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Christian Education
By L. J. EVANS, SEC.

Dear Christian Friends:
As soon as you finish reading this letter, will you dig out your minutes of the Fall Planning Conference on Christian Education and read them again. As you read, read them again. As you read your minutes, I want you to check the program of work outlined during the conference for your state or area. Thinking in terms of the calendar year, you should have at least one third of the program of work already accomplished.

In many instances you will have

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Pre-Easter Campaign Good Period To Spread Gospel And Kingdom Building

The Program of Evangelism for the Brotherhood this year has as one

major emphasis, the Pre-Easter program highlighted by the theme: "Thy Kingdom Come." All ministers have already received their Packet for the Pre-Easter Evangelistic campaign and should be well along with their plans for a great in-gathering at the Easter season.

We are afraid that most of our church leaders and many of our very active and aggressive pastors are not utilizing to the full the available resources for the spreading of the gospel of Christ and the Building of the Kingdom of God. Evangelism for the Church means life. It is the "Hope of the World" literally and must therefore be put upon the conscience of Christian men and women wherever they assemble.

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TO THIS END the Department of Church Development and Evangelism is planning a series of Evangelistic Retreats to be held in many areas for the express purpose of inspiring and encouraging Church leaders to "Do the work of an Evangelist."

In most instances the president has appointed a State Committee on Evangelism which will meet jointly with some key pastors and ministers in the state and face the vital issues related to Evangelism.

Among the items to be considered in these conferences are "Evangelist Planning in the Local Church," "The Evangelization of Children and Youth," "Visitation Evangelism," and the presently vital matter "Ministerial Recruitment."

Where it is at all possible we would like for all the State leaders and local Church officers to be present in these meetings.

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Let’s stop Blaming
The other Fellow

We are very much perturbed about the attempt of a lot of distinguished persons and parties to blame Mr. Truman, Mr. Atchison and even Mr. Roosevelt, for the mess our country is in today. We carry no brief for either of these gentlemen nor the new deal-fair deal policies under which we have lived for nearly 20 years.

Every individual and every governmental policy must stand on its own merit. We find good and bad in both men and the policies. But what disturbs us is the attempt of so many to find a scapegoat, some one to blame.

We are not surprised at the political all of our troubles, blame resorting to this ruse: its an old trick with them to blame the opposition for everything from drought; to earthquake. But its too bad that the people in general will close their eyes to the truth and attempt to deceive themselves with the idea “I am all right, its the other fellow that is causing all of the trouble.”

This buck passing began with Adam, he was alright, the trouble was with Eve. When the Prophet Malachi accused the people of robbing God, they asked, “How can we rob you when the wickedness of king Ahab caused God to withhold the rain, and all the springs, rivers and brooks dried up according to the prophecy of Elijah, in his own sight, Ahab had done no wrong, it was Elijah that “troubled Israel”

Maybe it would be nice if one or two persons were responsible for all of our troubles. In that case all we would have to do is “liquidate” them by ballots or bullets and then the millennium would be upon us. Some people thought that when we got rid of the Kaiser our troubles would be over.

Then came Hitler and everything was his fault. So we finally vanquished the Austrian house painter, set up the United Nations and proclaimed the approaching millennium (again). Now we have Mr. Stalin, Mr. Truman and Mr. Atchison to blame all of our troubles on, whether its the Korean war or the switchman’s strike.

But none of us seem willing to say as the disciples of old, Lord Is It? None of us seem willing to say as David, “Against Thee (Lord) and Thee only have I sinned and done that which is evil in Thy sight.” All of us seem content to take our stand in some prominent place and “thank God that we are not like other men.”

In our moral and spiritual stupidity we believe the liquidation of Stalin and his crowd, Truman and his crowd, the millennium will be here for sure. Oh you foolish Americans, peace on earth and goodwill toward all men.

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What Native Africans Think

Did you ever read an African magazine? Have you ever wondered what a native thinks about it? Articles from the "pocket" magazine Ekime'a Nsan-go—meaning News Messenger—recently translated from the native Lontundo by Hebert Smith, reveal the tremendous change which Christianity has wrought, in the thinking of natives taught in our Congo Mission. No space is given to pictures and a great deal of the subject-matter is of a serious nature.

An article by Samuel Litole, teacher in Congo Christian Institute, says: "This teaching of Jesus is good for life, the hands, the feet and the heart. Many people lose their fear because they do not tell the truth. It is always fitting that man tell his wife the truth and the wife tell her husband the truth. If this is not done the unity of their marriage will lose its strength. Since it is true that we cannot lie to God, why should we lie to one another?"

Njoku Timothee writes on "The Wisdom of Our Fathers," in which he shows how Christian teaching has influenced the sharing of knowledge in draftsmanship and in medicine. Formerly selfishly kept secret strictely within each family circle it is now generously given for the good of all. He admits his original suspicion of missionaries, saying: "Look at these missionaries. Why are they here? Did they come to make money? Some of our people thought so at first but now we know differently, I myself thought that they came for wealth of our land, I do not believe this anymore. They taught us to teach every thing they knew. We cannot try to hide our wisdom but must let it known to everyone in the village."

Ekofo Joseph went from the mission to work in Leopoldville, the capital city of a hundred thousand largely Congo-born natives. He tells of their special Christmas service, with an offering taken to send back home to the Church in Jamai-ca.

Eld. H. C. Poston is their new pastor, and according to recent reports in the few months since going to Central, has made much progress. He says, "Most everyone knows, it is a most difficult thing to establish a new church in a new city, pay a minister, and buy a building without any outside assistance from anywhere. But the Central Church is showing how it can be done when people have the faith and the courage and the determination in reviewing the success of the Central Church too much credit cannot be given to the late Dr. George C. Campbell, who labored so long, faithfully and sacrificially, yes SACRIFICIALLY."

It is extremely doubtful if Central church would be where it is today if it had not been for Dr. Campbell. It is extremely doubtful if any one else with his ability or even less would have made the sacrifice he made.

SHORT QUOTES

"The extension of the Kingdom of God depends upon the making of money. That is why God is in the money-making business with men. He expects them to use their money making talents not simply for themselves, but for His glory."

—Bert Wilson

Central Christian Church, Cleveland

The Plea received a most excellent report of the great progress that is being made by the Central Christian Church. In a recent communication from Mrs. Albina Hulse, we learned of their recent financial drive that brought in $150,000. Their building Fund is nearing $10,000.00 and their contemplating the purchase of a new church home in the very near future.

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Elder W. K. Fox Begins Pastorate At St. Louis, (Mo.’s) Centennial

Elder W. K. Fox was installed as pastor of Centennial at an impressive service the afternoon of October 2, 1950. Participating ministers were: Hampton Adams, R. Wesley Watson, Raymond McAllister, James E. Cook and E. Wafield.

Elder Fox succeeds Elder P. A. Grey, Jr. who served twelve years. During his pastorate Centennial was able to acquire the former First Christian Church by disposing of its first unit edifice.

At the request of Mrs. Grey he was paid three months salary in advance and permitted tenancy of the parsonage rent free for this period. The pulpit was filled during this interim by various ministers selected by the pulpit committee.

ELDER FOX FACES several tasks as he begins his pastorate. Largest of these is the liquidation of the church’s indebtedness; which amounts to $12,000 plus. This, the congregation feels, is not too big if it is working as a team.

Since Bro. Fox’s coming the church has been revived spiritually and civically. Some twelve or more additions have been made. Many new activities have been inaugurated; “Pause for Power” (our midweek prayer meeting); Childrens and Young Peoples Choirs, who assist in rendering music at the services; groups in the Council organizing and functioning.

On December 3 ordination services were held for all deacons and elders who had served faithfully for three years or more. Assisting in the services were R. Wesley Watson, Tri-Stat’e Evangelist; and J. J. Green, a former pastor. A few days following, Bro. Fox was forced to be absent due to the illness and event’l passing of his mother. There was no lag in the program due to superb planning.

A RECEPTION WAS HELD for the new members of 1950 on January 14. A rich fellowship was enjoyed by all. The Committee on Membership was in charge of arrangements. Also in January, the St. Louis area CYF was entertained at Centennial. Some two hundred young people and their sponsors attended.

Coming events at Centennial are: National Conference on Recruiting Ministers; Youth Week and its activities; Community Canvas and Visitation; Lincoln-Douglas Banquet; Chris i an Education Workshop.

When in St. Louis plan to visit Centennial: We are the Church with the warm hand, big heart and open door.

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You Are Urged To Think On These Things

By MAUDE DAVIS

At our National Convention in Memphis I was very much impressed with brother Fowler's sermon, our State President of Ohio State. In fact we had any number of great sermons.

I was inspired beyond words to express by many of them but Brother Fowler expressed some of the things I have long wanted to say to the Brotherhood and I feel his message was timely and should have been taken to heart by every minister and every member at the Convention.

Paul said in Phil 4:8, “Finally brethren, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise think on these things.”

In other words, Paul was telling the brethren to do some Christ like thinking. In this analysis we have the seed or core of what it takes to make a successful pastor and growing church. Any thing with life in it moves. It is never at a stand still. Now how any pastor can feel he is doing something in some of these dead lifeless churches is beyond my conception.

Brother Fowler said our churches some of them, looked like cracker boxes and perhaps chicken coops. The most startling thing is the pastor and members are not ashamed of them.

I once heard a story of a farmer who glanced up into the sky one day and saw two birds chasing each other. They seemed very far away or else they were very small. Round and round they circled fluttering and falling, attacking each other with beak and talon. Now one was above, the other beneath and their positions were reversed as they fought and fell, Recovered and soared again. Finally they fastened each other face to face, beak to beak, and claw to claw until they came hurtling through the air down into the farmers chicken yard. Then he saw what he had not suspected before. They were two great golden eagles.

He leaped upon them in their fatigued condition and before they were aware thrust them into his chicken coop. In semidarkness they blinked, stretched, pulled themselves together and seemed dimly to realize their captivity.

So it has been with a number of churches. In controversy they were kings of the air soaring on broad pinions facing the sun until they fell upon each other, grappled at one another's throats, then they woke up in a chicken coop.

We go to our conventions with all our politics OFFICE HUNTING. Who we shall take out of office, regardless of the good job he is doing and put our friend in. Yet he may have so much to attend to he can't look after the convention as it should be. I have seen that happen in the state of Texas I have seen it happen in the national. A thousand things should be looked after instead of an office in the cabinet. What about the Churches back of the stage? What about the young ministers who are trying to pastor churches and making a complete failure?

You need not say it can't be done. I point to one of our young ministers Elder R. L. Jordan of Detroit who has made one grand success in Detroit Michigan. He has a lovely brick church not on a side street, but on one of most prominent streets in Detroit. In a few years time he built up a membership of over four hundred members. When he entertained the national Convention he had some of the leading people of Detroit on his opening program. Not only that, he filled his church with the people of Detroit. Sunday morning on the closing of the convention, his church was packed to capacity with visitors as well as delegates. How Did He Do This? By using his head for more than a hat rack and not trying to use God's work as a crutch "somin to hold too till I get somin better.”

THINK ON THESE THINGS'

A minister should study the word then think how he can make church lovely, of good report. An anthropologist studies the science and history of man, he thinks on these things. A botanist studies plant life and thinks on these things. No college would hire either if he had no knowledge of his line of work.

How these Suit Case preachers feel that they are doing a church some great service when they go in once or twice per month and call them selves pastoring. They are only making lazy members and killing the Church.

When a Church gets so they have service once or twice per month, they are getting in readiness to dispense with all of it and that is the thing which is helping to kill our churches. I feel the entire Brotherhood should, think on these things.

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“When the Puritans made their fortunes, they lost their religion.”—Lyell. It is disturbingly remarkable how many laymen lose the keen edge off their Christian experience in times of great prosperity. The statement of Lowell may be prophetic as well as historical.—From Nazarene Sewardship Bulletin.

“Stewardship is more concerned with the quality of heart than the size of the check.”—Anonymous
What The Churches Need From The Colleges

By HOWARD E. ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson is president of the State Pastors' Conference in Indiana and President of the First Christian Church in Bloomington. The address was delivered at the Fourteenth Annual State Conference on Religion in Higher Education, held in Indianapolis, April 29, 1950, under the auspices of the Indiana Council on Religion in Higher Education.

The basic problem implicit in the subject assigned to me, in fact the very reason for such a meeting as this, is that we have not yet formulated any very successful techniques by which organized religion can implement its basic points of view in our culture.

To be honest about it, the Church has never known exactly how to transmit the religious perspective effectively to all areas of man's experience in any cultural pattern. I, for one, would be very hesitant to submit all avenues of life to the pressure of the known form of organized religion. And yet on the other hand, I am conscious of the serious consequences we face if we continue to dichotomize our social framework by a continuing schism between the religious and the secular.

This is a frank admission that I do not have any panacea answer to the question before us. Therefore, let us approach this subject humbly because all the truth is not at our disposal. The very nature of the subject implies at least that we have not yet formulated the college but we must tread softly knowing that often the Church has failed to prepare the student adequately to meet the patterns of current culture which are changing so rapidly . . . threatening to bind our souls with secular chains.

So, as a backdrop for everything which I may say there is always the realization that in many ways, the tables could be turned and the college president could, without any great difficulty, speak on the subject, "What the College Needs from the Church." "

FIRST, let us define some of the terms that we will use in this paper.

It is impossible for one man to speak for the Church and yet that is what I must do in order to say anything. Let us remember that I am speaking for the Church "on my own", without conferring with anyone. (This is typically American and thoroughly in keeping with the traditions of Protestantism.)

We must also distinguish between three kinds of colleges which exist in modern life. There is the church college, the state supported college and a kind of "in between" school which is not supported by state funds and yet is not vitally related to any organized religious group.

It is important to divide colleges thus because what the Church has a right to expect from each group is different in each case.

Even those denominations which are concerned about the accreditation of the othering of the administration and faculty in making their own educational institutions correspond to their doctrinal positions.

Any college that bears the stamp of approval of a sponsoring religious group should have the good grace to serve the purpose of its mother agency with absolute loyalty.

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TROUBLE BEGINS to arise as we confront the last two types of colleges. Within the last one hundred years we have seen a metamorphosis take place among many of our traditionally church related colleges. What once were schools bearing the name and sign of distinct religious groups have become virtually independent, although like Wordsworth's "Soul" they still trail clouds of glory as they come from God who was their home.

What the Church has a right to expect from such schools is wholly a matter of opinion. My own observation has been that the relation between such institutions of education and the Church is at best rather nebulous.

This condition is not surprising when we consider how the church college has been caught between the horns of a dilemma. If it remained a real church college it faced extinction. Churches, already burdened with financial problems, have found it impossible to endure the expenses of their seminaries. On the other hand, growing state universities have had the tax money for buildings, faculty and programs.

Therefore, these "church" colleges have had to look to wealth of Churchmen for needed funds in order to stay alive. Consequently, these college boards of directors have changed complexion; instead of presenting a solid denominational front many such boards now are highly interdenominational.

NOW I SHOULD NOT like to be thought of as a reactionary person when I say that this change of complexion has presented us with a problem. Let us recognize that this transformation has made it almost impossible for such a college to help the church except in a very limited academic way. When a college is governed by a board whose members represent widely varied religious viewpoints the tendency is for that college to search for the least common denominations.

Usually in its attempt to be all things to all men it winds up as neither fish nor fowl. It may have a course in its curriculum entitled "The Bible as Literature" but it will find it increasingly difficult to escape becoming just another private college. In fact, I believe that this group of schools has a tendency to be even more secular or non-religious than many of our state universities.

State schools make an effort to let every religious group "have a chance at its students" and so they encourage the Y's, the Foundations, the Hillel groups and the Roman Catholic Church to service their constituents. This "in between" kind of college is usually sensitive on the other side; it is so afraid that it might offend some religious group that it "plays down" any relationships with organized religion.

Frankly, I am of the opinion that the Church can spend less and less from the private college which has severed its formal relations to a particular religious organization.
President Calls Bible Schools

Dear Co-worker:

Even though we are entering a new calendar year, our National Convention work year is one-third gone and with only plans before us to be worked out in the remaining time. The leaders attending the Christian Education Planning Conference in Indianapolis were challenged by the national staff to attack the Ten Year Long Range Program, as accepted by the National Convention. Together we developed a short range program for a two to five year period.

Our work is expanding throughout the nation, increasing demands are being made for Young Peoples Conferences, Child Life Camps, Vacation Church Schools, Laboratory Schools, National and State and District Observation Classes and schools, Adult and Young Adult Conferences and Retreats and many other training agencies.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

officers and staff workers are deeply concerned in finding ways to meet the demands of this fast growing program. A survey of the reports of the giving of church schools and youth groups indicate we are not giving enough to support the present program adequately. How then can we meet the challenge of a larger program? The answer is found in increased giving for the "on-going" of the National work. Less than one half to the church school and youth groups sent reports and money to the National Convention held in Memphis, Tennessee.

In order to make the long range, short range or any planned program a reality we must move from "words to work". To do this, we appeal to you for your concerted effort in supporting the work.

Did your Church School and youth group send $5.00 each to the National Convention? If not send it NOW to Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. The work of Christian Education is depending on you. You must not let it fail.

"The man who gives grudgingly feels that he gives to others is so much loss to himself."

-Anonymous

Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt lost his saltness, wherein shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under the foot of men. Matt. 5:13.

Fishing Dividends

With the close of the fishing season on the Columbia River at the end of October, last year, the Yakima Indians of Washington returned to their homes. Since the summer, they had been camping at Celilo Falls engaged in one of their most prosperous businesses. They have perpetual fishing rights along the Columbia.

This is important to our Yakima Indian Christian Mission. Since many of the Indian parents cannot pay the regular cost of board and room at the Mission for their children, they are given the privilege of paying part in produce in years more than 3,000 lbs. of salmon were received, part payment of such costs. This has been served by the staff of the Mission and is being made available to churches in any part of the United States which wish to sponsor a "Salmon Dinner" for the benefit of the Yakima Mission and its work.

THE MISSION DORMITORIES

have a regular capacity of 35 boys and girls. When school opened last September, there were 53 in the mission. However, the return of the patients from the fishing grounds, 11 went home. The 42 remaining can be cared for without too much crowding.

Some of the boys and girls in the home have been part of the family for seven, eight, or nine years. They are leaders in its activities, and also in the White Swan school which is for both white and Indian children.

These children are active in White Swan 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. Their only real health concern is centered in the mission. From the top, the church which is now conducted in the mission will recruit its leadership for the future. The church has an average attendance of 60 each Sunday with given mission car making a 100-mile trip each Sunday to bring people to the services. There were ten baptisms last year.

Alabama State Convention

MRS. MARY A. ELMORE, Reporter


It was one of the most successful meetings ever held in the state. The convention was under the supervision of its most able leader, Edd. A. J. Jeffries. The welcome program was presented by a local church on Thursday evening.

Friday morning Elder Freeman A. James, from the Mt. Pleasant Church, delivered a very fine sermon. We were fortunate to have with us Bro. Percy E. Kohl, secretary of the Alabama Christian Missionary Society. He gave us a very helpful and inspiring message.

Others who appeared on the program were Bro. Jordan, of the Clovendale Christian church, who brought greetings, Eld. Chas. Mitchell, who preached from the subject: "The Glory of the Cross," and Eld. C. J. Hinson, who preached on "Christ Our Example." We were fortunate in having three of our national workers, Mrs. Bernice Holmes, Eld. L. J. Fields, Eld. C. H. Webb. They all rendered invaluable service for which we are very grateful.

All of the ministers in the state were present and most of the churches reported. The Ministers wives reception was most enjoyable and successful. The Mt. Pleasant church had the rally of the churches. We were pleased to have in our convention visitors and out and leaders from all over the state.

On Sunday morning Eld. C. H. Webb, national director of Evangelism and Church Development, delivered the sermon; and the music was furnished by the 11th St. Choir of Birmingham.

Too much credit for this most successful convention cannot be given to the President Eld. Je'fries and the officers and members of the Mt. Pleasant Church. The next convention will be held with the Ross St. Church in Birmingham.

For such items as cosmetics now rivals our $8,000,000,000 annual bill for drink, and the question might be raised as to the need of some giving standard such as the tithes.

—Arthur H. Limouze
President Hunt

Thanks Disciples

Through the columns of our beloved organ, "The Christian Plea," I want to say to the Disciples of Christ who met in annual convention this past August in the city of Memphis, "Thanks a million for electing me your president of your National Christian Missionary Convention. This honor, the greatest I have ever received, is most humbling. I do hope and pray that I may be a good servant, a good friend, and an acceptable president.

While writing you a great section of our country is snow covered. I have watched the tiny, feathery, fluffy snowflakes leave tent of clouds, and invade with silent and muffled tread the face of Mother Earth. This mighty army of snow made up of innumerable snowflakes each snowflake but a mite— but these wees moving together have tied up man's traffic system, erased the travel plans of men, brought to a standstill man's progress.

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National Office News Notes

By Marjorie E. Chenault

NEW DIRECTORS—Miss Anna Belle Jackson, native of London, Kentucky, came to the office February 1, to begin her new work and to establish her home in Indianapolis. She was appointed national director of Missions Organizations—Education for the National Christian Missionary Convention. A graduate of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, Miss Jackson majored in religious education. For her service as president of the Christian Youth Fellowship, president of the YWCA, and other activities, she received the Pratt-Patten Award for outstanding religious work while in school. She was also elected to membership in the Alpha honor society.

Since graduation, Miss Jackson has

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INSPIRATION — INFORMATION — DEDICATION

Our young people have been asking for such a mass convocation. DREAMS DO COMETRUE — HELP OUR YOUTH REALIZE this ONE EN MASS!
A PRAYER

Let me do my work each day, and if the darkened hours of despair overcome me, may I not forget the strength that comforted me in the desolation of other times.

May I still remember the bright hours that found me over the silent hills of my childhood, dreaming on the margin of the quiet river, when a light glowed within me and I promised my early God to have courage amid the tempests of the changing year.

Spare me from bitterness and from the sharp passions of unguarded moments. May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the spirit. Though the world know me not, may my thoughts and actions be such as shall keep me friendly with myself.

Lift my eyes from the earth, and let me not forget the uses of the stars. Forbid that I should condemn others lest I condemn myself.

Give me a few friends who will love me for what I am; and keep me ever burning before my vagrant steps the kindly light of hope and though age and infirmity over take me and I come not within the sight of my dreams teach me still to be thankful for life and for times olden memories that are good and sweet, and may the evening's twilight find me gentle still.—Author Unknown.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MISSISSIPPI VOULEVAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
978 Mississippi Boulevard
Memphis & Tennessee
JANUARY 1, 1950 TO DECEMBER 31, 1950

INCOME

1950
Jan. 1 Cash in Bank $674.61
January $674.61
February $518.52
March $567.26
April $7,935.26
May $666.48
June $685.82
July $638.50
August $672.23
September $913.19
October $1,469.20
November $698.86
December $527.82

TOTAL INCOME $27,901.62

DISBURSEMENTS

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GRAND TOTAL $25,611.67

Pastor's Salary $1,500.00
Financial Secretary's Salary 90.00
Custodian's Salary & Supplies 688.84
Muse 524.28
Pension Fund 117.00
Utilities 501.22

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS $27,901.62

REPORT OF ALL DEPARTMENTS

INCOME

Church $25,611.67
Bible School 1,476.73
Missionary Society 319.55
Sunshine Fund 394.05
Christian Youth Fellowship 96.92

TOTAL INCOME $27,901.62

DISBURSEMENTS

Church $7,590.15
Bible School 1,013.17
Missionary Society 316.90
Sunshine Fund 384.87
Christian Youth Fellowship 73.53

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS $9,378.62

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

By Baptism 14
From Other Christian Churches 12
From Other Communions 18

TOTAL 36

Loss by Death 2
Dr. J. E. Walker, Chairman, Official Board, Elder Blair T. Hunt, Pastor; Utilus R. Phillips, Financial Secretary.

Institutional Christian
Church, Kansas City, Kan.

By (Mrs.) A. H. Jones, Minister

The pastor's program began at the Church on January 7 and continued through March 25, 1951. We observed the communion Candlelight Service on January 10. It is reported as having been very good.

An evangelistic service was conducted by our tri-state evangelist, El- der Wesley Watson from February 21 through March 2.

On December 31, 1950 there were two additions to the Church by baptism and two others on January 7, 1951. The candidates were baptized by our tri-state evangelist, Elder Watson at the Eighth Street Christian Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION SINCE THE 1950 CONVENTION (AUGUST 22 - 28)

Eight Street Christian Church - Kansas City, Kansas $25.00
Christian Church - Carthage, Missouri 15.00
Second Christian Church - Fulton, Mo. (CFY Registration Fee) 3.00
Fayette Street Christian Church, Martinsville, Va. 10.00
Women's Council of West Pasco Christian Church - Kansas City, Mo. 37.50
Greenwood Christian Church - Greenwood, Mississippi 6.00
South Side Christian Church Bible School - Chicago, Illinois 30.00
Taylor Estate - Nashville 2,000.00
Mt. Olivet Christian Church - Baltimore, Maryland 62.50
Missionary Society of 12th Street Christian Church - Austin, Texas 6.00
Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church - Memphis, Tennessee 350.00
MMiss Rose A. McCrea (Youth Fund) 5.00
Mrs. W. A. Scott, Sr. - Atlanta 15.00
Rev. M. Frederick Mitchell - Los Angeles 100.00
Mrs. Lelia Walker - Memphis 100.00
Dr. J. E. Walker - Memphis 100.00
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February, 1951

President Hunt Thanks

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gram.

The accumulation of the tiny feathery, fuzzy snowflake has snapped telegraph poles; its fingers have torn down telephone and telegraph wires, as if they were mere cobwebs.

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HERE IN MEMPHIS, the snow has put up a sign, "Stay at Home." But I have gained a lesson; "The might in the multiplicity of mites." Indeed, here is a lesson for us, the disciples of Christ, relative to our great National Convention - a lesson of the great accumulating power of "little people - little congregations" reaching out and laying hold of the fullness of our possibilities in Evanzeri in and other basic fields, but of these phases I will write later.

In this issue, "the might of the multiplicity of mites" in terms of dollars and cents to be sent our contains for our convention. Without you, no National Convention can be called a National Convention, our church, if possible, each department will sicken, weaken, and in later years die.

No church can live, really live by it e~'f. We are all inter-woven into one fabric. We cannot isolate ourselves one from another. The great National Convention is the fabric. Without you, no National Convention - without the National Convention, in the course of time, no you. The National Convention budget must be met. Now is the time.

I DO WANT TO THANK you for what you have done. Let each church, if possible, each department in your church, as many individuals as possible, send, as soon as possible to our National Treasurer, Dr. J. F. Walker, 480 Linden Ave, Memphis, Tenn.

True, our National Convention cannot live by dollars alone but equally true without each church doing its best in gift of money to sustain our convention and its program, sooner or later it will be "curtains" for our convention. Without a National Convention, our church will sicken, weaken, and in later years die.

Our National Treasurer has given us one-hundred dollars, maybe some will do, as I am doing, pay your one-hundred dollars on the installment plan.

Let each one in the Church of Christ be at least a snowflake, if we cannot have an avalanche. Remember "the might of the multiplicity of mites".

--Your Servant in Christ
Elder Blair T. Hunt

National Office
News and Notes

(Continued from Page 1) has been employed in Bloomington, Indiana.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - Mr. Dickson has worked with the National Church Program Coordinating Council which met in Indianapolis the first of last month. February 2, he attended a recruiting committee meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, to enlighten interested people of the problems facing our brotherhood about "This Ministry." With an understanding of the job ahead for the 35th annual session of the National Christian Missionary Convention, which is to convene in Indianapolis, he called a meeting with the host pastor, Rev. R. H. Peoples, Indianapolis, to verify conditions of service for the convention. During Brotherhood Week, Mr. Dickson, Miss Jackson and Miss Chenault had the pleasure of being guests at the First Christian Church in Rochester, Indiana, of which Rev. I. Grant Blackwood is pastor. The fellowship, the music, the discussion, and the experience itself was quite profitable to all of us.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Mr. Evans spent two days in the youth work committee meeting, helping to plan the program for the youth of our brotherhood, the first of January. The committee studied the eight objectives of religious education and planned the agenda for the field staff meeting in March. Our director of religious education had a conference with the superintendents teachers and the educational committee at Second Christian Church to plan a program of recruiting and training teachers. He, and he other staff members, participated in ordination services at Second Christian Church during the same month.

Mr. Evans attended the International Council of Religious Education meeting in Columbus, Ohio, February 1-11-15, and was there elected member of the executive committee of the Leadership Education section of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, of the United States of America. He was first speaker at a young adult banquet at the Fifth Street Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and will assist Brother Webb in evangelistic meetings in Nashville, Tennessee, Birmingham, Alabama, and Jackson, Mississippi.

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CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND EVANGELISM - The director, Mr. Webb, has been planning an extensive program of evangelistic meetings in fourteen regions and states. The conferences will be scheduled as

February 12 - Jefferson City, Missouri
February 14 - Wichita, Kansas
February 16 - Tulsa, Oklahoma
February 19 - Palestine, Texas
February 20 - Little Rock, Arkansas
February 22 - Nashville, Tennessee
February 23 - Birmingham, Alabama
February 26 - Jackson, Mississippi
March 1 - Erhardt, South Carolina
March 3 - Winston-Salem, N. C.
March 5 - Baltimore, Md. (postponed)
March 7 - Columbus, Ohio
March 8 - Lexington, Kentucky

Visits have been made on the Easter seaboard region, to the Twelfth Street Church in Washington, D. C. the C.Y.F. and Missions of the same church; the Mount Olivet Church in Baltimore, Maryland, and the Fellowship Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. January 26, Mr. Webb attended the first planning meeting of the joint Department on Evangelism in New York City at the invitation of Dr. Jesse M. Balder, executive director.

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VISITOR - Mrs. Ross Page Welch, our National Ambassador of Good Will, has stopped by our office around the middle of January, rendered special music for members of the Missions building family in our morning chapel service. We are all appreciative of her about that empire listeners through song.

JANUARY REPORT OF OFFERINGS

UNIFIED PROMOTION

Ross Street Christian Church, WMS, Montgomery, Alabama .......... $ 6.25
Eleventh Street Christian Church, WMS, Birmingham, Alabama .......... 30.00
Mt. Sinai Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas ....... 3.00
East 28th Street Church, Los Angeles, (Council) ................. 10.00
Indiana Avenue Church, Indianapolis, Indiana ............ 50.00
Second Church, WMS, Topeka, Kansas ............ 5.00
Indiana Avenue Bible School, Wichita, Kansas ............ 18.00
Indiana Avenue Church, WMS, Indianapolis, Indiana .......... 12.50
Mount Olivet Church, Baltimore, Maryland ............ 31.25
Fairview WMS, Sharpsburg, Kentucky ............ 3.30
Hill Street Bible Church, Louisville, Kentucky ............ 3.00
Fayette Church, WMS, Martinsville ............ 45.00

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What the Churches Need From the Colleges

BY HOWARD E. ANDERSON

(Continued From Last Month)

What can the Church expect from a tax-supported college? Here the relation between the educational institution and the Church should be very clear. Due to the traditional American position of the separation of Church and State there should be no fogginess in the picture. The role of the state university should be that of an innocent bystander insofar as religion is concerned. In the best sense it should be neutral but not indifferent to religion. What should the Church expect from a tax-supported institution of higher learning?

First—it should expect the administration and faculty, as intelligent people, to have an intelligent attitude toward religion. One of my "pet peeves" is that university instructor who goes out of his way to make snide remarks about religion in his class room. Invariably his "pot shots" are based on an abundant ignorance of his subject. It seems that religion is the only field where anyone is an expert. It is startling to see a well-trained man in his own area of study speak derisively about something concerning which he is merely prejudiced. Again and again we have witnessed this in the university class room.

Every preacher who is located near a university campus has had to counsel with students who accept anything which the professor says as "gospel truth." They come to us saying, "I don't believe such-and-such any more because Dr. Grotius says that religion is all superstition."

Now Dr. Grotius would be the first to demand that a man be an authority in the religious field. If he is perfectly willing to assume authority in the field of religion. Maybe he just marks it down as good fun but he usually do not recognize that he has stopped teaching and "started meddlin'."

No real scholar should ever make statements about religion in his class room unless he has qualified as an intelligent student of that subject.

Second—the Church should expect the state university to "stay out of the act!" Many tax supported colleges think they are doing the Church a favor by offering "religious" classes in their catalogs or by establishing chapels on their campuses. I am not impressed by such procedures. In the first place any Bible course that a state university can rightfully offer will be of doubtful value. Usually such classes are located in the English department under the general title, "The Bible as English Literature."

This procedure is about as useful as having a class study the Smith and Jones Textbook on Zoology as English Literature! Granted that the King James version of the Bible is one example of one kind of English Literature. I doubt very much that it can be studied merely as an example of literary endeavor.

I am also certain that few English instructors could qualify as competent students of both the Old and New Testaments. It would be helpful if our great state universities would employ a man in the philosophy department to teach some classes in the Philosophy of Religion, and another in the Psychology of Religion, and perhaps someone to interpret the sociological phenomena of religion but I have observed that few of them want to "waste" their money on such projects.

Instead, they may assign some professor a teaching load to try to cover these fields. Consequently wherever a university is experimenting with these fields it is doing it with men not trained who have very little such work. Thus real damage is being accomplished.

As A Churchman I am not flattered when a state university tries to "all faith" chapels on campus. I can not conceive of the type of architecture that would be necessary to satisfy the spiritual needs of Jews, Protestants and Roman Catholics. The intention of the result would be meaningless because a campus chapel sponsored by a state university, would probably become a competitive church, so stripped of religious meaning that it would be a poor substitute for the real thing.

So long as we maintain the doctrine of separation of Church and State we should avoid the identification of organized religion and public instruction. In fact, I would go so far as to say that no religious group should use any campus buildings for religious purposes. All religious instruction and services of worship should be held off campus under the auspices of whatever religious groups want to furnish such facilities and leadership for such purposes.

It is the responsibility of the Church to teach and preach its doctrines and the Church should not expect nor desire the state to do this work. The fact that the Church may not be doing a very good job of furnishing students with off-campus schools of religion or church programs is to our shame but we should not expect the state to do if for us.

Third—the Church really needs sympathetic understanding and intelligent cooperation from a state college. The one thing that both institutions have in common is that they are interested in creating certain viewpoints in the minds of the young people over whom they have jurisdiction. If the usual national statistics hold true with college students, about half of them claim at least nominal relations to some organized religious group.

This means that churches and synagogues have some responsibility for about half the student body in any state college. Those organized religious groups that surround a campus should at least have a chance to service their constituency. The college should not dismiss this potential relationship lightly.

When a college accepts students to its class room it also accepts a certain responsibility for the total well-being of these students. This is true no matter what the institution may do. It means that it should create a favorable atmosphere in which the religious groups can do their work.

One Thing I Would like to see happen would be this: the college administration and the religious leaders should sit in conference regularly to consider how they might work together in the recognized framework of separation of Church and State to serve the religious fifty percent of the student body. It seems to me that both groups would profit from such informal roundtable sessions.

Another intangible bit of help would be for the administration to let its teaching staff know that it encourages its faculty to maintain an active healthy interest in all community affairs, including religious groups (for those professors who belong to such groups). It certainly would help religious groups if the college would let Sunday afternoons.

There is an increasing tendency for state universities to schedule concerts, lectures and semi-religious programs on Sunday afternoons or evenings. Since many religious organizations try to hold meetings with their students at these times this tendency creates a difficult problem for them.

Since I do not feel that the state college should offer classes in the religious field I am highly in favor of religious groups taking on this responsibility. Such classes should be offered off campus by the religious organizations which are responsible for teaching such subjects. This can be done individually or, better still, cooperatively.

Since the college would probably admit that a certain basic understanding of a man's religion is essential be

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REV. T. J. Griffin
Guides E. Sixth St.
In Oklahoma City

Rev. Thomas J. Griffin assumed his pastorale duties at Sixth Street Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 1, 1951. Born in the State of Mississippi, reared in an environment of Christian teaching, Rev. Griffin descends from a long line of ministers, one uncle, grandfather and other relatives all having been ministers of his faith.

He was an honor student of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, where he earned his B.A. Degree. While at Jarvis, he was part-time pastor in Muskogee, Oklahoma, East Anna Church in Ft. Worth, Texas and for a brief period was full-time pastor in Jacksonville, Texas.

Rev. Griffin has been quite active in the program of Christian Youth Fellowship, served as National Youth Advisor for the National Christian Missionary Convention and was first secretary of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission. He received his B.D. Degree from Garrett Theological Seminary, School of Religion of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. While in Chicago, he was associate pastor to Rev. R.H. Davis, Indiana Avenue Christian Church.

What the Churches
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fore he can call himself an intelligentlv informed man, it seems to me that the school could grant credit for such courses. Of course, the faculty would have to insist that academic requirements be met. The number of credit hours would have to be limited also.

However, knowing the academic standing of most religious leaders surrounding the average campus it should not be too difficult to meet college standards for such classes. Although I would not insist that this matter of accreditation is a must, it would be helpful and certainly would not violate anyone's conscience.

I am perfectly aware that another paper could be prepared showing how the colleges might organize religion service as student membership.

After all this has been said let me return to my opening words: the basic problem is for the churches to discover those techniques by which their influence can be successfully channeled to people.

OUR MISSIONARIES TO LEAVE CHINA

All Disciples of Christ missionaries serving in China are urged for exit from that country, they reported in January to The United Christian Missionary Society.

The missionaries expect to return to the United States by way of Hong Kong as soon as possible. They are Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Goulter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S.C. Smythe, Mr. and Mrs. I. Hubert Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. McCallum, the Misses Wenonah Wilkinson, Verla M. Elliott, Loretta Tengarden and Pauline Stern.

Educational, evangelistic and medical work which has been carried on by the returning twelve missionaries is being turned over to Chinese nationals for the future.

The missionaries said that they have been well treated but under the current political situation their opportunities to serve the China Mission are not great enough to warrant remaining.

YOUR PENSION PLAN EXPLAINED

SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Every minister in active service on salary, may become a member at any time.
2. No medical examination is required.
3. From the time the minister's 2½ percent and the church's 8 percent payments begin on the monthly salary, the protection begins.
4. There are 2 members of the National Christian Missionary Convention who receive monthly pensions because of membership in the Pension Plan.
5. The cost of protection is lower than can be secured elsewhere.
6. Dues increase or decrease with the salary, making dues payments practical on high or low salaries.
7. Pensions are paid upon retirement after age 65.
8. Total and permanent disability pensions are paid after one year's membership with dues paid before reaching age 65.
9. A cash death benefit, as well as widow and minor child pensions are paid when the member dies in active service.
10. For 20 years every contractual obligation of the Pension Plan has been met.
11. To get the most out of Pension Plan protection, both 2½ percent and 8 percent dues should be paid in full.

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, 800 TEST BUILDING, INDIANAPOLIS 4, INDIANA.

MISSIONARY CORNER

By Mrs. CHARLES C. MOSLEY

The time for us to act is now! Those of us who believe in the life and teachings of Jesus should prove our beliefs by our actions.

As we look at the National and International scenes we may think we have just cause for despair, we may think we have just cause for the loss of faith. If you will look again at the scene you will find that you have even greater cause for renewed hope and firmer faith.

Jesus said, "Because I have lived ye shall live". As missionary minded men and women we must live through our missionary organizations! We must send in our reports now! We must see that our offering of $1 per month be sent. You show compassion and help relieve suffering millions.

In my first letter to you I said I would make a comparison of our past and present giving. The present is so urgent I feel that this comparison should be deferred.

I ALSO ASKED THAT the state presidents write to me here at Southern Christian Institute, I asked that you share your ideas in order that we might pass them on through the Plea.

Mrs. Arah Garrett our very fine National president for the past two years and an atomic leader of the state of Texas for many years writes, Texas is moving forward. She also says Texas is ready to do her share. She pledges her personal services.

Mrs. I.S. Spiller of Mississippi has taken on new life and courage. Mrs. Spiller reports re-organization of several C.W.F. groups.

They are considering a Planning Conference as soon as they can secure the necessary information. And last (in order but not in importance) we have a fine report from Mrs. Margaret Smith of Ohio. She writes that Ohio as usual is ready and anxious to do its share in the job of Kingdom building.

She also reports the organization of a C.W.F. in Dayton, She has visited Districts 1 & 3. She organized Missionary organizations. Education, and Child Welfare committees. Mrs. Spiller is looking forward to their Planning Conference in February and their annual Spring Institute in April.

I must offer words of encouragement to the women who work with the president and sincere thanks to these conscientious women for these letters and reports.

God be merciful to 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.
ACHEIVING Goals

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**WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**TURNING TO THE WORK of the Intermediates; in this area very little has been done. We hope however to make this one of our major emphasis in the short range program for the next two years. One of the problems has been the lack of adult leadership for this age group. Might I suggest how you might begin tackling this problem in your local church, district or state or area. First select, one or two adults in your church who are interested in this particular age group and see to it that they have an opportunity to equip themselves for this task.

There are several ways this might be done; (1) through Laboratory Training Schools; (2) having a training course offered for your adult leaders in connection with your youth meet; (3) and church, district and state institutes. Here is where you can begin with any one of these. One of the goals set up at the planning conference was that Chi Rho Fellowship groups be organized in local churches to serve the intermediate boys and girls. If your church does not have a Chi Rho Fellowship program now is the time to start. Remember that the national office staff, will be very happy to serve you in anyway.

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Report of Adult and Superintendent Section

Before entering into our discussion and recommendations, Elder L. L. Dickerson, Editor of The Christian Plea, suggested that we add to our agenda item VI, Local Bible School General Program (a) attendance (b) giving. The motion was made by E. J. Dickerson pertaining to the above suggestion was received and accepted. The Committee then proceeded to discuss the problem of inter-racial conferences, integration and delinquency of attendance at these conferences.

Brother A. C. Stone of Ohio asked that the local minister either promote these conferences or appoint some one to do so. Through the local action this can be projected. There were statements from Rev. C. L. Parks of North Carolina and Rev. Charles H. Webb of Indianapolis, Indiana. These discussions gave problems of unprepared leadership, lack of promotion in the local church and gave rise to the following recommendations:

1. That the National Director of Religious Education secure quota commitments for young people to attend summer conferences from each local church, placing special emphasis on local churches not included in Convention areas.

Four ways to promote: (a) Quo'a for each church (b) Conference Areas (c) National Promotion (d) Inter-racial promotion.

2. That the National Director recommend that one or two persons be named each year to attend the training conference for Directors and Directors-elect.

3. That the rotation of faculty members for Summer Conference (over two year period) and that each faculty member be active in his or her local church.

4. That the conference invite one or two persons each year as understudy for each faculty member at the conference expense.

5. That all conference directors make their report to the National Office ten days after conference closes.

6. That the Executive Secretary work with the President of the various State Conventions in making the financial goal for National Convention and Unified Promotion.

7. That conference committee select local conference directors in cooperation with National Director of Christian Education and that the National Director and State Directors give guidance to these local directors of conference.

8. In view of the fact that the Christian Education and Church School program in the local church is lagging because of inadequate promotion from the minister; we therefore recommend that the National Convention, through its treasurers, authorize the holding of re-orientation conferences for the ministers of the Brotherhood, to extend over a two or three day period and feature promotional emphasis.

-N. J. Dickerson, chairman.

Intermediate Work Section Report

We recommend that:

1. A program of training for intermediates be set up in local churches, district and area meetings, state and National Conventions. These should be in the form of planning, work shops, lab-schools, and evening courses; for periods of six or eight weeks wherever convenient. The local churches should use state and national workers in this training program and also any available leadership in the community, and the State Director of Religious Education.

2. Youth Meets: We suggest that combined youth must be held but that we split or interest groups be set up on age group levels with leadership for each group, also that intermediate groups should have separate recreation periods.

3. We suggest that materials prepared for Chi Rho Fellowship by the Christian Board of Publication and United Christian Missionary Society be used for study and planning, and that each church select a person to study the material and report on it to the church leaders.

4. That a committee of five persons be set up for National planning and promotion of Chi Rho Fellowship in all the churches; this committee should be the Executive committee to plan for intermediates for the National Convention.

5. We recommend that reports be made promptly and accurately giving a true picture of the progress being made.

6. We recommend that we organize a Chi Rho Fellowship in our churches in order to interest more states to have Chi Rho Summer Camps and that we ask the National Planning Committee to concentrate on setting up camps in the Goldsboro Raleigh District, the Piedmont Area, and Texas by 1952.

7. In areas where we can study and practice racial integration, we recommend that the leaders on each side take the initiative steps in bringing about this integration.

8. We must look for leadership from among our conference and CYF students.

9. We must ask that each group is encouraged to meet their goals and be instructed on how to report their money so that offerings sent to UCMS for WCF can be credited to them as distinctly from money reported to our National Convention.

10. Suggested personnel for National Planning Committee for Intermediates:

Mrs. Lennetta Simms, 4213 Washington Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri.
Miss Odie Belle Lewis, 270 East Fourth Street, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. L. Roberts, Fayetteville, N. C.

11. Committee of Bible School Chart:

L. L. Dickerson, Miss Marjorie Hill, A. C. Stone, N. J. Dickerson and C. L. Parks.

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OFFERINGS TO DR. WALKER, JANUARY TO FEBRUARY 19

January, Mount Olivet Church, Baltimore, Maryland $ 62.50
WMS - Twelfth Street Church, Austin, Texas 6.00
February, Mississippi Boulevard 350.00
Council, West Paseo, Kansas City 42.50
Bible School, West Paseo, Kansas City 5.00
Young Adults, Fifth Street Church, Cincinnati 9.25
Mt. Pleasant Bible School, Mathew, Alabama 10.00
Mt. Pleasant Church, WMS 5.00

Look for more next month.
Seventh Street Church, Paris, Kentucky 3.00
First Church, Hermannville, Mississippi (B. S.) 10.00
Second Church, WMS, Frankford, Missouri 12.50
Second Church, CWF, Fulton, Missouri 15.00
Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis 14.73
Centennial Bible School, St. Louis 39.36
Goldsboro, North Carolina, St. Louis Church 15.00
Boley, Oklahoma Bible School 7.45
Pine Street Church, CWF, Tulsa, Oklahoma 15.00
Second Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, CWF 9.00
Second Church, C. G. Musgrove, Oklahoma 5.11
Mississippi Boulevard Church, WMS, Memphis, Tennessee 70.00

For more information, look for The Christian Plea each month.
Youth Section Report

The youth session of the Planning Conference opened with Mr. Virgil Janeway presenting a survey of the Long Range Program of Christian Education and we recommend the following as a program of action:

1. For 1951 the churches of the National Convention should try to have at least 40% of the church in attendance at the youth convention in August. This is a meeting of the young people of our Brotherhood, at which time we will be attending the young people attending the convention.

2. We recommend that the Youth Oratorical Contest be sponsored by the National Convention. The contest will be an oratorical contest and the winner or representatives is to be eligible to compete in the state contest in conjunction with the State Convention; and the winner of the State contest should be eligible for the run-off at the National Convention in session. Under no circumstances will the loser in the State Oratorical Contest be eligible to participate in the National Contest. In those areas where churches are not a part of State Convention, it is also required that those churches hold a contest among their respective winners and the winner of the contest be eligible for the run-off at the National Convention.

3. In the light of the proposed Commission plan for the UCYM and Denominational Youth Fellowships, we recommend that this proposed program of action be tried in 1951 in the following places:
   - Paducah, Kentucky, under the direction of Miss Oscella Mrs. E. G. Starling, and S. C. I., Mr. J. J. Hawkins. After a year trial with these groups, they will make an evaluation of this proposed program and send it to the youth work committee of our Brotherhood.

4. In the light of the long range program, we have about 150 youth groups organized, in the next two years, we recommend that we set our goal for at least 38 new youth groups in the following areas:
   - Florida
   - South Carolina
   - Kansas
   - Oklahoma
   - Arkansas
   - California
   - Tennessee
   - Goldsboro, N. C.

5. Young Peoples Conferences - In the past two years, according to the reports, the attendance at the young peoples summer conferences has increased from 128 tc 399, therefore, we recommend that by 1952 we try to have at least 500 young people attending summer conferences with a study being made for the purpose of observing the young people adequately in Tennessee, Ohio and the Washington-Norfolk District. Although the attendance in conference has increased from 128 to 399 in 1950, our character bond pledges has fallen from $190 in 1948 to $175 in 1950 therefore, we recommend a more adequate program of promotion of character bonds be used in conference with the view of trying to raise our character bond giving to at least $300 by 1952.

6. In the light of the fact that no thing is being done for the advancement of our young people after they finish the four years of conference training, and since many of these young people have been used in some type of advancement training program, we recommend that the year 1951 be used for the purpose of promoting the idea of an advance conference for our young people with the possibility of holding one in 1952 in Kentucky where I can serve the young people finishing the four years of high school conference training.

7. Since we are hoping to expand our training program for the young people in connection with the National Convention which is to be held August, 1951 in Indianapolis at Second Christian Church, we recommend that the churches of our Brotherhood accept as their quota 125 young people in attendance.

8. In the light that we now have one hundred sixteen churches represented in our youth conferences, we recommend that by 1952 we have at least fifty more churches represented in these conferences.

9. We recommend that the following information be required on the CYF Report Blank to the National Christian Missionary Convention:
   - Name and location of Church, Date
   - Name of Pastor, Address, Local Committee
   - President, Address, Local Advisor
   - Address: Do you follow the CYF Committee Plan? The Enrollment?

Number of active members? Do you participate in Youth Week? Do you participate in District Meet? State Meetings? How many young people were sent to Summer Conference? Where? Amount contributed for CWSP? Other causes? Amount sent to the National Conference? List Projects (such as plays, special service to the church, participation in community surveys, etc.)

White House Conference

Terminating four years of intensive planning, the Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth was held in Washington, D. C., December 3-9, 1950. This conference was the fifth in a series of such gatherings called by presidents of the United States in this half century to consider the needs of children in our nation, and in the outstanding results of the conferences have been:

- 1909—Stimulated the creation of Children's Bureau in the Federal Government;
- 1919—Speeded up public demand for child labor laws;
- 1932—Established the Federal Children's Charter; 1940—Pointed up the importance of the child to democracy.

The 1950 conference was the first in which young people have taken part fully and responsibly. It was a gathering of lay citizens, professional workers and public servants who met to work together their separate and mutual problems.

Four members of the national staff of the United Society were in attendance. They were Misses Mabel Betze and Ruth Reynolds, Director of Children's work, and Mr. Russell Harrison, Director of Young People's Work, in the Department of Religious Education; and Mrs. Ruth Estes Miller of the Department of Social Welfare.

Others who represented our churches were Mrs. Paul Campbell, Director of Children's work in Texas, Mr. Thomas Inabinett, Director of Religious Education in North Carolina, Mr. George Gray, Associate President of the CYF Commission, Mrs. J. Eric Carlson, assistant child welfare worker, Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, and Miss Florence Martin, Dayton, Ohio state chairman of children's work.

A full report of the findings of the conference and actions sponsored will be released later.
Should Re-study and Emphasize Purpose
Of National Convention: Reaffirm Faith

The month of April has been designated as National Convention Month. All of our churches have been asked to use some part of this month in some manner to re-study and emphasize the aim and purpose of the Convention, reaffirm our faith in its objectives, and to raise funds to support it.

One of the objectives of our National Convention is to unite some 500 churches and 75,000 members into one great organization dedicated to the promotion of evangelism, Christian education, missions, leadership training, church development information, inspiration, and fellowship.

Now some may quarrel with the methods we have chosen to accomplish these aims, but no one in his or her right mind would find fault with our aims. The basic idea underlying all of our efforts is that, it is impossible for anyone or any few of our churches to do

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Men-Women $100 Movement

Calling for 75 men and women who believe in the Christian Church, and love it enough to give $100.00 to be used for EVANGELISM, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, CHURCH DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND MISSIONS. Wanted just 75, one out of every thousand Negro Disciples, WHO CAN, WHO SHOULD, WHO WILL.

Received to Date

Eld. M. F. Mitchell, Los Angeles, Cal. $100.00
Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn. 100.00

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Anna Belle Jackson
Highly Praised

By Mrs. Charles Mosley,
President of Missionary Organization-Education

It is a privilege, as well as a pleasure, for me to introduce to the Brotherhood our new Director of Missionary

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Miss Anna Belle Jackson
National Director of Missionary Organization and Education
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Letters To Editor

THE PREACHER PROBLEM.

ELD. E. B. JOHNSON, Arkansas

Editor, Christian Plea:

Please allow me a little space to say a few words about our problem of Christian Preachers. In the December issue of The Plea it was said we do not have enough preachers. That is so true; at least we do not have enough of the right kind of preachers.

In my poor judgment I think we ought to have more converted preachers. They are the only kind that can render service pleasing to our Master. When Jesus was here he chose 12 ignorant men to preach the gospel, but all of them were converted.

The Apostle Paul was an educated man, but he was converted too. He said, “I count all things loss that I might gain Christ.” He said that he labored with his hands for his support. I think that any preacher who will just sit down and wait for his congregation to pay him a certain salary for preaching the gospel is not just what he ought to be.

On the other hand, any member of the church who will not make a sacrifice to help support the ministry is not what he or she ought to be. I know of one preacher in the state who tells his small congregation “Brothers and Sisters, of course I highly appreciate anything you do for me, but don’t put yourselves to any strain to pay me any-

Christian Service Minutes

HELD AT
CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
ST. LOUIS, MO., FEB. 2

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thomas Griffin who gave the devotional thought from the 12th chapter of Romans. After the reading of the scripture, we were led in prayer by Rev. W. K. Fox, pastor of Centennial Christian Church. Members attending the meeting were: Mr. Thomas J. Griffin, Mr. Emmett J. Dickson, Mr. Lorenzo J. Evans, Mr. W. K. Fox, President John Long, Mrs. Ross Page Welch, Miss Marge J. Chenault and Mrs. Zellie M. Peoples.

Mr. Griffin was elected chairman of the meeting and Mrs. Peoples was appointed secretary. The tentative agenda was adopted with the provision that other things would be added as the need became apparent.

The purpose of the meeting as stated by Mrs. Welch was: (1) to get the thinking of a few interested key people on the best plans and procedures for recruiting more Negro young people for full-time Christian service; and (2) to make recommendations to the National Convention staff through which such plans and procedures may be initiated.

Miss Chenault, representing Mr. C. H. Webb who could not be present, made the following points:

I am looking for my pay up the road.

May God bless those kind of preachers. I was much surprised to learn in the above mentioned issue of The Plea that neither Jarvis nor S. C. I. primarily concerned with recruiting and training men for the ministry. If that is true, why do we support them? I am not opposed to education. We all need it. But education doesn’t make a preacher.

It takes conversion plus natural ability. Without these the preacher might as well expect to fail. We have some preachers who contend that the Christian Church is another organization separate from the Church of Christ. But they can’t prove it with the Scriptures. Before one can become a member of Christ’s Church he must be a Christian. May I repeat? I am surprised that neither Jarvis nor S.C.I. have as their main objective the training of preachers.

Brethren, what shall we do about it? If we can’t depend on our schools to prepare men for the ministry, how will we do it?

a sweeping survey of our present ministry pointing up the following facts:

There is a justifiable and deep concern throughout the Brotherhood for our ministry. The reasons for this anxiety are many, outstanding among them are:

1. The need for a trained ministry.

2. There are only a very few now in training. Three young men are at present enrolled in seminaries. Relief from our present problem seems distant.

3. Over four-fifths of the present active ministers have reached the danger zone in age. Since this project was first proposed, two outstanding pastors have died. We have no replacements.

4. There are almost three-hundred churches without pastors. Many of them are frequently without preaching for months.

5. Opportunities to establish new churches in fertile fields or to receive congregations desiring to be a part of our brotherhood must be turned down in most cases because we cannot furnish or even promise a minister for a new church.

6. The Protestant Faith in general, Disciples teachings in particular, would find many more readily responsive ears and hearts with an adequate ministry.

WE HAVE NOT been completely without means for formal training of Negro ministers. The present leadership of our Brotherhood is made up of individuals who have taken advantage of educational opportunities presented by:

1. Missions schools such as Southern Christian Institute, Jarvis College, Lumm Institute, Louisville Bible School, Piedmont Christian Institute, etc.

2. Certain colleges including Hiram and Eureka.

3. Seminaries located in advantage-

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Anna Belle Jackson
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Organization-Education.

Miss Anna Belle Jackson comes to us highly recommended by the leaders of her state and members of the faculty of Jarvis Christian College, her Alma Mater, in Hawkins, Texas.

It is fortunate for both Missionary Organization-Education and Miss Jackson that we have the opportunity to work cooperatively. The Missionary Organization-Education Department of the National Christian Missionary Convention will have advantage of her youth and new ideas; while Miss Jackson will have advantage of the counsel and experience of those dedicated to His service.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, for getting the things of the past, let us press forward to the mark of high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

"Dear Christian Friends:

"In accepting the position of National Director of Missionary Organization-Education and women's work, I find it quite difficult to put into words what I really feel in my heart.

"As ye begin our work together, let us look to God for guidance that we might make even greater accomplishments in the days that we must serve.

"I come to you with the prayer in my heart that through your cooperation and helpfulness I might be able to render a notable service to the Kingdom of God through you.

"I realize that I follow the paths of great women who have served before me and have shown undying devotion

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The basic idea upon which organized society rests is that, people united together can accomplish much more for the common good. The "ancient covenants" philosophy is out of date. "No man liveth to himself." Neither can a church live unto itself and fulfill its God-given mission.

If men want to survive, they must unite for self-preservation. If they want to progress they must bind themselves together for moral, spiritual and intellectual attainment. Building such an organization as we are attempting to do, is a long hard task. For more than 30 years we have labored diligently and the job is not yet finished.

But today we stand "facing the rising sun" of our new day begun. Let us march on until victory is won." Our big job is to sell the National Convention to our people who have been rooted and grounded in "rugged individualism in religion." We have had so much liberty that many of us refuse to let even the Cause of Christ be our master.

Somewhere we must make our people understand that we need the National Convention. That is necessary to future progress and well being. This is, first of all, a job for our preachers. No people can progress beyond the vision, courage and initiative of their leaders. If our preachers fail to lead our people to greater heights they will always be floundering in the valley of defeat and despair.

It is up to our preachers to make the National Convention live and serve its purpose. We may not be able to make the Convention all it should be, but we can leave those who come after us a heritage of dreams and aspirations and concrete achievements toward a worthy goal. Our present day ministers have inherited too much from their predecessors not to leave something worthwhile to their successors.

It is also the responsibility of our staff to sell the National Convention to our people. There are several ways in which the staff can do this. First, by the type of service they render. It is also the responsibility of the elected officers and board members and trustees to sell the Convention.

These elected officials represent some 30 churches and 15 states and the District of Columbia. In these 15 states are some 400 of our churches and 95 per cent of our members. If we could get our preachers, the staff, all of our elected officers and the 63 odd members of the Recommendations Committee to enthusiastically promote and support the National Convention we could accomplish more in the next five years than we have in the past 30 years.

The opportunity is ours, the time is now. The question: Will we arise to the occasion and acquit ourselves in a manner befitting our calling, our heritage and our responsibilities.

Dean, Two Teachers
Fired at S. C. I.; No
Explanation Given

Dean C. C. Mosley and two other teachers at S. C. I. received letters of dismissal from the president of that institution, John Long, this month. He informed them that their services at the school would terminate at the close of this school year.

No reason for the dismissal was given. When the reporter tried to reach the president for an interview, he was away from the campus.

It was learned, however, that these teachers have been known for their outstanding leadership and efficient work in their respective fields throughout their many years of service there.

What's wrong with S.C.I.? A thorough investigation would reveal that the Negroes are best prepared academically for the classroom work. That the program in the schoolroom and on the farm has been built up by the Negro leadership is a well known fact to the people locally and all others who know what is actually going on at S.C.I.

All of those who live in the community know that Burnett Jacobs built up the farm to the point where it produced a large amount of the cash income which supported the school. Then Mr. Jacobs was demoted and another man was put over the farm who knew absolutely nothing about farm management. When he failed completely Mr. Jacobs was again put in charge.

We know that the U.C.M.S. and the general public have been told through moving pictures, slides and news releases about the wonderful work which has been done by those who have come down from the North at great sacrifices, but if the truth were known, some other faces would be shown in some of the pictures and some other names would appear in some of the stories.

The Christian Calendar

Eld. Lorence Evans, National Director of Christian Education for the National Christian Missionary Convention, was elected to the executive committee (Continued On Page 7)

to the causes of Kingdom building. It is with this realization fully in mind that I accept this task as a challenge—a challenge to put my shoulder to the wheel, my hands to the plow and my feet in the paths of righteousness.

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ous points—Drake, Butler, Howard University, Gammon Theological Seminary.

4. Other more or less independent organizations of rather recent creation. Outstanding of these are Winston-Salem Bible School and Louisville School of the Scriptures.

We live in the hope that the prospects for the future will continue to brighten. Already some discriminatory practices in many select Southern schools are being outlawed and there is also the prospect of full rating for our school, Jarvis Christian College, in Texas.

If the prohibitive factor of personal subsistence can be removed as a burden from the ministerial student, the way will be cleared for the push forward. It is to this end that the new project, the Butler Fellowship Center, is conceived and for that cause it must be developed."

In addition to this report, Mr. Dickson stated that there are only two full-time pastors in the combined three states of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi; that only eight of our Negro churches are using pastors with a salary above $2-700 per year; that we do not have a single Negro church fully staffed; and that our ministerial support is woefully inadequate.

A statistical analysis of Negro conference recruits was given by Mrs. Peoples. This analysis showed the number of Negro conference recruits listed with the Recruitment Committee of the UCMS for the past three years; their academic classification; their expressed interest; and the states represented.

It revealed that only 46 Negro recruits representing six states had been listed during that three years from 1947 to the present time. Out of this 46 commitments, only 15 are in training or in full-time service, or can be accounted for.

**AFTER SOME discussion on these two presentations, a review of the sources of finance available for recruitment revealed that the chief ones are as follows:**

A. The Crusade Fund. It was suggested by Mr. Long that since the Crusade is nearing completion, we should try to increase the allotment for scholarship aid from that fund.

B. Scholarships:

a. State Scholarship Funds (Kentucky, Ohio and Texas).

b. Schools of Religion.

c. Christian Board of Publication grants $1,000 to a student who is recommended by certain schools.

d. The Taylor Estate.

e. Ministers’ Wives Fellowship.

f. Competitive literary work such as the Parshad Award.

g. Mrs. J. E. Walker promises to give $400 a year to a deserving young man who wishes to train for preaching.

The question of placement of recruits after they complete their preparation for discussion. The greatest hindrance to the placement of these recruits after they are out of school was summed up in the statement made by Mr. Dickson above and it stood out in bold relief as follows: “THE MINISTERIAL SUPPORT IN NEGRO CHURCHES IS WOEFULLY INADEQUATE.” However, the following suggestions were made which might help:

1. Keep on file in the National Convention Office a record of church vacancies; inform available leadership of these vacancies and recommend to these vacant churches the leaders which are deemed by the national office to be the types of leaders who best fit their particular situation.

2. Try to arrange with the local churches a five-year tenure at the minimum salary for that state or area until that particular church becomes self-supporting. In this way the beginning worker can be assured of a substantial salary while he and the church grow together and become financially independent.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That Mr. Webb be asked to make “Recruitment” one of the main items on his Agenda for the Minister’s Institutes.

2. That a strong challenge to ministers be made about their own responsibility in recruiting young people for full-time Christian work, urging them to use caution in the selection of young people for scholarship aid. Such young people should be active in their local churches and making some effort independently to prepare for Christian service.

3. That there be key people in every area and state to follow up on all volunteers, such persons to be contacted by Mr. Webb and kept abreast of the progress being made from time to time.

4. That the persons present at this meeting form the Committee on Recruitment for Negro Leadership.

5. That this committee be sent the list of Negro volunteers two or three times a year so that we may write to encourage them in their efforts to prepare for Christian service.

6. That some Negroes be added to the recruitment teams which make annual visits to college campuses, especially to those teams which visit the Negro colleges.

7. That we ascertain what can be done in the way of developing slides or films showing a poor example and a good example of ministerial leadership. The film entitled “The Difference” is an example of what might be done.

8. That we look into the possibility of organizing Disciple Student Fellowships (DSFs) on Negro college campuses. A Disciple Student Fellowship is the organized group of Christian Church students on college and university campuses in North America. Mrs. Welch volunteered her services in this effort.

She stated that since she visits many college campuses in her work, she would be happy to make whatever investigation is necessary and will help in the process of setting up these DSFs wherever possible.

9. That the following directive be issued to the Ministers of our Negro Churches:

a. Send to the National Convention Office or to the Recruitment Committee the names and addresses of any young people in your congregation who have exhibited outstanding ability, and talent, and have expressed a desire to prepare for religious work.

b. Keep the National Convention Office informed of the whereabouts and progress of all volunteers from your congregation. Manifest a deep concern for the welfare of these volunteers at all times.

c. Counsel with prospective young recruits if at all possible and encourage them to enter the ministry by pointing out the “good” features of this vocation.

d. Send qualified young people to certain youth meetings for personal enrichment and for the enrichment of the local church. There are lay persons who, although not qualified to preach, might be helpful in the recruitment program.

e. Stress the ministerial standards of the Effective Ministry to lay men as well as to ministerial leadership.

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Minister Issues Challenge

Homer W. Carpenter, minister of the First Christian Church of Louisville, Ky., has presented a dynamic appeal to laymen and ministers to go all out in doing their part to build a world capable of survival in a new book entitled "The Future Is Now."

Recognizing that in the midst of war, or a peace bristling with armaments, few can seek a solution to the problems that beset us, Mr. Carpenter with clear thinking and a forceful pen has re-examined the fundamental principles upon which our country was founded and crystallized them into practical form to guide us in the days ahead.

With faith in God and understanding of the creative forces at work in our democracy, "The Future Is Now" challenges Americans to offer a living demonstration for all the world that they are on the side of human freedom and moral decency . . . by facing the problem of race and color . . . by achieving a political renaissance . . . by uniting the divided church of God . . . by reenacting the spirit of the pioneers . . . by finding controls for our speed and power . . . by balancing the scales of social justice . . . by guaranteeing the right to earn a living.

"The Future Is Now" is published by the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Mo.

April: Convention Month

L. J. EVANS,
National Director Christian Ed.

Dear Christian Friends:

April is National Convention month during which time you should make a special effort to better acquaint your co-workers with the convention and its program. As you know it is our primary purpose to serve every local church be it large or small, city or rural with the total program of christian education.

We feel that we can render a better service to you and reach more churches by working through your state committee of the national convention. We are counting on your local church to help us achieve this goal.

I am asking all superintendents and youth sponsors to register their school and youth groups in the national convention which is to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana with the Second Christian Church, August 21-26.

Your school should register with at least $5, and your youth group $3. Register during national convention month. We hope that every school and youth group will be registered by the time the convention meets in August. Send your registration to Dr. J. E. Walker, National Convention Treasurer.

Manual For Conducting Evangelistic Work Made

A manual of detailed directions for conducting successful evangelistic work through the fellowship, study and service groups of the church has recently been published under the title of "Fellowship Evangelism Through Church Groups." The author is Harry C. Munro, head of the Department of Religious Education, Brite College of the Bible, Texas Christian University.

The methods, charts and other resource materials presented have been adapted for local church use from the program developed by Harry Munro for the National Christian Teaching Mission in which some forty Protestant denominations cooperated.

Churches seeking a fresh approach to evangelism will find these procedures carefully planned steppingstones for efficient work with lay groups. Problems of obtaining a leader, getting laymen to accept responsibilities, finding "lost" persons, carrying out a program of fellowship cultivation, preparing people for intelligent Christian discipleship and planning a program of churchmanship are adequately discussed and the "why" of each suggested step is clearly explained.

"Fellowship Evangelism Through Church Groups" is published by the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Missouri.
National Youth Oratorical Contest Begins

Your National Youth Project must be under way now. This project, the National Youth Oratorical Contest, is to include all youth of a state or Convention area in youth activities of the National Christian Missionary Convention Disciples of Christ.

This has been accepted by the National, State and youth leaders attending the Fall Planning Conference, Indiana November 24-25, 1950 and approved by the Board of Trustees of the National Convention.

Purpose: This project will seek to obtain the following objectives: To develop expression or original thought and work. To encourage youth in the local church to become aware of their responsibility as Christians and dedicate themselves to the task.

To develop Christian leaders in order that they might find their place in the community.

To encourage and promote Christian training. To help the brotherhood realize the strength of its youth and in so doing join hands with them in helping to build a strong National Youth program.

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

To help youths become better acquainted with contemporary problems and issues.

1. Participants must be Christian young people and active members of Disciple churches between the ages of 16-24 inclusive, and have completed at least two years of high school training and not more than one year of college training. Young people within the age limit, out of high school, holding a job but have 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 the State contest be eligible for the “run-offs” at the National Convention in session.

Under no circumstances will the loser in the State Oratorical Contest be eligible to participate in the National Contest. In those areas where churches are not a part of State Conventions, it is also required that those churches hold a contest among their respective winners and the winner of that contest be eligible for the “run off” at the National Convention.

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 twelve minutes to deliver his oration and it must be done 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 and (h) animation.

6. Scholarship awards will be given to the National winners. First award, (non-transferable) $100. Second award, (non-transferable) $50.

7. If the winner does not enter 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, 1951 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 or convention, name of church representing—pastor, participation, if any, in local youth group of the church and in what field of endeavor do you plan to work?


Evangelism Head Speaks

of Arkansas. The occasion was a Conference on Evangelism, the meeting was well attended and truly enjoyable by all.

We can thank God for such a well prepared and able leader as Eld. Webb, and we can truly say with the Disciple of old, “our hearts burned within us,” as he reasoned with us from The Word. From the ninth chapter of Luke he brought many wonderful thoughts and examples of our Saviour as He sent forth His Disciples, their hearts aglow with the fire of Evangelism.

Among the many timely and vivid truths highlighting the discussion this one seems to linger and soars in the face “we must justify our existence in the world,” why shouldn’t we? The pioneers believed in us and Jesus commands. Dare we fail?

If the Disciples of the State accept the plan suggested by Eld. Webb, and we believe we shall, there will be a great ingathering of souls for our Master.

The brethren were greeted in the true spirit of disciples by the host church, Cross St. Christian and the pastor.

Ivery Wallace Ordained In Detroit Ceremony

Ivery Wallace Harvey, Jr., was formally ordained Sunday, February 25, at the United Christian Church in Detroit;

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National Crusade Goals Stopped

The promotion of the Crusade goals on a national level, as far as the Crusade is concerned, will cease on February 25. This decision means that no new plans or procedures will be launched nationally after this date.

In other words, new business will be inaugurated. However, there will be unfinished business to be completed.

What is included in the unfinished business? Many churches have plans to complete their financial goal which will not be accomplished by February 25. Such churches will, of course, carry out their plans. If such churches desire assistance from state or national workers, then they will need to do is make a request and the service will be rendered.

However, it is not the plan for a new approach to be made by the national Crusade office. This may be summarized by saying that churches have been asked to reach their financial goal in cash commitments or plans by February 25.

This leaves the commitments to be met by the church on the accepted plans to be put in operation following February 25.

A large number of individuals have been called upon for the purpose of securing a special gift. In many cases the matter has not been completed on the first visit. All such prospects will be seen again after February 25 where there seems to be a possibility of a gift being made.

At the same time it will not be the policy to make calls on prospects not seen before February 25.

The Crusade treasury will continue to be ready to receive funds after February 25.

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Rev. R. L. Jordan, pastor, presiding. Mr. Harvey is a graduate of Wayne University of the same city.

The ordination sermon was delivered by G. Arthur Valetine, Minister of North Western Christian Church. Mr. Thomas W. Courts, pastor of Vermont Christian Church, Flint, Mich.; Mr. S. V. Mattson, Executive Secretary of Michigan Christian Missionary Society; Mr. C. A. Smith, President of the United Council of Christian Churches of Greater Detroit; and Mr. Louis O. Mink, Minister of Bethany Christian Church, and Chairman of the Crusade in Michigan were also participants.

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of the Leadership Education Section of the Division of Christian Education, of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in February.

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The Florida State Convention will meet with the Evergreen Christian Church in Jacksonville, July 5-8—Eld. P. J. Jackson, State President.

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The State Board and Program Committee of the Ohio State Convention will meet in Columbus Saturday, April 21, at 10 a.m.

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The Women’s Missionary Society of the Ohio State Convention will hold their Missionary Institute and Conference in Columbus Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21. Registration fee is $4.25.

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f. Make immediate reply to requests for reference information on any volunteer who submits your name as a source of reference.

g. Remember that Recruitment is a part of your Evangelistic Mission. Keep everlastingly at the job!

10. That a copy of this meeting be sent to all persons who were invited to share in this experience.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by President Long.
Train Our Young People
For Future Leadership

The church is becoming more aware of its need as well as its responsibility to train its local leaders, especially the prospective youth leaders, who are assuming leadership duties. Centennial Christian Church School introduced such a program of training at the beginning of the 1949-50 church school year under the leadership of Miss Bessie E. Chandler.

The college age youth and older young people were members of this class designed to prepare teachers for the church school. These people had grown up through the graded system of the Church school and were now in college and some of them doing apprenticeship teaching in the St. Louis school system.

They were interested in becoming teachers in the church school and felt a need for preparation in the teaching of religion. They all had the interest, capacity for growth, and willingness to work in the church school, therefore it became apparent the church school should give them additional Christian educational background and training in educational procedures to effectively teach boys and girls.

A tentative curriculum was worked out in order that the students would have varied training experiences. Many learning situations were provided for the class; these are listed below:

1. A study of several first series leadership training courses.
2. Observation of trained church school teachers in the teaching and guiding of the boys and girls and the intermediate youth in Christian living.
3. Evaluation of observations.
4. Listening and participating in group discussion under the leadership of Guest Teachers who were especially prepared for special phases of Christian Education work.
5. Practice teaching under the guidance of the department principal or an experienced teacher.
6. Projected teaching films.
7. Observing children of their neighborhood or younger brothers and sisters.
8. Sharing teaching experience as apprentices with members of the class.

These young people have about completed a year's work in the class close the summer and fall quarters in which they as teachers under guidance of the experienced leaders, and have continuing study and reading as directed by instructor.

In a conference with their teacher each youth expressed deep appreciation for the year's experiences had meant to them and in one accord asked that the class might be continued this year with advanced work in preparation for regular teaching work in the church school.

Has your church become aware of its responsibility to train its leaders?

New Text for Primary Leader

A complete revision of Hazel Lewis' earlier leadership training text for primary leaders has just come off the press. Miss Lewis, editor of children's publications for the Christian Board of Education, has long been highly regarded as a practical teacher and writer by church school leaders, both within and outside the brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ.

In this new book Miss Lewis discloses her experiences and helps the church can give primary children. She tells practical ways of establishing a closer working relationship between home and church. She gives plans for improving conditions in the Primary Department through supervision and training. Other subjects treated are: essentials for choosing church school equipment wisely and arranging it effectively, materials to use, how to plan primary sessions, methods of effective departmental organization and administration, and means of meeting the child's religious and social needs in their expanding world.
Cross Street Church Is Living Example of Christian Progress, Achievement

The Plea is proud to present another one of our very fine Churches as well as Churchmen: The Cross Street Christian and the pastor, Elder O. B. Garner.

The Cross Street Christian Church had its beginning in the early part of the Eighteenth Century. Elder M. T. Matlock was one of the early preachers who preached to a small group of Disciples in an empty building near Tenth and Spring Sts., in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas.

The work moved on under this guide, until later when Brothers Tipton, W. T. York and J. C. Guydon became interested in the Disciples movement here in the city. Much time was spent in trying to secure a permanent place to worship. Temporary buildings and halls held the worship for this group until finally a small house was purchased by them on Park Street.

This building housed the State Convention, which met in the City of Little Rock.

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Dr. George Buckner Elected President of Church Press Group

Dr. George Walker Buckner, Jr., of Indianapolis, Ind., editor of World Call, was elected president of the Associated Church Press, national interdenominational council of the editors and managers of Protestant periodicals, on March 30. The biennial election took place at the annual meeting in Washington, D. C.

As Associated Church Press president Dr. Buckner succeeded Dr. Harold E. Fay, managing editor of The Christian Century, Chicago, and a former World Call editor. As vice president of the Church Press, Dr. Fay filled a vacancy caused by the death of President Davis.

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Rosa Page Welch Inspires Meeting On Woman’s Day

By VERLESTA HICKS, Dayton, Oio.

March 11th, Woman’s Day, was a day to be long remembered at Summit Church. Sponsored by the Christian Women’s Fellowship, we were fortunate to secure as guest for the day our own “Ambassador of Good Will,” Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, who had just been awarded a national citation by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for distinguished service in the cause of brotherhood.

She brought to the congregation at the 10:45 a. m. worship service a message of faith, hope and challenge. Before which she sang fervently “My Prayer.”

At the 3:00 P. M. program

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but they took my membership with the Campbell Street Christian Church, believing in the principles and the truth found in the doctrine; and of my family, four were added by baptism.

The church had been off and on pastorless for three years and spiritual conditions were low, but few as we were in membership we met every Lord's Day, sang and prayed and gave to ourselves the Lord's Supper.

Then in our despair came a ray of hope, our prayers were answered when God gave to us Elder A. R. Rey. In spite of his full time duties at Paducah, Brother Rey has given himself to us one Sunday in every month and for the past year has with much sacrifice kept every appointment.

This is my appeal to our brothers and sisters to remember us in prayer—pray with us that God's blessings continue. You'll understand when I say that I am happy; our church has new life.

Under the leadership of Elder Rey this year we have been able to respond to our obligations to our state work after several years of silence.

Also a very much needed rest room with all modern fixtures has been added to our building. Other plans in our program call for painting of the structure and a new furnace. Please pray for us that our church continue to grow.

Sometimes my friends laugh at me because we are few and because we do not have a big church but I don't mind if my parents desire only that we know the truth since "the truth shall make you free."

CONSTELLA WIMBERLY, Reporter.

Avalon Christian Church
To Entertain National Missionary Convention

Executive Committee.
National Christian Missionary Convention,
222 South Downey Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
Attention: Rev. Emmett J. Dickson.
Executive Secretary.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Greetings from the Avalon Christian Church and the Household of the Faith in California.

In response to your recent request, in accordance with recommendation Number 17 that the Avalon Church, with the

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Protection For All Churches, Pastors Result of Pension Plan; 1008 Reap Benefits

They are dependent upon careful, intelligent planning. For the minister and the church, more Protection and Security comes as a result of Pension Plan membership than can be secured anywhere else for the same amount of money.

DUES: The minister pays 2 1/2 per cent of his salary. The church pays an amount equal to 8 per cent of the minister's salary. Where a parsonage is provided rent free, 15 per cent of the monthly cash salary is added to the monthly salary as the basis on which the 2 1/2 per cent and the 8 per cent are figured.

THE PENSION PLAN PROVIDES:

1. An income on retirement after age 65, equal to 1/70th of all salary upon which the required dues have been paid. When the member dies in retirement, one-half of the member's pension is paid to the widow until death or remarriage.

2. A cash death benefit in the event of death in active service amounting to 75 per cent of the current salary, but not to exceed $1,000.00. Pensions are also provided for the widow and minor children of members who die in active service.

3. A pension for total and permanent disability after 12 months of membership and before reaching age 65, amounting to 40 per cent of the last five years' average salary, but not to exceed $600 per year. Pensions are also provided for the widow and minor children of those who died while receiving a disability pension.

MEMBERS: There are 4,286 active members of the Pension Plan, and 1,008 who are receiving benefits. The active members are supported by 4,656 eight per cent accounts. Churches large and small are enrolled in the Pension Plan.

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
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Avalon Christian Church
To Entertain Convention
In California

(Continued From Page 2) help of the other Christian Churches of California, entertain the National Christian Missionary Convention in 1952, we are soulfully gratified to report at a meeting of the church on February 18, 1951, a motion was passed that the invitation be extended.

We assure that our entertainment will be of the best quality, in keeping with the good reputation of the State of California, and a credit to the Brotherhood. We churches of California count this a privilege to have this gracious opportunity which will help measurably to advance the cause of Christ on the coast.

With every good wish for your success and that of the Convention, we are Yours in Christ,

AVALON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
T. L. Pratt, Chairman, Official Board.

Mississippi Church Has Much Success
First Part of Year

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

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, under the leadership of Elder Blair T. Hunt, has had much success the first three months of 1951. Sunday was a high day—spiritually, numerically and financially.

Being "Decision Day" nine Bible School pupils made the decisions to follow Christ by baptism. There were 150 in attendance at Bible School. At 11 o'clock service, the auditorium was well filled to the extent additional chairs

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Mississippi Church

Nearly 4,000 Individuals

Nearly 4,000 individuals received the services of Mexican Christian Institute at San Antonio, Texas, during 1950. E. G. Luna, institute director, gave this report at the annual meeting of the MCI advisory board February 8.

One of the six home missions institutions supported by the brotherhood through the United Christian Missionary Society, MCI is a community center for Mexican-Americans living in the surrounding neighborhood. Activities there last year attracted a total attendance of 72,867 persons.

This service program included a daily kindergarten, after-school clubs for boys and girls, daily supervised playground, classes in crafts, cooking, sewing, English and citizenship and a circulating library.

Public health services were offered to the people through cooperation with the San Antonio City Health Department, which sent nurses and doctors to the weekly clinics for babies, expectant mothers, and for immunization of small children. More than 1600 individuals were examined and treated in the MCI clinics in 1950.

PUERTO RICAN churches growing steadily. Next to Africa, Puerto Rico has the largest church membership of any of the Disciples mission fields, it was reported to the board of trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society in March. Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, secretary of the department of Latin-American missions, in making the report cited the increase in membership in Puerto Rican churches last year.

In 1950 there were 627 baptisms as compared with 517 baptisms in 1949. Offerings in these churches totaled $81,700 in 1950, showing an increase over the 1949 giving which totaled $85,700.

A fruitful, growing field, Puerto Rico now has 41 organized churches. Total church membership on the field is 5,461. Most of the leadership responsibility is carried by nations as Disciples of Christ have only four missionaries in Puerto Rico.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Williams are stationed at Union Theological Seminary, Rio Piedras, and the Garland Farmers at McLean Conference Grounds, Bayamon.


Dr. Buckner New President

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The clubs were organized by Mrs. Lucille Rhine Woods, Music Director, Hamilton High School, and assisted by Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Executive Secretary Negro Chamber of Commerce and National Negro Business League.

In the next issue of The Plea, I will tell you about the success of our An-
nual Women’s Spring Drive to be held the fourth Sunday in April. The chair-
man of the drive this year is Mrs. E. B. Snell, bookkeeper at the Tri-State Bank.
She has as her co-chairman, Mrs. Ann L. Hall, who teaches in the City School System.

Purpose of the Associated Church Press is “to stimulate higher standards of religious journalism in order to en-
able its member publications to render more useful service and to exert a more positive and constructive Christian in-
fluence on contemporary civilization.”

The Associated Church Press is con-
servatively estimated to represent more
than 5,000,000 readers of more than
100 publications.

Work of Usher’s Fellowship Success

Dear President:

The work of the Ushers’ Fellowship Union was a grand success last year through the efforts of the officers and fellow ushers. The Convention was very pleased with us. We must strive to make this year even more successful, both fi-

cancially and attendance. This means that we must work hard and prayerfully
to accomplish our goal.

We are asking you to help organize
usher boards in your State and Local
Churches by providing them with the
necessary information concerning the
Ushers’ Fellowship Union. Any boards

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Mrs. Welch led the gathering in several harmonious Negro spirituals with the great ability which is hers. She then held the audience to pinfall quietness when she sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "He Was Despised," from Handel's Messiah.

From 4:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M. a Fellowship Tea was in progress in the social room where friends and well wishers of our guest met and chatted with her. With "I Would Be True" as theme for a most beautiful and impressive Candlelight and Baptismal Service, to which Mrs. Welch contributed "My God and I," the day came to a close.

Our offering for the day, $721.46, made the day a financial success as well as spiritual. Our members worked well to promote the Christlike fellowship that was enjoyed by all; however, we owe much to Mrs. Welch, whose very smile depicts true christianity and uttermost faith in God. To the many honors already bestowed on her—and duly merited, may we add humbly.

"None but Jesus could be her Guide With a smile and voice so heavenly; May she ever and always portray to others The things He taught in Galilee."

Work of Ushers (Continued from Page 4)

wishing to order the Ushers' Manuals may do so by writing to: MRS. RUBY RAMSEY, 4920 Forrestville Ave., Chicago 15, Ill. The price is twenty-five cents (25c) per copy or six for one dollar and two cents ($1.02) plus postage.

Our work is not finished until we have organized boards in every Church in the brotherhood.

As doorkeepers of God's house, we realize that one of the great needs of the Church is a more cordial welcome for those who come to worship therein, especially the strangers. Let each one of us ask ourselves a question: "Am I an alert usher?" The answers to that question are: (a) Always be on the watch for the lonely and down-hearted; (b) The tired and hungry one; "please don't push them aside for they may be angels;" (c) The fault finder—always give him a smile. To be a courageous usher, one must have faith in God. I ask you then, ushers and usherettes—"Lend a hand, a courageous one."

Remember the theme of the 54th National Christian Missionary Convention, from "Words to Work." The "National Ushers' Day" throughout the brotherhood was the second Sunday in March. Each board was asked to raise twenty-five dollars ($25.00) on that day. Did you have your program on that day? If not, please do so by Sunday, June 3rd, 1951. The type of program was to be decided by each individual board.

As you know, this money is raised to help defray the expenses of the ushers' work in the National Convention. Each year our expenses are higher, therefore, we must raise two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) this year. Let us try hard to raise our quota.

We realize we are late getting started with our work this year, but without finance, we cannot do anything.

We expect to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
RUBY RAMSEY, President.
ELMA M. DUPREE, Secretary.
5928 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 37, Illinois.

The National Youth Project
To Include Many Areas

Dear Friend:

Your National Youth Project MUST be under way now. This project, the National Youth Oratorical Contest, is to include all youth of a state or convention area in youth activities of the National Christian Missionary Convention Disciples of Christ.

This has been accepted by the National, State and youth leaders attending the Fall Planning Conference on Christian Education in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 24-25, 1950, and approved by the Board of Trustees of the National Convention.

PURPOSE: This project will seek to obtain the following objectives: To develop expression or original thought and work.

To encourage youth in the local church to become aware of their responsibility as Christians and dedicate themselves to the task. To develop Christian leaders in order that they might find their places in the community. To encourage and promote Christian training. To help the brotherhood realize the strength of its youth and in so doing, join hands with them in helping to build a strong National Youth program.

To help youth realize that formal training is a MUST if they are to cope favorably with the world in which they find themselves. To help youth become better acquainted with contemporary problems and issues.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: 1.

Participants must be Christian young people and active members of Disciple churches between the ages of 16-24 inclusive, and have completed at least two years of high school training and not more than one year of college training. Young people within the age limit, out of high school, holding a job but have 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 the State contest be eligible for the "run-offs" at the National Convention in session. Under no circumstances will the loser in the State Oratorical Contest be eligible to participate in the National Contest. In those areas where church are not a part of State Conventions, it is also required that these churches hold a contest among their respective winners and the winner of that contest be eligible for the "run off" at the National Convention.

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 twelve minutes to deliver his oration and it MUST be done without manuscript or (Continued on Page 6)
Evangelism and...
Church Development

By CHARLES H. WEBB,
Director

Easter has come and gone. Many churches across the Brotherhood enjoyed the rich evangelistic experience with preaching campaigns, visitation projects and the resulting in gathering of souls for the Kingdom of God. I would urge all pastors and evangelists to please send a report of the additions on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday to me at 222 South Downey.

Simply get a penny post card, write on it the name of the church and the number of additions on each of the two Sundays, then sign it and drop it into the mail box. When we have the reports they will be published in the Christian Plea and a copy sent to the Christian Evangelist.

The State Conferences on Evangelism which we told you about in an earlier issue of the "Christian Plea," have all been held except one. The conference in the Baltimore area had to be postponed for two reasons:

In the first place the Mt. Olivet, Baltimore church, had to decline the hasting detail because of difficulties arising out of their moving to the new home, and then the president, Elder D. L. Kinard, was seriously injured in an accident and was unable to follow up on the promotion. It is hoped that this meeting can be held soon.

This tour of the Brotherhood to hold twelve conferences with state committees was indeed one of the richest experiences of my life. Of course there is no question but that it was the most taxing field trip I have taken yet.

The schedule was necessarily very close, and the mental burden of carrying the complete responsibility of bookkeeping, presiding, filling in for some absentees, was trying, to say the least. I was more sensitive than ever before to the complexities of bus travel in some sections of the country. In the midst of the tour it was necessary to consult a physician about my condition. It was my mind.

The very wonderful response of all the people who shared with us in this project more than compensated for inconveniences encountered between

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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; second award (non-transferable), $50.00.

7. If the winner does not enter 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 representing—Pastor; What participation, if any, in local youth group of the church; In what field of endeavor do you plan to work?

11. Topic: GREATER THINGS THROUGH CHRISTIAN SERVICE—Youth Section of the Fall Planning Conference; Virgil January, Chairman; Lorenzo J. Evans, Director Religious Education.
Time To Share and Support National Christian Missionary Convention

By Marjorie E. Chenault

PROMOTION—April . . . National Convention month.

As you know, it was voted in the National Convention that April would be the month set aside for special promotion of the program of the National Christian Missionary Convention. This month is the time of sharing and supporting the National Convention budget of $9,700.00. An offering given in your church each Sunday in April will help you to reach your goal and to promote the total program of the convention.

NATIONAL PROJECT — The National Project for the Women's Missionary Organizations Education Department will be gifts for Goldsboro Christian Institute in Goldsboro, North Carolina. This is a school for the training of ministers and Christian workers.

However, at the present time it is being used for special projects such as Ministers' Institutes, Laymen's Study Projects, and Young People's Summer Conferences.

Before the Institute can fully carry out its objectives, the following needs must be met: (Minimum), 240 single sheets, 120 pillow cases, 100 bath towels, 50 hand towels, 75 knives, forks and spoons each, kitchen utensils, and money. The presentation of these gifts, coming from all of our churches over the brotherhood, will be during our annual session of the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, August, 1951.

All gifts may be sent to Miss Anna Belle Jackson, care Rev. R. H. Peoples, Second Christian Church, 2901 North Kenwood, Indianapolis, Indiana.

VISITORS: Mrs. Alva Shackelford Brown of Memphis, Tennessee, former director of Missionary Organizations and Education for the National Christian Missionary Convention, visited our office during the last month while attending a meeting at Missions Building.

Rev. L. L. Dickerson, vice president of the National Christian Missionary Convention dropped in for a few minutes on his return trip to Columbus, Ohio.

INFORMATION: Plans are now in the making for our national program committee meeting May 7, 1951, at Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Board of Trustees meeting May 8, 1951, at the same church and place.

After each meeting, you shall receive as soon as possible the final plans for our 35th annual session of the National Christian Missionary Convention to convene in Indianapolis in August.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: The executive secretary has reported successful results from his Passion Week services in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, at the Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, Rev. W. H. Brown, pastor. He has promoted during the month of March the needs of our convention and why we must all contribute to the program of the convention, especially during the month of April.

He states that we have received from our churches less than $1,000.00 since the annual session of our convention in Memphis, Tennessee, last August; whereby our regular payroll and program points.

In the twelve conferences held, 95 per cent of the people expected were present. All together there were 146 state workers in attendance in addition to seventeen resource leaders. More than seventy local churches were represented.

There were three major emphasis in all of these meetings: Evangelism in the local church and church school, planning for evangelism in the state and ministerial recruitment. The result or success of this project I think will be manifested in one or all of several ways:

1. The implementation of the program by the use of a permanent committee on evangelism in state conventions.

2. Intensified and more systematic planning for evangelism in the local church.

3. Increased awareness of the evangelistic potential of the church school.

4. Improved support of state evangelists.

5. Greater cooperation in Brotherhood evangelistic program.

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services call for $2,291.66 per month. All contributions during the National Convention month should be sent to our treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Our Director of Christian Education, Mr. Lorenzo J. Evans, conducted a meeting in Canton, Ohio, at the Church of Christ, during the Holy Week. S. J. Compton is pastor. Mr. Evans is now in a staff meeting, Division of Christian Education, in Marion, Indiana.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND EVANGELISM: Following the endorsement of the Board of Trustees of the National Convention in the December meeting, a series of conferences on Evangelism were scheduled. (Listed in last month's Christian Plea.)

Between February 11 and March 10 twelve State Conferences on Evangelism were held and 146 state leaders and pastors assembled, representing 72 churches in these states. The services of 16 resource people, including seven state secretaries and directors, helped to make the job of evangelism, recruitment, program planning and general promotion quite effective.

The results were shown by the decisions of every group to either seek permanent status for the the committee in the State Convention; hold special workshops and planning conference precedent to a state program of activity; devise means of hiring a state worker in evangelism or cooperate more thoroughly and seek more available help in executing the brotherhood program.

March 6th Mr. Webb served on the preaching team for the Charleston, West Virginia, city wide Preaching Mission. Directed Holy Week Religious Services at Second Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

February report of offerings to Unified Promotion and Dr. J. E. Walker:

Ox, Macedonia, Alabama, Church, $5.00.

Little Rock, Arkansas, Cross Street Council, $20.00.

Chicago, Illinois, South Side, Church, $120.00.

Indianapolis, Indiana, Second Church, WMS, $100.00.

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CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

A CONVOCATION FOR DISCIPLE YOUNG PEOPLE
(Ages 15-24)

AUGUST 15-19, 1951
UNIVERSITY of ILLINOIS — Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

NOTICE:
You are the very first to receive the announcement of time and place for our first convocation for Disciple young people.

HELP US SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!
This is a "once-in-a-life-time" event. EVERY LOCAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP group must be reached. Every member of a local Christian Youth Fellowship should be informed and given the opportunity to start saving money NOW—$25.00 plus travel will be necessary. URGE GROUPS TO COME IN CARLOADS—we can use adults in various ways.

INSPIRATION — INFORMATION — DEDICATION
Our young people have been asking for such a mass convocation.

DREAMS DO COME TRUE — HELP OUR YOUTH REALIZE THIS ONE EN MASS!

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Additional Contributions to:

Men-Women $100.00 Movement
Mrs. Lelea Walker, Memphis, Tenn.
Dr. Blair T. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn.
Churches Must Assume More Education Responsibilities

By LORENZO J. EVANS,
Director of Religious Education

Mr. President, and members of the Board of Trustees, these last few months have been a revelation to me as I have served on the Executive Committee of the International CYF Commission, Youth Work Committee, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, World Fellowship Youth Meets, Institutes for local churches, State Evangelistic Planning meetings, Curriculum Committee,

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SCHEDULE of STATE CONVENTIONS

1. Eastern Seaboard, Brooklyn, N. Y., Friendly Christian........................................June 14-17
2. Texas .............................................................................................................................July 10-15
3. Florida, Jacksonville, Evergreen Christian Church................................................July 12-15
4. Kansas, Kansas City, Institutional Christian Church...............................................July 12-15
5. Kentucky, Midway, Second Christian Church........................................................July 17-22
6. Missouri Fulton, Second Christian Church..............................................................July 3-Aug. 5
7. Ohio, Cincinnati, 5th Christian Church......................................................................July 24-29
8. Oklahoma, Tulsa, Pine Street Christian Church.....................................................July 26-29
10. Arkansas, Little Rock, Cross Street Christian Church........................................Aug. 9-12
11. Mississippi, Moos Point, First Christian Church....................................................Aug. 16-18
12. South Carolina, Holly Hill, Briner Christian Church............................................October 11-14
13. Georgia, Barney, Welcome Hope Christian Church..............................................October 25-28
14. Tennessee....................................................................................................................July 18-22
15. Washington-Norfolk District, Norfolk, Va., at St. Stephens Christian Church.........October 9-14

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Education Responsibilities

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planning conferences and superintendents retreats.

These experiences have brought me to this conclusion, that even if our churches are to maintain their status quo, they must assume a greater responsibility in the total educational program.

What does this mean? (1) It means that leaders in the local churches must be willing to give more time in the use of their talents whatever they might be for the on going of the program of the church.

(2) It means that the local church must see that these workers are given an opportunity to develop to their fullest capacity in whatever area they are serving.

(3) It means that we must have a larger share in the total stewardship program on the basis of time, talents and our possessions. How can we build God's Kingdom unless we are willing to become Christian stewards?

As we look forward to the launching of the long range program, this to me gives those churches an opportunity to conserve the gains made during the Crusade, and those churches that made little or no gain, this gives them the opportunity to join the ranks of those who are willing to do things for God.

The demands upon the church in the years ahead will be greater than ever before. This to me poses such questions as how will the church face these demands that are made upon her; what will be her attitude; will she be equal to the task?

These are questions we must begin now to answer. If our faith in God is strong enough we can accept them as challenges rather than with attitudes of defeat. Our answers to these increasing demands made upon the church must be in the affirmative if the church is equal to the task.

As we face the future, we face it with a sense of guilt because we know that we have not done all that we might have done as co-laborers with God. We have an opportunity to renew our vows with God as we face together in a realistic way the long range program. Prayerful study has been given to the goals and objectives we are undertaking for the next ten years. This is a big step forward, yet we cannot afford to do less at a time like this.

It is my hope that this program will serve as a tonic to get us started doing some of the things that we should be doing in order that at the end of a ten-year period we will have passed by far any suggested goals that might have been given and we can look back over a job well done and say along with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith. I have finished the course."

Gifts For Goldsboro

By MISS ANNABELLE JACKSON

Dear Co-Workers:

As you know it was voted at the National Convention that our National project for this year would be gifts for Goldsboro Christian Institute in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

This is a school for the training of ministers and Christian workers. However, at the present time it is being used for special projects such as Ministers' Institutes, Laymen Study Projects and young people summer conferences.

Before this Institute can fully carry out the program it has as its objective, the following needs must be met:

(Minimum)

240 Single Sheets
120 Pillow Cases
100 Bath Towels
50 Hand Towels
Silver:
75 Knives
75 Forks
75 Spoons
Kitchen utensils (own choice)

With these needs before us, let us work to the end that this Institute might serve that purpose for which it was established. Let us try hard to reach the goal that is before us. Start now in order that we might have the gifts ready by August. As in previous years, the gifts will be brought or sent to the National Convention which will convene in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 21-26, 1951.

Send your pre-convention registrations to the National Convention office, 222 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Indiana. Adults $14.00, which includes $2 for Convention and $7 for children under 10 (the total fee for local Church entertainment) provided this fee for (Continued on Page 3)

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
June, 1951


17th National Convention
Indianapolis, Indiana
August 21-26

Goals: Attendance—1,000; Finance, $10,000.00.
SECOND CHURCH PREPARES
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children is sent in on or before Aug- 1. The Food Committee is under the capable leadership of Mrs. York Jernings, chair- man, and Mr. Walker Connet, co- chairman. This committee plans to give wholesome appetizing meals three times per day and enough for all.

Our other committees are hard at work too, trying to have everything ready when the delegates come. All we ask is that you let us know how many plan to attend from your Church. We are asking each pastor to report this information by the first of August.

AN EXPLANATION
OF A ‘PASTOR’


Editor, Christian Plea:
I let give a little information to a disconsolate ‘eld,’ Arkansas variety. Labor, my dear ‘eld,’ is not only wrought with the hands. Preaching is labor, dear ‘eld.’

If you will consult your dictionary, you will find that the word ‘preacher’ means one who delivers a sermon on a text of scripture or some religious topic. To preach. To proclaim. Thus, ‘eld’ E. B. hat makes you a preacher, does it not? ‘They went everywhere preaching.’

The word pastor is defined as a Christian minister who has a church or con- gregated under his official charge. The word pastor means to shepherd—Shep- herd means to tend care for the flock.

A pastor is both preacher and custo- dian of God’s flock. A preacher is one who, that is the kind that the Arkansan ‘eld’ is talking about, simply goes and gives the congregation the word on Sun- day and his service all the week to his job. How can he tend the flock? Have you ever heard of a shepherd for six days at a time leaving his flock to be- come an open prey for the wolves?

Let us consult the scripture ... The ‘eld’ it seems is content to rely upon the authenticty of the Apostle Paul. Let us, therefore, quote Paul ... Eph. 4:11-12. “And his gifts were that some should be Apostles, some prophets, some evang-ilists, some teachers, for the per- fecting of the saints.”

A pastor doesn’t just sit down and wait, if you please. He labor. Thus says Paul: I Tim. 5:17-18: “Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching; for the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain,” and “The laborer deserves his wages.”

Brother ‘eld,’ we haven’t read where Paul endorsed tent making. He did, however, sternly emphasize laboring in word and doctrine.

As if you did not know, that also is labor. Read 1 Timothy, Chapter 4. Paul endorses a living for the minister. After all a ‘preacher’ must, for a while, live on this earth. Luke 10:5-7: Whatever house, these are the Master’s words, you enter, first say: Peace be to this house! And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you.

And remain in the same house, eat- ing and drinking what is provided, for a laborer deserves his wages. Paul, no doubt, had similar experiences. 1 Corin- thians 9:7-14: Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vine- yard without eating any of the fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits?

If others (the government, etc.) share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

Who made the ‘eld’ a judge? He said the preachers are not converted. Matt. 7:1-5. Judge not. Read on Brother.

There is a harvest day coming—Gal. 6:7. An echo of warning comes from the brow bestow hill’s of Patmos Isle. Rev. 20:11-12. Please send. Our only hope is that the Biblical references will clear up thinking as related to the Christian ministry.

A CONVERED PREACHER.

THE MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder Blair T. Hunt, Pastor
Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Reporter

The Annual Spring Drive, sponsored by the Women of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church was held April 22, 1951. Elder E. W. Henry of Indianapo- lis, Ind., was guest speaker at the 11 o’clock service.

The subject of his sermon was: “Are You Giving God Your Best?” He stated if you loved the Lord Thy God with all your heart, mind and soul and your neighbor as yourself, and you were willing to give one-tenth of your earnings for his cause, that would provide an an- swer to Giving God Your Best.

The discourse was so inspirational the time passed quickly and the audience did not realize it was time for Elder Henry to end his discourse. He ended with “To Give Is to Live.”

The sermon was quite timely. The re- action of the audience to his sermon was highly satisfactory, for the women raised one thousand seven hundred thirty-one dollars ($1,731.00).

This amount was the highest raised by the women in previous drives. Mrs. E. B. Snell, bookkeeper at Tri-State Bank, was General Chairman of the Drive. Mrs. Snell stated the three-fold purpose of the Drive as follows:

“First, we receive the acquaintance of some of the leading ministers of our Brotherhood. We feel we should know our Christian leaders in order to better appreciate the contributions they are making toward Kingdom Building.

“Secondly, we wish to enjoy the fel- lowship of our neighboring churches. Without this fellowship a commun- ity cannot successfully fulfill the responsi- bilities that are ours as Christians.

“Lastly, the raising of funds for our new Sanctuary. All things beautiful should have a part in every Christian’s life. Beautiful thoughts and beauty in worship should be dominant in our lives. Then it becomes only natural for us to want a beautiful sanctuary. With beauty surrounding us and God in our hearts, heaven can seem very near.”

The night was filled with music begin- ning at 8 o’clock. Mrs. Foster John- son prepared a fine musical program for the night service. The date, April 22, 1951, will be in our memories for years to come.

The committees that served to help make Woman’s Day a success were: Mrs. E. B. Snell, General Chmn. Mrs. Ann L. Hall, Co-Chairman. Mrs. Ruth Hill, Secretary. Mrs. Foster W. Johnson, Program Chairman.

Mrs. Ida Crawford, Finance Chmn. Mrs. Mildred Riley, Publicity Chmn. Mrs. Laura Cade, Decoration Chmn.

The men held forth in May when they observed Men’s Day on May 20.

Christian Plea Article
By LORENZO J. EVANS

Dear Superintendents and Youth Sponsors:
You are some of the key people that we look to for the support of our pro- gram in Christian Education. Our pro- gram of service has almost doubled with- in the last two years. This means in or- ders to keep pace with the services re-

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Preparin' For Mid-Century Convention

By EMMETT J. DICKSON, Executive Secretary

We are hoping for the largest attendance in our history at the annual session to be held in Indianapolis, this convention met at Indianapolis, in 1922, August 21-26. Many changes have been made at Second Church since that date of long ago. Now, Second Church is again ready for the Great Mid-Century Convention. The host pastors and trustee, Elder R. H. Peoples, is with us today and is available for your statements and questions.

Program Committee: The Program Committee met May 7th and has arranged an outline for the program of the Convention. The week is to be unforgettable, outstanding speakers, inspiring music and genuine fellowship will make it long remembered.

Staff: With the coming of Miss Anna Belle Jackson to our work, the staff is again complete. We hope we shall be able to keep a full staff for a full term so that no point of the work may be neglected. Miss Jackson's consecration and devotion to Christ and the church makes her a most worthy member of the staff.

She was ordained in London, Kentucky, April 29, at her home church with help of the ministers and elders from First Christian Church. Elder George Frazier, pastor of High Street Church in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and president of Kentucky State Convention, delivered the ordination sermon.

Members of the staff have been assigned to all our State Conventions and Summer Young People's Conferences. We do not have enough staff for all so we are asking National Officers to do their share of visitation in State Conventions.

Our work has been marked by continued advance in all our efforts but we still have several important aspects which leave us with a sense of incompleteness not without a measure of accompanying frustration.

We did not fully meet all our goals in the Crusade, therefore, we shall not be able to do all the work we had planned for in our Crusade askings. We made progress to be sure, but in comparison to what is possible we are not running forward, but only limping.

The Long Range Program is now in operation and we must find money to carry out the new work and expansion program. Six thousand dollars per year, new money, is the present cost. We should set our hearts and minds to the task of this production for these pressing needs which have been set before us in the Long Range Program.

What are we to do?

1. We are to raise money both for the Crusade and the National Christian Missionary Convention. This will not be a burden if more of our people are asked to give to both.

2. Set special local church goals for the National Christian Missionary Convention to be reported on December 1, March 31, June 1 and July 31. Other funds, special or convention registration, to be sent or brought to the Convention in session.

3. The total goal of the churches in a state will be brought to the attention of the president and officers of that convention with an agreed method of how the money may be raised in that state. In unorganized states each congregation will make its agreement.

4. Special gift money should be secured. We have had only one substantial money gift that has helped us materially, that has been the Taylor Estate property. There are enough people among us who could give $100 per year for this noble work of the National Christian Missionary Convention. We must find them and that very soon. Some have started this fine way of contributing. The first donor was Elder M. F. Mitchell of Los Angeles, California.

5. Each trustee and National Board member must take this problem as a personal one—seriously to heart and conscience. Should we see it that a worthy report comes from his home church early in the year. (Especially on or before date of trustees' fall and spring meeting.) Each trustee not of agencies, will be assigned an area and given a goal of responsibility in his trusteeship.

6. March shall be National Christian Missionary Convention month when an effort is put forth to awaken a larger number to a realization of their obligations and privileges to the work of the church which is vital for their own salvation.

7. Train and develop special contact persons for each area of our work. Remembering that our best promotion is to tell the people of our needs and have faith that they will respond.

Budget: The budget sheet will show the condition of the approved 1950-51 budget. We have within the frame work of the spending budget. The budget for 1951-52 must be submitted for consideration today.

Review of Activities

By C. H. WEBB
Director of Church Development and Evangelism

A review of the activities of the Di- (Continued on Page 5)
Review of Activities

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Visits to fifteen churches which I had not previously visited officially. This means fifteen new outflowing channels of service as well as fifteen potential inflowing channels of resources.

Even though other field workers might have visited these points in other years, my opportunity to make the contact can just strike the responsive cord that has hitherto defied our touch. At any rate, this is my hope. There is no question but that the list of churches supporting the National Convention would go beyond the seventy-five or eighty point figure if we regularly cultivate new churches.

B. There is a concern among our churches for evangelism in every phase of church life. The difficulty arises at the point of action. Our methods of working have not kept pace with either our anxiety to do a creditable job, or the best available facilities for achieving.

We have held twelve one-day conferences and one evangelistic meeting. There were thirteen one-day conferences on Evangelism planned in various sections of the Brotherhood, but only twelve were held.

The meeting in the Eastern Seaboard area was postponed because of the illness of the president. In the twelve conferences, 95% of the people expected were present; 146 state workers, in addition to 17 resource leaders, 72 local churches were represented and the emphasis were local evangelism, state planning in evangelism and ministerial recruitment.

The tour provided me the opportunity to visit several local churches and render services it would have taken much more time and expense to do otherwise. The allocation was $350 and the cost was $376.24.

C. In all too many instances, the churches do not plan to do effective work. I do not mean they have no intentions of teaching, worshipping and serving effectively, but that the churches do not plan their program.

It is simply hoped that something they are going to do anyway will get in the road of a good cause and contribute to its success. There is no question but that the local church and the Brotherhood generally will grow stronger when we plan budgets, appoint committees, set goals, hold and attend training and coaching conferences; for in so doing men are prepared for churchmanship and eternal life as well.

D. Our Recruitment campaign moves into high gear. We hope to have at least ten new men in training for the ministry by the opening of the fall school term.

There have been a few recruits this year but not all of them are available for formal training which would better equip them for service, but they will certainly relieve some of the pressure on our present ministry; which brings us to the "fiction and fact" item for the day.

"There is no group of people within the constituency of the Disciples who are as oblivious to our ministerial problem and as indifferent to the resulting implications and tragedies; as the ministers themselves." The ministers do not know or will not admit the ills of a part-time ministry.

The minister does not trust the church (Continued on Page 6)
Piedmont Tri-State Youth Meet

By MISS PAULINE STAPLES

Fayette Street Christian Church, Martinsville, Va., entertained the Youth Meet on March 16-17, 1951. The theme, "For Thine Is the Glory," was well expressed by seventy-four young folk and faculty members. Mrs. John R. Chafinfield, a returned missionary from the Philippines, and Mr. Emmett J. Dickson, our executive secretary of the National Convention, was with us.

They showed the true spirit of togetherness and made the meet very successful, also had charge of the Fellowship Singspiration hour. We wish more could have been present. We are proud to say that the meet went on without little or no interruptions, therefore being better enjoyed by all present.

We wish time and space would permit us to say more about the banquet on Friday evening, with its Philippine atmosphere, with all its table decorations, favors even the straw houses. At the registration desk, as one was registered he was given a name tag to be worn throughout the meet. They, of course, given in color according to the number of years the registrant had attended a Youth Meet, and in the form of a Camel, very artistic.

The president of the meet, Donald Belcher, had complete charge over the entire meet and did a splendid job, which was quite an experience for a young person. The sessions were well attended by all the young folk, thereby helping the discussion group leaders to help them.

Subjects taught and leaders were respectively: Youth and Stewardship, Skyline of Missions, Book Men Died For, The Philippines, Pearl of the Pacific, Near East, Cross and the Crescent.

Mrs. Starling, Mrs. Hauser, the Rev. G. W. Roland, Mrs. Roland, Prof. J. L. Galloway and My World and I, Miss Orefa Johnson.

A brief summary was given by young folk who had had conference experience and very effective.

There were other leaders who played just as important part in helping the meet be effective. Mrs. D. W. Heath supervised the consecration service for the entire meet. That, too, was very reverent. Miss Pauline Staples, who had the pleasure of working with the District Youth, spared no pains to see that the meet was carried out as planned, and has won for herself many friends since being in this work for the past five years as District President and has had the support of most churches, especially the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

Our offering for the Missions was fifteen ($15) dollars (CWFF). Mr. Emmett Dickson presented this world cause to the meet and was very concise in his talk. I guess we must stop here and give someone else a chance to tell us about his meet.

To all the youth and their advisors, we hope to see you next year at Concord North Carolina, at the First Christian Church. And to all youth and advisors of our brotherhood, we hope you had a successful meet also. Our enrollment was off but our aim and purpose was the same, "To build a better world today for youth of tomorrow."

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Attend Meeting of State Secretaries

By MISS ANNA BELLE JACKSON
Director Missionary Organization and Education

Your National Director of Missionary Organization-Education was called to work on February 1, 1951. It was a privilege to attend the meeting of state secretaries which was held in the Mission Building in Indianapolis January 30 through February 1.

At this meeting we became acquainted with the various field secretaries. Information was given of the many responsibilities of state secretaries and by what means the total program might be carried out most effectively.

During the first few days, office duties consisted primarily of general correspondence, checking the office files and familiarizing the great bulk of program materials for promotion. A conference was held with other members of the National Christian Missionary Convention Staff for the purpose of outlining the tentative program of work for the staff.

Later a study was made of the States and areas in which the National Convention program must be projected. Mailing lists of all organizations and groups, in our churches, were checked for proper names and addresses.

At the convention in Memphis, the Missionary Organizations-Education Department accepted Goldsboro Christian Institute, in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the national project for this year. Correspondence was sent to all missionary officers informing them of the project.

The convention from time to time before the convention. We hope for a great and successful showing. Just as the projects have been supported in the past years, we also desire this same fine support in our efforts.

We are asking each state to choose an item from the list of general needs and be responsible for that need. The gifts will be brought to the National Convention which will convene in Indianapolis, Indiana, in August.

During this period of orientation, a number of committee meetings were attended for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the over all objectives of the department. I appreciate having worked with the committee on stewardship and curriculum.

Several of the meetings were held at Missions Building with Miss Velva Reese officiating.

There were sixty-four young people in attendance at the World Fellowship Youth Meet in Covington, Kentucky. One problem of the meet should be looked into by the leaders, the problem of some young people arriving before the instructors. We had seven commitments to full-time Christian service following a sermon delivered by the Rev. George Frazier.

We made a trip to Rochester, Indiana, for the purpose of helping the young people know about our school, Jarvis Christian College. It was our pleasure to meet with the women in the state of Missouri when we attended the District Convention, May 3-6, in Madison.

Your Director has a deep love for the work and desires your prayers that a worthy contribution may be made for this noble cause. It is our desire to make the Christian Women’s Fellowship real and vital to every church woman.

Review Activities

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It may be a bit difficult to find the exact cause for the present disparagement, or to know precisely where to place the blame for our state, but the remedy is sure. Men for the ministry; men of good report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.

It was my privilege to visit both Ministers’ Institutes in Eastern and North Carolina; one in Washington and the other in Goldsboro. The Washington attendance was 37 and the Goldsboro Institute 26. This was good attendance in both institutes. It was very obvious in both groups that the job of convincing the men of the existence of a need for self improvement has nearly reached completion. This took several years and careful maneuvering.

The next function of the institutes will be to capably supply the exact vitamins whose deficiency they now recognize. They are hungry for help and very cooperative with all our sometimes over anxious efforts to do them good. This is an adventure in friendliness which I think will be good for the soul.

Calling for 75 men and women who believe in the Christian Church, and love it enough to give $100.00 to be used for EVANGELISM, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, CHURCH DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND MISSIONS. Wanted just 75, one out of every thousand Negro Disciples, WHO CAN, WHO SHOULD, WHO WILL.
CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

A CONVOCATION FOR DISCIPLE YOUNG PEOPLE

(Ages 15-24)

AUGUST 15-19, 1951

UNIVERSITY of ILLINOIS — Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

NOTICE:

You are the very first to receive the announcement of time and place for our first convocation for Disciple young people.

HELP US SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

This is a "once-in-a-life-time" event. EVERY LOCAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP group must be reached. Every member of a local Christian Youth Fellowship should be informed and given the opportunity to start saving money NOW—$25.00 plus travel will be necessary. URGE GROUPS TO COME IN CARLOADS—we can use adults in various ways.

INSPIRATION — INFORMATION — DEDICATION

Our young people have been asking for such a mass convocation.

DREAMS DO COME TRUE — HELP OUR YOUTH REALIZE THIS ONE EN MASS!

Men-Women $100 Movement

Contributions to Date:

Men-Women $100.00 Movement

Eld. M. F. Mitchell

Mrs. Lelea Walker, Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Blair T. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. J. E. Walker
Eld. Lakes In 10th Year At Morgan Church

Essie T. Garrett, Reporter
2010 Grand Ave., Parsons, Kansas

For more than 40 years of our church, we have had very few ministers, if any, to stay more than 3 years with us. Since Bro. Lakes looked so young when he came we were somewhat uncertain if he would stay 3 years.

Many did say that he would not stay. He saw the doubts we had and said if others stayed he could stay. He began his ministry officially with (Continued on Page Three-

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE SECOND Christian Church of 29th and Kenwood, Indianapolis, Ind., where the 35th annual National Convention will be held. E. D. R. H. Peoples is pastor of the church.

Eld. Lakes In 10th Year At Morgan Church

PROGRAMME

of the
THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
National Christian Missionary Convention
Disciples of Christ

Theme: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task
Ministry - Missions - Stewardship

Monday, August 20
1:00 p.m.
Pre-convention Conference Missionary Organizations-
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Elder Appeals
For Funds

My dear Friends:

Time seemingly speeds on - yet not so, time stays and we speed on. Nevertheless the calendar tells us Convention times will soon be here - both States and National. If the Lord continues good to us we will see you in Indianapolis, Indiana - August 21st.

Let every Department pray, work and lay by in store for both States and National Convention. Our National treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Linden Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee is yet begging the Church and individuals to send to him funds for the carrying on of the fret work of the National Convention. Brother Mitchell of Los Angeles, California is blazing the way and leading among individual givers may his tribe increase.

Jesus Christ, the God man and our elder brother has shown us how to lose our lives in loving service and sacrificial giving for needy humanity and to find our lives to all eternity.

Let us be ready to say, “Lord use me; I may be weak, I may be poor, but use me dear Lord, for the glory of God and the service of humanity.”

May we have the greatest Convention in spirituality in the history of our National Convention.

Your humble servant,

Elder Blair T. Hunt, President

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Tuesday, August 21

9:00  Missionary Organizations Conference

10:00  Commission on Christian Education

12:00  Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon

2:00  National Board Meeting

5:00  Organization of Recommendations Committee

6:00  Dinner

Tuesday Evening

8:00  Opening Declaration - Blair T. Hunt, President

Welcome Program - Second Church, R. H. Peoples

Annual Address - Blair T. Hunt, President

Offering, Announcements, Benediction

Wednesday, August 22

Blair T. Hunt, Presiding

7:00  Breakfast

8:15  Convention Assembly

2:10  Symposium - “This Ministry” - J. T. Chandler Chairman

3:00  General Business

4:30  Inspirational Address - D. Erwin Sheets

5:00  Dinner

Wednesday Evening

Blair T. Hunt, Presiding

8:00  Devotions - L. B. Facen

9:00  RALLY OF THE STATES - Dr. J. E. Walker

Announcements, Benediction

Thursday, August 23

7:00  Breakfast

8:15  Convention Assembly

8:25  Address - Mrs. Charles C. Mosley

9:00  Educational Conference

11:15  Convention at Worship

11:30  Prayer and Hymn

3:30  Recognition and Report of State Presidents

4:30  General Business

Benediction

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Bro. Lakes' 10th Year (Continued From Page One)

us May 2, 1941. The Lord worked many things in his favor and he has stayed with us not three but ten years. The church has shown much progress during these years. Yet, Bro. Lakes had his trials and tribulations, but he held on, putting the Good Lord in front of him.

Our church is the only Negro church in South East Kansas. The nearest church we have to us is 120 miles. One of the outstanding things Bro. Lakes did was to bring us into a closer fellowship with the white Christian churches of this district.

Our choir has been able to sing and present evening worship programs in most of the churches in the district. They have also been able to sing at the First Christian Church in Miami, Okla. The churches seem to have grown interest in Bro. Lakes.

The pastor and choir went hand in hand on a redecoration program of the church which was very beautifully done and the church is really beautiful compared to what it was before the work was done.

Bro. Lakes is well thought of in the community and the state. Besides being our pastor, he is president of our State Convention, president of our Community Services executive secretary of our City-wide Mission and a member of all welfare organizations of our city.

When the Lakes came to Parsons there were only four: George Ellison, Georgia Watkins, Jean Eleanor and Roland Hayes; but now there are some more—Alice Faye, George Ellison Jr. and Ralph Wesley Watson.

The program of May 6 was very interesting. Mrs. John Ross had charge of the morning worship. The choir sang and Rev. B. F. Brooks, a retired minister of the M.E. church, brought a soul stirring message. Everybody was made to feel happy.

In the afternoon Mrs. O. L. Bridge-Brown, Roland Upham and the fellowship choir gave a special service. The evening service was well attended and the choir presented a beautiful musical service.

The thought of death has always filled the heart with fear and polluted it with the heartless past. The intelligence of the priest or the ignorance of the slave cannot answer the question of what takes place after death. One thing we do know is that the dead do not suffer.

If we believe and have faith in what we have been taught about the hereafter, we should not have no fear of death. If the belief in future punishment for what we do in this world were changed to a belief that we get our punishment here, would help take away the fear of death. I predict a time will come when we will think of this earth as being our home and will be happy and contented, free from fear of death and the hereafter, a delusion which has been handed down to us from other ancient religions.

How beautiful it all would be when it becomes ours to depart this life, rather than being tortured by the fear of death. We would in the language of William Cullen Bryant, "wrap the trinity of our couch about us and down to pleasant dreams." For after all, whatever takes place after death is wholly imaginary.

Let us make our lives so per- sonable to the love of others and to a pleasing life. The thought of death has always filled the heart with fear and polluted it with the heartless past. The intelligence of the priest or the ignorance of the slave cannot answer the question of what takes place after death. One thing we do know is that the dead do not suffer.

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To differentiate yourself from those who seem not to be aiming very high, you've yet to start out in another direction and thus begin to do your "I."

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Should We Fear Death? Horror Is Not Neccessary

WHY SHOULD WE FEAR DEATH? Sidney A. Scott

Men's Life and his continuation on this earth is based on conformity with the laws governing his existence.

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

The thought of death has always
**Minorities Pamphlet Available**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security has issued a new pamphlet calling attention of employers to the availability of minority groups for defense production employment.

Entitled "Employers: There Is More Manpower," the pamphlet will be distributed to all State employment security agencies for use by local public employment offices.

The publication emphasizes the need for hiring workers strictly "on merit" and without regard to "age, sex, race, color, religion, or unrelated physical limitations."

Pointing out that "there is no place for waste in America today" and that "the waste of human abilities is as unwise as the waste of natural resources, or machines, or food," the pamphlet declares:

"An employer who hires on merit knows the actual performance requirements of each job and selects people with qualifications to match. He doesn't let artificial restrictions stand in the way. He chooses from the total labor market. He doesn't limit himself by overlooking the qualifications of minority group workers."

"In the face of a demand for higher production, it is essential that full use be made of all available manpower," the pamphlet concludes.

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**Diciples Prepare For European Trip**

**INDIANAPOLIS**

Dr. George Walker Buckner Jr., editor of World Call and executive secretary of the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity, and Dr. Hampton Adams, minister of Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis Mo., and vice-president of the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity, have accepted the invitation of the World Council of Churches to join a two-week "Ecumenical Fellowship Mission" to Greece and Yugoslavia, beginning July 16.

Organized by the Department of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees of the World Council, the Mission of 22 churchmen includes representatives from Australia, France, Great Britain, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Scandinavia and the United States.

Its purpose is to investigate the total situation of the churches in Greece and Yugoslavia, to inquire in what ways churches abroad may help them, to consult with government leaders concerning their attitude toward the churches and to encourage them in the direction of cooperation on which they have already taken, and to get some background to interpret this situation to churches in the West.

The group, scheduled to leave Geneva, Switzerland, by chartered plane will visit the church institutions, projects and activities (including refugees) at Athens, Corinth, Jannina and Salonica in Greece, and at Belgrade, Titograd and Zagrab, Yugoslavia. The Mission will return to Geneva on July 31.

Dr. Buckner will remain in Switzerland to attend the annual meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at Rolle, Aug. 4-11. Dr. Adams will return immediately to the United States.

It is commendable indeed to dot your "I" and act like the person God intended you to be, and not have to question your purpose here; but with God and men can be happy and free.

To let people know that all evil you defy, and that for no unhonorable cause your God you would deny, is a true indication that you have dotted your "I."
Ushers' Fellowship Union Is Success

Dear President:
The work of the Ushers' Fellowship Union was a grand success last year through the efforts of the officers and fellow ushers. The Convention was very pleased with us. We must strive to make this year even more successful, both financially and attendance. This means that we must work hard and prayerfully to accomplish our goal.

We are asking you to help organize usher boards in your State and local Churches by providing them with the necessary information concerning the Ushers' Fellowship Union. All who desire to organize their boards are invited to send us information. We will mail you a kit containing the necessary information.

Any boards wishing to order the Ushers' Manuals must do so by writing to: MISS RUBY RAMSEY--4320 Forrestville Ave., Chicago 15, III. The price is twenty-five cents (25c) plus postage. Our work is not finished until we have organized boards in every Church in the brotherhood.

As doorkeepers of God's house, we realize that one of the great needs of the Church is a more cordial welcome for those who come to worship therein, especially the strangers. Let each one of us ask ourselves a question: "Am I an alert usher?"

The answers to that question are:
(a) Always be on the watch for the lonely and down-hearted; (b) The angels; (c) The fault finder--always give him a smile. To be a courageous usher, one must have faith in god. I ask you then, ushers and usherettes. . . "Lend a hand, a courageous one."

Remember the theme of the 34th National Christian Missionary Convention: "A Hand, A Courageous One."

The work of the Ushers' Fellowship Union Is Success.

Dr. H. B. McCormick's president of The United Christian Missionary Society since 1946, will retire from this office on June 30. He is bringing his administration to a close in accordance with the age retirement plan of the organization.

For the present, Dr. and Mrs. McCormick will continue to live in Indianapolis while he engages in interim work, spiritual life meetings, and general work among churches and the brotherhood.

Graduated from Hiram College in 1908, he took his B.D. from Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1918. Ordained to the Christian ministry in 1908, he has pastorates in Ohio, Michigan, and New York City.

He headed the promotion department of the United Society from 1923 to 1930 and was president of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ in 1941. Chapman College conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on President McCormick in 1946.

He is a trustee of Hiram College and of the College of the Bible and was a delegate to the World Council of Churches Assembly in Amsterdam, Holland in 1948.

Miss Jessie M. Trout, vice president of the United Society, will assume the responsibilities of administration until the new president arrives.

Contribution To National Christian Missionary Confab

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A Bit Of Prophecy and History Mixed

An ordained minister in the Christian Church since April 1907 but I have been preaching quite a while before then "Watchman what of the night" then IS:U:11. "Watchman what of the night?" never were words aptly spoken than these and a time was more ripe for their use. My heart panteth fearfulness afflicteth me the night is on us and what have we to show for our existence I recall that back in 1907 that we did have a school that was working at the job of making preachers but as time moved on this make shift as it was then called by some of our more astute leaders, then it was not long until adjuration and compromise brought about, a dissolution of the school entirely many blame the U. C. M. S. but I do not think it was all their fault the U. C. M. S. is just a big cooperation and has its agents.

The motive and intention of the society might be and could be considered good. Looking and doing the best with what they had to do with allowing all this to be true we know that some very grievous mistakes was made. The men appointed by them to direct the Negro work laked vision and as a result the train was ditched and it never has got back on the track.

I recall that the school was moved from Louisville to Hopkinsville, Ky., that the superintendent of the Negro work came to the convention in Nicholasville with specimens what they had grown.

Eld. W. H. Dickerson had been taken out of the pulpit when he was preaching in Louisville and acting as dean of the Bible School and carried off and set up as caretaker of a farm in a desert where there were no Christians not even a village fifteen miles from town out in the wilderness to make preachers or leaders for a race of people and the samples that they brought to the convention were turnips and some other vegetables that they had grown on the farm.

Why in the world could any body conceive that Negro leaders to do Christian leader ship should first learn how to farm before he could be eligible for to preach always been a mystery to me. When all of my people back in those days came from the corn fields, tobacco patches cotton and cane fields but that was the vision of the white man who was appointed over the Negro work. Hence we have no preachers today, our churches are closed and are being closed all over the country.

The Negro Christian will never get anywhere accepting dole or gift from the white man with strings tied to it and the majority of the white men are in the saddle never have felt that the Negro was as good as he is, he always holds that super idea. Hence the Negro will never get any where until he gets it in his mind to run by himself. I feel that he should start something independent for as long as you're tied up in these things they are going to ham string you, you just can not be yourself this has been proven over and over again.

You can put four persons in a thin three Negroes and one white man and the white man will have the last word nine out of ten with few exceptions these above statements are true and most of us know them to be true.

G. R. Everett

Announce Retreat

A stirring program on brotherhood history has been arranged for the second Disciple laymen's retreat to be held August 10-12 at Bethany, W. Va. The department of men's work of The United Christian Missionary Society, which is sponsoring the retreat, has announced that Congressman Walter Judd will speak on Saturday night, August 11. Alexander Campbell, Indiana attorney and a descendant of one of the founders of the Disciples movement, will also address the group.

The heritage of Disciples of Christ will be the subject of addresses by Dr. Howard E. Short, professor at (Continued on 7)
Friday Afternoon
12:30 Lunch
2:00 Dedication of "Preston Taylor Memorial House"
Sight-Seeing Tour

Friday Evening
8:00 Miss Willieta Schley, Presiding
Devotions
Address - C. C. Dammel
National Oratorical Contest - L. J. Evans
Offering, Announcements, Benediction

Saturday, August 25
7:00 Breakfast
Blair T. Hunt Presiding
8:15 Convention Assembly
Usher's Fellowship - Miss Ruby Ramsay
9:15 General Business
11:45 Memorial Service - F. T. Floyd
12:00 Benediction

Saturday Afternoon
Blair T. Hunt, Presiding
2:00 General Business - All Departments
5:00 Dinner

Saturday Evening
8:00 Out-door Service
Christian Youth Fellowship

Sunday, August 26
8:00 Breakfast
R. H. Peoples, Presiding
Church School
Local Superintendent
Miss Bessie E. Chandler
10:50 Morning Worship
Sermon - Blair T. Hunt
Benevolence Offering for Aged Ministers and Widows
CONVENTION COMMUNION SERVICE
Blair T. Hunt
Benediction

Sunday Afternoon
1:30 Dinner
4:00 Music Festival

Benediction and CONVENTION ADJOURNMENT - Blair T. Hunt

Announce Retreat
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Arrangements have been made for lodging around 1500 men at Bethany College, nearby Liberty College, motels and hotels in communities near Bethany.

Retreat sessions will be held in the Bethany College field house and the crowd will be fed, cafeteria style, by the college. A tour of historic spots in and around Bethany will be included in the retreat program.

The "dollar-a-year" men who have been speaking before men's groups in various states during the past year, will be presented at one session.

Alaneda St. Church
Alaneda St., Christian Church
Greetings to the Brotherhood
We are happy to state that the work at the Alaneda Church is progressing nicely. Every department is doing fine. We have completed a $10,-

Elder Lakes

water was mistress of ceremony. The program was conducted by Rev. J. M. Ross and his choir of the Macedonia Baptist Church. He also brought a very fine message. Mrs. Alice Frey made the presentation of gifts.

000.00 building and it is an asset to the city. Dec. 17, 1950, the dedication, at 11 A. M., a message by the pastor, subject "The House of the Lord," at 3 P. M. Dedication sermon by Elder Roger T. Noos, of the Vine St. Church (white) 8 P. M. Sermon by Elder J. J. Shute, March 11th, Cornerstone laying 9:45 A. M. Church School. 11 A. M. message by Prof. M. R. Eppse of A & I State College 3 P. M., Sermon by Elder Garnett Day of the Eastwood Church (white) 8 p.m., musical and Literary program.

During these two special days, the offering was $800.00. Feb. 22, 1951, An evangelistic conference was held with us under the direction of Elder C. H. Wilbeard, Mr. Loreuga Evans, the service was very inspiring and impressive during the pre Easter campaign, there were 11 additions. We do not believe in no open membership.

We have a wide awake minister; filled with the holy spirit and speak with power. These are the names of those who contribute to our work.

The Vine St. Church (white) $500.00
Eastwood church (white) 7.00
Prof. M. R. Eppse 60.00
Dr. J. E. Walker 30.00
Elder Blair T. Hunt 5.00

The Lord is wonderfully blessing us in our efforts. Brotheren pray for us.

March 18, 1951 at 11 A.M. Elder Blair T. Hunt, the pres., of the national convention was with us.

Elder R. C. Maloy, min.

Mrs. Annette Jackson, reporter
CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!

A CONVOCATION FOR DISCIPLE YOUNG PEOPLE
(Ages 15-24)

AUGUST 15-19, 1951
UNIVERSITY of ILLINOIS — Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

NOTICE:
You are the very first to receive the announcement of time and place for our first convocation for Disciple young people.

HELP US SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!
This is a “once-in-a-life-time” event. EVERY LOCAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP group must be reached. Every member of a local Christian Youth Fellowship should be informed and given the opportunity to start saving money NOW—$25.00 plus travel will be necessary. URGE GROUPS TO COME IN CARLOADS—we can use adults in various ways.

INSPIRATION — INFORMATION — DEDICATION
Our young people have been asking for such a mass convocation.

DREAMS DO COME TRUE — HELP OUR YOUTH REALIZE THIS ONE IN MASS!
Disciples Go To Indianapolis Aug. 22-27

The President Speaks

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Unto the Churches of the Brotherhood.

From Blair T. Hunt, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I can't see you face to face, therefore I am using the Pauline method (an epistle).

May I mention a few things that are warming to the heart of each Disciple of Christ.

Chapter I: Good News of Success

Youth Conference. May the work with your youth blossom into a beautiful fullness. The youth of today determines the church of the future. Brother Lorenzo J. Evans, you are doing a good work.

Chapter II: Evangelism has produced an increased church membership. Great work, Bro. Charles Webb and preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Preach on until the good news shall cover the land as the waters cover the deep.

Chapter III: Our good sisters, as usual, are mission minded. They are doing a good work, leave them alone. Truly the mission of the church is missions. Thanks to Mrs. Charles Mosley, Miss Anna B. Jackson and a host of our ladies for their leadership.

Chapter IV: Our brotherhood is aware as never before of the dire need of recruits for the ministry. A part of the answer to the question: "How may we recruit for the ministry?" An adequate scholarship fund. It may appear each time one of our great leaders dies—we set up, in the name only, a scholarship.

The Second Christian Church
2900 Kenwood Ave. — Indianapolis, Ind.

In the last issue of The Plea we ran a picture of the Summit Christian Church of Dayton for the 2nd Christian Church of Indianapolis. The Editor's mistake for which he apologizes,

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

August, 1951

Our Editorial

The last issue of the PLEA carried an article by Elder T. R. Everett of the Christian Church, Midway, Ky. While the opinions expressed were his own and not that of the PLEA—which is the case of all articles sent in for publication—we do feel that what Bro. Everett had to say was timely and worthy of our sober consideration. Mark Twain once said, "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." As far back as we can remember and that is quite a little ways back, too, our people have been talking about the shortage of preachers in the Christian Church. But with few exceptions, no one has done anything about it. One exception, as pointed out by Brother Everett, was the Louisville Christian Bible School, operated by the UCMS (or its predecessors). The history of this school is too well known to need our repeating. Especially the circumstances surrounding its closing.

The other exception was the late beloved Elder R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N. C., who tried so long and hard to conduct a school for the training of Christian preachers of California has set a beautiful $100 pace; God's great financier our treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker and his queenly wife have followed. Some churches have responded to our treasurer's appeal beautifully. Have you? Have you hastened to get your name with its gift on the National Treasurer's sheet—"I mean the printed report which our treasurer gives at the convention. This report goes to the printer after the first week in August. So hurry and send in your gift. It means everything has gone spiraling upward except gifts. Let individuals, churches, conventions etc. all increase their giving. Let us all lay by in store (as per the National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Lincoln Ave., Memphis, Tennessee) as God has prospered that there be no financial dearth in our National Convention in Indianopolis-August 21-6, 1951. We are thankful to God for the executive leadership of Brother Emmett J. Dickson.

His very soul glitters with bigness. Many a business concern would count itself bosed to have Miss Marjorie C. Champault, too, they would double her salary. Brother L. L. Dickerson has done a most difficult task keeping vital the alive our Christian Plea. Jarvis and SCI are two bright spots in year's life of our brotherhood.

Wish I could call you each by name and clasps your hand. If God be with thee, I'll see you and the People with me in Indianapolis, Aug., 1951.
Our Editorial
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do something about giving adequate support to the ministry. We can talk all we want, too about young men being willing to sacrifice. But if we want the most intelligent, the competent and the most worthy man available for our pulpits, we will have to induce them to dedicate their lives to the Christian ministry by offering something more than a diet of criticisms and hardships for them and their families.

When ever our churches become willing to face frankly and courageously this fact, the we can do something about recruiting and training.

We were shocked recently to learn that some certain people in the Piedmont Tri-State Convention are trying to pull out and re-establish the Tri-State Convention. When the Tri-State Convention was first born many years ago, it was fathered by necessity. The refusal of the Piedmont Convention to accept into its fellowship, a church that applied for admission, was not willing to sit down with the Negro brotherhood, the leaders of the National Christian Convention, meet with some of the older ones and left. Bro. L. C. Williams, who was secretary of the state for thirty-seven years, passed this year.

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Eld. L. L. Dickerson
Pastor, Monroe Ave., Columbus, O.
1st V. Pres. National Convention

LETTER TO DR. COOK
Columbus, Ohio
July 10, 1951

Dr. Gaines M. Cook
Executive Secretary, International Convention (Disciples of Christ)
In Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Brother Cook: Please allow me to call to your attention a matter that is of great concern to our Negro brotherhood, the leaders of the Negro Brotherhood, the leaders of the National Christian Convention, the leaders of the churches that are preaching universal brotherhood of man, but it seems to me that they have failed to take advantage of the opportunities it has to demonstrate this belief to our people and the world in general.

Negro Christians are a part of Disciples of Christ, brotherhood, it may not be possible to have complete integration on the local level or state level at the present time. But an International Convention, with a little planning, could do more to symbolize the universal brotherhood of man than a thousand sermons on the subject.

I would like to suggest that you or a committee representing the International Convention, meet with some of the leaders of the National Christian Missionary Convention and discuss ways and means by which Negroes can be fully integrated into the life and work of the Convention in particular and the brotherhood as a whole.

Thanking you in advance for sympathy with the consideration of this matter, I remain yours in Christian service.

L. L. Dickerson

DR. COOK’S REPLY
Mr. L. L. Dickerson
93 Norty, Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Brother Dickerson:
I am glad to have your letter of July 10. I have read it with interest and, I trust, with understanding.

The Board of Directors of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ is a wide ready to receive reports and recommendations of the constructive nature which you have made. Furthermore, I am sure that they will be glad to arrange an opportunity for the conference that you suggest. Perhaps this could be held in connection with one of the meetings of our Administrative Committee. I will be glad to hear from you further.

Cordily yours,
Gaines M. Cook
Executive Secretary
International Convention of Disciples of Christ

From The Magnolia State
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It has been quite a long time since I wrote an article to the Christian Plea, and there has not been many articles from this grand old state since the passing of Elder B. C. Calvert. There has been many, many happenings since then and many changes made. Other leaders in the state—most of the older ones—have passed over. Just a few of the older ones are left. Bro. L. C. Williams, who was secretary of the state for thirty-seven years, passed this year.

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Elder N. R. Trevillian, who was president a number of years, is very feeble, and I, who served in the office as president for eighteen years and evangelist for five years, am glad I can say as the poet, “Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.” And as I heard a brother say in his prayer, “Lord, I thank Thee that I am neither dead nor damned, nor cast out with the pale faced nations.”

As the National Convention is near, I am thinking of the time it was organized at Nashville, Tenn., being one of them at the organization and have only missed one of the meetings. So many of those who were at the organization have crossed the bar, leaving a few to witness the progress of the National Convention, I rejoice to see the growth of it. But it is not yet doing what I am in hopes it will do.

Since there were so many at the organizing of the National Convention who have passed on, I know it will not be long before I, too, must pass the same way. The sun is setting in my life now, but thanks to God the sky is clear.

For the past three years I have visited the states of South Carolina brethren, I had the privilege of introducing our field workers in the persons of Miss Rattlin and Miss Shackleford, this being their first time in S.C. For two years I was able to conduct an institute for the ministers of South Carolina, there we had a great fellowship. Their hearts were opened to receive the instruction I regret I could not give more time to the work in South Carolina, South Carolina, like other states, needs preachers and leaders.

I have visited the state of Alabama twice. One of the visits was to the Alabama State Convention in celebration of my fortieth anniversary as an ordained minister. It was at their convention I was ordained. This is another state I love, it was there I spent thirteen years of my best service, teaching and preaching. I do not think those years were spent in vain, although I did not accomplish as much as I had hoped to, but thanks to God, we were able to instill the Christian principles in the hearts of a few of whom we are not ashamed of. They are carrying on for now.

I will name just two who most all of you know, Prof. P. C. Washington and Elder A. J. Jeffery. There many others who you are not acquainted with, who are doing creditable work. It was not in the same way, but they are doing the work, and I think with the same success.

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ELD. S. S. MYERS
Pastor, West Paseo Church
Kansas City, Mo.
former president of National Convention

I would like very much to visit the churches of all the states again before I pass over. They are dear to me. I can not forget them although most of them have passed away, but those who are left can remember Brother Moss, Dr. S. R. Williams, Mrs. Rosie Bracy, Mrs. Deetis Black and many more.

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you: now what have you done, but criticize?"

So I can say if there is any criticism of the work of Bro. Moss, Bro. Williams, Mrs. Bracy, Mrs. Gray and myself, we sure can stand it, and now is your time to show what you can and will do.

In my declining years I am preaching for two congregations—Union Hill and irst Christian Church of Hermanville, only giving part time. We are in need of ministers in this state as in many others. Some may say that we should have plenty of preachers since we have the SCI in our state. Well, I can say this: the SCI and Jarvis are doing the best they can with the timber we are sending them.

A wealthy woman had a dream that she went to heaven. While there she was shown some of the beauties. The first she saw was a beautiful mansion. When she asked whose it was, the reply was: that belongs to Jake, your wood cutter. She saw another very beautiful mansion and asked, "whose is that?" The answer came: that is Ann's, your cook. Then she saw another more beaufiful one and was informed that it belonged to Susie, her washwoman. She said to herself, "My, if my servants have such beautiful mansions I know mine will be fine. Finally she saw a building of very shabby materials, not worthy of being there, "Whose is that," she asked and the answer was, "It is yours," "Mine! Why is it all of my servants have better buildings than I?"

The answer was, "Your house was built of the kind of materials you sent up.

So if we have not sent to SCI and Jarvis any preaching material, we will not have any preachers. The other communions are sending preaching material and are reaping the benefit.

Well I have striven to send out the very best materials I should get.

Well, I have striven to send out the very best materials I could get.

There may be some shabby pieces in the plea, but it was not my intention.

I read in the Plea that an Elder T. J. Griffin is pastoring in Oklahoma. As soon as I read it I thought of my boyhood days when Elder Griffin's grandfather, Elder J. G. Keyes, was evangelist of the state of Mississippi, his home was our home when he made visits to the churches. It was I who had to meet him at the train on horseback and ride behind him to his next appointment.

Well, time went on until I became a man and well matured in years. Then I was asked to engage in a battle of sin against righteousness. I was asked to conduct a week's revival at Bethel— the church of which Elder Keyes had been pastor for a number of years. When the week was ended there were sixty-one added to the church and Elder T. J. Griffin was one of the sixty-one. I pray that he will add more to the kingdom.

I will not be physically able to be at the next National Convention at Indianapolis, but I hope the convention will go to California next year, and that I will be able to go and bathe my weary soul in the atmosphere of the Pacific Ocean and the Christian fellowship of the brethren.

Yours in Christ
I. C. Franklin
Rt. 1, Box 125
Port Gibson, Miss.

DR. Friers named President

Dr. Alan Dale Fiers, pastor of Euclid Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, was elected president of The United Christian Missionary Society at the annual meeting of the organization in Indianapolis, June 21. Dr. Fiers will take up his new duties around September 1, succeeding Dr. Harry B. McCormick who retired June 30 in accordance with the age-retirement policy of the United Society.

A graduate of Bethany College in 1929, Dr. Fiers took the B.D. degree from Yale University in 1935 and has served at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Bethany College conferred the honorary D.D. degree upon him in 1948. His other pastorates have been at Shady Side, O., High Street, Hamilton, O., and Central, Newark, O. He has headed summer young peoples' conferences, served as chairman of the Ohio Christian Education Commission, as president of the Ohio ministers and as chairman of the United Society board of managers. He has been a trustee of the United Society and of the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ and was chairman of the program for the 1950 International Convention. He is married and has two children.

PRCF B. T. HUNT, SPEAKER

Prof. Blair T. Hunt, principal of Booker T. Washington High School, and pastor of Mass. Blvd. Christian Church, was the baccalaureate speaker at Alcorn State College, Mississippi, Sunday, May 27th. The prominent memphian, graduate of Morehouse, college, has already appeared as speaker for his alma mater, Fisk University, Nashville, and a number of other schools and higher institutions of learning.
Requirements Revised For The Missionary Award

1. That the society shall hold at least twelve (12) regular meetings per year.
2. That the society shall hold twelve (12) Executive meetings.
3. That the president or some member of the society participate in some meetings which give opportunity for personal enrichment, and leadership development.
4. That quarterly reports shall be sent to the state secretary.
5. That the society shall be represented in its state or Area and the National Conventions.
6. That the society must sponsor at least one (1) organization for young people and children.
7. That the society use the current study materials for the missionary year.
8. That societies observe Woman’s Day and Easter Week of Prayer.
9. That the society or members subscribe and use World Call.
10. In addition to the above requirements each society must meet state and National requirements.

Revised by:
Mrs. Charles C. Mosley
Mrs. Bessie L. Parks
Mrs. Mary Whyte
Mrs. S. P. Walker
Mrs. Arah Garrett

New Lessons for Seven-Year-Olds

Ministers, teachers, parents and six-year-olds were enthusiastic in their praise of the new first-year primary graded lessons which came out in 1950-51. Beginning this fall, your publishing house is carrying forward with completely new materials for the seven-year-old children.

Like the first new primary course, colorful 48-page Bible story booklets (similar to the one shown above) will be featured for the pupil to take home each quarter. There will be a comprehensive “Quarterly for the Teacher” and complete supplementary teaching materials; large class “Picture Sets” in full color, packets of “Activity Materials” for class or home use and an 8-page “Message to Parents” for each quarter. Write now for samples!
Disciple Teacher
Author of New Text

A new text with maps, pictures and charts for those who know little or nothing about the Old Testament has just been published under the title of THE OLD TESTAMENT FOR NEW STUDENTS. The author is Cecil F. Cheverton, chairman of the Department of Religion, Texas Christian University.

The book gives a thorough explanation of the sequence of the Old Testament so the pathway becomes clearer and the journey more meaningful for each reader. It explains the imbalance of Old Testament records by pointing to the relation between prophecy and history. 'The Old Testament for New Students' was planned for use as a study text for Sunday morning Bible classes, for lay discussion groups and for college classes. This new book has already been adopted as a textbook by Texas Christian University.

'The author has kept in mind the host of general readers who want to know more about the history of the Hebrew people and who desire the spiritual enrichment that comes from understanding and appreciating the great literature they gave the world in the pages of the Old Testament. 'The Old Testament for New Students' is published by The Bethany Press (St. Louis, Mo.). The price is $3.00.

Review of United Society's Work To Be Published

Highlights of the Disciples' missionary year, 1950-51 will be reviewed in the September issue of The United Christian Missionary Society's bulletin, LEAVEN. Cooperative brotherhood work done last year in missions and Christian education at home and abroad will be presented in the following categories: selection and training of missionaries; work with age levels in the church; church leadership education; evangelism; production of church program materials; church development, medical work, educational institutions, social action projects, and work done in the World. The 36-page annual review issue of LEAVEN will go out to the regular mailing list and additional copies will be available on request through the office of the editor.

All Peoples Church
Offers New Calendars

A pictorial calendar for the year 1952 showing activities of All Peoples Church and Community Center in Los Angeles, Calif. is in preparation and will be offered for sale through youth groups in the churches of Disciples of Christ this fall. Christian Youth Fellows of the Fellows groups wishing to handle lots of 25 or more calendars as a project to benefit their brotherhood home missions institution should get in touch with Dan Genung, pastor-director of All Peoples Church, 922 E. 20th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Disciples Student Fellowship
Names Officers

Jess Hassell, student at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, was elected president of the Disciples Student Fellowship Ecclesia at the organization's annual meeting, June 18-23 at Camp Hollister, Mo.

Other students named to national DSF officers were: Marjorie Dysart, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., vice president; Ralph Prime, Chapman College, Los Angeles, Calif., secretary; Dean Buttrell, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., treasurer. Members at large are Lucy Ann Hass, Butler Un-

Disciple Ministers
Study Social Issues

Twelve ministers of Disciples churches attended seminars and special courses this summer on scholarship provided through the department of social welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society. In the coming year they will be available in their areas as resource leaders on the topics which they studied.


Intercultural and cultural institutes will be at Eden Seminary, in St. Louis, Mo., Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, and in Portland, Oregon were attended by Jessie Hawkins, Southern Christian Institute, Hugh Riley, Pampa, Ky., Carl H. Wilhelm, Chicago Heights, Ill., Allen Estill, Mount Carmel, Ill., Peter C. Washington, Oakland, Calif., Sam Freeman, Jr., East Orange, N. J., and J. F. Whitfield, Washington, D. C.

university, Indianapolis, Ind., Fred Johnson, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., and Newton Fowler, Lynchburg, College, Lynchburg, Va.

Attended by some 160 students from 54 colleges and universities in 25 states, the DSF conference was addressed by Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourrette, professor at Yale University, Dwight Stevenson of the College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., T. Z. Koo of the World Student Christian Federation, and John Oliver Nelson of Yale Divinity School.

Officers Chosen By Student Workers

Ed Coffman of Columbia, Mo. was elected president of the Disciples of Christ Student Workers Association Conference in the annual meeting held June 23-28 at Camp Hollister, Mo. Other officers chosen to serve during the coming year were Don Ing, Peoria, Ill., vice-president; Maria Smith, Bloomington, Ind., secretary; Ray W. Wallace, Norman, Okla., treasurer; and Lester McAllister, Berkeley, Calif., member-at-large.

Pastors, religious education directors, and leaders who specialize in directing religious programs for college and university students are members of the Student Workers Association. During their six-day conference this year were some 160 students who discussed methods of evangelism through student programs, enlistment projects, Bible study, recreation, and problems of financing student centers.

Immediately following the conference seven new student workers were enrolled in a two week training course held in the Indianapolis office of The United Christian Missionary Society. Those who attended the training session in preparation for doing religious work with students during the coming year were: Patricia Clark, Ames, Iowa; Mildred Robertson, Richmond, Ky.; Clarence Ketch, College Station, Texas; Mrs. Harriet McGwin, Lexington, Ky.; John P. Neff, Berkeley, Calif.; Rommie Rasmussen and Shirley McLeain, Lincoln, Neb.

NOTICE

It's Up To You To Make The Christian Plea Better

Remember that the 15th Of Each Month We Go To Press.

So Send Your News Early.
New Gay Lea Christian Fellowship Minister

Elder Lawrence E. Hall, former minister of the Romine Avenue Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, has accepted the call to become pastor of historic Gay Lea Fellowship Christian Church at Nashville, Tennessee, effective the first Sunday in June 1951.

Before going to Texas, Elder Hall was associate minister of Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Md., and regional evangelist of Eastern Seaboard District.

He became minister of Romine Avenue Christian Church in 1947. Since that time he has completed his education in Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. Other colleges attended include Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, and Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Elder Hall comes to our church here in Nashville highly recommended by our Brotherhood. During his stay in Texas he was the associate minister of several of our churches namely: the First Christian Church of Hawkins, and Bethlehem Christian Church in McKinney, Texas.

Elder Hall was installed as our pastor Sunday, June 10, by Brother Ernest Newborn of the Gay Lea Christian Fellowship Church. The services were well attended and very impressive.

Elder Hall has a well rounded program worked out for the church which includes improving church attendance, having prayer meetings weekly, having Sunday night services, visiting the members, evangelistic campaigns, keeping contact with people in the community and reorganizing our department with new objectives and plans.

The Masons held their regular yearly service at the church the third Sunday in June, which included memorial services for the late Elder Preston Taylor, who pastored both Gay Street and Lea Avenue churches at one time.

We solicit your prayers for the work that lies ahead of us, and we feel that your prayers will mean much to us in our great undertaking for the cause of Christ and the benefit of mankind.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

A CONVOCATION FOR DISCIPLE YOUNG PEOPLE
(Ages 15-24)

AUGUST 15-19, 1951
UNIVERSITY of ILLINOIS — Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

NOTICE:
You are the very first to receive the announcement of time and place for our first convocation for Disciple young people.

HELP US SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

This is a "once-in-a-life-time" event. EVERY LOCAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP group must be reached. Every member of a local Christian Youth Fellowship should be informed and given the opportunity to start saving money NOW—$25.00 plus travel will be necessary. URGE GROUPS TO COME IN CARLOADS—we can use adults in various ways.

INSPIRATION — INFORMATION — DEDICATION

Our young people have been asking for such a mass convocation. DREAMS DO COME TRUE — HELP OUR YOUTH REALIZE THIS ONE IN MASS!
The 35th Annual National Christian Missionary Convention, held with the 2nd Christian Church, Indianapolis Ind., was the greatest in its history. Hundreds of delegates from 25 states were in attendance. The Convention was officially opened Tuesday Evening by Elder Blair T. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn., president.

A most cordial program of well was presented by the 2nd Christian Church, Elder R. H. Peoples, pastor presiding. A number of religious and civic leaders brought greetings from the good people of Indianapolis, among them the Mayor of the City.

An Inter-Racial Choir of 100 voices rendered lovely music. After the welcome program Elder Hunt the president was presented and brought to the delegates and friends (that filled every nook and corner of 2nd church and-ever-flowed into the street) a ringing challenging message on the general theme "The Unfinished Task: In The Ministry Missions and Stewardship."

His Sub-topic was "Don't die on 3rd Base" Elder Hunt Commanded the Convention, that we accept the challenge of the "The Unfinished Task" and move on to greater achievements.

The entire program was good.

Every speaker seemed to be at his or her best. The sermons were challenging and inspiring. The Educational Conferences were well planned by the Staff and each of the vice presidents made invaluable contributions to the various Departments ever which the presidency.

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LIVING DAYS EXCEED PREACHING DAYS

"Even so did the Lord ordain that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

1 Cor. 9:14

What happens to the faithful old preacher when the church has "used up" all his preaching days? Does he become an object of charity, a burden to his family, a beggar?

Perhaps so, if he and his church did not participate in the Pension Plan by the payment of the $1.25% and 8% dues.

More and more ministers and churches, reading carefully the above ordinance of the Lord, recognize their responsibility to sustain the ministry when failing health, accident, disability and age cause preaching days to be over.

OBSERVE "The Week of the Ministry" October 14-21 by enrolling the church and the minister in the Pension Plan. Theme for the 1951 Week of the Ministry is "How Shall They Preach, EXCEPT . . . ?"

WRITE for information and materials.

PENSION FUND OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

800 Test Building
Indianapolis 4, Indiana
35th Annual Convention Was Successful

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SOME OF THE MANY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION

1. The two messages presented by the President, Tuesday Evening and Sunday Morning.

2. The large quantity of gifts presented to the Goddsboro Christian Institute by the Woman's Department under the leadership of Mrs. C. C. Yesley and Miss Annabelle Jackson.

3. The dedication of the Taylor Memorial Fellowship House (a home for ministerial students at Butler University).

4. The Rally of the States, conducted by Dr. J. E. Walker, with Ohio winning (the 2nd year in succession).

5. The Minister's Wives Reception, given at the YWCA. Some 200 people present.

6. The decision of the Ushers Fellowship to accept the Christian Plea as their National Project.

7. The $8,000.00 pledges by individuals and churches toward the National Convention budget for this year.

8. The Musical Festival on Sunday afternoon with choirs from Chicago, Mt. Sterling, Ky., Covington, Ky., and Martinsville Church.

9. The visit to Missions Building, Home of the United Christian Missionary Society, the Head-quarters of the National Convention and the Board of Church Extension.

10. The FINAL AND UNIMPEACHABLE decision to hold the 1951 Convention in Los Angeles, Calif.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS


BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED FOR 3 YEARS


Elected for one year. Eld. N. J. Dickerson, Community Christian Church Bluefield, W. Va.

Report of The Trustees

To the officers and delegates of the Thirty-fifth National Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ of America, Greetings:

As the Recording Secretary of the National Board and Convention, I hereby submit this report of the trustees and National Board for your information, consideration and approval.

The Board has held four regular meetings during this convention year: one at the close of the national convention in Memphis, Tenn., and three in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 19th, 1950, May 8, 1951, and the final meeting August 22. The minutes were well read and each member contributed his or her best in making the meeting profitable.

The first meeting was given wholly to the organization and setup of the board of trustees, and the payment of convention expenses. Twenty-seven members were elected from the National Board to serve as trustees of the national convention.

The next two meetings, December 19, 1951 and May 8, 1951 were meetings of the trustee board. At these two meetings, reports and recommendations were given by the staff workers and the editor of the Christian Plea. Each report was good, and showed evidence of sound planning and work well done by each staff worker. The reports showed evidence of progress and expansion in our work. Much praise should be given to our staff for such a fine piece of work done with such an extensive field to cover. Miss Marjorie Renault, the office secretary, is truly a great asset to our work.

The five committees, required by

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A Partial Report of Recommendations

1. We recommend that we accept the Long Range Plan of Missionary Organization—Education as submitted to us and that each church strive to adjust itself as to the local program as the need demands without withdrawal or discrimination.

2. We recommend that we have a press and public relation committee for the National Convention. We further recommend that the local city “where the convention meets,” select an Editorial Manager for the Committee.

3. We recommend that there be allowed for not more than two years from 1950, 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 all National Convention financial reports to the Treasurer have a postmark not later than July 31st be reported in the June report.

5. That the spending budget and the asking budget be accepted as submitted and accepted by the National Board.

6. That we set special local church goals for National Christian Missionary Convention to be reported on December 1, March 31, June 1 and July 31. Other funds, special or convention registration, to be sent or brought to the Convention in session.

7. That the total goal of the churches in a state will be brought to the attention of the President and officers of that convention with an agreed method of how the money may be raised in that state. In unorganized state each congregation will make its agreement.

8. That March shall be National Christian Missionary Convention month when an effort is put forth to awaken a larger number to a realization of their obligation and privileges to the work of the church which is vital for their own salvation.

9. That we should train and develop special contact persons for each area of our work. Remembering that our best promotion is to tell the people our needs and have faith that they will respond.

10. That we build a list of sustaining and participating friends and members who care enough to share in order that the work will grow.

11. That the goals for 1921-52 of the National Christian Missionary Convention and Unified Promotion be accepted and presented to the Convention for acceptance.

12. That Dr. A. Dale Frier’s name be submitted to the Nominating Committee of the National Convention as an agency nomination to the Board.

13. That we set our goal for at least sixty-two new youth groups in areas as stated in the report of the Director of Christian Education.

14. That by 1952 we try to have at least 500 young people attending summer conferences with a study (Continued on Page 4)

Report Of Trustees

(Continued from Page 2) the constitution to carry on the work of the convention, functioned at the above mentioned two meetings, giving consideration to recommendations and programs for the success of the work. These committees were:

1. Administration and Finance . . .
   B. T. Hunt, chairman.

2. Missionary organization and Education . . .
   C. C. Mosley, chairman.

3. Christian Education . . .
   Miss Bessie Chandler, chairman.

4. Evangelism and Church Development . . .
   Eld. R. L. Jordan.

5. Management of Real and Personal Property . . .
   Dr. J. E. Walker.

Each committee gave prayerful attention and thought to its respective work.

The fourth meeting was that of the National Board. At this meeting annual reports of the staff were given and approved. Membership for various committees as required by the constitution were elected.

Some outstanding problems which were considered during the year were: The Christian Plea, Ministerial Recruitment, The Taylor Estate, The Preston Taylor Memorial House, Investigation of Conditions at Southern Christian Institute, and Program Promotion.

During the year, Miss Anna Bell Jackson, was employed by the trustees to serve as the new National Director of Missionary Organization and Education. Miss Jackson succeeds Mrs. Bernice Holmes who did an outstanding job in preparing the way for the Christian Women’s Fellowship.

Salaries of our staff workers were (Continued on 7)
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being made for the purpose of serving the young people more adequately in Tennessee, Ohio and the Washington-Norfolk District. Our goal is to increase Character Bond giving to at least $300 by 1952.

15. That one advance conference experience be made available for college age young people and those having finished the four years high school conference.

16. That each state will hold a convention on evangelism during the ensuing year when there is a committee on evangelism.

17. That a standing committee on recruitment be set up to work in collaboration with the Directors of Church Development and Evangelism and Christian Education.

18. That a workshop on state conventions be planned either in our National Convention program or as a pre-convention project for convention presidents; the purpose being to explore possibilities for more uniformity in policy and planning, as well as to work out a program which shall improve the effectiveness of the local and state leaders who attend the conventions. They should also evaluate work of staff member in the convention.

19. That authorization be given in this setting of the National Convention for the preparation and declaration of a statement representing the opinion of the convention on church splits and renegade conventions.

20. That we approve evangelistic goals of 10 percent membership for the year 1951-52.

21. That we urge general use of evangelistic materials as prepared by the Home & State Missions Planning Council and the Department of Church Development and Evangelism.

22. That letter of appreciation from this convention be sent to ministers who are incapacitated because of age, illness or otherwise.

23. That we give our support to the National Praternal Council by giving this year a sum of $25.00 toward the building indebtedness and $25.00 for annual tues. This is recommended in view of the larger cooperation the Council is now experiencing with some other communions.

24. We recommend that a committee be appointed to meet with representatives of the Gay-Lea Fellowship and officers of the Tennessee State Convention to study the possibility of building a local state and National church building with educational and recreational facilities on the Preston Taylor Estate.

Executive Secretary's Report

Report Of The Executive Secretary To The National Board
National Christian Missionary Convention
Emmett J. Dickson
August 21, 1951
Indianapolis, Indiana

ELD. H. L. HEROD
One of the founders, and former President of the National Convention, Elizabeth Herod, gave $100.00 to the Indiana State Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Herd was Pastor of the Indianapolis Church 33 years.

The committee voted to refer this recommendation to the Trustees of the Taylor Estate.

25. We recommend that we work to eliminate the estimates in our year book reports.

26. That every Christian family of the Disciples of Christ subscribe to at least one of our religious periodicals.

27. That a greater financial support to the UCMS be given from our churches.

28. That the National Board appoint a committee to work with the National Benevolent Association of the Disciple Church to provide for the care of the aged and orphans of the Negro Disciples of Christ.

29. That the Convention endorse the $100 movement for evangelism.

30. That we strive for the inclusion of all races in local church membership.

31. We recommend that the staff of the National Convention put forth every effort to cultivate interest and secure cooperation of all ministers and Christian churches that are not cooperating with this convention.

32. We recommend a study and a definite execution of the ten year or long range program.

33. That OCMS be implored to initiate necessary procedure to invite representation of the National Christian Missionary Convention to become members of the boards or boards of our schools, Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis Christian College.

34. That the International Convention of Disciples of Christ be requested to give adequate representation on all committees of the Convention, including the Executive Committee and the committee on program and arrangements to representatives to minority groups in the Brotherhood.

tate in Nashville, Tennessee. The committee voted to refer this recommendation to the Trustees of the Taylor Estate.

There is a life and death struggle in the world between the way of Christ and the way of secularism. This competition is severe and leads to confusion, uncertainty and apprehension in the mind of people in every nation.

The Christian forces are called upon to meet the world situation with aggressiveness and effectiveness. It is evident that every Christian and every church is face to face with this responsibility. There is no escape. Every church has a vital part in the determination of the future in the name of Christ. (C. O. Hawley)

Under the capable leadership of President Blair T. Hunt, the National Christian Missionary Convention completed its thirty-fourth year of service to the members and churches in the Brotherhood. We are now called upon to act with an eye on the future as we

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move into our fields of support and service.

Staff and Service

We rejoice again to know that we have a full staff of workers now. Miss Anna Belle Jackson comes to the staff as National Director of Missionary Organization-Education and Women's work. Miss Jackson's consecration and devotion to Christ and the church makes her a most worthy member of the staff. She was ordained in London, Kentucky, April 29, 1951 at her home church. The minister and elders from First Christian Church helped Elder George Frazier, pastor of First Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky and President of Kentucky State Convention in the ordination services.

The period of orientation is now over for Miss Jackson and we expect from her a long term of effective service among us.

Staff members have served as ministers at large to the brotherhood. Their services have been varied and are so listed. Local church workers, institute and retreat, revivals and training periods, state conventions, youth adult conferences, convocations, revivals and irregular brotherhood planning and committee meetings and interdenominational meetings.

C. H. Webb was elected a member of the Joint Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches in America. Lorenzo J. Evans was elected member of the Executive Committee of Leadership Education of the Divion on Christian Education - National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Miss Marjorie E. Chanault served as Music Director of "Rally Days" for Indiana Christian Women Fellowship. Our host pastor and trustee, R. H. People was elected Recording Secretary of Indianapolis Church Federation. For these high places of services, we are justly proud.

Goals

The assurance of things hoped for is the giving theme of the year. Acting with an eye on the future is the leading work thought.

Goal releases will be made to each church showing the amount asked for National Christian Missionary Convention and the amount asked for Unified Promotion. We hope this will help in our support to all causes. This we must do—

1. We are to raise money both for Unified Promotion and the National Christian Missionary Convention. This will not be a burden if more of our people are asked to give to both.

2. Set special local church goals for National Christian Missionary Convention to be reported on December 1, March 31, June 1 and July 31. Other funds, special or convention registration, to be sent or brought to the Convention in session.

3. The total goal of the churches in a state will be brought to the attention of the President and officers of that convention with an agreed method of how the money may be raised in that state. In unorganized states each congregation will make its agreement.

4. Special gift money should be recorded. We have had only one substantial money gift that has helped us materially, that has been the Taflor Estate property. There are enough people among us who could give $100 per year for this noble work of the National Christian Missionary Convention. We must find them and that very soon. Some have started this fine way of contributing. The first donor was Elder M. F. Mitchell of Los Angeles, California.

5. Each trustee and National Board member must take this problem as a personal one seriously to heart and conscience. Should see to it that a worthy report comes from his home church early in the year. Especially on or before date of Trustees Fall and Spring meeting. Each Trustee not of agencies, will be a signed an area and given a goal of responsibility in his trusteeship.

6. March will be National Christian Missionary Convention month when an effort is put forth to awaken a larger number to a realization of their obligations and privileges to the work of the church which is vital for their own salvation.

7. Train and develop special contact persons for each area of our work. Remembering that our best promotion is to tell the people our needs and have faith that they will respond.

8. Build a list of sustaining and participating friends and members who care enough to share in order that the work will grow.

The Long Range Program

Calls for $2,136.00 per year new money for the expanding program of service and organization. We can meet this program of service and organization. We can meet this program if we are sensitive to the needs of this brotherhood. The foreign mission, the problem of the un-churched and unorganized areas for which we are responsible, our membership is 100,038; there are over 22,000,000 people in our area. At home, it is estimated that there are 7,000,000 adults, 400,000 youth, and 680,000 children within the communities of our present church educational plants which are not yet reached.

Annual Session

Indianapolis has made very excellent preparation for the 35th Annual Session. We are to enjoy all the good things the church at Headquarters has to give. We shall be well pleased if plans are to work as made for us.

36th Annual Session

A letter was sent to Rev. B. C. Duke, pastor of Avalon Christian Church, Los Angeles, California in pursuance of recommendation Number 17 and 21 from the 35th Annual Session in Memphis, Tennessee.

An affirmed letter of invitation from Avalon Christian Church was received in March. Now, that we have the invitation and the assurance of the best entertainment by the Avalon Christian Church, we should proceed with plans to hold the 36th annual session in Los Angeles.

National assemblies of the International Convention will be held this year and we should urge a large attendance at these meetings. Attendance at the one nearest and most convenient will be the better policy.

World Convention

The Fourth World Convention will be held in Melbourne, Australia August 5th to 10th 1951. We have been hosted in all the World Conventions of our churches, so we should see to it that we have some delegates present in Melbourne. Special air trip rates have been made available for the convention. Each person should check the way he desires to go. See folder on Fourth World Convention.

Mimeographed copies of the Constitution and By-Laws are available for all delegates.

Recommendations:

1. That the Treasurer be empowered... (Continued on Page 6)
Greetings to each delegate assembled in the 35th annual session in Indianapolis, Ind.

We have striven during this convention year to perform such administrative functions as pertain to the office of the President according to our constitution. We have attended all meetings of the Board of Trustees, one meeting of the Management of Real and Personal Property committee called in Nashville, Tennessee. In all these meetings we have endeavored to participate and make some contribution. All these meetings were harmonious and constructive.

We have made two visits to the Taylor Estate in Nashville, Tennessee built by brother Merle Eppes. Brother Eppes, in my judgement, deserves a special commendation for his excellent stewardship of the Taylor Plea.

We have spoken in our Church at Port Gibson, Mississippi, and we met with eight of our ministers located in that area. Brother Griffin, of Shelby, Mississippi, is responsible for this meeting.

We have visited the Almond Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee and accepted an invitation to speak to the membership there. This was the finest courtesy of the God-man Elder Malloy.

We have gone to Paducah, Kentucky and while there held a conference with Brother Rey - enjoying the hospitality of his home. Mrs. Oseola Dawson was responsible for this meeting.

We have attended one State Convention. We have written several State Conventions in session extending greetings and asking their cooperation in National work.

We have called on the new and most promising minister of the Gay-Lea Fellowship in Nashville. It appears a new and beautiful day is dawning there.

We have had several conferences with our National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, and the President of our Laymen's League, J. T. Chandler.

We have made contributions to our National organ, The Christian Plea. Our editor, Brother L. L. Dickerson, despite difficulties, has done well with our publication.

We have edited and caused to be mailed by our most competent office secretary, Miss Marjorie E. Chenault, a comprehensive letter to the complete mailing list of the National Convention.

We have, with our own hand, written two hundred twenty-nine letters to ministers and officials of our Brotherhood. Approximately twenty-five letters have been answered.

We have written, not representing the Convention but as an individual Disciple of Christ, five influential brethren of the Preaching Convention hoping that in the course of time they and their will cooperate with the National Christian Missionary Convention. Three friendly replies were received.

We have endeavored to serve our local congregation and the city of which I am a citizen and a native; a city in which I have pastored one church, Missippi Boulevard, for twenty-nine years.

We are deeply grateful to you for permitting us to serve. We are truly grateful to our cooperating agencies, boards and their representatives for their strong financial and moral support. Their premises are never broken.

Secretary's Report

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Report Of The Trustees

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increased $200 for the year 1951 and 1952.

Reports from the Taylor Estate show that the said estate is producing profitably for the brotherhood, and that every opportunity is taken to safeguard the trust and inheritance handed down to us.

The treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, gave a report of financial operation of the National Convention at each trustee meeting. He endorsed the $100 Club, inaugurated by Eld. F. M. Mitchell of Calif. The Nat'l Board is one-hundred percent in accord with the $100 Club.

The following budget for 1951 and 1952 has been approved by the board and is subject for the approval of disapproval of this body.

Spending Budget 1951 - 52

Salaries $17,900.00
Executive Secretary
Director Church Development and Evangelism
Director Religious Education
Dir. Missionary Organization and Education
Office Secretary
Secretarial Assistant
Travel 4,000.00
Office Equipment and Expense 2,000.00
Program Expense 2,500.00
National Convention and Trustee Meetings 1,800.00

Total $32,650.00

Asking Budget 1951 - 52

United Christian Missionary Society $15,000.00
National Convention Churches 10,000.00
Taylor Estate 2,000.00
Christian Board of Publication 3,000.00
Board of Church Extension 600.00
Pension Fund 1,000.00
Board of Higher Education 600.00
National Benevolent Association 1,000.00

Total $33,200.00

As secretary, I wish to express my appreciation for the faith and trust invested in me by this body and I do hope that I have justified such.

In behalf of the members of the board, I also wish to thank the ministers and workers in the local church for their cooperation and support in this big and glorious task of advancing the kingdom of God.

Faithfully submitted

E. T. Hunt, chairman
R. L. Saunders, secretary

Special Gifts To The National Christian Missionary Convention

Miss Beatrice Chandler-Nashville, Tennessee $25.00

Mrs. Emma W. Owens-Jeffersonville, Ind, (Payment on $50.00 Memorial for her late husband, Rev. William Owens $25.00

Mrs. Sallie F. Parks-Cincinnati, Ohio $50.00
Commencement Jitters

By WILLETTA SCHLEY

The end of the beginning after years of limitless mental activity and physical agony, a patiently anticipated experience was about to present itself. Many times I basked in the light of an intellectual paradise and at still other times I sank into the depths of despair, loosing all hope of ever donning a cap and gown or marching down the aisle.

My grades were incidental. I made a few A's and a few of the other marks. But my mind was centered on one thing; I just wanted my diploma in my hand.

On the night of commencement eve the strains of the "Priest March" disturbed my sleep, and the feel of a diploma was ever in my hands. Sounds of congratulations and happy smiling faces seemed to mock me.

With eager eyes I watched the day break and I knew that commencement day had come at last. I lost no time in arising, dressing, breakfasting (such as it was), and hurrying to the auditorium for the exercises which began at ten o'clock. The bugal call signaled me into place, and the strains of the "Priest March" became an actuality.

I do not remember much after that. Time seemed to lapse until I felt my diploma being thrust into my hands, and felt my self nodding "Thanks." This, I believe, was the most thrilling moment of my life, and I stood waiting for the "jitters" to leave me so that I could compose myself and resume my normal station in life.

The 15th of Each Month Is Our Deadline . . Send Your News Early

MEN-WOMEN $100 MOVEMENT FOR EVANGELISM

Professor T. W. Pratt-Dallas, Texas .................................................. $100.00

Mrs. Elizabeth Herod-Indianapolis, In l. (Memorial for her late husband. Dr. H. L. Herod) .............................................................. $100.00

Mrs. Lelia Walker-Memphis, Tenn. (Memorial for her mother the late Mrs. T. F. Thomas) ....................................................... $100.00

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Campbell Home Day Celebration

Hurricane Hits Churches In Jamaica

The hurricane which struck the island of Jamaica in the British West Indies August 18 did severe damage to a number of the churches of Disciples of Christ and to buildings at Christian College. Churches and school are affiliated with the Jamaica Mission which is administered for the brotherhood through The United Christian Missionary Society.

Missionaries on the field at the time of the storm were Mr. and Mrs. Evert C. Millard, who began their first term in Jamaica at June, Miss Myrtle Ward, veteran missionary to Africa who began her present work in Jamaica early this year, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Palmer, missionary candidates who were giving special summer service on the island. None of these missionaries were injured.

The Robert Nelson family had left Jamaica on regular furlough earlier in August, but Mr. Nelson was sent back immediately after the hurricane to aid in relief work and to check on damage to mission properties. First reports received indicated that six of the churches and one mission house were completely demolished, while roofs were torn from others and the walls weakened. The roof was torn from Canada Hall at Christian College and the building flooded during the heavy rains. Many of the church people lost their homes completely. Some of the homeless were being sheltered in churches which remained standing. The Jamaica Mission faces a staggering task of rebuilding and rehabilitation.

When news of the destruction was received by the United Society the department of social welfare began at once to pack clothing, shoes and bedding out of the supplies of material aid rent in recently from local churches.

Thanksgiving

There are some questions I would like to ask. I would like to know...

- If the church where Daddy and Mama take me will help me grow to be a big Christian?
- If the folks are concerned about the welfare of our neighborhood?
- If there will always be an active Christian church in the community where I live?
- If the college I attend will teach Christianity or paganism?

Of course little children are not actually asking such questions, but discerning adults realize that the inquiries are valid.

The Thanksgiving offerings of the Churches and Sunday Schools help support Religious Education, State Missions, Higher Education and Social Education.

Religious Education includes leadership training, camp and conferences for youth and adults and Church school guidance and enlargement.

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some 800 pounds of relief items were sent to the Jamaican churches for distribution among needy storm victims.

Ross Street Reports Progress

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

With the efficient leadership of Eld. Harvey G. Fleming, Minister, much progress has been made in all departments. He accepted the church the 28th Sunday in March, 1951, since that date we have 12 additions and bought a new parsonage at a cost of five thousand dollars. This parsonage is up to date with all modern conveniences and is well furnished. The debt has been greatly reduced. Our attendance is still great interest is being manifested among the members. Our offering for the third Sunday was one hundred and sixty dollars.
Thanksgiving  
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State Missionary undergirds many brotherhood programs. New churches are established, weak congregations assisted and programs for cooperative work developed.

Over 40,000 students are enrolled in colleges and universities maintained by Disciples of Christ. More than 700 young men and women are in our seminaries preparing for full time Christian service.

Social Education seeks to help Christians understand human needs and give guidance to meeting these needs. Leaders are trained, programs developed for local churches, literature produced and projects conducted.

Every Church and Sunday school should share in the support of these causes. Helpful materials, including teachers manuals, leaflets, coin boxes and envelopes and children’s lessons may be secured by writing to either the State Office, or to United Promotion, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Ind.

Laymen Adopt New Name  
Christian Men’s Fellowship was adopted recently as the name to be used nationally for laymen’s work in churches of the Disciples of Christ. The name was appointed by the National Laymen’s Advisory Commission in its annual meeting in August at Wheeling, W. Va. A number of state laymen’s organizations are already using the new name, which is optional with local and national organizations.

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES  
Mrs. Callens (Youngstown, Ohio) $100.00  
Dr. J. E. Walker 100.00  
Mrs. J. E. Walker 100.00  
Rev. B. T. Hunt 100.00  
Rev. And Mrs. C. C. Mosley 100.00  
Rev. F. M. Mitchell 100.00  
Daviey M. Dickerson 100.00  
(Crockett, Texas, R 2 Box 21C)  
Mrs. Jennie Wallace 30.00  
Rev. B. C. Duke 100.00  
Mr. Henry Miligan 100.00  
Mrs. A. W. Davis 100.00  
Prof. T. W. Pratt (Paid) 100.00  
Prof. A. I. Terrel 100.00  
Rev. L. L. Dickerson 100.00  
(Bush $30, L. L. Dickerson $70.)  
Rev. and Mrs. J. Whitfield 100.00  
Rev. L. A. Brown 100.00  
Rev. A. J. Jefferies 100.00  
Rev. L. Evans 100.00  
Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Saunders 100.00  
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Rev. E. J. Dickson 100.00  
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Mrs. E. D. Titus 50.00  
J. W. Whitfield 100.00  
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(Memory of Rev. Scott)  
Mrs. Pearl Craggett (Memory of Rev. Craggett) 100.00  
Mrs. J. E. Walker (Memory of Mrs. F. T. Thomas, her Mother) (Continued On Page 4)
Regional Evangelist Commends National Convention

Report Of Eastern Seaboard Regional Evangelist

S. E. Tillman

May I take the privilege in saying that the 35th Annual National Convention that was held with the pastor, members, and friends of the Second Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 21-26, was the best that I have ever attended. It seems to me that the spirit of Christ was with the convention from the beginning to the end. The presidents of each department were outstanding in their reports. The Vice President of the National Convention is a wonderful man and one that you can depend on. He can fill every office that is to be filled in our convention, and can do so with pride. We are all very proud of him, for he is dependable. Now as you all know that our National President can not be best. He is up and on every point. His preparation for the work is second to none. Then you take our National Director of Church development. He is doing a fine job, always trying to help his fellow-minister.

Announcement will be made later concerning the Ministers Institute to be held this fall for the ministers, teachers and directors of the Eastern Seaboard. The conference is to be held in Baltimore. We are hoping for a large attendance. Our sincere thanks to our Executive Secretary Eld. E. J. Dickson and our office Secretary Miss Marjorie Chennault for their fine service and the courtesies we received when we visited our National Office. I would also like to pay a tribute to one of our most loyal and devoted Disciples, our National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, a real Christian, patient, humble and sympathetic. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless all our efforts to build His Kingdom in the hearts of all men.

Chaplaincy Created

The Christian Church Hospital Chaplaincy was established at Rochester in 1946. Jointly sponsored and supported by the Division of Home Missions of the United Christian Missionary Society, the Minnesota Christian Missionary Society and the Iowa Christian Missionary Society, the project is supervised by a committee of seven persons. Committee members are Mr. J. A. Gashel, Mason City, Ia., Montfort Pearson, Rochester, Minn., Forrest L. Richeson, Minneapolis, Minn., John Wollard, Des Moines, Ia., Vernon Stagner, secretary of the Minnesota Christian Missionary Society, and Willard M. Wickizer, chairman of the United Society's Division of Home Missions.

Each year 135,000 patients pass through the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, some 5,000 of which are members of the Christian church. These patients and members of their families who accompany them, come from nearly every state in the union and Canadian provinces. The chaplain is assigned to Rochester to give comfort to the sick, and to render varied services as a Christian minister.

South Carolina Reports

A. L. Brabham, Reporter

Editor, Christian Plea:

Greetings to the Brethren in Christ Jesus. It has been some time since we have made a report from South Carolina. We are getting along very well under the circumstances. The work here in this state is not thriving as it should because we are in need of leadership, men and women who have been truly converted to Christ, and are able to hit Him up. He said, "If I be lifted up, I'll draw all men unto me." We cannot lift Him up unless we know Him. If we are a damned to own Him, He will be ashamed to own us before His Father and the Angels. The Young People of Districts 1 and 2 held their Youth Meeting at the First Christian Church Erhardt the third Sunday in June. They had a fine meeting under the leadership of Sister Eunice Miller. Sister Miller has recently married and left the state. She will be missed very much. We hope the youth work will go on for they are our future leaders.

The Quarterly meeting No. 1 met with Antioch Christian Church at Varville.

The Church And Baptism

By E. B. Johnson, Arkansas

Editor, Christian Plea:

Please allow me a bit of space to say a few words to our ministers about the church and baptism. As a body of Christians some of us wear the name Christian Church and some Church of Christ. I wear the name Christian, and I am not ashamed of it. I have searched the scriptures prayerfully to see if there was a Christian church and a church of Christ. After 55 years of study I have finally decided that the Christian Church and the Church of Christ are one and the same. Christ told the apostles that on this Rock I will build my church. Suppose we ask ourselves right here what kind of material did Christ use in the building of the Church. Did He use some kind of supernatural power of supernatural thing that can't see, I answer a hundred times "No." We'll, what did He use? Let us hear from you, Peter. First Peter 2:5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." From this it seems to me that Christ used His true believers to build His church. Our beloved apostle, Paul, bears this foregone statement of Peter somewhere in his letter to the church at Corinth. The name Christian first came is the church at Antioch. Peter was a preacher to the Jews and Paul a preacher to the Gentiles. When the dispute came up in the church at Antioch, the church sent men to the church at Jerusalem to settle the question on circumcision. Paul states in one of his epistles that the apostles at Jerusalem give him and Barnabas the "right hand of fellowship." I don't believe that Peter and the rest of the apostles at Jerusalem would have given Paul and Barnabas the "right hand of fellowship" if the Gentile church at Antioch.

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## Reports By The District Evangelist

By MRS. MAUDE DAVIS

TAYLOR, Texas, District Board No. 6 convened with Murphy St. Christian Church, Taylor, Texas, Sunday Sept. 30, 1951. It was far the best board we have held in the past few years, due to attendance. By 9 a. m. cars were streaming in from far south as San Antonio and far north as Waco, Lyons, Davilla, Austin, and Temple. All were represented with a large body of delegates.

Sunday School was maned by a mixed faculty of delegates, Brother Halton from Waco, president. Eld. H. B. Nix, Taylor; Eld. Myles T. Johnson, San Antonio; Eld. Kerr, Davilla; and Sister Gaither Fisher of Waco. At the close of the Bible School, the little Wright sisters rendered a duet. "It is no Secret What God can do." These little girls the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright, members of Murphy St. Christian Church.

Mrs. Barnes of Waco sang "Only a Look" just before the morning message which lifted the congregation to spiritual heights, and Eld. H. B. Nix, the pastor of Davilla and Holland, brought the message, and what great message and how timely, subject "A United Church."

The Holy Communion was presented by Eld. I. Q. Hurdle, beautifully carried out; he was assisted by Eld.
WinnErs

National Christian Missionary Confab
Youth Oratorical Contest

SUBJECT:
"Greater Things Through Christian Service"

1st Award
MARY VAN BUREN

Senior in High School, Fulton Missouri and very active member of the Second Christian Church of Fulton. $100.00 award for scholarship.

2nd Award
KENNETH HENRY

Freshman, Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas. Served two years as President of National Convention Christian Youth Fellowship; elected chairman of recreation committee of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission was winner of second award, $50.00 as scholarship.

FRANK MINOR

Senior in High School, S. C. I., in Edwards, Mississippi. Member of 2nd Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.

ANITA R. PAGE

Sophomore in College at S. C. I., Edwards, Mississippi. Member of Christian Chapel in Port Gibson, Miss.
Says I!

By L. L. DICKERSON
(Individual Disciple)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The article in this issue titled "Says I" is the personal opinion of L. L. Dickerson and not the views or opinions of The Christian Plea.

There were many interesting and inspiring things about the 35th Annual National Convention that should be emphasized and re-emphasized until we all fully realize the importance of our National Convention in our brotherhood life. I realize that the Convention has a long way to go yet before it can fulfill the hopes, aims and aspirations of Preston Taylor, Henry Herod, W. H. Dickerson, Monroe Jackson, J. E. Walker and the few others who met in Nashville thirty-five years ago.

But regardless as to how far we are from our goal, no one who has been with the Convention the last fifteen years can fail to realize that we have come a long way, and in some respects our progress in the last decade has been amazing. We Disciples are by nature "Rugged Individualism Personified." We have, for the most part lived unto ourselves. This is especially true of Negro Disciple. Our churches as a rule have been so scattered that fellowship and cooperation with those of "like Faith" was most difficult if not impossible. Most of us had no sense whatever of belonging to a great brotherhood.

While it is true that only a small portion of our people feel even until today the spirit of cooperation, we witnessing an ever increasing desire to have fellowship and cooperate with another. As a result we have seen our Convention grow from an attendance of about 100 to several times that number in the last few years.

If the National Convention grows in the next ten years as much as it has in the last ten years, we will really be "somebody." We have already come to the place where our own people cannot afford to ignore the National Convention. Practically everyone of our leading ministers attend and support the National Convention. Many of our most outstanding Laymen and Laywomen are doing likewise.

We are raising more money than ever before. Our assets, moral, spiritual and financial are great. We only need time and development. Our churches need the Convention. They need to be a part of an organization that has strength and influence. In this twentieth century we can not live unto our individual selves. Those that try it will either die, or like the "Old Soldier just fade away."

Another one of the inspiring things about the National Convention was the scholarly and dignified way in which Blair T. Hunt served as president. When we think of a man like that being prevented from serving more than two years, prevented from giving to our Convention the type of outstanding leadership which he possesses, I realize how silly we were when we inserted tenure of office provision in our constitution. One might wonder whether not a people who are incapable of exercising their own prerogatives of putting a good man in office and keeping him there as long as he is good and taking a bad one out when he proves to be incompetent, can do the other things they should do. Two years is certainly not long enough for a good man, especially at our stage of growth and development, and two years is one year too long for any man who does not have the ability that the office commands. Maybe for the sake of our Convention we should reelect Blair T. Hunt, in 1953, "Tenure or no Tenure."

Third Christian Of Buys Church

According to recent announcement by M. J. E. Blair, Pastor of the Third Christian Church, Warren, Ohio, they have recently purchased Beth Israel Synagogue, at 241 First St. S.W. This very lovely brick building will give the Warren Congregation one of the nicest and best equipped houses of worship in the state. The church is now engaged in a campaign to raise $10,000.00. The campaign began the first Sunday in September. A recent report from the Building Fund Committee states $1,615.22 was raised in September. Anyone desiring to make a contribution to a most worthy cause may do so. Make checks payable to 3rd Christian Church, and send to Eld. J. E. Blair, 176 Williams St., Warren, Ohio.

New for the Christian Home

ENJOYING THE BIBLE AT HOME

By Anna Laura Gehard. Curriculum reading to help families learn about their church and home neighbors, how to be friendly and show consideration, ways of cooperating, means of avoiding common causes of friction, good policies for borrowing and lending, suggestions for overcoming prejudices, how to share joys and sorrows, and planning neighborhood projects. Illustrated by Janet Smalley. 50 cents

GOOD NEIGHBORS

By Elizabeth C. Gardner. Home curriculum reading to help families learn about their church and home neighbors, how to be friendly and show consideration, ways of cooperating, means of avoiding common causes of friction, good policies for borrowing and lending, suggestions for overcoming prejudices, how to share joys and sorrows, and planning neighborhood projects. Illustrated by Janet Smalley. 50 cents

THE CHURCH INVADES THE PAGAN WORLD

By Dwight E. Stevenson. The third in a series of New Testament study guides for young people and adults ("Strong Son of God" and "Beginning in Jerusalem" are the others). This course deals with the time after Paul when the church became a courageous pioneer in a barbarian wilderness. "Questions for Our Day" are included after each of the 13 chapters. "A Prayer for This Week" may be used for benedicitions. 50 cents

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The Lyons Choir was made up of a group of pretty young girls who gave an account of what the Lyons Choir could do. Austin Choir gave a treat in what a young group of sing-ers could do. Leaders Miss Zera Bowser, our second Rosa Page Welch, Mrs. Lulu V. Allen, Bro. Hurdle's lovely daughter, took time out from her school work in Palestine, came up to be with the Austin group and rendered a beautiful solo. Bro. Louis Washington represented San Antonio. The Davilla group, five young ma-trons, put the spiritual fire on in the number "Move on up a Little Higher." The little Misses Ward's twins of Bro. and Mrs. Chester Ward represented the Temple Church Bible School department; Mrs. Barnes re-presented Waco again and the little Wright sisters represented Taylor Bible School department. Mrs. Effie Bowser Jackson, of Austin served as music director for the board.

The Lyons delegation was the largest. The Nix's, Listers, Moore's, Franklin's, and Washingtons, all outstanding Christian families and a long line of representatives of the Disciples of Christ.

Rev. Hubbard and his good wife from Austin, and sister Etta Powell, one of the pillars of The Circleville Church when she moved from that community, so went the church.

Sister S. A. Kerr, of Davilla was awarded a five piece silver set as a starter on a set of table silver. Sister Mattie Lister was given six silver teaspoons for her loyalty to the scholarship fund and all around report from her churches. These awards were given by District Evangelist.


Our pastor Eld. E. B. Washington has done a great job in entertaining the Board, he urged that there would be enough food for all, insisted each one doing his or her part. He brought two very fine colored carpenters from Lyons who redecorated the Church in the persons of Bro. Cohen and Bro. Franklin. Our pastor owns a lovely home three miles from Lyons and is one of the teachers at Snook Consolidated School.

As a whole, Murphy St. is in working order now and we are going to do a great and better work. Our District Board is moving to Higher Ground.

Flemming
In Revival

(From Sept. 3 through Sep. 7, Ed.) Harvey G. Flemming conducted a revival meeting at Big Union Church of Christ. This is a rural church located about eight miles from Haynesville, Alabama. Each evening the house was packed and a large number on the outside. The Lord was truly with us. We had 18 confessions and baptisms. Money raised, one hundred and two dollars. Rev. McCall and his members are also doing a great work here at Big Union. They have repaired the church building at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. I believe if this pastor and people could get some help from the Society they could do even a better job. Rev. McCall is a lovable person to work with. He and his good members made it very pleasant for me while I was with them.

OBSERVE

CAMPBELL HOME DAY

MAKE A NOTE OF IT!

Let your church share in preserving the historic old home of Alexander Campbell

TAKE A SPECIAL OFFERING

Send to
The Campbell Home Committee
Bethany, W. Va.

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Elder Flemings Conducts Revivals

Eld. H. G. Flemming conducted revival meeting at the Church of Christ, Fort Deposit, Alabama, Aug. 27 through Aug. 31. Large crowds attended; we had nine confessions and baptisms and two from the Baptist making a total of 11 additions. Money raised amounted to one hundred and eighteen dollars. We truly had an old time revival. The hour of worship is in fine shape and the members have a wonderful Christian fellowship throughout the Church. The Rev. Mr. McColl and his people are doing a great work here at this point. I hope for them even greater success.

National Director Lorenzo J. Evans Outlines Plans

Dear Co-Workers:

The 35th Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention is now history. We had our first organizational meeting of the Commission on Christian Education for the National Christian Missionary Convention. Recommendations were made and approved by the Convention in session. All of this simply means that now is the time for us to begin to move out into the area of work. I feel quite happy over the fact to know that I can call on such fine leaders as you to answer the call of service. To me this convention merely pointed that many of the areas of service in which we must give ourselves in order that we might be able to complete the task that is before us.

Might I suggest to you now to begin to make your plans for the launching of your program for 1951 and 52, using as a guide our suggested goals that we hope to achieve by June 30, 1952. If these goals are to be achieved it means that every church in the brotherhood must be willing to carry out its share. I look forward to a very fine piece of work being done in every local church in the brotherhood. I am confident of the fact that all of you have done a very commendable work and yet, that is not enough especially when we look around us and see the kind of people that are still living in our communities. As long as we see people like that, regardless of how much we have done, we cannot make ourselves satisfied. Please feel free to call upon the national office for any service that we might be able to render. We are here for one particular purpose and that is to serve you and those that work with you in your local church and community.

With every good wish to you as we work together and looking forward to a grand and glorious year of service in the building of the Kingdom of God, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Lorenzo J. Evans
National Director

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Goals for 1951-1952

In the light of the long range program, we have about 150 youth groups organized, in the next two years, we recommend that we set our goal to at least sixty-two new youth groups in the following areas:

- Mississippi: 10
- Piedmont Tristate: 5
- Georgia: 4
- Missouri: 3
- Kentucky: 5
- Texas: 5
- Eastern Seaboard: 4
- Alabama: 2
- Florida: 2
- South Carolina: 2
- Kansas: 2
- Oklahoma: 4
- Arkansas: 3
- California: 3
- Tennessee: 4
- Goldsboro, N. C.: 4
- Members' or Pastor classes: 25
- Chi Rho Fellowship Groups: 20
- Intermediate Summer Camps: 25
- C. Y. F. Groups: 50
- Churches Represented in Summer Conference: 50
- Young Adult Groups in Local Church: 25
- Superintendent Retreats: 4
- Family Life Institute conducted by Local Church: 25
- Leaders in Training: 250

World Order Seminars Planned

Seminars providing an opportunity for pastors and lay people to study the national government and the United Nations at close range will be held in New York City, March 3-6, 1952 and in Washington, D. C., April 21-24, 1952.

Arranged by the department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society, the annual seminars have drawn an attendance of some 800 people from churches of Disciples of Christ in the past four years. Admission to the four-day intensive programs in international affairs is by application through the department of social welfare, with each person paying his own travel, hotel and registration expense.

Why A Pension Plan?

1. It magnifies the preacher's high calling and brings a fuller recognition of the preacher's work.
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State Planning Conferences: 5
Young Peoples Conferences—in the past two years, according to the reports, the attendance at the Young Peoples Summer Conferences has increased from 128 to 399, therefore, we recommend that by 1952 we try to have at least 500 young people attending summer conferences with a study being made for the purpose of serving the young people more adequately in Tennessee, Ohio and the Washington-Norfolk District. Our goal is to increase Character Bond giving at least $300 by 1952.

In the light of the fact that nothing is being done for the advance training of our Young People after they finish the four years of conference training, and since many of the young people have requested some type of advance training program, we recommend that one advance conference experience be made available for college age young people and those having finished the four years high school conference.

In the light that we now have one hundred and sixteen churches represented in our youth conferences, we recommend that by 1952 we have at least fifty more churches represented in these churches.
Elder Martin Succumbs

Funeral services for Elder Alexander L. Martin, pastor for the past eight years of the Christian Church, Bloomington, Illinois, were held Saturday, October 20, 1951, in Chicago, Illinois, at the Indiana Avenue Christian Church. Officiating clergyman at the rites were Elder R. H. Davis, pastor of Indiana Avenue Church, who delivered the eulogy, Elder R. E. LaToche, pastor of Southside Christian Church, Chicago, and Elder William Campbell, pastor of Second Christian Church, Rockford, Illinois.

Elder Martin, who passed away at his home in Chicago Tuesday, October 16, has been in the ministry since 1923 when he was ordained in Chicago by the late Disciple leaders, Elders B. C. Calvert and L. H. Crawford. Most of his service has been rendered in the state of Illinois; besides pastoring the Bloomington Church he was for eight years pastor of the church at Rockford, Illinois. He was known as an astute student of the Holy Scriptures and an able exponent of the Disciples' doctrine. In the communities where he pastored Elder Martin was highly respected by both clergyman devoted to the work of the church, and as a fine human being who was warm, friendly, understanding, tolerant, quiet and unassuming.

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, the deceased was the son of Elder Henry Martin, for many years Arkansas state evangelist for the Disciples of Christ, and Mrs. Tendie Martin. He attended the Little Rock public schools and Phlander Smith College. He was graduated from the Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi, and for one year attended Hirem Christian College, Hirem, Ohio. Elder Martin was also a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois. He taught in the public schools of Arkansas for two years before mov-ing to Chicago.

He was married in Arkansas to the former Cynthia T. Yarbro and to this union two sons, Otha D. and Charles, were born. Surviving are the widow, who is nationally known for her work as a leader in Disciples' work, two sons, both of Chicago, two brothers and two sisters, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a host of other relatives and many friends.

Mrs. A. W. Davis, of Kansas City, Kans., recently entered the hospital for treatment of her eyes.

PRESTON TAYLOR MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUSE
Rookwood Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana

This is the home of nine young men studying for the ministry at Butler University. The house was purchased by the national convention and is maintained by the convention, the U. C. M. S., Butler University and the Christian Women of Indiana.

Season of Thanksgiving

Be Thankful and Give
Prayers Now and During The Holiday Season
EDITORIALS

The United Society, through the Department of Men's Work, is going all out in its efforts to mobilize the man power of our white churches. Yes sir that's exactly what we said "white churches." Now we have no quarrel with those who see the need and possibilities of a strong layman's movement. But what does concern us is that fact that practically no effort is being made to mobilize the man power in our Negro Churches. It's true that our White brethren invite the Colored brethren to "sit in" on most of their meetings North of the Mason-Dixon line, and the representatives of the Layman's Department is always ready and willing to come in when invited to do so and speak. That's alright as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough. It all adds up to practically nothing as far as promoting the work among Laymen is concerned. Why do we Negroes always have to wait until the white folk get their work established and then try to establish ours. If the Laymen's work is important to our white churches it is important to our Negro Churches. If they need full time workers in this field we need full time workers. Bro. J. T. Chandler has been trying hard to do something through the National Convention Layman's Organization. But so far they don't have the time, the money nor the interest of leaders (we mean our preachers) and the results have been deplorable. We need a full time Layman's Worker, and we must have one. And we must have him soon. If the Layman's Department of the U. C. M. S. can't include the Negro Laymen in their program we will have to do it ourselves.

Twelve years ago the writer saw the importance of mobilizing the men of our church. And over the strenuous objections of some important people the Kentucky Laymen's Conference was organized. During these twelve years the Laymen's Conference in Kentucky has done more than any other one thing to keep the work alive in that state. It's high time we stopped being the "cow's tail" in every Brotherhood Movement. We must keep pace with others. If our white brethren are giving more for local expenses we must give more too. If they are giving more for missions, we can give more. If they are giving more to support our Schools and Colleges, we must do likewise. Not just because they are doing those things, but because the need is great and we are able.

Several Thousand Dollars was pledged by individuals and organizations at our National Convention in Indianapolis for the support of our work. Some of them have not paid then and there. Others promised to pay sometime during the year. We do not have any report of the Treasurer, and do not know how much money has come in. But we do know that every individual who made a pledge, and every church that has accepted an apportionment ought to be sending money in now. The Plea believes we should have all of our National Convention money paid in by June 30, 1952.

We hope our ministers will realize how important it is that we send our money in during the year. We have a pay roll to meet every month. If the money does not come in we can't pay our Staff.

Our next meeting of the Trustees will be in December. Every)

Trustee, every Board Member, every Officer of the National Convention should see to it that his or her own church makes some payment before the December meeting. We believe further that our entire Staff should emphasize and re-emphasize the raising of our apportionments this year for the National Convention and Unified Promotion.

WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT MONEY.

Taylor Memorial

J. T. CHANDLER, President,
Layman's League

This communication is being addressed to laymen throughout our brotherhood for the purpose of arousing interest in and raising funds for the National Laymen's League Taylor Memorial Fellowship House—Library Project.

The Taylor Memorial Fellowship House has been purchased by our National Convention as a place to house our student ministers who are in school at Butler University in Indianapolis. The address of the House is 4133 Brookwood, Indianapolis, Ind. This location is near Butler University.

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He's A True Christian

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(This is the concluding section of a longer study of Bishop Bernard J. Sheil Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, by Mr. Alinsky. Permission to reprint this portion of Mr. Alinsky's article has been granted by The Progressive, Madison, Wisconsin.)

It is not so much what the bishop says as what he does. Just before Pearl Harbor, the bishop, overriding the protests of associates, went unannounced and uninvited to a mass meeting sponsored by a number of groups, such as the Christian Front. Here, in a hall full of hate, Bishop Bernard Sheil for fifteen tense moments denounced anti-Semitism, white supremacy, and every vile form of hate, Bishop Bernard Sheil for 15 minutes as what he does, just before Pearl Harbor. The audience listened restlessly, seething with hostility.

Finally, he ended turned, and slowly began to walk down the center aisle. Suddenly the silence was shattered by a scream of anger. It came from a fanatical old woman who stepped out and blocked the bishop's way just as he was passing her row. She shrieked, "I'm a Catholic, but you, you—you're not a Catholic bishop. Get d--d... you. Nigger lover! Jew lover! Get out of my church! Ha, ha! Rabbi Sheil!"

Now completely hysterical, she denotedly cleared her throat, and with all her strength spat over one side of the bishop's face. The bishop did not raise his hand to wipe it off. By this time, most of the people were standing on their chairs. A mad roar began and suddenly died. The bishop, with the dignity of immortality, had turned the other cheek! He waited. The old woman froze, as did hundreds about her. Then, as though suddenly chilled, she began to shake violently. What an instant before had been a mob of snarling faces became hundreds of lowered heads.

The bishop waited another moment, then spoke softly. "Rabbi! That is what they called our Lord." He walked out in silence.

Christian Unity

Alan Paton, author of the best-selling novel, Cry, the Beloved Country, and distinguished Christian educator, delivered the third annual Peter Ainslie Memorial Lecture on Christian Unity before Rhodes University at Grahamstown, South Africa, on August 29.

Speaking on "Christian Unity—A South African View," Mr. Paton addressed himself to the government's policy of apartheid (racial segregation) and the attitude of the churches toward such separation. He expressed the conviction that if separation of man from man goes beyond practical and utilitarian considerations, and becomes itself elevated into some kind of morality, we shall shortly find ourselves separated from God." Mr. Paton warned that "failure of a church to show forth the unity of mankind may result in its decay.

Alan Paton is best known for his country's widely-read novel, Cry, the Beloved Country. The story was adapted for Broadway production by Maxwell Anderson and has been filmed by Sir Alexander Korda with Canada Lee, famed Negro actor, in the leading role. Mr. Paton has had a distinguished career in South Africa as an educator and pioneer in penal reform. Some months ago, he was again honored as a layman in being invited to preach in St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

The Peter Ainslie Memorial Lecture is delivered annually at Rhodes University, under the auspices of the University's Department of Divinity and the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity. In this way our American churches share in the education of ministers for Disciples of Christ in South Africa and in Witnessing to our plea for a united church. Basil Holt is the Special Representative of the Association in arranging the lectures.

The first lecture was delivered by the (Anglican) Archbishop of Cape Town in 1949. Dr. Sidney Berry of the International Congregational Council was the lecturer in 1950.

Young People Are Promoting A Call To Youth

Twelve Disciple young people are engaging in field work across the nation between September 1951 and February 1952 in connection with the Call to United Christian Youth Action. This interdenominational effort to enlist young people in a united program of Christian action will culminate in Youth Week, January 27-February 3, 1952. The youth field workers will visit in local churches and work with state and city councils of churches promoting the program.

Of the 31 young people from various Protestant church bodies who will remain out of school during the first semester of this year to do the field work on the Youth Call, the twelve Disciple workers are Bryson Couvillon, Pomona Calif., Rosemary Evans, Austin, Minn., Charles Cox, Birmingham, Ala., Lucille Couvillon, Pomona, Calif., Neil Lindley, Wilson, N. Carolina, Newnanah Schmidt, Miami, Okla., John Simmons, Hollywood, Calif., Bobbie Jeanne and Mary Jo Taylor, Indianapolis, Ind., Sydney Tucker, Athens, Ga., Joan Watzke, Henrietta, Okla., and Charles E. Wilson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

John Wilson, Whittier, Calif., and Bob Fudge, Oklahoma City, Okla., both Disciple seminary students, are giving the full year 1951-1952 to supervising the force of youth field workers. Ecumenical caravans called "Ecuvans" will be organized in a number of communities for the purpose of enlisting youth for the Youth Call.

Mr. Robert W. Dickerson, son of Eld. G. M. Dickerson of Tazewell, Va., and Brother of L. L. Dickerson, editor of the Plea, will be ordained to the Christian Ministry in Central Church, Cleveland, Ohio, by E'd. H. C. Potton pastor, of Central Church, Sunday November 26. Eld. L. L. Dickerson will preach the Ordination
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Negroes and Civil Rights

By Secretary of Labor, Maurice Tobin

The progress this Nation is making toward full equality of rights and opportunity for the Negro people is not the kind of sensational progress that gets into the newspaper headlines. It goes on quietly without any fanfare; but it goes on steadily. Let me point to the progress in the armed services as an example of what I mean. You remember that in July 1948 President Truman announced the policy that, "There shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin." There was a lot of publicity when that policy was announced, but then a lot of people forgot about it. Well, the President didn't forget about it and neither did the Secretary of Defense nor the heads of the services. They set about to carry that policy out; and their success has been magnificent. The job wasn't done overnight. It took time and it took understanding. But now the greater part of the job has been completed. Discrimination is on the way out.

The Navy has abolished segregation entirely. The Air Force is in the process of dismembering its last segregated units. And the Army, where the problem is greater, has been breaking up segregated units and integrating their members at a rate of speed that few would have believed possible.

At the front in Korea, the Army's policy of ending segregation resulted only recently in the dismemberment of the gallant 24th Infantry Regiment. This regiment of Negro troops, which was organized in 1869, ended 81 years and 11 months of service to America on October 1 of this year.

The 24th had been a magnificent asset to this country's military might.

Eld. T. P. Green, pastor of Central Christian Church, Louisville, Ky., has been given a years leave of absence because of poor health. He is confined to the hospital. The Christian Plea wonders just how much love does a church have for its minister who becomes ill and unable to serve. Somebody said "$6.00 a week is worth. We just can't believe it, knowing Central people as we do.

But it had also been a symbol of a segregated army. And as such, it had to go. I know that its members will continue their record of service; but they will continue fighting side by side with white Americans in the only kind of an army that is suitable for a great democracy—a non-segregated army.

The progress in the Armed Forces has been more than matched by the progress in employment. The number of non-whites holding jobs in the construction industry rose from 146,000 in 1940 to 285,000 in 1950, a gain of 95.2 percent. In transportation, communication and other public utilities it rose from 204,000 in 1940 to 322,000 in 1950, a gain of 57.8 percent. In wholesale-retail trade it rose from 387,000 to 679,000, a gain of 75.4 percent in the ten-year period. Total employment for non-whites rose from 4,633,000 to 5,355,000 or 14.8 percent.

The figures on occupations are even more impressive. The number of non-whites in professional, technical and kindred occupations rose 53.6 percent. The number of managers, officials and proprietors rose 27 percent. The number in clerical and kindred occupations rose 262.3 percent. The number in sales occupations rose 105.1 percent.

The non-white workers are clearly moving into fields where discrimination has held them back before. Only 3.6 percent of the non-whites population was unemployed in September of this year, and I'm sure the figure has dropped since then. I know that it will drop even further in the months ahead.

I would like to place special emphasis on the progress that has been made in this field by the Nations largest employer, the Government of the United States. Under President Truman's FEPC Order of 1948, a Fair Employment Practice Board was established, and a Fair Employment Practice officer was appointed in every Government agency. This order has contributed tremendously to the steady rise in the employment of Negroes by the Government.

The number of non-white workers placed in Federal employment in April 1950 was approximately 300 percent greater than it was in April, 1940. The total number of non-white workers in Government jobs in 1950 was 484,000 or more than 8 percent of total Government employment.

I would like to suggest that the progress both in employment and in the armed services has been prompt ed not so much by a sense of justice to the Negro as by a sense of justice to America. One of the over-riding problems of this Nation in the defense period is manpower; manpower for the armed services, manpower for defense industry, manpower for civilian activity. Our manpower supply has been tightening and the Nation has been confronted by a compelling necessity to use the manpower it has at the utmost efficiency.

The armed services clearly could not use their manpower at its peak efficiency if they continued to restrict qualified Negroes to segregated units and deny them opportunity for advancement. And industry could not use its manpower efficiently if it neglected to take the skills and resources of its Negro employees to the full. Any plant that used a Negro who was qualified to work as a machinist to sweep the floor instead was clearly wasting manpower.
Layman's Aims

1. Help establish some form of men's organization in every local church of your district. (The minimum goal for each state this year is 50% of churches with an active men's organization.)
2. Deepen the devotional life of men in the local church.
3. Revitalize adult Bible Classes.
4. A minimum evangelistic increase of 10% above the previous year's increase.
5. Increase subscriptions for Christian-Evangelist and state paper 100%.
6. Increase in the offerings for world missions and others of at least 1/2 or 331/3%.
7. Boy's Work. Sponsor the attendance of boys at the Church School and strengthen the organization and teaching of boy's classes.
8. A minimum increase of 25% in attendance at the communion

Taylor Memorial Fellowship House

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This project has been accepted as the laymen's responsibility to contribute to a worthwhile cause. It is an opportunity for laymen all over our brotherhood to help prepare a large room in this House as a library or study room. This will require refinishing the walls and ceiling, painting of woodwork, installation of new electrical fixtures and a tile floor.

Also, furnish the necessary chairs, tables and book cases. The estimated cost of this is $2000. Those of you who were at the convention in August saw this fine property and witnessed the dedication of the House.

We are asking you to contribute fifty cents for each layman in your church on or before National Laymen's Sunday, October 21, 1951. In other words ask the laymen of your church to give fifty cents for this purpose and report it to our National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, Box 241, Memphis, Tenn., after you observe your brotherhood to raise this $2,000 for the project at fifty cents.

A Christian Education Plan

Lorenzo J. Evans
National Director

Dear Co-workers:

I think we should ask ourselves if we really want a program of Christian Education. If our answer is in the affirmative and we are honest with ourselves, I know we will have a different report coming from our church schools and youth groups. We need to realize that if we want a program of Christian Education, we can have it. If we have a program we will pay for it. What will it cost us?

We will have to give our time, our talent and our possession. A study of the report of our treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, shows that up to the time of this convention, Indiana only seventeen local church schools and one state Bible School organization have only $265.50; thirteen youth groups and usher boards gave $108.31 for a total of $373.81. Now what type of national program can be developed with $373.81? Now I suggest that you look at your local school help to undergird and develop an educational program for our Brotherhood by sending in at least $5.00 to Dr. J. E. Walker, 380 Linden Ave., Memphis, Tenn. so that instead of having seventeen schools listed, we will have ten times that number.

This same ratio should apply to the youth groups and usher boards. Look and see if your school or youth group is listed. If it is, then keep it there. If it is not then will you see that it will be in the 1952 report. You should send your contribution now.

From the National level, we have the Commission or Christian Education for the purpose of planning and implementing a program. The International CYF Commission for planning the total youth program of our Brotherhood, National Convention Workshop for helping to develop total church leader, National Youth Oratorical for Christian youth. These programs above cost a minimum of $700.00. This does not include the services that are being rendered by your National Office at the state level.

This program is by no means adequate to meet the needs and should be expanded, but you are the one to determine that by the way your school and you group respond to our call.

Co-workers, one thing is sure if we develop a Christian community we will pay for it. As co-laborers together with God, let us do our share.

Youths for a greater program of Christian Education.
Negroes and Civil Rights

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mobilize all its resources. The one thing it cannot afford is waste; and the worst kind of waste is a waste of our manpower.

I know that both industry and the armed services will make full use of the great untapped skills of the Negro people in the months ahead. I believe that discrimination in the armed services has been wiped out with such speed because the skills of the Negro were so apparent that no conscious military leader could pass them up. And I believe the same is true of industry. Negroes have proven themselves on the job; and the employer who wants his business to prosper cannot turn his back on their proved ability.

An American that allows discrimination to rob it of the contributions the Negro people have to make to its welfare is hurting itself even more than it is hurting the Negro. Our country's greatness stems from the many races and nationalities that have gone into the composition of its population. Each group has its own special contribution to make and each contribution makes America richer. I believe that the practical considerations I have been talking about are forcing discrimination to give way.

The progress of the Negro during the last decade, has been inspiring. But that progress must not serve as an excuse for any of us to rest on our oars. The Nation still needs the great civil rights program that was proposed by President Truman; and the struggle must go on to translate that program into reality. I know the President is not going to quit on this issue. He's not the kind of a man who quits. He's a fighter. He'll see this thing through.

It's been a pleasure to participate in your conference here. I want to wish you much success in your deliberation. I know you will continue our record of service, not only to the Negroes, but to all the American people.

Labor—D. C. (S 52-544)

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MISS MARJORIE E. CHENAULT, who for five years has served as office secretary of the National Convention, was recently married to Mr. Russell J. Parker of Indianapolis.

Eld. D. W. Bradley, pastor of The Christian Church, Rogersville, Tenn., died at his home Thursday, Oct. 25, and was buried Sunday Oct. 28. Brother Bradley was one of our Pioneer Ministers, a bold defender of the faith. He served for many years as president of the Tennessee Convention and was a loyal supporter of the National Convention which he attended regularly. He was truly one of the “Old Guard,” and noted for his hospitable and generous treatment of all who appeared on his field. He will most surely be missed. Our Brotherhood has lost a faithful leader.

Eld. J. E. Blair, pastor of 3rd Christian Church Warren, Ohio, held a most successful two weeks meeting at the Monroe Ave. Church in Columbus, the last part of September. There were 13 additions and the church was greatly helped.

Eld. James Gilbert of the Monroe Ave. Christian Church of Columbus, who was ordained at the Ohio Convention in Youngstown 1950, has recently been called to the main St. Christian Church, Xenia, Ohio.

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1951-1952 Directory of The National Christian Missionary Convention

Dear Christian Friends:

Three months have passed since we said our good-by's at the close of the 55th Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention. We enjoyed a great fellowship there and I am sure that you carried that fine spirit back to your local churches. Our National Project "Goldaboro Christian Institute" was quite a success and the people of that area are very grateful for the wonderful contribution coming from you.

I am confident, that by now you have received your suggested goals for the missionary year, 1951-52. The goals are based on your giving of last year plus a 15% increase. We are eagerly awaiting your response concerning your goals. We hope that they are acceptable.

The loving cup, which was presented to the Christian Women's Fellowship of Summit Avenue Christian Church in Dayton Ohio this year, is given to the society who submits the best report of the year. Can they hold it another year? Whether they do or not is left up to you. The cup is awarded upon the following points:

1. The number of regular meetings held.
2. The number of executive meetings held.
3. Personal enrichment of the president and members.
5. Young people organizations sponsored by the society.
6. The use of current study materials.
7. Observation of Woman's Day and Easter Week of Prayer.
8. Use of World's Call by the society.
9. Quarterly reports sent to National Office.
10. Society must meet all state and national requirements.
11. The society giving the largest amount of money above the given of last year, according to its membership, shall receive the award.

Our National Project for 1951-52 is now underway. Up until December 31, 1951, we will be centering our attention on the Taylor Memorial Fellowship Home for students attending Butler University School of Religion in Indianapolis, Indiana.

We will begin work in our "Foreign Project" January 1. Details will be sent to you later.

Let us work and make the Taylor Memorial House a project that will go down in history as the best ever. May the joyful of Thanks giving and Christmas time be a time for all of us as we go about these tasks.

Yours Sincerely,
Anna Belle Jackson

President: J. T. Chandler, 1047 McDowell Street, Memphis, Tennessee
Secretary: Ralph McWilliams, 2908 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Indiana

MEN'S WORK

We are primarily interested in the ministry and Christian Education. You have my letter asking for financial contributions, which in turn will be used to purchase articles that are most needed. In view of the fact that many of the needed articles are too large for shipping, without a high cost we are asking for contributions of money. This donation is over and above your regular giving.
Happy New Year

It Is Our Sincere Wish
That The New Year Year of 1952
Be A Most Happy & Prosperous
One For Our Entire Brotherhood

L. L. DICKERSON, Editor
E. J. DICKSON, Executive Secretary
BLAIR I. HUNT, President
Compassion
Week To Be Held Feb. 17-24

Another Week of Compassion will be observed in our churches on February 17-24, 1952. The goal of $500,000.00 for relief and reconstruction gifts.

A large portion of the gifts will be allocated, as in previous years, to the World and National Councils of Churches for interchurch aid and service to refugees. Most of these destitute people, confined to depressing camps, cannot emigrate and through no fault of their own are unable to support themselves.

In addition, a spiritual ministry will be made possible to chaplains, service personnel, and industrial defense workers. A further outreach in our behalf will be made through allocation to the American Bible Society and similar ecumenical organizations with challenging programs.

"If you care, you will share" in the 1952 Week of Compassion observance with a generous gift.

Our Editorial

A few days ago a member of the Christian church took our Brotherhood to task for its policy of retaining men to the Christian ministry that haven't had any special training or preparation for this work. Perhaps the good lady has a point. At least she is certainly not alone in her thinking on this matter. We too regret that so many of our ministers have not had formal training. We also know from personal experience how difficult it is for one to measure up to all the responsibilities of the present day minister when he is not fully prepared. But regardless to how much merit there may be in the argument for a trained ministry, any criticism of our failure to have a trained ministry shows a woeful ignorance on the part of our critics of the problem we face, and just what the root of the problem is. When we consider the fact that over half of churches do not have pastors, and less than one third of ministers are giving full time to the ministry, and that we are losing more preachers every year than we are producing, it seems to us a poor time to stop to quibble about whether or not a man is fully prepared for the office.

As long as we have churches that are not willing to pay a pastor any more today than they did twenty-five years ago, as long as we have parents that would rather their sons be Lawyers, Doctors, Teachers and Social workers than ministers, as long as we have members in our churches making from forty to one hundred dollars a week and not willing to give one dollar a week to support the ministry, we will have to get along the best we can with an unprepared ministry.

Some people seem to think young men ought to just come running in droves and spend six or eight years in school preparing themselves to share churches for twenty five or thirty dollars a week. And yet they themselves wouldn't do it, neither would they want their sons to do it.

A few days ago we were talking with a lady that had visited one of our ministers who is the pastor of one of our better churches. It seems that this minister is having a great deal of trouble, and the situation is getting worse. This lady said that she suggested to this minister that it would be better for him to leave rather than cause further trouble. That seemed a very simple solution to the good lady. She was so deeply concerned about the church she thought the minister should just move on then everything would be OK. But what she didn't consider is this. Here is a man that had spent several years in College preparing himself for the ministry.

It took nearly fifteen years of labor and sacrifice to get to where his church would pay him a half-way decent salary of some forty dollars a week, for the support of himself, his wife and his children. And now someone comes along and suggest that he leave, even though there is not another church anywhere vacant at the moment that would pay him forty dollars a week.

The fact that this young man had done a great work did not make it easier for him to leave.

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Our Editorial

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not seem to matter. The fact that he had a family to support didn't matter. Nothing mattered so far as the preacher was concerned. Let him go somewhere and start all over again for twenty-five or thirty dollars a week and build that up in another ten or fifteen years. By that time he will be almost ready for old age pension and he can live the rest of his days on thirty or forty dollars a month. And when he dies his widow won't have to worry much, the ministerial relief will give her eight or ten dollars a month. Every so often some one ups and says, "our people haven't been taught to support the ministry".

That's not true, they have been taught, or at least they have been told. But so many are like the horse "that was led to the water." Some of our people refuse to be taught. That is especially true of a large number of our Elders and Deacons. They are supposed to be our leaders too. If they don't care what happens to the church to see to it that the Christian ministry is sustained.

We carry no brief for the preacher that is having trouble. We know he has faults. And so do all of the rest of us. When he is gone the next one will have faults too. And so do the people who find fault with the preacher, they have some faults too. And one of their worst faults is their unwillingness to support the church and its ministry. Yes we need preachers, but there is something else we need just as badly, and that is more churches that will support the ministry.

Christian Education

— Lorenzo J. Evans —

Our first meeting of the Commission on Christmas Education for the National Convention proved to be one of the best meetings we have had over the years in the Department of Christian Education. Representatives from Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi projected a very challenging program of work. Goals were set which can be attained only the work goals you should strive to help in promoting the program.

Suggest to them what they can do shall we ever keep in mind that dreams and visions are realized only as individuals consecrate themselves to a given task. In the name of one who gave himself upon the cross, let us all re-dedicate ourselves anew to the task that is before us. That because of our contributions the kingdom of God might be brought a little nearer.

I have every reason to believe that I can count on every one of you as we give ourselves to this task.

Forms Opposition

The following resolution was approved at Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 20: "The board of trustees of The United Christian Missionary Society, a board of foreign and home missions and Christian education, of the Disciples of Christ, in conformity of official actions of numerous assemblies of the International Convention, and expressing what is the conviction of 1,800,000 Disciples of Christ throughout the United States, hereby express our vigorous opposition to the proposal to establish diplomatic representation to the State of Vatican City or to the Pope as head of the Roman Catholic Church.

We hold that such action would be a violation of the traditional American policy of separation of Church and State and would give preferential treatment by our government to a religious communion. We direct that this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and to all members of the Congress.

We further direct the department of social welfare to advise the members of our churches of this action and to solicit their cooperation in similar expressions of disapproval."

Historical Society Moves

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in St. Louis, Mo., November 29, decision was made to begin full-time operation with a staff of three people about June 1, with headquarters and archives located in Nashville, Tennessee.

This important step towards achieving the objectives stated in the society's long range programs has made possible because of a very (Continued on Page 6)
3rd Christian Church Campaign

Dear Friends:

This is the Macedonian call, praying you in the name of our Lord God, and Savior, to help us in this hour of need. Now we come to you for your support in cash, and pledges to carry on this worthy program of purchasing a new Church Building, a Church to honor God, and Christ, and to serve the community.

Please donate as generously as you can. Any amount from $1.00 to $1,000.00 or more if you desire to do so. We are united in Spirit now; let our deeds prove it. We need to raise $25,000.00, the goal of our campaign which began August 10, 1951. When it is completed we trust there will be no need for an unduly large mortgage. Even should we not reach our goal, let us work to that end. We must have $10,000.00 in the next six months. Will your help in this aim become a reality.

We pray that all who love their children, and the youth of this community, will make their contributions and pledges now. God has given us our chance. We must take advantage of our opportunity. We have begun a good work, and we feel that you will not let us down. Will you? Kindly help us to press forward with courage, faith, and vision. The Beth Israel Temple, 241 First Street, will be the new home of Third Christian Church, now located at 123 Fulton Street, S. W.

Your contribution will be highly appreciated. Remember the words of the Lord, who said that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Please make checks payable to the Third Christian Church, Building Fund. Mail to Mr. Ned Murray, Jr., 1148 Canal Street, S. E., Warren, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,
REV. J. É. BLAIR
Pastor

Active Membership

A recent article in the Kentucky Christian Evangel states that the question of “Active Membership” was discussed at a meeting of the Kentucky State Board. The Plea does not like the words “active” and “inactive” to describe or classify the members of our churches. We do not believe the church has but one kind of members. Those who worship, live and work. Those who should not be claimed or counted. We don’t forfet their membership and know of a church that revives its membership every year.

All of those who haven’t supported the church according to their physical, mental and financial abilities are dropped from the church roll. This church does not attempt to say how much of this or that each member must do. But is does insist that every member do something or they are no longer considered a member.

Local Church News

THELMA THOMAS, Reporter
GREETINGS FROM COLUMBUS:

As we near the Christmas Season, we at Monroe Ave. note that we are also approaching the half-way mark in our church year. As we look back we take note of very busy and successful six months.

On the first Sunday in July, we worshipped with the Fair St. Christian Church of Springfield, Ohio, Eld. Murray, Jr., 1148 Canal Street, S. W.

Our church was fully represented in both the State and National Conventions, with all appropriations paid in full. The last two weeks in Sept., we carried on a very successful revival. There were 13 additions, and the church was greatly strengthened. Eld. J. E. Blair, of Warren, Ohio was our Evangelist.

In October we had a most successful Fall Rally. From November 6 to 13, we observed the 7th Anniversary of our pastor, Eld. L. L. Dickerson. The anniversary program was under the auspices of the Woman's Council. There were services each night by one of the ministers of the city, and on the last night, a banquet in honor of the pastor and his family. Many members and friends were present.

The pastor, his wife and daughter were present gifts of appreciation. During Eld. Dickerson’s pastorate the membership of the Monroe Ave. Church has trebled, the giving has increased greatly. Woman’s Day was celebrated the first Sunday in December. The morning service was under the direction of the Woman’s Council, Mrs. Aileen Saunders the president presided.

In the afternoon a lovely Fellowship Tea was given at the YWCA. Mrs. Inez Reynolds was general chairman. The Chief Hostesses were: Ministers, Annabelle Johnson, Aileen Saunders, Pearl Sinkford, Alberta Bradley, Carrie Goodman, Mary Fisher, Mary Douglas, Flora Johnson. Total amount raised from the Tea, $305.54.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Youth Week Plans

1. Plan to observe Youth Week January 27 - February 3 in the church.
3. Initiate or participate in plans for an interdenominational service during Youth Week to present The Call.
4. Present, or have presented, THE CALL in at least one Sunday morning session before or during January.
5. Make whatever use you can of material in “My Covenant With God.”
6. Plan early to set up a very significant denominational youth service on Denominational Youth Sunday, January 27. Do everything possible to bring all of the young people of your church into the Service Sunday morning.
7. At the conclusion of this service, the Covenant and the envelopes, in which they are to put their dollar, will be given to the young people who have attended the service. Funds will be sent to: J. Albert Clark, Ohio Council of Churches, 33 West Gay St., Columbus, Ohio.
8. A special effort should be made to give to the young people who see not present in the Sunday service - an envelope and a covenant, and encourage them to answer THE CALL.
9. Do everything possible to have the young people in your church attend the community service on February 3rd. It should be made very clear that we want young people to attend this service on February 3rd and bring their contribution.
10. Make use of the young people who answer THE CALL by integrating them into the local church program. The extent to which the young people answer THE CALL depends upon the use that the local minister makes of them.

“My Covenant With God”

Believing that God’s power is my strength, because of my faith in Jesus Christ, I join with other youth in a united effort to demonstrate the significance and the power of the Christian fellowship.

For us there is no alternative but to serve God in every moment of our lives, to treat all men as brothers, to work toward the day when suffering and strife will be replaced with cooperation and love and when peace shall abide in place of war.

We are not alone in this task. The strength of Christ is ours. Divine resources flow through us, and human fellowship sustains us as we give ourselves to the Church of Christ and its mission in the world.

NOTE:

An alternate source of information and materials on The Call and Youth Work is: Russell Harrison, Missions Building, 222 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

Mrs Carrie Clemons
Is New Editor

Mrs. Carrie J. Clemons of Shapsworth, Ky. Is the new editor of the Kentucky Christian Evangel. She succeeds Eld. R. L. Saunders, recently called to the 8th St. Christian Church Kansas City, Kans. Mrs. Clemons, a teacher in the public schools of Kentucky is well qualified for this position, and The Plea is happy to welcome this new addition to our Journalistic family. We congratulate her on the fine job she is doing and wish her every success.

Miss Mary Butler Dies

Miss Mary Butler of North Middletown, Kentucky, one of our most faithful workers died after a serious illness. Miss Butler for many years was a leader of the Youth work in Kentucky and our National Convention at Southern Christian Institute. She taught school in Kentucky. She will be long remembered for untiring and devoted interest in the total program of the church. Her passing will be mourned by all who knew her.
Historical Society Moves

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generous and attractive offer to the society by a city-wide committee, headed by Forrest F. Reed of the Tennessee Book Company of Nashville. By accepting the offer, the society will be able to do in 1952 the things formerly scheduled for 1957 through the normal development of the expansion program as outlined in the July, 1950 issue of DISCIPLIANA.

The headquarters and archives will be housed in the Joint Universities Library on the Vanderbilt campus for a few years until a building can become a reality. The space in the Joint Universities Library (air conditioned and humidity controlled) is adequate for society use for perhaps a five year period.

The removal of the headquarters and archives from Canton and Culver-Stockton College is done with a sense of grateful appreciation for all that the college has meant to the society. By allowing the college librarian to give part of his time (full time this fall) as curator of the society, by allowing the society to use the Robison Collection as a nucleus around which the society's enlarging library and archives has been built, and by housing the headquarters and archives, Culver-Stockton has made a major contribution to brotherhood scholarship and research that has not been matched by any other Disciple institution.

Nashville is a city with wide cultural, educational and publishing interests. Baptists and Methodists have large historical libraries there which should give DORS opportunities for ecumenical relationships hardly possible in any other place. For the first time a Disciple agency becomes located in the South which has Long felt the need for closer ties with the main stream of brotherhood life and interests.

Prof. Ronald Osborn, DCES president, announced that the personnel of the staff for the new set-up would be Wilfred P. Harman, national director in charge of public relations; Claude R. Spencer, curator in charge of library and archives; and Miss Christine Buder, secretarial assistant to the curator and national director. Mr. Harman and Mr. Spencer need no introduction to members of the society. Miss Buder, now assistant librarian of Culver-Stockton College, worked for the curator for four years as secretary while she was a college student. She has an M. S. degree in library science from the University of Illinois. Mr. Spencer will start work immediately for the society, making ready for the move in the Spring. Mr. Harman will continue as director of the Campbell Home Campaign, and Miss Buder will begin her duties June 1, 1951.

All correspondence should continue to be directed to Box 226, Canton, Mo.

As Friend to Friend!

With the end of another year fast approaching, let us pause to extend our warm-felt wishes for Christmas and the new year ahead. At the Christian Board of Publication, the Christian churches and their members have always been looked upon as working partners and friends rather than customers. You, your church and the Christian Board are all working toward the same goal—getting more people into the church, making better Disciples of Christ, and urging more laymen to take an active interest in the work of the church. As friend to friend, working together, the load can be more easily carried. In the year ahead, you can rely confidently upon Bethany lesson materials and church supplies to give you exactly what you need, when you need it, and at the lowest possible price. We exist only to serve you!

CHRISTIAN BOARD of PUBLICATION

2700 Pine Boulevard St. Louis 3, Missouri
North Bolton Church
Jacksonville, Texas
Mrs. Leola Cox, Reporter
The North Bolton St. Church is still alive and doing the Master's work. Our pastor Eld. T. A. Armstead, is at his post every first and third Sunday. He is a great preacher and our hearts are made to rejoice as he preaches from the very depth of his soul. Our Sunday School is doing fine under the leadership of Bro. Mert Buckner, the superintendent and his assistant, Bro. Julius Henry. We have four classes taught by the following persons:
Bros. A. A. Carpenter, Sister Ida Belle Henry, Sister Alzela Williams and Sister Eula Cambell. We have a very nice Christian Woman's Fellowship, Sister Mandella Raw is the president.
District No. 3 board meeting was held with the North Bolton St. Church. We had a lovely meeting. Amount reported $152.00. All of the churches in the district cooperated. The Woman's Fellowship has a fellowship meeting on Wednesday night before the 3rd Sunday in each month. Everyone brings a covered dish. Our Young People take an active part and work well with the adults. They are a fine group, and we want so much to help them be faithful Christmas.
Institutional Christian Church
Kansas City, Kansas
Mrs. A. J. Jones, Minister
Our church observed all of the special days. We attended the area convention and enjoyed it very much. We are studying the long range program and plans to begin working with it.
Concert Artist
Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, concert artist and Ambassador of Goodwill of our National Convention was director of music and guest soloist at the Ohio State Youth Rally, sponsored by the Ohio Council of Churches in Columbus, Nov. 23-25.
On the following Monday night, she gave a recital to a packed house at the Main St. Christian Church, Xenia, Ohio.
Read This Book
For many ministers this little digest-type booklet, long published by the Foreign Missions Conference, now by the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches, has been an treasury of information and illustration on the world Christian mission. The 1952 edition, available from the United Society at 25 cents, with it: brief, pungent articles and wealth of incidents of missionary reed and accomplishment, will be as useful as its predecessors.
the first of the year.
On Nov. 19 we sent in our final payment on the $50.00 pledge we made to the Tri-State work. We had a good fellowship on Thanksgiving, with a sermon at 11 a.m., Woman's Day was observed Sunday, Dec. 2.
JONES ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Bluefield, W. Va.
J. E. Banks, Reporter
Since August 2, we have had ten additions, six by baptism and four by confession. Church is doing nicely. We had a very successful Sunday School Rally. We raised $78.00 and had a large attendance. A big banquet followed Eld. P. E. Carter, our former pastor was present, and the basement was beautfully decorated in his memory for the great work he did while pastor.
In Memory Of
Miss Mary Butler
Respectfully submitted by the officers and members of District No. 6, Kentucky Christian Convention.
Well has the poet said "There is no flock however well attended but one dead lamb is there, there is no fireside however well defended, but has one vacant chair."
How aptly befitting in the passing of our own Mary Butler, as she was so affectionately called by her many friends and in our District and State work. We hall long remember her cheerful disiposition and wise words of counsel and good will. Little did we reckon, when we bide her goodbye at our last convention, that here another year should pass, the "circle would be broken" and we would not meet again until we gather in that Eternal City not made with hands.
Her passing was a great shock to all of us. Our hearts are bowed in grief. But we of District No. 6 will always think of her as one whose life was well spent, who labored long, faithfully and well. She was one of the pioneers of our district work. She leaves to us heritage of zeal and devotion in her labors in promoting Christian ideals. She will be greatly missed.
Whereas we the workers of District No. 6, realize the great loss in the passing of our co-worker, Mary Butler, be it resolved that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy and commend them to our Heavenly Father, who can heal all sorrows.
Growth Of The Superintendent

By C. J. CLEMMONS
Editor Ky. Christian Evangel

The business of the Church School is to reach people in order to teach them the truth of the Gospel of Christ, so that they may be won to acceptance of Him as Lord and Savior. The person selected for the superintendency is usually chosen because he or she has the ability and gives promise of growth. He or she may learn as they work on the job. The superintendents' growth depends upon his attitude. Here are three things a good superintendent will do: 1. Be Humble. 2. Be Teachable. 3. Set the Example.

Today we know the Sunday School is a Spiritual institution. Its task is to help boys, girls, men and women to know God and find fellowship with Christ. The Sunday School must grow. The following steps will help the school grow: 1. Grow Devotionally. 2. Study the Bible. 3. Read books and magazines on Christian Education. 4. Attend conferences. 5. Leadership Training Courses. 6. Study lesson materials. 7. Have fellowship with other superintendents. 8. Work with teacher to discover solutions to problems. The superintendent must work with the teachers. This working together to find solutions provides a great fellowship of learning. The superintendent can grow. In order to build our schools, he or she must grow. Let that be the "Motto" for 1951 WE WORK and GROW TOGETHER.

NOTICE

A Delay Beyond The Editor's Control Caused The December Issue to be Late.

However, in the Future We Will Strive to Do Better.

Respectfully Yours,
The Editor

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