the ministry, religious education, home missions, and world missions. The names of 2,800 volunteers are now listed by the Committee of Missionary Personnel of the United Society. Every assistance and encouragement is given them as they complete high school and college courses, and continue graduate work or specialized training.

Approximately 600 of these are volunteers for Christian work abroad. 275 are in high school, 225 are in college, and 100 are in graduate work or about to complete college and have been accepted as candidates.

"Give up thy wealth to speed them on their way."

In the desire to aid the program of training missionaries, 37 of our churches are making offerings through the United Society for the definite support of a young person of their choice now in training. Scholarship needs vary with the type of training, the length of the course, the resources of the individual, etc.

More important than the amount of the gift is the assurance to the young person of a vital interest in the work by others who cannot themselves become active missionaries. The link from church to missionary or candidate is a strong factor in the work.

MY LAST WISH

Sidney A. Scott

Man's existence here on this earth is a school that begins with the cradle and ends with the grave; nature is his text book, experience is his teacher. Just how well he learns his lesson as he journeys through life is marked by accomplishments either for good or for bad.

I want my last wish to be that gathered around me, my family, Mr. J. E. Hopkins, Mrs. Corrine B. Chase Williams and a few friends whom I believe love me for what I am and will ever keep burning before my faltering footsteps the kindly light of hope, and when at last I reach the end of life's journey and I come within sight of the castle of my dreams, may I be thankful for life and for old memories that are good and sweet, and may the evening twilight find me gentle still.

The shortest verse in the Bible is found in St. John 11:35.

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GENERAL CHURCH LEADERS MEET
By J. F. Whitfield

A special meeting of the leaders of the National Fraternal Council of Churches, U.S.A., Inc., was recently held at their headquarters, 318 Third Street, S.W., Washington, D. C., with the Rt. Rev. William J. Walls, Bishop, A. M. E. Zion Church, president, presiding.

The group went on record as opposing the sending of a representative of the United States Government as an Official Representative to the Vatican holding the rank of Ambassador. The group held that such a practice is in violation of the principles of separation of Church and State.

Highlighting the executive session was the launching of a nation-wide membership campaign under the direction of Rev. George W. Lucas, executive secretary of Dayton, Ohio. Dr. J. M. Bracy, chairman of the Executive Board, is heading the membership campaign and will be assisted by Mrs. Bertie L. Derrick, associate director of the Washington Bureau and field secretary, and Rev. R. W. Coleman, special representative of New Orleans, Louisiana.

A conference luncheon between the morning and afternoon sessions afforded the opportunity for fine relaxation and fellowship among the ministers. Mrs. Sarah L. Thomas, chairman of the Washington Hospitality Committee of the Women's Department of the Fraternal Council, Rev. John Z. Horton, secretary of the Baptist Ministers Conference, and Mrs. Bertie L. Derrick of the National Staff, served.

The afternoon session consisted of full participation on the part of all members present with questions and suggestions as to ways and means of carrying out the program of the General Church and reaffirming their faith in a combined leadership to execute the purpose of the organization which is:

"To Develop Cooperative Relations among all member organizations and to take collective measures of Non-Partisan Political Legislation, and Social Reform, through the headquarters in Washington, D. C., coordinate the action of the denominations in the achievement of their common goals, to give full cooperation to other organizations of like nature in seeking to foster the world-wide program of Christ."

The president announced that a special committee meeting would be called during the month of October, the purpose of which would be to lay plans for the January meeting in 1951. The general theme: "THE TIME IS SHORT; THE CHURCH MUST ACT NOW."

The leaders present were, Bishop Will-

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A Report On The

International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission

By Charles Gladney

From August 28 through September 1 it was my extreme honor to serve once again as delegate to the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission which met at Camp La Foret, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Christian Youth and their adult sponsors from many localities in the United States were in attendance at the Commission. The primary purpose of the meeting was to evaluate, in every detail, the entire CYF program of the past year and to make extensive plans for future CYF programs so that the voices of Christian Youth may be heard across the world in their endeavors to render praises unto God and service to their fellow man.

The members of the Commission were divided into the five standing committees of the CYF plus several special committees. Each of these groups discussed different problems pertaining to the particular phase of CYF with which they were affiliated and decided upon the program emphases for the past year and to make extensive plans for future CYF programs so that the voices of Christian Youth may be heard across the world in their endeavors to render praises unto God and service to their fellow man.

One of the duties of the commission is to decide upon the theme that is to be used by the CYF for the coming year. The theme for this year, suggested by the Campaign Commission, is "FOR THINE IS THE GLORY." The message accompanying this theme may be found in "Plans and Materials," 1950-51.

I served as a member of the Recreation Committee. One of the main problems discussed by this committee was the need for an effective recreational program in the local CYF. Suggestions and plans were made to accomplish these desired ends. (Incidentally, I was chosen to serve as chairman of the Recreation Committee for the commission meeting next year.)

Some of the more outstanding personalities in attendance at the commission were: (1) Robert Tobias, of the World Council of Churches, who told of his experiences of the past few years with many churches and religious organizations in Europe. Bob was a messenger of goodwill from the United States and was able to make the trip as a result of young people's contributions through "Character Bonds" at Summer Conferences. (2) Dr. Walter W. Sykes, National Director of Peace and Interracial Understanding, Department of Social Welfare, gave inspirational messages each morning to guide the various committees with their work throughout the day. (3) Reuben Batoon, Intercultural Representative from the Philippines, who told of the work and progress of the churches in the Philippines. Reuben has been a student at T.C.U. where he received the Masters Degree in Religious Education. An excellent singer and dynamic speaker, he plans to return to the Philippines where he will assist in promoting Christian Ideals and Intercultural understanding.

There were also representatives from the Baptist and Methodist Youth Fellowships.

"All work and no play at Commission," one might ask? Well, not exactly. The evening fellowship hour was always an experience that everyone looked forward to with great anticipations. The singing at mealtime was also quite enjoyable. The scenic Colorado mountains provided memorable sights to the viewer.

The feeling of brotherhood and spiritual unity are factors which contributed to the success of the Commission Meeting. The need for greater cooperation and maintenance of high standards of Christian ideals throughout the Brotherood was sensed by everyone. Let us continue to work together in the building of God's Kingdom so that we may ultimately build a Christian world.

GENERAL CHURCH LEADERS MEET

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Ian J. Walls, president, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. George W. Lucas, executive secretary, Dayton, Ohio; Dr. W. H. Jernigan, chairman of Washington Bureaus and Commission Consultant; Dr. J. H. Peters, national treasurer, Fraternal Council, Methodist; Dr. J. F. Whitfield, secretary, Washington Bureaus Commission; Dr. Smallwood E. Williams, assistant secretary National Fraternal Council; Dr. S. Douglas Grier, local pastor, assistant to the Administration FHA; Dr. John S. Williams, pastor, Newport News, Va., pianist National Baptist Convention; Dr. J. O. Brown, presiding elder, C.M.E., D.C.

Dr. J. C. Beckett, pastor A. M. E. Church, D. C.; Dr. William Holmes Borders, president Georgia State Convention, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. J. Clement Hubbard, Yonkers, N.Y., A.M.E.Z.; Rev. James Wactor, New York City, A.M.E.Z.; Dr. A. M. Townsend, secretary Sunday School Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. J. Franklin Walker, president Ohio State Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. C. T. Murray, assistant chairman, Washington Commission and vice president National Fraternal Council; Dr. J. H. Randolph, president Baptist Ministers Conference; Rev. M. Applig, local minister, D. C., pastor Southern Baptist; Bishop W. W. Matthews, A.M.E.Z. Church, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Stephen G. Spottswood, president Local Branch NAACP, D. C.; Dr. Farley Fisher, general secretary, A.M.E. Zion Church; Dr. W. E. Carrington, New Rochelle, N.Y., A.M.E. Zion Church; Rev. Oscar L. Rand, pastor, Community Church, D.C.; Dr. William A. Stewart, pastor, Union Wesley A.M.E.Z. Church, D.C.; Rev. S. A. Young, Baptist.

Audio-Visual Productions

"Beyond City Limits" is the title of a new filmstrip under production by the Audio-Visual Department of The United Society. This deals particularly with the rural church in America. It seeks to interpret the changes which have taken place in rural America, and points to the necessary adaptation and the strengthening of the program of the rural church to meet the responsibility of contemporary conditions.

With the interdenominational missionary education study for 1950-51 centering on "Toward a Christian Community," this filmstrip will give excellent assistance in the programs. The sound is being recorded professionally on two 12-inch records, and it is expected the filmstrip can be released by early fall.

The longest verse in the Bible is found in Esther 8:9.

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Church Development
And the Crusade

The following is a condensed statement of the use being made of Crusade funds by the Department of Church Development and Evangelism of the United Society.

There are also a few illustrations of the many opportunities awaiting further needs.

The Crusade has assisted in moving the parsonage for the Mexican minister at San Benito, Texas, to a lot adjacent to the church building and thoroughly renovating and modernizing the structure.

Crusade funds made possible the purchase of a parsonage for the pastor of our Mexican church at San Antonio. All of our Mexican churches now are provided with parsonages.

A contribution of $10,000 has been made toward the building of a church edifice on West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif., to house our Japanese congregation. This is in the heart of a section where Japanese have been settling since the war period. The new building was dedicated on July 9, 1950.

Crusade contributions have been made in support of the following new church projects: Huntsville, Alabama; Creighton, Phoenix, Arizona; Park Hill, North Little Rock, Arkansas; Lakewood, East Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, Norwalk, Oakland Second, Panorama, and Reseda, Calif.; South Side, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Brunswick and Marietta, Ga.; new church, Des Moines, Ia.; Havre de Grace, Md.; High Point, N. C.; Oakridge, Tenn.; St. Albans, W. Va.

Through Crusade funds it has been possible to place a full-time pastor of proven ability in the pulpit of the Kinkaid Church, Honolulu, Hawaii. This congregation offers real promise for the future.

A considerable amount of Crusade money has gone into a greatly stepped up program of evangelism for the brotherhood. This has included the support of a supervisor of city-wide evangelism and of four regional evangelists, these men having served throughout the Crusade period.

Through the setting up of a special fund from Crusade receipts it has been possible to provide for the financing of a national director of urban work for a five year period. This is an area in which our brotherhood has never before had specialized leadership and one which is increasingly vital to our future.

Crusade resources have made possible the calling of a regional evangelist for a three year period. This man will serve church maintenance churches across the country in the evangelistic and program fields, and will give evangelistic service in the northwestern part of the country since it was not possible to supply a regional Crusade evangelist to that area during the actual Crusade period.

It has been possible through Crusade resources to expand during the past three years our program of aid to town and country churches. This has included the publication of guidance literature, rural film strips, expansion of pastoral unity promotion and a stepped up program of in-service training for rural ministers.

NEW PRESIDENT

Ronald E. Osborn, head of the Department of Church History, School of Religion, Butler University, at Indianapolis, Ind., was elected president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society October 13, 1950, by the Board of Directors. He succeeds Dr. W. E. Garrison, Chicago, Ill.

The other officers, as follows, were re-elected: vice-president, Chester P. Hensley, Bloomington, Ill., secretary-treasurer, Donald W. Sykes, Canton, Mo., and curator, Claude E. Spencer, Canton, Mo. The Executive Committee for the coming year will be composed of the president, the curator, Chester P. Hensley, Henry K. Shaw, Elyria, Ohio, and Louis A. Warren, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

At the annual meeting of the Society held the same day these directors were chosen for a three-year term: Eнос E. Dowling, Indianapolis, Ind., Ross J. Griffith, Eugene, Ore., Colby D. Hall, Fort Worth, Texas, Chester P. Hensley, Raymond McCallister, Webster Groves, Mo., Harriet-Louise H. Patterson, Cleveland, Ohio, Henry King Shaw, Dwight E. Stevenson, Lexington, Ky., and C. C. Ware, Wilson, N. C.

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—St. John 3:16

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FROM CHRISTIAN STANDARD

P. Dunn Lappe, Richmond, Calif., in the Northern Baptist Crusader of June of the present year, writes:

"Tell those Campbellites if they want to come into the Baptist organization, to come in, as individuals, not as an organization."

Wait a minute, Mr. Lappe, there is something wrong here! First, the people to whom you refer are not Campbellites. That name was given in derision by opponents of the movement in which Thomas and Alexander Campbell were early preachers. That name never has been accepted by the people known as "Disciples of Christ," "Christian," and "Church of Christ." Today, it is used only by preachers who wear whiskers and celluloid collars.

The Campbells did not start a church. They preached the gospel and pointed people to the church Christ established, the pattern of which is given in the New Testament.

We are not Campbellites, for we are not disciples of the Campbells. We, as they, follow New Testament teaching.

We are not baptized by the authority of, nor into the name of Campbell.

Campbell did not die for our sins.

Campbell is not our saviour. Human names are divisive and give pre-eminence to leaders and to institutions and are forbidden in the Scriptures. There are no churches bearing the name of Campbell.

We take the name "Christian" and in that name honor the Christ, the founder of the church.

Furthermore, Mr. Lappe, you are in error in thinking we "want to come into the Baptist organization." Our plea is for unity by accepting the New Testament plan. That will automatically bring the restoration of the church as it is described in the New Testament in doctrine, polity, life, and practice.

No, we do not desire to become Baptists. We are not knocking at your door asking permission to enter. We never will be Baptists.

The committee from our brotherhood and the committee of the Baptist brotherhood meet occasionally to take a look at each other and to see if there is any possibility of unity.

We have nothing at all to give up. We teach and practice nothing that is not authorized and required in the New Testament. We make no compromise. We must square by the New Testament rule of faith and practice. Where the Book speaks, we will stand, for that is holy ground. The challenge is "forward to Christ and back to the New Testament."

In conclusion, we have no monopoly on the New Testament. We do not claim to be more spiritual than those of other religious bodies. Some may exceed us in worship and good works. We are not proud of the contentions here and there among our own brethren, as you doubtless are not happy with those within your own ranks. Our practice sometimes does not equal our proclamations, but the plea we make is unmistakably Christian and right. It is the only basis for the unity of believers in the Christ—an answer to the prayer of Jesus "that they may all be one." No—Mr. Lappe we are not Campbellites and we are not going to be Baptists.

—P. H. Welshimer
Opportunity

Opportunity is given churches through the extension of A Crusade for a Christian World to the Week of Compassion in February of 1951.

It is an opportunity to complete program activity goals. More leaders will be trained. More tithers and proportionate givers will be enrolled. More homes will establish family worship. More young people will volunteer for full-time Christian service. More members will receive missionary education. More people will accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Master.

It is an opportunity to complete financial goals, and with this achievement will come the congregational sense of belonging to a great Christian brotherhood, building constructively with all other Christians in an era of tragic destruction.

Acute needs in missionary, educational and benevolent work of the brotherhood await the response of loyal churches.

That the action of the Board of Review, in extending the Crusade until Week of Compassion 1951, was consistent with the opinion of the brotherhood is proven by the large number of pastors who have expressed their approval. They are now engaged in plans for the achievement of every possible program goal, and the assembling of every possible dollar to meet the needs of the Crusade causes.

Plan Now
My dear fellow workers:

As your president of Missionary organizations at mid-century I do not feel that time will be lost if we as Chairman of the Mississippi Di-
vision of the Southern Regional Council at their last annual meeting held in Jackson. The Southern Re-

As I look into the past I have before me our loving cup. Though battered, warped and tarnished with years of service, the inscrip-
tions with which it is filled are still easily read.

Friends, I want you to read these inscriptions with me. The list starts
with this heading:

WON BY
1930—Mound Bayou (Please per-
mit me to say here that yesterday,
Saturday, November 4, 1950, I was in the Mississippi state board meet-
ing which was held in Port Gibson. I reminded the board that Missis-
sippi was the first inscription on the cup. I asked would some society in the state be first on the new lov-
ing cup, but to get back to our roll, you see as I write we are not sepa-
rated by miles but I am looking into the faces of each of you just as we were in Memphis and I see
the sparkle of enthusiasm in your eyes assuring me as I continue to talk with you.)

1931—Jarvis College (now you know I could go off on a tangent. I promised to finish the roll in spite of
the fact that each inscription brings forth a flood of memories and the vision of many faces smiling
through the years.)

1932—Romine Dallas.

1933—Indianapolis, Ind.

1935—Columbus, Ohio.

1935—Indianapolis, Ind.

(This must have been a tie)

1936—Washington, D. C.

1937—Chicago, Ill.

1938—Centennial—St. Louis, Mo.

1939—Centennial—St. Louis, Mo.

1940—Centennial—St. Louis, Mo.

(My! My! three times in succession. There should have been a perma-

nent clause somewhere in the rules.)
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Long Elected Chairman

President John Long was elected as Chairman of the Mississippi Di-
vision of the Southern Regional Council at their last annual meeting
held in Jackson. The Southern Re-

gional Council replaced the old In-

terracial Commission of which
President Long has been a member
since 1925. He was Secretary at the

time of reorganization and has served on the Executive Committee
since that time. It is the only such
organization in Mississippi working actively for the improvement of ev-
ery area of life in accordance with
the principles of true democracy. It
is generally agreed that the Council
is responsible for most of the im-
provements enjoyed now by Negroes
in Mississippi.

The Chairman of such an inter-
racial group is a constant target for
all who oppose democratic action
and living. Southern Christian Insti-
tute is honored that it was unani-
mously agreed that President Long
has the kind of Christian courage
and spirit to lead such an organiza-
tion in an area where its work is
most needed.
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EDITORIAL

In this issue of the Plea is a letter from Eld. M. F. Mitchell, Pastor of Christ Cosmopolitan Christian Church, Los Angeles, Cal. In this letter Eld. Mitchell initiates a plan to raise money for the expansion of our National Convention Program.

The movement will be known as the MEN-WOMEN ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR MOVEMENT. The aim is to secure as many men and women as possible to give $100.00 during this convention year. The Plea heartily endorses this movement, and commends Eld. Mitchell for this timely and most needed venture.

There is one thing that is crystal clear to all who want to see, and that is, if we Negro Disciples are going to bear our share of the burden of bringing the word of Christ to the people of this land, we must be willing to do a lot more in the future than we have done in the past. Our people are able to buy fine homes, big automobiles, television sets and fur coats. We can give a lot more for building the Kingdom of God. And we will, if we have enough love in our hearts for Christ and His program of human redemption. We have a lot of people who are able to give $100.00 to this MEN-WOMEN HUNDRED DOLLAR MOVEMENT and they should do it. Not only for the sake of the cause but also for their own sakes. For too long have we wallowed in luxurious comforts while the church suffered. The few measly dollars we give each year for both local and missionary purposes and the few measly churches that have

tures will seek them out and attend for the good which these schools can do in training men and women for moral and spiritual leadership in a world which needs such leadership.

Such a demand calls for intelligent planning and action. We can't talk ourselves aimlessly into greatness or leadership. We must put some purpose into what we do. We must be willing to pay the price in terms of preparation, contribution and devotion. Otherwise, our words become as sounding brass and a clanging cymbal.

Jarvis Christian College can and will make a real contribution to the life of the Disciples churches. The plans for the college are gradually unfolding and the progressive development of the institution points in the direction of the avowed aims of the college and those who are chartering its future. Those of us who are close to the college have no illusions about it. We know that platitudes and sentimental concerns for the college will not make of it what most of us dream for it. For example, Jarvis is in process of being accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. To know what to do and to carry out the plans for accredi-

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any fellowship whatever in our larger cooperative work, is a disgrace to all of us.

Let us all cooperate in this Hundred Dollar Movement. If you can't pay cash, pay it in installments. Be beginning with the next issue of the Plea we will carry the names and the pictures too if we can get the cuts of everyone who joins this MEN-WOMEN HUNDRED DOLLAR MOVEMENT. Each issue of the Plea will carry a column under this heading. Watch for the next issue and see the names of those who love with their pocketbooks as well as their lips.

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Dear Editor—Elder L. L. Dickerson

Local duties prevented me attending our National at Memphis, but I sent a little token of interest. President Blair L. Hunt and Dr. J. E. Walker are in possession of a letter, from the writer, setting forth a plan to raise money for the expansion program of our great National Convention. In substance, the plan is to initiate a program of Men-Women and One Hundred Dollar Movement." A casual survey will bring to light several hundred men and women of our National Convention whom the good Lord has blessed with a super-abundance of earthly goods, who would be members of a club known as "Men-Women One Hundred Dollar Movement." After having received such high praise from President Hunt and Dr. Walker, I am setting the example and expressing my concrete faith in the plan, giving one hundred dollars. Dr. Walker will receive my check before you receive this letter. I do believe, Bro. Editor, that this plan will swell financial strength which is much needed. Will you be so kind as to designate a column in the Christian Plea under the heading, "Men-Women One Hundred Dollar Movement"? I will be happy to head the list. Each contributor's name and amount should be added to the original list each month. The plan calls for dividing the states into six areas. The representatives of the respective areas will canvass men and women for the Men-Women and One Hundred Dollar Movement. Through this method we could raise twenty thousand dollars this convention year if we go all out in making a grand success of this plan. The program committee should give space on the National Convention program known as the "Men-Women and One Hundred Dollar Movement Hour." Watch us grow more next month.

Fraternally yours,
M. Frederick Mitchell

MISSIONARY — (Continued from Page 1)

NATIONAL WOMAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HONOR AWARD WON BY
1941 — Cross Street, Little Rock, Ark.
1942 — Second Christian Church, Muskogee, Okla.
1944-1945 — Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.
1945-1946 — Mississippi Blvd. Ch., Memphis, Tenn.
(In 1948 at the National Convention in Detroit a motion was passed to give a book as an award to the Society meeting the requirements for the award.)
1949 — Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.
1950 — Romine, Dallas, Tex.

Thus we have about twenty years of awards to societies for outstanding service.

The turn of the century brings us to the present. Have we gained or lost ground? Do you have more active societies in your state? What are our prospects for the future?

At our meeting in Memphis our National worker, Mrs. Holmes, assisted us in charting our course for 1950-51. If you do not have a copy of these plans write Mrs. Holmes today for your copy, so that you may begin working at once for a great year of Kingdom building through Christian fellowship groups.

Remember when we talked in Memphis you promised to write me about your work and you promised to send in ideas for our National program. I have heard from Ohio; may I hear from you soon?

In my next letter we will look at a few figures which I feel will answer the question as to whether we are going forward or losing ground at the present.

God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us that his way may be known upon earth, and His saving health among all Nations through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Preaching What?

Old fashioned doctrinal preaching has not only become very rare, but also very unpopular in most Christian churches. Very often Christian preachers have been criticised for "over-emphasizing first principles", and neglecting other matters of great importance. I carry no brief for the doctrinal preacher. Suffice it to say that whatever a church or a preacher emphasizes over and above everything else is the "doctrine" of that church or preacher.

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PREACHING WHAT?

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If you are a preacher you can’t get away from doctrine, at least “some form of doctrine.”

Some preachers feel that our most pressing need is social reform, and that the greatest emphasis should be on social issues. No one can hardly deny that our world is facing many social, political and economic problems that will have to be solved before we can have any lasting peace and prosperity. Race prejudice, divorce, traffic in strong drink, economic insecurity for the masses and war are only a few of the grave problems that demand immediate solution.

Surely the Christian minister should be prepared, both spiritually and intellectually, to provide counsel and leadership in all matters that so vitally affect the well being of the masses.

Nevertheless, the Christian preacher should always remember that there are two permanent objectives of the Christian Church. First, to evangelize the world by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To proclaim the redemption of the human race through the precious blood of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God. And, second, to restore the New Testament Church in its apostolic faith and order. Regardless of whatever else we may do (and there are many important things for the church to do), we must never forget nor minimize the importance of our main objectives: EVANGELIZATION and RESTORATION.

Paradoxical as it may seem, we will never succeed in our program of Evangelization and Restoration until we solve some of our social, economic and political problems. And we can never solve our social, economic and political problems until we evangelize the world, and we can never evangelize the world until we restore the Apostolic Church.

What I am trying to say is this: The preacher must be both doctrinal and practical. His sermons must be both spiritual and social. You don’t have to deny the deity of Jesus to emphasize the dignity of man, and you don’t have to disregard the social welfare of human beings to exalt Christ as the only begotten Son of God.

Those preachers among us who harp all the time on Faith, Repentance, Confession and Baptism, and ignore race prejudice, filthy slums where people are forced to live, substandard wages that thousands of laborers are compelled to accept, and the many other social, political and economic injustices of our day, are obsolete. And those preachers among us who feel that the salvation of the world can be brought about by the expounding of some philosophy of social action or ethical concept on human behavior have a poor conception of human nature, and the work of the Christian Ministry. What we need and what the world needs today is the whole Gospel. We need the spiritual ideals in philosophic form as given by John’s Gospel and we need the plan of action for our moral living as given by the Gospel of Luke. And whenever we try to exalt or expand the one at the expense of the other we are going to cause confusion, division and disension.

All Scriptures are given by the inspiration of God and are profitable for doctrine, correction, instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished into every good work.

As for the Holy Scriptures: It’s whole loaf or none. We must accept all or reject all. We must believe that Christ is God or say to Him, “You have no right nor authority to issue a code of ethics, nor to set forth principles and ideals that others are bound, morally or legally, to accept.”

If Jesus is not God, then He is no more to me than Mohammed, Confucious, Mahandas Gandhi or Stalin.

But to me He is the “Word that was in the beginning, the Creator of all things, the word that was made flesh and dwelt among us. The one in whom all the fulness of the God-Head dwelt badly. My Lord and my Savior; the Redeemer of all mankind.

WEAVER GETS
NSRB POST

WASHINGTON, D. C. — George L. P. Weaver, director of the CIO’s National Committee to Abolish Discrimination, has been appointed a special assistant to W. Stuart Symington, Chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

As aide to Symington, Weaver will be concerned with problems involving the fullest possible utilization of manpower.

Born in Pittsburgh, Weaver has lived in New York and Chicago. While a red cap at the Chicago and Northwestern Station, he joined the local of the United Transport Service Employees (CIO) and became a member of the grievance committee. In 1941 he became vice-president of the local. A year later he was appointed to the international staff of the UTSE.

After 1942 Weaver served with the CIO War Relief Committee, as director of the CIO’s anti-discrimination committee, and on the executive board of the UTSE, taking charge of its Washington office. Since 1945 he has been assistant to the secretory-treasurer of the CIO.

Weaver, who is married and lives in Washington, attended Columbia University and Howard University Law School.

Mississippi Convention

The 63rd Annual State Convention of Mississippi was held at the Christian Chapel Church, Fort Gibson, with Eld. D. L. Jackson, host pastor. The convention was ably directed by Eld. E. L. Griffin, State President. The attendance was above the average and the spirit was high throughout the convention. One of the outstanding events of the convention was the presence of Mrs. Bernice Holmes, Director of Missionary Organizations, who contributed much to the Missionary period. The Leadership Training period was held Friday and Saturday with Mrs. M. S. Brown, director of women’s group, and Eld. J. J. Hawkins, director of the men.

The Queen of the Ministers’ Wives for 1950 was none other than Mrs. Ruth P. Jackson of Jackson, who was crowned at the National Convention at the Ministers’ Wives Banquet, in Memphis, Tennessee.
REACH, TEACH, WIN
The Home Evangelization Project

The business of the church is to reach people, in order to teach them the truths of the Gospel of Christ, so that they may be won to acceptance of Him as Lord and Savior. With the number of unchurched families in the nation at an all-time high, it is not hard to see that the church faces an urgency to renew its efforts. People have been on the move since the days of the last war. Such population shifts affect church affiliations, especially when the move is to a new housing project and the church is several miles distant. Or when a family from a home small town moves into a metropolitan area.

Churches have long been aware of the situation and have been seeking every means of reaching neglected families and winning them to the church.

The Home Evangelization Project was recently introduced to the churches by the Department of Church Development and Evangelism and the Division of Christian Education of the United Society. Under the direction of Mrs. Chloe Kelly, National Director, the project is proving an excellent means of reaching un-churched families of the nation.

The major step of the project, says Mrs. Kelly, is the neighborhood Bible Story Hour, held in the home of a church member. The first contact with families is made by callers who go to the home with a written invitation to all children between the ages of seven and 12 who are not related to any Sunday School. Personnel has already been enlisted in the church to conduct the Bible Story Hour one afternoon a week for five consecutive weeks for one hour periods, usually after school. Hymns are sung, Bible verses learned and a Bible story told.

A fascinating feature of the hour is the picture which each child makes to illustrate the story told. He uses it in re-telling the story to members of his family at home. This teaching aid often interests indifferent parents in what the church offers, and has been the means of bringing many families into the church.

The second approach made by the church is an invitation to the children who are enrolled in the story hour to attend Sunday School. This is done each week for the five week period.

When a child enrollment in the Sunday School, it then becomes a task of the teacher to call in the home to invite the family to services. Further cultivation of the family is done by the church after the close of the Bible Story period.

The Home Evangelization Project has proved successful in various areas. It is adaptable to the small church as well as to the large. It can be used by one church or in a congregation.

A county seat town in Iowa reached 54 children representing 33 families through four Bible story centers. Its Sunday School attendance was reached and nine adults were added to the church. A city-wide project enlisted 410 children, representing over 300 families in 42 centers. During the Visitation Evangelism effort following the Bible Story project, many of those families were won to the church.

In addition to serving the church in its evangelism efforts, the Home Evangelization Project offers other assistance in the church program. Many people who cannot give full time to regular teaching can volunteer for the five week period and then become interested in more active service. Leadership training is a part of the approach and helps to strengthen the educational program of the church while preparing those who will conduct the story hour as hostesses, assistants or a story teller.

In one city, pointed by Mrs. Kelly, eight Christian churches cooperated in a Home Evangelization Project. Of 480 children enrolled in the Story Hour, 135 were brought into the Sunday School. Two hundred and fifteen adults were used in carrying out the project, many of whom had not been active in church work previously. If the church is to win persons, it must seek them in their homes.

Filipinos Awaken

The years since the close of the war have seen a most amazing growth in interest in Christianity among the people of the Philippines. This is especially evident in the highland areas, isolated from outside influences by the natural barriers of steep, rugged mountains and the swift rivers which have to be crossed and recrossed in reaching the coastal lowlands.

For almost 40 years before the opening of the war, Disciples of Christ had mission stations on the northern part of Luzon Island. Laoc and Vigan were established as stations shortly after the first evangelical workers entered the Philippines. As national pastors and leaders were trained, some were sent into the villages of the mountain area but progress was very slow here since the staff was never sufficient to provide missionaries for that area.

Since the close of the war, special attention has been given to work in Mountain Province and the Apayao area. There is an eagerness for the Gospel which amounts to an awakening of the people. The staff available for the mountain work now includes four missionaries, one deaconess, 10 trained or partially trained mountain workers, nine volunteer workers and three high school teachers.

With 13 congregations established and chapels built or temporary arrangements made, and an average weekly attendance of 589 in the churches, the first convention for the area was held at Kabugao in the spring of 1950. It was at Kabugao the evangelistic work was spearheaded. The church there has an attendance of 100, although new congregations which are established in the surrounding villages continually take some of its members.

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The Women of the National Convention put over the Jarvis project in an excellent way. The gifts and cash to the college were very worthwhile. It was the spirit of hard work and unselfish service which will be remembered long after the gifts are forgotten. Besides, Mrs. Maude Davis has sent in a considerable sum for two scholarships for young men who have decided to enter the ministry as a calling for life. The Texas State Convention under the able leadership of the Reverend Melvin Dickson gave more than three hundred dollars to the scholarship fund. The Indiana Women's Missionary Society has taken the women's dormitory as a project. They have sent in furnishings for the entire sixty room building which is being renovated and beautified. Among other gifts from the Indiana women are complete china for the dining hall and other useful sets of glassware.

Miss Hertercene Turner

Miss Hertercene Turner, a nurse, will remain in Costa Rica through the first half of the year, then proceed to Mexico where she will enroll for a mid-wifery course at the University of Mexico, before taking up her duties with our hospital at Aguascalientes.

Ministerial Students

Students at Jarvis enrolled for work in religious endeavors are developing into good prospects. Several young women are planning for religious education posts and the young men are preparing to enter the active ministry. We need to continue to recruit and inspire young people for religious work. Recruiting can come from field contacts and inspiration can come only from those of us who have the zeal and the knowledge and who take our calling seriously and in whom the young can see a worthy example to follow.

Jarvis and Southern Christian

Additions to our student body from Southern Christian Institute mean much in the cooperative relationships of the two institutions. The four students enrolled at Jarvis from S. C. I. are worthy additions to Jarvis, and we hope to have more students in the days ahead who have received their junior college work at S. C. I. and will come to Jarvis to finish their senior college work.

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Miss Hertercene Turner is the first of our missionaries to be enrolled in the school for the study of Spanish and Latin American orientation since it moved to San Jose, Costa Rica. Formerly located at Medellin, Colombia, it was found necessary to make the move because of the difficulty of obtaining visas from the Columbian government.

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Miss Hertercene Turner —
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Hospital at Alcorn, Mississippi. She was commissioned at the International Convention in Cincinnati in October, 1949, and continued her studies at Drake University through last year. Miss Turner is the first Negro missionary of modern times to be commissioned by the United Christian Missionary Society.

He Prophesied Better Than He Knew

As far back as 1866, Moses E. Lard, one of our early Kentucky teachers and writers, published a stirring article on "The Support of Aged Preachers."

He appealed for a decent remuneration for ministers in active service, and for help for those too old to serve. "Let the younger preachers," wrote Mr. Lard, who are now the active workers in the field, take it on themselves, as a duty they will not neglect . . . to keep their names (aged preachers) constantly before the brethren, and to insist that they shall not be neglected. A more benevolent work can never be done."

Moses Lard prophesied better than he knew. As Christian people, we have gone beyond Ministerial Relief to a sound Pension Plan, so that 4,238 active members and 992 pensioners are receiving or will receive:

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Opportunity

Opportunity is given churches through the extension of A Crusade for a Christian World to the Week of Compassion in February of 1951.

It is an opportunity to complete program activity goals. More leaders will be trained. More tithers and proportionate givers will be enrolled. More homes will establish family worship. More young people will volunteer for full-time Christian service. More members will receive missionary education. More people will accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Master.

It is an opportunity to complete financial goals, and with this achievement will come the congregational sense of belonging to a great Christian brotherhood, building constructively with all other Christians in an era of tragic destruction.

Acute needs in missionary, educational and benevolent work of the brotherhood await the response of loyal churches.

That the action of the Board of Review, in extending the Crusade until Week of Compassion 1951, was consistent with the opinion of the brotherhood is proven by the large number of pastors who have expressed their approval. They are now engaged in plans for the achievement of every possible program goal, and the assembling of every possible dollar to meet the needs of the Crusade causes.

Plan Now
Week of Compassion Represents a Challenge

"And He came forth and saw a great multitude, and He had compassion on them, and healed their sick."

The Week of Compassion, a challenge first of all to all our Ministers. Are we able to lead our people in this one great expression of our love and pity for suffering humanity? Our record of giving to the Crusade is so very poor that we cannot afford to let this last opportunity to show that we are worthy of being called Disciples pass without one more supreme effort to reach our Crusade goal.

If there is any Christian endeavor that should appeal to every individual Christian it certainly ought to be the week of compassion, that period from February 18-25 which has been designated for us to give our offering to relieve human suffering.

Is there a church in our brotherhood or an individual known as a Disciple of Christ, whose heart cannot be touched by the needs of the sick and the hungry and the despairing?

In speaking of the week of compassion, Mr. C. O. Hawley said recently, "Such a practice of unselfishness is a source of blessing." A source of blessing. A source we must not neglect.

The Week of Compassion is our spiritual physician. It will diagnose our spiritual health. It will determine whether we as Negro Disciples are spiritually healthy or suffering from spiritual malnutrition because of a lack of the “milk of human kindness” in our diet.

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The Plea believes that there is at least 100 churches in OUR brotherhood that will respond to this appeal. Please cut out the coupon below and mail it to the Christian Plea before February 1st.

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An Appeal

The Trustees of the National Convention have received a number of requests from our churches for financial assistance. We have no doubt that every appeal for help is a worthy one, and no doubt every applicant feels that their request is the most important and therefore should be granted.

But the fact is there isn’t enough money to help the churches that need help. And the reason there isn’t enough money is because the churches have not given enough. Some of our churches haven’t given anything.

The only money the Convention has is the money that comes from the Churches, the Taylor estate, and the Brotherhood Agencies that contribute to our National Convention budget in order that we might carry on a program of Evangelism, Christian Education, Missions and promote the work of all the agencies among our churches.

The National Convention has pledged itself to do these things, not merely because of the financial support we get from the Agencies, but because of our own needs and obligations in these various areas of Christian service.

Just what should be the policy of our National Convention in regards to requests for financial assistance has not been determined by the Convention. But there is one thing that is crystal clear, and that the Convention will not be able to do the things it should do nor the things we want it to do, unless we are willing to provide more money for it to do with.

Often the church and the Conventions, both State and National, are criticized for not doing this or that. But too often the criticism comes from those who do the least to support these organizations.

If all of our churches would give their moral and spiritual support to the National convention then we could do more to meet the needs of our brotherhood.
Report to The Trustees

BY E. J. Dickson
Executive Secretary

The annual session at Memphis was by all means the best presentation of the Convention that we have had. The objectives of the Convention were fully met. The great sermons and addresses were prophetic messages speaking to us of this age. The lamps of education and the professions were bright and shining. All people who were in attendance were glad that they had come to Memphis.

We must give high commendations to the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church and its most worthy leaders like Pastor Hunt, Chairman, Dr. E. Walker, Director Swazey, Layman Chandler, and a host of fine Christian workers for making our sojourn in Memphis a happy and life-giving experience.

We moved from Memphis to second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana where we have the tradition of being a great religious society.

The pastor, Elder R. H. Peoples is with us today. He states that propositions are being made for our entertainment on a high level, never experienced by this Convention. If you have any suggestions you must let them be known at once; so his Convention Committee may work on them. You may be assured that the introduction is still valid. So let us say - Indianapolis here we come in '51.

All areas of our work are growing and need the constant support of all the churches and agencies. Staff members and workers are working far beyond the ordinary call of duty. We are glad to have such concentrated salaried and voluntary workers for the National Christian Missionary Convention.

The work of Missionary Organization Education has been carried by Mrs. Berniece A. Holm.

OKLAHOMA

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delivered the inspirational message and music was furnished by Guam from St. John Baptist Church.

On Sunday night the Business and Professional women's Guild presented a play titled, "The Plus That Made the Difference." We had splendid cooperation by our women and the program was an outstanding success.

Officers of the C. W. Fare Mrs. Parthenia Jones, pres.; Mrs. Edwyne McNeely, V. Pres.; Miss Arletta Robinson, Sec.; Mrs. Jane Robinson, Mrs. A. L. Grem, Mrs. Adelle Harris, Secretary, Mrs. Christine Beatty, treasurer.

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Repot Of Committee
On Recommendations

1. We recommend that the Student Fellowship House be purchased by the church and the Alumni, Indiana be called Princeton

2. We recommend that we have a press and public relations

The Preacher Shortage

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cient remuneration to provide for their families. But that is exactly what has happened all too often. Even a Christian Preacher is entitled to a decent living.

Furthermore, the officials of our churches should be men and face this problem like men and make their contribution to the solution. The fact of the matter is, most of our people just don't believe the preacher should receive very much more than his salary. If it is not many do not believe he is worth any price. If it is not paid he should be paid anything.

Ninety percent of our churches do not support their minister as they should nor as well as they could if they would. We sometimes suspect that a number of them would close their doors rather than do what is right and fair for the support of the ministry.

We have a number of young men trained for the ministry, but no churches that will give them adequate support. This is not a problem. The writer has found much better than our ministers and we have no personal grievances. We are merely stating the case as it is throughout our Brother-

fore the Treasurer puts them with other important papers.

This is a great step forward for God's work in the world. It is a step forward for our Convention.

Money Received $9,000.00

Received for Taxes 41.63

Purchase of Property at 4338
Rockwood Ave. $9,000.00

Total Real Estate Property Purchase Price 9,541.63

Disbursements: Taxes for 1950

R. L. Sanders Travel 26.87

Record of Deeds 1.18

Tax Service 3.00

Mr. Maxine Taylor - Furniture

$72.68

Mr. Francis Payne, Treasurer and Attorney for UCMS, was our lawyer. He made no charge for his work.

We are far enough along now to authorize a committee to operate this project. There remains the job of working out details so that the house may be put into use. It is now vacant and should be occupied as soon as possible.

A special fund should be set up in the treasury to carry the responsibilities of ministerial training, and to this fund gifts large and small go to make sure our obligations to this and like projects.

Promotion of the Crusade

All goals and suggested goals were released to the churches.

Follow up letters have been sent to the churches and we have received a number of responses. They have been encouraging and we hope to receive more.

The Week of Compassion will soon be here. This will make the end of the Crusade. Then we shall know how we look as our records show your knowledge and exhibition be-

still there, let us share. Too much work must be left undone if we do not meet our share of the financial goal of the Crusade for a Christian world.

We are confident that our churches will do their share of the economic obligation of the Convention.

Special literature, envelopes and letters will be provided for all who promote for the Convention in April.
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## Week of Compassion Event of Feb. 18-25

The 1951 Week of Compassion is to be observed February 18 to 25. The plan grants one-third of the offerings up to $250,000 for Military and Veterans' Services, and relief and rehabilitation in Europe and Asia. The other causes in the Crusade receive the remainder of offerings. The churches will receive credit on their Crusade goals for all Week of Compassion offerings. A large number of Protestant groups are cooperating in the United Christian Service Appeal. This emphasis will be made during February and March. Each communion is selecting definite dates in this period for receiving offerings.  

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**THERE WILL BE AN** effective presentation over the radio, television and in daily papers and magazines. Last year the Week of Compassion was strengthened by participation in "One Great Hour of Sharing." It is believed that cooperation this year with other Protestant groups will bring results. There is power in a united voice in Christian service.

The theme is "Time for Sharing." It has already been stated that one-third of the offering will go for Military and Veterans' Services, and relief and rehabilitation in Europe and Asia until the total for these causes reaches $250,000. The following causes will share in the portion of the offering: Military and Veterans' Services, Orphanage, International Missionary Council, Theological Scholarships, World Student Christian Federation, American Bible Society. Our District Board No. 6 convened with E. Crockett St. Christian Church Sunday, Dec. 3. We had a good meeting spiritually and financially. The meeting was not largely attended, due to the fact December is never a favorable month for a board meeting or it is the time every mind is upon the Holiday season. However, we had a very fine meeting. We found Bro. M. T. Johnson at his post of duty, a loyal elder in Crockett St. Church and superintendent of The Bible School. We had a most inspiring lesson on Stewardship taught by Bro. Johnson, Dean O. W. Gill of Jarvis College brought the morning message.  

**Well,** I find words inadequate to tell you or express my gratitude to these dear people for the delicious dinner of roast turkey and all the trimmings and delicious bar-b-que. Sister Jones, Birdie Cawthon, Audrey Dobbins, Bro. Louis Washington, Bro. and Sister M. T. Johnson spared no pains in making it pleasant for all.
**Southern Association Lists Jarvis College**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has just notified us that the Committee voted at the Richmond, Virginia, meeting of the Southern Association held in December 1950, that Jarvis Christian College on the "approved" list.

The practice of classifying colleges as "A" and "B" will no longer remain in effect after December 1951, which practice the Association followed for sometime. Hereafter, a college will be either "approved" or not approved in the light of the prescribed standards of the Association. Approval for Jarvis came as a result of the recommendation of the visiting Committee from the Southern Association, which made a two evaluation visit to the college campus, December 14-15, 1950. The Committee rigorously examined the faculty, student body, evaluated the physical facilities in the library, home economics, machinery, biology, agriculture, administrative, and business offices, and in the light of the stated philosophy of education in the college, recommended to the Southern Association "approval" for Jarvis.

In a world where slipshod methods breed confusion and result in poor products, it is good to know that Jarvis is accreditable. There is no magic in accreditation; it simply means that the college offers a high quality of education; it demands high performance from students and faculty; its graduates will be admitted to graduate and professional schools without being penalized by doing extra study which the student did not get as an undergraduate.

Accreditation does not mean automatic acceptance in graduate and professional schools as some persons would think. It is a practice in the graduate and professional schools to require students to undergo entrance examinations prior to full acceptance for study. For example, the Graduate Record Examination is required for all students who propose to do graduate study. In order to enter a medical college, a candidate must take the Medical Admission Test. He must rank very high in order to gain acceptance.

The LIGHT of the above, Jarvis Christian college has reorganized its curriculum to help prepare young people to enter the graduate and professional schools both within the region and outside the region. We have the resources to do so and we will. There is an alarming dearth of Negroes in the region. We have to take steps to increase the number of college-educated young people.

The colleges have failed miserably in preparing young people in the badly needed areas. General education is a prerequisite for the college graduate. Jarvis Christian college offers a program of general education in the first two years of the college. In the state of Texas at present, one of the universal requirements is a two-year program in general education. Thousands of teachers in America are lacking in a sound knowledge of this phase of fundamental education. As "approved" college Jarvis Christian College offers educational opportunity at a cost lower than any college of approved standing in the region. Jarvis Christian College seeks students of intellectual and spiritual promise, who can profit from the educational experiences which it offers. Education is first and last the paramount of Jarvis.

**The Role of a Church-Related Liberal Arts College**

We are challenged here in the southwest by the almost revolutionary opening of the state universities to qualified persons of all races. We must not forget the word "qualified."

The Supreme Court decision makes it inevitable that the race, color, creed, or sex of students admitted to college is no longer a barrier. But ignorance, incompetence and inconstancy can keep us out, and why should standards be lowered to us. We fought against discrimination without realizing that standards are required.

For example, in Texas with a Negro population of a million, there are only two Negroes now studying in the University of Texas. There is an alarming dearth of Negroes. A general education is a prerequisite for the college graduate. Jarvis Christian College offers a program of general education in the first two years of the college. In the state of Texas at present, one of the universal requirements is a two-year program in general education. Thousands of teachers in America are lacking in a sound knowledge of this phase of fundamental education. As "approved" college Jarvis Christian College offers educational opportunity at a cost lower than any college of approved standing in the region. Jarvis Christian College seeks students of intellectual and spiritual promise, who can profit from the educational experiences which it offers. Education is first and last the paramount of Jarvis.

During the Christmas season, the brightly closed lanterns dance and sway in the breeze in front of the churches. The palm leaves hang unusually green and shiny, the banana leaves look unusually green and shiny. The palm leaves are in bloom along the fences-the palm and banana leaves are not as beautiful as the poinsettias are in bloom along the fences. The light of Christmas, the star, is the most beautiful of the Christmas story. Families have feasts and parties with refreshments are very popular.

**Fall Planning Meeting**

It was our privilege to attend the Fall Planning Conference of the Department of Christian Education of our National Convention in Indianapolis Thanksgiving week-end. And even though we were caught in a blizzard on our way home and spent about 30 hours trying to get 100 miles, there was one thing about the Indianapolis conference that was a great inspiration to the writer.

The great majority of the persons attending the Conference were businessmen and professional people, church teachers and business men. We do not mean that they were more important than some of the others who were not business and professional people.

What we mean is that the inspiring and encouraging to see the best trained and best educated men and women in our church taking the lead, giving freely of their time and talents and money to promote the Kingdom of Christ. We only wish there were more of the same spirit.
REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

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committee for the National Convention. We therefore recommend, that the local city, Indianapolis, select an Editorial Manager for the committee.

3. We recommend that there be allowed for not more than two years, the sum of $500 to be matched by the states or areas, to be used for evangelistic work in the weaker states.

4. We recommend that the financial rally of the states be conducted hereafter before the worship program.

5. In view of the fact that the Taras Garret was be given to the Brotherhood for church and benevolent purposes, we recommend to the Trusted Board and to this convention that the place now used for a Recreation Park be developed into a conference ground so that summer camps, conventions and even a place large enough to accommodate state and sectional meetings through a long range program.

6. We recommend that all National Convention financial reports to Dr. J. E. Walker have a postmark not later than July 31st be reported in the June report.

We wish to recommend that due to previous resolutions, that conventions go on record as having every sermon followed by extended invitation thus giving someone the opportunity to come to Christ.

As Disciples of Christ we are opposed to the use of alcoholic beverages. We therefore recommend to the National Convention and to the National Board that no alcoholic beverages be handled or sold on the property of the Taylor Estate, as a manner of proceeding to the National Convention.

9. The Church of Jesus Christ stands for peace. The National Christian Missionary Convention which represents Christ and his church must stand for peace, but lasting peace can not come through war, but through the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God which is Christ. Therefore, we the Disciples of Christ assembled in our National Convention hereby present to President Honorable Harry S. Truman, the congress to continue to seek the reconciliation which will end the war in Korea.

10. Since all types of alcoholic beverages and the use of drugs are menace to our society in that they destroy mankind, we therefore recommend that ministers and church leaders stress education against these evils. Any minister who uses dopes or alcoholic beverages is subject to having his fellowship withdrawn from the Brotherhood.

11. Because of the importance of the Seminaries and because all persons want to attend, we recommend that there be set time for conventions to meet and work from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

12. We recommend that the entire staff of our convention concentrate on the ethic and moralic points of our brotherhood where our churches do not have enough prestige and serve at least one week in preparation, organization, and evangelism workshops involved. The staff's room and board will be taken care of by the local church with no obligations. This kind of service is to be asked for not more than three years a year.

13. We recommend that the convention go on record for the provision and supervision of the music of the convention by electing or appointing some competent person who will plan and carry out the music portion of sessions and be responsible for same. Said person to be asked for not less than for less than travel expenses to the National Convention.

14. Whereas, Mrs. Berniece Holmes has done excellent work throughout the convention, we recommend that the same be considered as an employee, as Director of Missionary Organization Education and the title of Director of Missionary Organization Education (word-Ad-interim be stricken from Trustee).

15. We recommend that an account of Missionary Organization funds be specified in the financial report of the convention and that the members might be inspired or challenged to excel.

16. We recommend that an appreciation gift of not less than $50.00 be given to our outgoing president, Mrs. Arah Garrett.

17. In view of the past experiences, we recommend that the local church committees be asked not to receive the Brotherhood Convention until the Brotherhood Convention will come to California in 1952, if proper hosting is provided.

18. We the committee on state representation fees for the Women's Department, National Christian Missionary Convention recommend that all organized states with less than $15.00; states with ten or more organizations representing with not less than $25.00; unorganized states should represent with not less than $7.50. We further recommend that all societies try to bring a special contribution for the support of missions through the National Convention.

19. We the committee on coordination between our schools and the National Convention, recommend that the presidents of the departments or their representatives be granted a staff relationship to the convention and to the Trustee Board.

20. RESOLUTION:

Whereas, grave concern for the unity of our nation and peace among our neighbor countries and peoples is felt because of a request made by the Roman Catholic community that the President personal representative to the Vatican in Rome be elevated to the rank of ambassador; be it resolved that we, the representatives of the United States of America to the Vatican, the United States Senate and Congress, to the Vatican, and to the Roman Catholic Church must stand for peace. The National Convention hereby recommends that the Vatican send a representative to the Vatican.

21. RESOLUTION:

Whereas, we as a racial religious group are exposed to denominated leaders whose purpose and program are designed to exploit the underprivileged and untrained people of our group by appealing to them to reject their race or religion; be it resolved that our ministers and religious leaders urge our people through media available in our conventions and publishing house to study and evaluate movements which do not carry the stamp of divine approval as taught by the Disciples of Christ.

22. Whereas American Protestantism as embodied in the person of the National Religious Leaders who in the near future seem to be the most important in its practical emphasis upon the church-way of life, thereby allowing the rising tide of materialism in home, school, church, and government, be it resolved that this convention strongly urges support of those Christian groups who have demonstrated that they are the champion of materialism in home, school, church, and government, to put into effect the implications and essence of the Golden Rule and sermon on the mount.

23. We recommend that in addition to the present news items, etc., the Christian Plea become or continue the information organ of the National Christian Missionary Convention to carry the program of the Convention into every local church.

Christian Education Carefully Planned

The Central Committee of the Curriculum Committee met in semi-annual sessions in Missions Building, November 3-11, in a regular planning program for Christian education among our church.

The members of this committee include the editorial staff of the church school literature department of the Curriculum Board of Publication, the headquarters staff of the Division of Christian Education of the United States and representatives from other departments, the National Christian Missionary Convention, and Unif.ied Promotion.

Among other matters, topics approved for study in the near term were the people's groups, Christian Women's Fellowship and other adult groups for 1952-53. Plans were also approved for a new series of graded lessons for the intermediate and upper grades of the church school. It is planned that the series will be ready in 1955.

FOR MISSION STUDY classes in the churches, the outline of a manual was presented and approved. Detailed guidance for the presentation of lessons of missions was also approved.

Bible study, worship, missionary education, stewardship education, social education and evangelism are essential elements of programs for the Christian education of our children, youth and adults. Plans for materials along these lines are thoughtfully made, outlines are studied and authors are chosen with care.

The next biennial meeting of the complete Curriculum Committee will be held in April 1951. In addition to members of the Central Committee as mentioned above, this will bring togethet 3 persons from different areas of church work, such as Sunday school teachers and superintendent's student workers, parents, local church and state directors of religious education, and state secretaries of missionary organization education.

COMMITTEE IN NASHVILLE

The Property Management Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet in Nashville Tenn. Wednesday, Jan. 24th. Members of the Committee are Dr. J. E. Walker, chairman; Eld. S. S. Myers, Eld. R. H. Davis, Mr. H. D. Sensky, Mr. M. H. Sheard, and L. L. Dickerson.

I am sure you can think of many more ways in which you can increase your fellowship toward. Make your plans NOW those plans as quickly as possible.
Minister's Wives
BY MRS. R. H. PEOPLES, PRESIDENT
Dear Minister's wives:

As we approach the half-way mark in the church year, we can look at ourselves, as in a mirror, to see how well or how badly we have done. Can we say we have progressed or failed? Have we done our best during these past months? Are we keeping in mind our goal to bring in more money next August than ever for our scholarship fund?

I am sure you will want to give the Indiana Fellowship a good race even though YOU CAN'T WIN and have your state representative crowned queen next August at the National Convention. So, get busy, if you are not already working, and make your state the winner.

Each Fellowship in your state is urged to bring in as much money as possible to boost your state. The sky is the limit! I must remind you, however, that if you expect to win, you must bring in much more than last year's winner brought.

Mississippi won last year with less than $25.00. Indiana challenged you to beat that! We must beat it if we are going to give a scholarship large enough to really help deserving young student through school. The increase in prices on commodities affects us alike. Students are no exception.

It is imperative, therefore, that we increase our scholarship unit to meet the demands of the times. We are counting on every minister's wife, be she young or old, rich or poor, to do all she possibly can to make her fellowship bring in the most money and thereby make her state the winner.

Would you like a few suggestions of ways you can raise your money? Here are a few:

1. Have a Musical Tea and invite the public. (These can be ticket-selling projects or patron donations. We suggest the latter for this.)
2. Schedule some nationally known speaker, preferably a woman, who can bring a forceful message on some current issue. For example, Edith Samson or Dorothy B. Ferebee.
3. Sponsor a Midnight Movie through your local theater, asking for a percentage of the proceeds. This would have to be a ticket-selling project.
4. Sponsor a Night Out at your favorite Opera House or at your favorite Dramatic Presentation. (Use the same method as in No. 3.)
5. Book reviews are always good if you have someone who can do an especially good job at it. (Patron donations are suggested here.)

6. Sponsor a Popularity Contest using your local high school girls or boys.

We wish for you personally a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Columbus Minister
Convention Head

L. L. Dickerson, pastor of The Monroe Ave. Church, Columbus, Ohio and vice-president of the 1951 National Convention committee for the 1951 National Convention in Indianapolis is centrally located and the 2nd Christian Church is one of the largest and strongest churches in the brotherhood.

All indications are that the 1951 Convention will be our largest and the program committee will attempt to do all it can to make it the best. Any suggestions or criticism concerning our convention program will be given careful and sympathetic consideration.

If anyone has any suggestion to make, send it to the chairman before April 1st.

FROM A YOUNG MAN'S PEN:

The World Belongs To Middle-Aged

BY JOHN R. COMPTON

The glorious privilege of writing a recommendation for a certain church; he delivered a fine sermon and the board voted to call him as their minister. It was the thinking of those who composed the congregation that he was too young to be the minister of their church.

It has often been stated that nothing else but a young minister will do, yet many middle-aged men have been successful. Are we not free to change our thinking? It is a very false notion that a young minister or poor, to do all she possibly can to make her fellowship bring in the most money and thereby make her state the winner.

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United Missionary Society Elects Board of Managers and Trustees

According to the code of regulations of the United Christian Missionary Society, one third of the Board of Managers were elected at the International Convention in Oklahoma City. The Board of Managers consists of 120 members, elected for three year terms. One half of these must be women and one half must be men. More than ten can reside in any one state or province and each area shall have at least one representative.

The election of the 40 members to the Board of Managers was a part of the business of the United Society during the International Convention. All members of the United Society are qualified to vote at this election and on other items of business.

WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED SOCIETY?

According to the Constitution and By-laws of the United Society, a member is "any person who is in good standing of one of the congregations known as Churches of Christ, Christian Churches, or Disciples of Christ, who is committed to the purposes of the Society, and who supports its work."

Following the business session, the new Board of Managers met to elect from their number a Board of Trustees in which is vested the corporate powers of the United Society. This Board consists of the president and vice-president of the United Society, the president of the Board of Managers, and 10 other members. It meets bi-monthly in Milford, Building to hear reports and counsel with the staff of the Society on the work of the several departments.

THE MEMBERS OF the Board of Trustees who will serve until the next convention time are: C. F. R. Brown, Lake- wood, Ohio; Mrs. A. M. Depew, Shreveport, La.; Hiram W. Elliott, Kansas City, A. J. Finers, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Louise A. Hays, Newcastle, Ind.; Mrs. Barton A. Johnson, Covington, Ky.; Mrs. I. L. Lehman, Toluca, Ohio; Mrs. D. Wright Lunsford, Warrenton, Mo.; Mrs. C. D. McKnight, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Louise H. McAdow, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. H. B. McCormick, president, of the United Society; Edmund C. Miller, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. E. H. Monroe, Abilene, Texas; Mrs. A. C. Ragsdale, Columbia, Mo.; Mrs. F. L. Richardson, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Miss Marjorie E. Chenaught

Miss Chenaught is a native of Kentucky, born and reared in Mt. Sterling. A graduate of Kentucky State College, and one of the most efficient and popular members of the National Convention staff. She is assistant secretary of our headquarters office in Indianapolis. Even though she has had a number of offers of positions that pay a great deal more, her love for the cause and whole-hearted devotion to her job has caused her to refuse them. The Christian Plea is happy to take this opportunity to express to Miss Chenaught the appreciation of our entire brotherhood for her service.

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A committee will visit the campus again next autumn to check on the progress. The committee made it plain that the accredited status might be lost if the college did not become content to rest on its present honors and accomplishments.

In order to obtain accreditation the faculty salaries at Jarvis had to meet a minimum standard, as did the number of books in the college library and the equipment on the campus.

Jarvis now has 21 buildings on its 50-acre campus. The total acreage of the Jarvis farm is 875. There are 24 members of the faculty. The 1950 graduating class numbered 44 well-trained young men and women from a student body of 312 for the entire year. The enrollment in the autumn of 1950 was 182 students.

In cooperation with the Texas State University of Houston, graduate extension classes were started at Jarvis on last November. Another significant development during the administration of Dr. Eberbank has been teaching, training courses offered to those of the adjacent area.

The department of religion has been strengthened and more young people are being recruited for training for Christian service. All students are required to take basic courses in religion.

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