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Reading from left to right—Mrs. J. E. Walker, Rev. Blair T. Hunt and Miss Roxie Crawford.

Rev. Blair T. Hunt Honored

At the eleven o'clock service, on December 23, 1945, the women of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church presented their pastor, Rev. Blair T. Hunt, with a Christmas box, containing a suit, hat, two shirts, tie, gloves and \$18.00 in cash.

Mrs. J. E. Walker made the introductory speech and Miss Roxie Crawford presented the gifts. Miss Crawford is employed at Universal Life Insurance Company as secretary to Dr. J. W. Kelso, Medical Director. In her presentation speech, Miss Crawford recalled the 23 years service rendered by the pastor and summed up his Christian life in these words:

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose."

The Pastor expressed his gratitude for the lovely gifts and gave heartfelt thanks for the support of all members through the years.

MONEY TURNED OVER TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA TREASURER, MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR,

For the Month of December, 1945

1. Mr. Blake Gaunt, 762 N 15th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1 year subscription \$ 1.00
2. Rev. Tibbs Maxey, College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky., two 1-year subscriptions 1.00
3. Rev. Emmet J. Dickson, 159 Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind., three 1-year subscriptions 2.50
4. Mrs. M. M. Stinnett, 1028 2nd Ave. S., Nashville, Tenn., 1 year subscription75
5. Dr. J. E. Walker, National Christian Convention, December ck 66.66
6. Miss Oeola A. Dawson, P. O. Box 354, Paducah, Kentucky, 15 Dec. PLEAS 1.50
7. Rev. F. B. Bradley, 2417 Fremont St. Rockford, Illinois, 1 year subscription 1.00
8. Mrs. D. A. Jenkins, Secy., 2nd Dist. Church Sch., Port Gibson, Miss., 1 year subscription 1.00
9. Elder R. C. Maloy, 716 Gay Street, Nashville 4, Tenn., 1 year subscription 1.00
10. Mrs. Elbie G. Titus, 3511 Packard, Dallas, Texas, 11 1-year subs. 9.00

\$85.41

National Convention Money Due Now

The quota for each church is due to be sent to Dr. J. E. Walker now. Please send what you have collected at once. Progress is reported from all areas. The following is a partial report since the convention.

August, 1945

- Kansas City, Kansas Church,
Mrs. Sarah Buckner\$ 16.00
Martinsville Church, Elder J. L. Law 5.00
Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, - St. Louis, Missouri 10.00

September, 1945

- Chamois Church, Chamois, Missouri 5.00
Lanthrop Church, Lanthrop, Missouri 5.00

October, 1945

- National Christian Missionary Society 5.00
Clayton, N. C., Church, J. D. Henry 5.00
Kingston, N. C., Church, Elder H. D. Davis 5.00

November, 1945

- Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn., Elder B. T. Hunt 100.00
Jonesboro, Tennessee, Elder S. A. Russell 5.00

December, 1945

- Vine Street Church, Knoxville, Tenn., Elder E. A. Daniels 25.00
Norwood Church School, Dayton, Ohio 10.00
Third Street Church, Kansas City, Kansas, Elder M. F. Stephens 10.00
Centennial Church, St. Louis, Mo., Elder P. A. Grey 100.00
Fairview Church School, Mt. Sterling, Ky., Elder Eugene Patterson 5.00
Mt. Sterling Church School, Elder Eugene Patterson 25.00

Our Work In The Northwest

By G. ELLISON LAKES
2317 Morgan
Parsons, Kansas

Hawkins in Des Moines:

Brother Hawkins is doing a great work that the entire Brotherhood will be proud of. A few months ago he hold me his plans toward building a new Church for our Brotherhood as well as for the city of Des Moines. He also told me about what he thought it would cost and that he was launching a drive for \$14,000. Of this amount he is only asking the Brotherhood for \$2,000. We do want Churches around the world and especially in our larger cities, so why not have a part in building this church by mailing your contribution today to: J. J. Hawkins, 1926 9th. St., Des Moines 14, Iowa.

Bradley to Rockford, Ill.:

Brother Bradley has been to me seemly a parental brother as well as a brother in the Ministry. He and I have worked very close together since he graduated from Southern Christian Institute. While here in Parsons, his family has increased from one to that of four. The Bradleys are fine people and they are greatly missed here, but we are very glad that he has given himself to full time service and received the call to Rockford, Ill. as pastor of the Second Christian Church. He reports that he is doing fine and the people are willing and ready to work. Let us give our support in this field.

Sims in Lawrence, Kansas:

"I once was lost but now I'm found". These words could be truly said about the Church at Lawrence. A few years ago the church building was lost and some of the people were straying, but today a few of the old members and many of the new ones can be found at 13th. and New Jersey Sts. in a very beautiful building. It has been said by citizens of Lawrence that a man with courage like Sims cannot fail. This he has proven to us.

A few words about Parsons and
Writer:

I visited a District meeting in Kansas City last week that was very good. The theme was: "Rebuilding with Christian Ideals." Woman's Day was observed here Sunday. The guest speaker was Mrs. W. S. Sims,

State President of Missionary Department. Her theme was: "Our Task". We have launched a drive for a modern parsonage. The Willing Worker Club of the Church served over 200 turkey dinners as a "kick off" on the drive. It is our hope to have it completed by the Summer. We plan to do some co-operated work with one of our weaker churches as soon as our plans are perfected. Your suggestion are always in order and will be gladly received for the betterment of our work.

Report To The Brotherhood

L. RUTH RATTEN, *National Director of Missionary Organizations*

Dear friends:

We are beginning the last half of our Missionary Year at the beginning of the new Calendar Year 1946. We are appreciative of your devotion and loyal Support of our brotherhood program at the half-way mark.

This is an opportunity to introduce to your our new Executive Secretary of the Department of Missionary Organizations of The United Christian Missionary Society. This person is Miss Jessie Trout. Miss Trout was a former Missionary to Japan and has just left the responsibility as National World Call Secretary. Our last six months study is at hand. It is a continuation of our Theme: "WITH CHRIST WE BUILD ANEW". "New Life for Africa" is our new program packet and "Africa and the Good Life", a discussion course. It is very evident that for us "Africa has new significance" as we begin this study.

We know that Woman's Day must have had new meaning to us in our whole brotherhood this year. It was my privilege to be guest speaker in this observance at four churches on Woman's Day. They are: High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Ky., November 25 with Mrs. Eliza Jackson, local society president; Fairview Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, Mrs. Goldia V. Jones, local society president; December 2, Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, Miss Justina Sutton, local Woman's Council president; and the Prall Street Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky of which Mrs. Lena Tipton is the local society president. It is evident that these churches are working quite conscientiously in this tremendous program of our brotherhood.

The following churches made contributions toward my travel: High St. Christian Church, \$5.00 and Fairview Christian Church \$4.00.

We are wishing from the National Office Office "A Happy New Year" to all the Missionary Societies throughout the brotherhood.

Kentucky Disciple Speaks

D. I. REID
705 Pakota Street
Lexington, Ky.

I received your November Plea. I scanned it. I saw reports of churches, societies, conventions and district meetings. I did not necessarily see the editorial leadership thought. I noted C. L. Parks report to the brotherhood in which there was sign of coordination and general aim. I noted R. W. Watson, past president, who seemed to think that somebody ought to be saying something to bridge over until reenforcement arrives.

What the writer has in mind is that the general church is in need of an editorial leadership. Just a little history given right here might be helpful. In 1892 D. R. Wilkins edited the "Christian Soldier." In 1906, R. E. Pearson edited a "Christian Soldier." In 1906 C. H. Dickerson, W. H. Dickerson, H. L. Herod and others led out to surrender all editorial leadership to the Gospel Plea, and J. B. Lehman. C. H. Dickerson himself followed Brother Lehman as editor of the Christian Plea, and with his retirement the chain was broken, and the other end is yet dangling somewhere in the sea of forgetfulness.

Kentucky has had a secretary for 38 years. Our National ought to have a secretary or at least an editor and watchman, who might know what has happened, what is happening, and what will happen and when—IF.

Our white brethren have two editorial leaderships, one in Cincinnati, and one in St. Louis. Where does the Negro church editor stand. The National convention of our churches is now seriously challenged with the threat of permanent division. This occasions the great need for editorial leadership. Who has the authority to plead the case, and to rule in the matter. We should imagine, seeking about for a basis for argument, the story of the Good Samaritan would be as good a start as

any scriptural spring board. Who is my neighbor?

We need editorial leadership to contend that Negro life everywhere can best be enriched by the faithful study of the life of Christ and his words, from which knowledge and application, leading and powerful people and nations of the present have constructed their undefeated authority and laws.

Arkansas Reports

ELDER F. W. FOBS
2800 Willow St.,
N. Little Rock, Ark.

I am reporting our quarterly district meeting which convened at the Mt. Sinai Church. December 20 and 21 in North Little Rock. Elder J. W. Fobs is Superintendent. We had a very nice meeting, but not as I had planned for. Some of the churches failed to report for some cause I do not know why. We are expecting to hear from them soon. There has been quite a lot of sickness and death in district.

This quarter we raised \$81.50 which the larger part of this money was raised by the women. I am endeavoring to do my bit next quarter to make this meeting a worthwhile meeting. I am asking every member in the district to represent with not less than fifty cent per member. This has all been decided in the State Convention. If we want our church to go forward we must help to support the evangelist. Shall we count on you?

Quite a few complaints of not getting the PLEA, especially at Oak Grove and Scott.

I listened at Mrs. Mary Moore, the State secretary, report giving the places that she had visited in October with Mrs. A. L. Martin of Chicago. She held her conference at the residents of Mrs. S. L. Bostick and the next following night, she gave a wonderful message at the Mt. Sinai Church. Offering \$4.60. She went from there to Cross Street Church and made two addresses. Offering \$8.06. She was also at Mrs. Dean's resident in a conference. From there she went to Oak Grove and spent two nights with those good people at that Church. They raised \$13.00 for Mrs. Martin. Her expenses to Arkansas was \$20.00; total paid to her, \$33.11. A friend gave her \$1.00. At Russellville \$6.50 was raised.

Box 117

Midway, Ky., 12/11/45

Editor of the Christian Plea:

Messers., I am enclosing a sermon I preached to the faculty and student body at the College of the Scriptures on 15th Dec. and also some other small notes of the meeting. We had a very fine meeting on the 16th. The board of trustees met in a business session, after which on that night we had a very enjoyable banquet of which we had a very delightful time. Special guest at the banquet was Mrs. H. L. Herod and Mrs. Fannie White both of these ladies were "exuberant in their praise of the school and the progress that had been made and pledge their support of the same. I have just completed about 57 years in the ministry and my church celebrated my birthday anniversary and my ministerial birth all under the one head and it indeed was a wonderful tribute. Much was said, and done upon this occasion, so much until I am pledged to keep on keeping on. So we solicit and interested in the prayers of all the brotherhood for our continued success.

Yours,
T. R. Everett

The Day of Preparation

T. R. EVERETT
Midway, Kentucky

And I have chosen this scripture for our text, Amos—2:12—the latter clause in that verse, and it reads thus. Repare to meet thy God, O Israel—Now God called his man-up, and told him to speak unto the people, and these are his words.—

I am saying to you who are here this day these words were meant for us just as much as it was to those in the days of the Prophet and must be so understood.—God has made us this great big world—and beautified it with hills, mountains, dales, and valleys with lakes, and rivers, oceans and seas—and filled them with birds, and cattle and beast of the fields and fishes and all manner of the inhabitants therein for man's glory in the water for man's enjoyment all of these are God's noble gifts—to us—Now he says prepare to meet him—Where? In heaven, the place he has gone to prepare for all those who will do his will.

I am saying to you here this afternoon students and faculty and visitors as well—this is your, and my

hour for this great objective—GET READY—is the watch word of the hour God's is gone away, but he is coming back again. Students, this is your day. Use it. Get ready, do not be in too big a hurry, but stay here around the pool of preparation until you are fully prepared to do the job. One of the great dangers with most of us, is that we get in too big a hurry about doing the job and take the bit into our own hands—start off before we are prepared to go. If we will let God lead us, we can not fail. The men that God calls to do his work are usually prepared, but I noticed that they were in the school of preparation for a time. Moses, the law giver, was in the school of preparation for some forty years before he was called upon to do the big job. Christ, our blessed savior was thirty years in the school of preparation, to do three years work. So do not get in too big a hurry to get going. Wait. I say wait on the Lord. Dig down deep, and prepare to meet him. Perhaps some of you have not really seen the vision that is really ours to see; for this did you ever read the sixth chapter of Isaiah—I am giving you it from the third to eighth verse, it is really ours to see for this Holy mission. Listen to Isaiah 6-3-8. And one cried unto another, and said Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: The whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried and the house was filled with smoke.

Then said I, woe is me. For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the king, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the Seraphims unto me having a live coal in hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sins purged."

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I, send me. Have you heard the call? Then he calls. He justifies, and also qualifies. So do not get impatient with yourselves, but put yourself on the alter of consecration. Make yourself the fit reciprocal for the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit.—

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"If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other." (1 John 1: 7.)

NOTICE!

All news must be in by seventh of each month.

EDITORIALS

Religion In Life

By ROGER T. NOOE, D.D.

Minister of Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville

There is no magic in the New Year to make us or our world better. Another year is another opportunity and nothing more.

Better than dreaming of what 1946 may bring to use of good, or fearing what it may bring of evil, is a renewed mind and a resolute will and a solemn trust with the resources that make for great living. Something is said in the New Testament about being transformed by the renewing of our minds. Some minds are so cluttered with prejudices, so bound by custom's chains, so circumscribed by selfishness, and so blurred by sensuality that they cannot think clearly and creatively. With the help of God, these encumbrances can be cast off, and we can learn to think His thoughts after Him.

As we think, so we are. To think of all people, regardless of race or creed, as fellow pilgrims with whom we walk in mutual helpfulness, to think of fellowship and cooperation with all who have the spirit of Christ, to think of the moral law as something we cannot break but that will surely break us as we are disobedient, to think of God as love in whom we can put our trust—would bring us truly a New Year with new life triumphant, joyous, and free.

Jan. 3, 1946

What About War?

By SIDNEY A. SCOTT
Kansas City, Missouri

Wars have been pioneers to a higher and better civilization. They help to more firmly establish the law of the survival of the fittest.

Our existence here on earth seems to be a school that begins with the cradle and ends with the grave. Nature is our text book, experience our teacher. Just how well we learn our lessons, as we journey onward, is marked by accomplishments either for good or for bad.

All we know, all we have known, and all we shall ever know is but the result of our contact and experience.

As pioneers here in the United States the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the

Civil War blazed the way to our present state of civilization. Wars No. 1 and No. 2 have led us to still greater heights.

But it is high time, however, that we find a different and more economical substitute for war. Wars are costly and cruel, yet, from the carnage of human flesh and blood, there arises a new sun to light the way to new discoveries and inventions which properly used, leads on to higher and better ways of life.

A sacrifice must be made sometime and somehow to change our ideas and conditions of things. Our method to change ideas and conditions has been and is now to sacrifice human beings in war against each other that the stronger may survive. This is nothing new. It is characteristic of mankind ever since he first knew himself.

It is strange, but true, man has always wanted to be a God, or supreme ruler. In wars he has sought to conquer the weaker and establish his divine rule. All down through Biblical times, he manifested this supreme ruler-ship through prophets, priests, and kings. Wars were fought under divine guidance. Roman emperors were deified at death. This idea went so far as to men being set apart and called the Lord's anointed. But thanks to high heaven this idea of divine ruler-ship is fading a way. Examples; Great Britain, France and other nations in Europe. War No. 1 came near disposing of the divine righters in Europe. War No. 2 completely put an end to Japan's divine rule when Hirohito told his people there weren't God Emperors.

I will repeat, we must find a substitute for war if we ever expect to reach the apex of our civilization. Well, what shall this substitute be? I think that question can best be answered by events which are following our last war, which we style a world or global war.

Never before in the history of mankind has savagery and brutality been more exemplified than in this last war. The answer of substitute for war will be the results that come from the conference tables throughout the world.

Where ever there is a will, there is a way. I have faith in the master minds of our Country to find this way. A way where disagreement and misunderstandings will be settled around conference tables, and not on battle fields.

THE DAY OF PREPARATION

(Continued from page 3)

Men, and bretheren, this is our day, let us go up and take the city. God is calling for men, such as was Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and John the Baptist, to go with a flaming message to call the people back from the fields of destruction. Our world is gone on the bogies and unless the people repent and return back to God, we all will all likewise perish. Prepare to meet him! Our world is torn asunder in war, and strife on every hand. These scripture is being fulfilled in our days, which says that the father against the son—the son against the father, mother against her daughter, and daughter against her mother, and those upon the housetop will not be permitted to come down and those in the field, will not be able to return.—

A friend of mine laid to rest last Saturday, had just entertained some of her friends, and seemingly in fine spirit. She was left alone in her home, and was found the next day sitting up in a chair, cold in death—died sometime in the night. God is calling the wanderer back again. Will you heed the call? Prepare to meet him.

North Little Rock, Arkansas
District Convention No. 2
MRS. MAHALA HOLDEN MOORE
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North Little Rock, Arkansas

Neglected Fields By The Church And Why?

By MRS. MAHALA HOLDEN MOORE

The Bible is alive with references to the world as the field of redemption and action.

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world" (referring to the church.)

We must let our lights so shine so that the world can see Jesus through us. He also said, "We are a city that sets on a hill and cannot be hidden". Whether our deeds are good or bad, we are being observed daily. The field is neglected because our lights are too dim. The world has no guide. Our lights flicker off and on. When we say things Jesus would not say or go places, he would not go, our lights go off. The world is left in the darkness.

Dear Christian friends, I am sure when we realize that we are the only Bible that most of the world will ever read, we are going to be more active in attending services and more

careful in how we conduct our lives.

The Sunday morning service is the church's principal way of doing its work. It is the even of the community life. Nothing ever happens in a community as important to the life of the community as the regular Sunday morning service. If the churches were filled on Sunday morning the community would take notice. Evangelistic work of the church would be done; financial problems would be solved. The whole church program would be advanced. It is the one thing that would make the church strong.

As we approach the New Year, may I ask what will be your practice on Sunday morning? Will you see that your children are in Bible School on each Lord's Day? Or will you continue to put aside the thought of going to church for almost anything else that comes to your mind? Let us resolve that, we will obey the urge of our spiritual life and go to church with our families to worship God.

The field is neglected because we are robbing God of His time. The wealth of the world is God's. All that we have and hope to have comes from him. We are not only responsible to man, but to God for that which has been given us. A Christian should always be glad to give. Let the Lord's share be taken first from our income. Our income is simply ourselves converted into cash. The field is neglected because we rob God of His share. Let us be honest.

The must be the builder of a new world. The atomic is not as great as the dynamics of the simple Gospel story. One is mighty to destroy, the other is mighty to save and to save to the uttermost. It will take preaching, a heap of it, and it will take living, a heap of it, more than the average or large majority of professing Christians have ever dreamed of.

What shall we do? We must choose. What shall we choose? Atomic power? Yes, with spiritual controls, and the world will be marvelously blessed and saved. It is up to the Christians of the world. Oh! what shall we answer the King when He comes, and calls for the harvest we have grown. Say, will it be naught but leaves we bring when He calls us to reap what we've sown? So let us look well to the seed that we sow and sow for the Master alone. So when He calls us from work to reward with rejoicing we'll reap what we've sown.

Southern Christian Institute News

By W. K. Fox

VACATION SEASON—

December was a rushed month at S.C.I. with all of the major events bunched within the first two weeks. From December 15 to January 3 the student body and faculty enjoyed a vacation. Miss Virginia Nichols went home to Walton, Ky.; Mrs. I. Johnson to aris, Ky.; Miss Willie Grey to Shaw, Miss.; Miss N. O. Ratten to Sulfur Springs, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Thomas to Washington, Illinois and Mrs. Suetta Jacobs to Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Longs, Mosleys, Jacobs, Rollins, Foxes; Misses Hill, Henry, Bassett and Mr. James Ratten remained on the campus. The Longs were visited by their daughter, Jean Long, who is a sophomore at Drake University and Mrs. B. Buffington of Clayton, Illinois, the mother of Mrs. Long. Miss Marilyn Hill had the fellowship of her sister, Miss Marjorie Hill of Phillips University. The Mosleys and Mr. Ratten entertained Dr. M. L. Edwards and Prof. C. A. Berry of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. Rev. and Mrs. Dan Heath and family were the guests of the Jacobs and Foxes on New Years Day. Pres. Long preached for Rev. John Gardner of Vicksburg, Miss., and installed the officers of the church (December 30.)

The Mosleys, Miss Johanna Henry and Mr. Jas Ratten journeyed to Birmingham, Alabama to see Tennessee State College slaughter Texas College in the Vulcan Bowl Classic.

The Foxes were given a pleasant surprise on their second wedding anniversary December 30 by faculty and students. The event was under the instigation of Mrs. C. P. Rollins, dinning hall matron, and took place during the course of a normal visit of several friends.

January 1, Misses M. Hill, M. Bassett and V. Nichols had a waffle supper-fellowship with the Foxes in attendance.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—It was recently announced by C. C. Mosley, Dean of S. C. I. that thus far this year's attendance stands at 457. This far exceeds the top enrollment recorded at any time in the history of the school.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER—February 1, we are expecting to add the Rev. John W. C. Collier, Jr.,

of Cranford, N. J., to our staff as co-director of Religious Extension. He will join hands with Rev. W. K. Fox and work under the cooperative supervision of S. C. I., the Department of Social Welfare and Rural Work of the U.C.M.S. and the Home Missions Council of North America. Mr. Collier's undergraduate work and seminary training was gotten at Wilberforce University. At present he is completing a Master's Degree at Drew University.

RECENT VISITORS—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Peirce of Hoopston, Ill., made a visit to our campus January 4th en route to Key West, Florida.

District Boards Meets At Jacksonville, Texas

North Balton Street Christian Church

LEALA COX, *Secretary*
Post Office Box 236
Juille, Tefas

The District Board meeting was held at North Balton Street Christian Church with Brother E. D. Spencer, president, presiding. It was well attended by members of districts One, Two, Three and Four. The total amount of money raised was \$101.03. A program was held Saturday night rendered by Mrs. Lula Jurden and the church of each district was represented.

Sunday School was well attended with each teacher at his post. Brother E. D. Spencer is the superintendent, Brother Julius Henry is the assistant superintendent. Brother J. A. Spencer teaches class A; Sister Elzetta Verdell teaches class B; and Sister Eula Campbell teaches Class C. Class C usually keeps the banner every Sunday. Everyone is asked to continue attending church and Sunday School regularly on the first and third Sunday of each month. Rev. P. C. Washington is the pastor-in-charge.

Clark Street Christian Church

REV. F. C. CARY, *Pastor*
MRS. M. HILL, *Reporter*
1304 E. Jones Street
Greenville, Texas

The first Sunday was observed as Woman's Day, December 2. Four members were added to the USM, Sister Ida, Sister Bessie Jones. The shut-ins are Mrs. Mary Mayethers, Sister Rodie Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. Delul Roberson lost their son, John Henry Robinson. A fine father and

mother who lead their children to Christ. One member was added to the church.

On December 9th Reverend Cary was called away to Cason, Texas, at the bedside of his daughter, Roberta, who was very ill. His pulpit was filled by Brother Brown from Jarvis College.

The Youth Conference met at Greenville on December 7 and 8. It was very inspiring for the uplift of the Kingdom building. It was welcomed by the city. The youth and adult caught a great vision and a greater awakening in this generation and generations to come. The C. M. E. Junior Choir rendered two numbers. Music by Mrs. Elnora Flynor; solo by J. L. Bochum; followed by choir. It was enjoyed by the leaders of the Youth Conference. The conducted by Mrs. Shackelford of Dallas, Texas.

December 16 was designated as Cary Day at Clark Street Church. The pastor visited his flock. It was a great day, attendance ran high. There were about 200 members and visitors present. Sunday School was conducted by Brother James S. Storcks. The morning services were conducted by Brother Jim Fugender, led by Brother Monrow.

The pastor received many gifts for the Christmas from his members and friends of the church.

Williamsburg Christian Church

REVEREND W. F. KEYES, *Pastor*
BROTHER B. J. ORR, *Advising Elder*
MISS CHERRIDELL ELLIS, *Reporter*
250 Glenmore Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York

The month of December was a successful one as our church rolls on with glad tidings as the word of God is being preached to its fullness. Each Sunday souls are being added to the fold.

The quarterly union of the Christian Church in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania convened at the Williamsburg Christian Church, Lee Avenue and Keap Street, Brooklyn New York beginning Wednesday evening, December 26 and ending Sunday, December 30. On Wednesday evening a brief business session was held conducted by Reverend D. L. Kinnard, president of the Union and pastor of Calvary Christian Church. Election of officers was held: Reverend D. L. Kinnard was re-elected president; Reverend Terry, vice-president; Rev.

C. R. Murdough, secretary and pastor of Mt. Zion Christian Church; and Brother B. J. Orr, treasurer. The sermon was preached by Rev. Terry of Williamsburg Christian Church.

Thursday evening the Missionary Society held a business session conducted by Miss Cherridell Ellis, president. The sermon was preached by Reverend C. R. Murdough, pastor of Mt. Zion Christian Church.

Friday evening the Young People's C. E. Society was conducted by the president, Mr. Ben Porter. The sermon was preached by Reverend W. F. Keyes, pastor of Williamsburg Christian Church and vice-president of the United Christian Missionary Convention.

Saturday morning the Usher Board held a business session conducted by Mrs. Adele Wright, president. Sermon by Rev. W. C. Kinard, St. Phillips Christian Church. Saturday afternoon, the Bible School held a business session conducted by the president, H. P. Miley. Sermon by Rev. James Dickerson. Sunday afternoon sermon was preached by Rev. D. L. Kinard, pastor of Calvary Christian Church.

We regret to say that Mother Haynes passed away at her daughter's resident, 822 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York on January 1 at 1:45 o'clock. We are grieved over her passing. She was a faithful member and a mother to all. She was laid to rest in her hometown, Fairfax, South Carolina.

Cross St. Christian Church

Little Rock, Ark.

STERLING LAMOYNE, *Secretary*
O. B. GARNER, *Minister*

The Cross Street Christian Church has taken a definite forward step. One of the long needed assets of the Church has been added, a parsonage. The membership of Cross St. Christian Church began the year (1945) with a determination, backed up by action. This determination has resulted in the purchasing of a parsonage, a home for the minister. Through the fine leadership and cooperation of the membership, the Church was able to buy and pay cash for a house and lot. The cash price paid, was (\$2300.00). We are rejoicing in the God of our salvation for this bountiful blessing.

We are going forward in (1946) with hopes of doing bigger and better things for Christ and His Church.

Corinth Christian Church

Kilgore, Texas

PRES. P. C. WASHINGTON,
*Acting Pastor*MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, *Reporter*

It is with great joy that the church can say we are standing together. Our attendance is increasing in all the departments, beginning with the Bible School. I must say we had a very successful year's work, as we come to the end of 1945. Planning a bigger and better bet for the new year. I need not tell you that Dr. Washington is a great Gospel preacher. That the brotherhood knows and that he is moving on in a splendid way. Also his good wife. I still says we are looking for a great success in our new year's work and we solicit your prayers as we work together. We pray that we will not look back but press forward. "Grant it Lord".

Ninth Street Christian Church

V. L. HAWKINS

Des Moines, Iowa

The past year has been a very important period in the history of our Church and we are praying that this year will mark a greater period.

Your Good wishes and gifts to the building fund of our Church has given us new courage to face the task before us. We have a definite goal to work to and surely a place of worship is necessary to speed us on our way. The church is moving along normally at the present, The Christmas tree for the Bible School Classes was the high light of the Holiday intertainment, twenty children received special gifts and others received a small bag of eats. This same group were sponsors of the watch meeting on New Years eve. That was very up lifting and beneficial to all who were present.

Another important event for the beginning of the new year was a program presenting Miss Myrtle Ward, one of our returned missionaries from Congo, her experiences were helpful to all that heard her. She answered many questions and showed souvenirs from Africa. It is her hope that she will return to Africa to take up her work in the spring, our prayers go with her that she will find a reality in serving God and her fellowman.

We wish to extend our greetings to all for a happy and prosperous New Year.

College Addition Christian News

Jackson, Mississippi

REV. D. L. JACKSON, *Pastor*
MRS. RUTH POWELL JACKSON,
Reporter

Greetings Fellow-Christians:

This is the voice of the College Addition Christian Church. During the past year of 1945, our record shows that we were both financially and spiritually alive. Our missionary society has taken on more courage and ambition and is doing a very good work. Recently the society sponsored a "Trip Around the United States," in which twelve neighboring missionary societies participated. (This included two Methodist, one Disciple of Christ, and nine Baptist.) This event was an inspiring program and the financial side was very good. We were also represented in The Women's Church School held at the Southern Christian Institute.

Our goal for 1946 has already been set and under the able leadership of our pastor, Rev. D. L. Jackson, we shall endeavor to accomplish our aim.

We thank God for the rich fellowship that we had with all our adjoining churches, and we are wishing each of you a brighter and more prosperous New Year. Each of us enjoys news coming from our Christian brotherhood, and it does much in stimulating our growth and arousing our initiative in the promotion of our church's program. As we launch out into the "depths" of our 1946 program, let us use this recipe in our plans. Let us take a bounteous supply of faith, mix it with a large amount of understanding, hope, determination, love; season with the ability to "give and take," garnished with the "spice" of friendship, a pleasing personality, and the result will be a successful landing.

Boll Street Christian Church

Dallas, Texas

REV. M. C. DICKSON, *Pastor*
MISS ELIZABETH HUNTER COLEMAN,
Reporter

A play, "Slab Town Convention," was presented at the Boll St. Christian Church by the Missionary Society on November 20, 1945. The production was especially well directed by Mrs. M. C. Dixon, wife of the pastor of the church. The importance of missions was stressed throughout the play and this idea

was emphasized particularly in a paper on "The Neglect of Africa" read by Miss Elizabeth H. Coleman as a member of the cast. More than one hundred dollars was raised from the sale of tickets, and it was decided that the play would be presented again at the Roseland Homes' Auditorium on December 6. Mrs. Agnes Williams was President of the convention, and Mrs. Mable Coleman was Secretary. We raised over a hundred dollars there for the benefit of the Nursery Department.

Six Weeks Pastors' School At S. C. I.

W. K. F.

The Department of Religious Extension of Southern Christian Institute under the direction of the Reverend W. K. Fox announces the opening of the first annual Six Weeks School for Rural Pastors, February 4, 1946. The school will close March 15. Regular school credit is to be granted those who desire such.

The school will be under the cooperative sponsorship of S. C. I., the Department of Social Welfare and Rural Work of the U.C.M.S. and the Home Missions Council of North America. The following are some of the features to be rendered during the course of the school: Lectures on the RURAL CHURCH PROGRAM by Rev. Edward Becker, National Director of Rural Church for the U.C.M.S.; lectures on FINANCING THE RURAL CHURCH and on WORSHIP by Rev. E. D. Hamner, President of the Disciples Rural Fellowship, Washburn, Illinois; lectures and demonstrations in AUDIO-VISUAL AIDE by Rev. John Collier, new co-director of Religious Extension at S. C. I.; two weeks lectures on PLANNED PARENTHOOD by Mrs. M. S. Keys of the Planned Parenthood Federation, New York; sessions in PASTORAL COUNSELLING AND CALLING by Rev. D. F. Pielstick, National Field Representative of the Home Missions Council of North America, New York; lectures on PLANNING THE PREACHING YEAR by Dean W. O. Gill or Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas and special lectures by Rabbi Eugene Blackschleger of Temple Beth-Or, Montgomery, Alabama. In addition there will be special programs rendered by the state department of education, of health and Soil Conservation.

Ross St. Christian Church

REV. Z. H. HOWARD, *Pastor*
MRS. SADIE WILLIAMS KEEVE,
Reporter
Montgomery, Alabama

I wonder if you all missed hearing from me last month as much as I missed writing to you. I think I told you in my last article of our plans for Alabama and some of the things carried out. There was one, however, that I failed to mention. Since that time there has been a wedding, shower and gifts galore. Oh! well why not tell you. Yes, you've guessed it. I was so busy honey-mooning last month I didn't get a letter to you. Alabama is still on the move for better things. Ross St. Church will be hostess to the State Convention October 25-28. We are looking forward to the best yet. It was my full intention to attend the National Convention this year along with our pastor. Since neither of us got a chance to attend we were very happy to learn of its success. Alabama was proud also to have some of its churches represented. Ross St. was represented financially.

The young people's work in Alabama has taken new life. Miss Willa Mae Elmore is doing a very fine job as director of the Christian Endeavor. Mrs. Nellie Hinson who studied working with Intermediates in St. Louis this year, is doing a nice job as chairman of the Worship Committee. I must tell you about the lovely miscellaneous shower given in my honor by the Usher's Board. Gifts, some of the nicest and prettiest I've ever seen, came from every direction. I didn't realize I had so many lovely friends until I married. I wonder why I didn't do it sooner. The ushers left nothing undone to make this occasion a successful and happy one for me. I can never repay them nor my many other friends for their thoughtfulness of me. My service to them as president has been a real joy. My heart aches when I think how soon I must leave them all.

Speaking of leaving, I wonder how many readers do I have in Baltimore, Md., where I will make my home in a few weeks. I would certainly be happy to hear from some of you. I have some of the members' names and pastor, Bro. Whitfield, already. Do hope you would like to have some newly-weds in your church. You may write at 16 Lapine St., Montgomery, Alabama.

This may be my last letter to you all from Alabama. You may rest assured my heart is very heavy though it should be happy. My young people's work here is at its best. How bad I hate to leave it. God help others to carry on while I continue in another field the same service for humanity.

United Christian Church

5631 30th Street
REV. R. L. JORDAN, *Pastor*
MISS IRENE HARVEY, *Reporter*

Sunday, October 7, the United Christian Church launched upon a new year with all bills paid and money in all of its treasures. The church has set a goal of five thousand dollars to be raised within three months. This sum being the first portion of forty thousand to be raised for a new building. Along with all bills being paid this covers the indebtedness of our church property also. At the writing of this report more than a thousand of the five thousand dollars have been pledged.

There are three outstanding features of our work in Detroit. The church is now in its tenth year, and Rev. R. L. Jordan, our pastor, has been our leader during this period. Under his leadership the church began with five members and now the membership is over one hundred fifty. The building and land was contracted for and also that debt erased during this time.

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310 Temperance Street
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REV. E. A. DANIELS, *Pastor*
MISS CHARLOTTE HOWARD, *Reporter*

Reverend Daniels, your reporter, and members of East Vine Avenue Christian Church, wishes for all the churches and its members throughout the Brotherhood a bigger, better, and peaceful New Year. May the spirits of Christianity and the love of God follow you out the entire year.

Last month was spent by the most of us in a busy round of Christmas preparation and activities. We wonder how many of us found the time

to actually be thankful for the gift sent to us through the mercy of our Father, gift of His only Son? Did we find time to prepare in our hearts a dwelling place for Him to abide through the days of our lives?

Reverend Daniels brought to us, on the last Sunday in year, 1945, a wonderful sermon on the need of this preparation.

What with the return of our servicemen and women and the vast changes that have taken place in the world in which we live we cannot help but feel and see the need far above our church groups and adult leaders, the need for a forward step in the kind of lives that we would have for those that are to follow us.

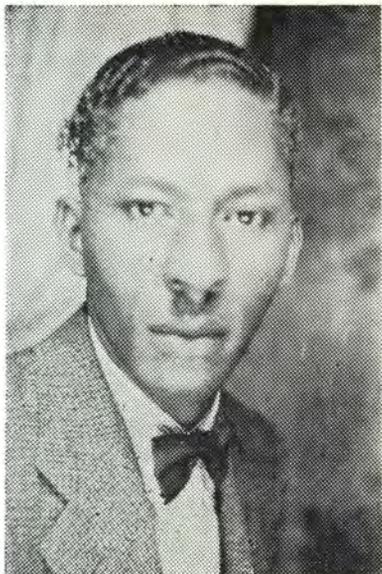
Christmas is a time of family reunions and the closer understanding of loved ones and friends one with another. It is a time of giving unselfishly, remembering those whom we love and cherish. Although we have come to the close of the holidays we would like to pass on to you a few of the activities that help to make our Christmas a gala occasion.

The Young People's Club held their annual Xmas party at the YWCA, December 28th. Unfortunately, some of the members were unable to attend, but those who were present received and exchanged gifts and reported a lovely time.

Miss Ollie Garrison was visiting her parents in Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Theresa Ellis and son enjoyed the holiday visit of Miss Thalia Ellis who is attending Tennessee A. and I. State College in Nashville. Miss Charlotte Howard, accompanied by Miss Ola Moore, visited her mother, Mrs. Hattie Howard Caldwell in Rogersville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Harvey Reynolds, had as her guest, her brother, Mr. John D. Young who, in return, gave a reunion for two of his buddies that were in service with him, Mr. David Campers of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. Jed Weavers of Clinto, Tennessee. A number of out-of-town guests were present to attend the concert given by Lucky Millinder at the Payne Avenue USO including Miss Geneva Carr, who is attending Howard University, Washington, D. C., Miss Cleo Carr, Mrs. Willie Carr and Mrs. Mary Kate Fugote.

Mrs. Dora Gray, whom we hoped would be up and out for the holi-
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ELDER W. M. WATERHOUSE

3415 Cornell St.
Dallas, Texas

One of our younger preachers who is ready to serve.

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Antioch Christian Church

Oliver Avenue and Lincoln Highway
REV. S. E. TILLMAN, *Minister*
MRS. ANNA B. WASHINGTON,
Secretary
169 Seaman Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey

To THE CHRISTIAN PLEA!
Greetings! We wish all of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

We have been blessed all the past year, both spiritually and financially. Our record showed that death did not break our rank during the past year, although our pastor's wife did have a narrow escape of death by being hit by a truck while crossing the street. We were very glad that the accident did not cause death. She was taken to the hospital and treated for bruises and was brought home where she was confined to her bed for two weeks. She is now convalescing.

For the month of December our pastor has been giving us plenty of good lessons on "Time." On the first Sunday afternoon the Pastor's Aid rendered a program by President, Mrs. Sarah Johnson. The guest speakers were Mr. Chandler of the USO, accompanied by Mr. Welch. The use of talents was discussed. The music was furnished by the Junior Choir.

On the fifth Sunday our pastor was unable to be with us, because he was confined to his bed with a bad cold which turned to be the la grippe. He really wanted to be out the last Sunday in 1945. Elder C. T. Taylor preached at 11 o'clock.

On New Year's eve our pastor was unable to preach due to his cold, but his New Year's message was read by Mrs. Sara Johnson. The message was based on Peace and Good Will to all mankind. After the birth of the New Year, some of the members returned to the pastor's home where they served coffee and cookies.

We have a few sick members and we pray for their recovery.

Through the blessings of the Lord we have had our furnace installed in the church, and we will be able to have night service hereafter.

When visiting the city of New Brunswick, New Jersey try to come to Antioch Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

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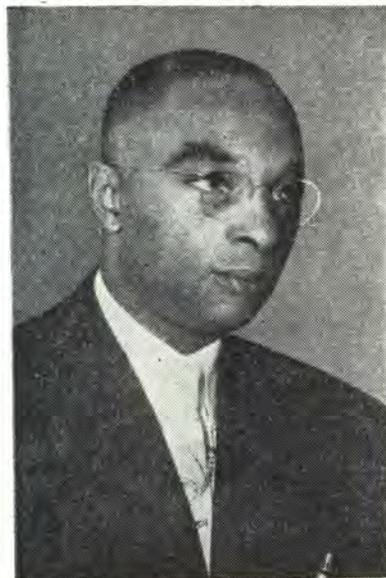


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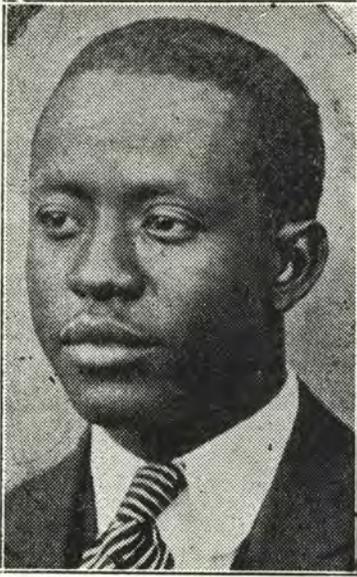
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MRS. S. L. BOSTICK

Little Rock, Arkansas

One of the pioneer Missionaries
of the Church sends New Year
Greetings.

Constitutional Christian Church

Kansas City, Kansas
AMANDA DAVIS, Reporter

Just a few lines to let you know that we are still on the firing lines. Sunday, December 9, was a great day with us. It was Woman's Day. We raised \$18.00. We ask your prayers that this world will grow. We are getting along very nicely.

Brother R. Wesley Watson, our tri-state Evangelist, comes to us whenever he comes to Kansas City.

Sister L. Gray and myself are carrying on the work by the help of the Lord.

This is the last church that Elder A. W. Davis built.

KNOXVILLE

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days, is still on the sick list. Miss Minerva Bowman who has been to Middlesboro, Kentucky, to the illness of her sister, returned to Knoxville, only to be recalled to Kentucky by the death of her uncle.

The New Year's activities were much quieter than those of Xmas with most of the attending watch meetings. We have so much to be thankful for that we feel there could be no better way in which to start the New Year, but in giving thanks to Him who taught us the true significance of the Brotherhood of man.

We urge you to make this a church-going year, and give thanks for peace once again, for the return of our loved ones and those who are yet to return to us.

And may we forever follow him who said, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Southern Christian Institute

W. K. Fox

The academic year is moving well into the second quarter. The enrollment of 311 was enlarged November 10, 1945 by nearly eighty teachers continuing extension classes. Under the direction of Dean Chas. Mosley Saturday classes for in-service teachers are being held in Vicksburg and on the campus.

FACULTY—November 4 through 18 Pres. John Long was a representative of the Home Missions Division of the U. C. M. S. in the annual city-wide Religious Institution sponsored by the Kansas City Christian Churches.

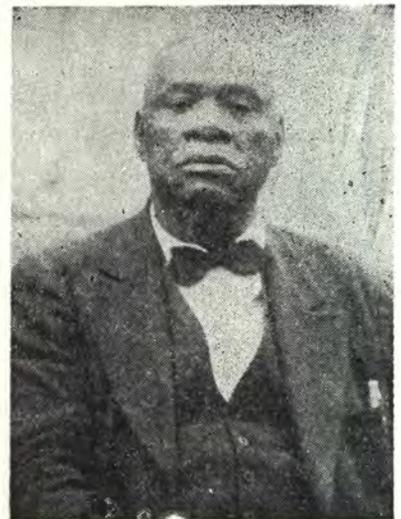


MRS. H. L. HEROD

Indianapolis

Former President of the Woman's Missionary Convention, National Christian Missionary Convention, and now a member of the National Board who thrilled the guests at a banquet of the school of the scriptures in Louisville, Kentucky, December 16, 1945.

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ELDER R. L. PETERS

Oldest Evangelist of our Church. He sends greetings from Winston-Salem, N. C.



Elder L. L. Dickerson (extreme right, third row), after leaving the National Christian Missionary Convention of which he is secretary, is shown with his four Blind Harmonizers of his church at the dedication service of the School of the Scriptures. Dean C. C. Campbell, President; Tibbs Maxey, Treasurer; Max Randall, Secretary; James Johnson are seated, front row, left to right. This picture was taken September 14. The editor of the Plea was present and greeted Elder Dickerson and other visitors as well as inspected the building. The school is in Louisville, Kentucky.

Southern Christian Institute

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The faculty and student body mourned with the Mrs. B. L. Jacobs, Sr. in her loss of her mother, Mrs. Heath of Hermanville, Mississippi. Representatives of the school attended her funeral Dec. 1 at First Christian Church, Hermanville. Eld. I. C. Franklin delivered the message.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Thomas had Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dietrick as house guests Dec. 1 through 9th.

Dean C. C. Mosley attended the annual Deans Conference held at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. Dec. 5-7th. This notable meeting had in attendance such outstanding educators as Dr. F. G. Clark, president of Southern University, Dr. H. Logan of Howard University and Dr. C. Wesley, president of Wilberforce.

The Rev. Mr. W. K. Fox attended the Home Missions Planning Council

meeting of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ which held its bi-annual meeting at Claridge Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. Dec. 12-13. Mr. Fox is a member of the Town and Country Church Committee. This planning council has the power to make recommendations regarding the work of the Brotherhood and to suggest or write pamphlet materials which might serve to implement such recommendations.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS—For the first time in a number of years the Y.W.C.A. had the honor to present a national field worker to the local association and student body November 24-25 in the person of Miss Irene Harris. Miss Harris injected new life in the association through her small group meetings and fellowship sing. She inspired both faculty and student body on Sunday morning when she delivered the address, "Building the Kingdom of Heaven

on Earth." The experience was under the supervision of Mrs. G. C. Mosley, advisor.

The school is enjoying to the highest the use of the new motion picture machine. Several educational pictures have been shown. Popular showings such as "Union Pacific", "How Green Was My Valley" and *King of Kings* are also being shown. Pres. Long insists on showing only the most educational and best pictures.

December 16, the S.C.I. Choisters under the direction of Mrs. Suetta Cole Jacobs present *THE ROSE OF CHRISTMAS* by Van Denman Thompson.

CHAPEL—This quarter's chapel program promises to be one of the year's best. November 30th. Prof. W. Williams, superintendent of the Oakley Industrial Training school, Oakley, Miss. brought an interesting and informative message. Until two years ago Mississippi had no place equipped to help delinquent Negro children to adjust themselves in society. Mr. Williams took over the project two years ago and built the institution from the ground up. Today he has some six modern red brick buildings in which to begin the guidance of many of Mississippi's neglected Negro boys. The institution is supported by the state.

December 7th. Mr. B. L. Jacobs, superintendent of the farm at South-

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ern Christian Institute, delivered the chapel address. He told the interesting history of the farm and school. Among the many significant things he said were the following: (1) In 1922-23 the farm discarded farming by hand and sheer brawn and began to introduce mechanized farming. (2) In 1938-39 the farm yielded a \$5,580 profit but with the increased use of modern techniques and government benefits the farm yielded a \$13,661 profit in 1944. (3) Thirty years ago the farm had thirty tenants but under the encouragement of the school these persons moved away and bought their own land that they might be independent.

December 14 Mr. F. C. Wilcoxin, (white) Secretary of the Vicksburg Y.M.C.A. spoke in chapel. He is a courageous interracial leader in the state. He spoke on advances being made on the interracial front in the south. Mr. Wilcoxin believes that because of the work of interracial leaders in Mississippi this coming legislature will pass many bills favoring the Negro. Among them

will possibly be several thousands of dollars for new brick rural schools of the consolidated type; nearly a million dollars for the gradual equalization of teachers salaries; and several bills granting money to the state health department for the safeguarding of the health of the masses of people in Mississippi.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION—

In the absence of Pres. Long the ministers took charge of the campus church services November 4 and 11th.

The association is planning to start a scholarship fund for the assistance of worthy association members desiring to continue their education in college or graduate school. Contributions to this cause will be appreciated. (Send all money to Dean C. C. Mosley or W. K. Fox at S.C.I., Edwards, Miss.)

JACKSON DISTRICT—The Jackson District of the Disciples of Christ met at S.C.I. November 18th. The Rev. C. C. Mosley delivered the principal message. The Rev. R. Johnson, pastor of the white Christian Church in Jackson delivered the missionary address.

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PRESIDENT MYERS APPEALS TO CHURCHES

Professor T. B. Frost Passes

"The Founder of Jarvis
Christian College Is Laid
to Rest"

Hawkins:—Eighteen miles east of Mineola and fifteen miles west of Gladewater on America's famous Highway 80 is located Jarvis Christian College. It seems so different from any other East Texas educational institution, except that it is rich in oil, rich in East Texas hospitality and rich in culture. It is rich in the tradition that has established Dr. Frost as its First—first president, first teacher, first carpenter, first janitor and first plowman.

About one-quarter mile east of Jarvis, a tourist flashes by the private cemetery of Jarvis College. In that cemetery sleeps a triumvirate of educational leadership—Dr. Ervin, Dr. Uggams and Dr. T. B. Frost. One huge monument stands as a solitary sentinel in this cemetery, but it is not at the grave of either. Their monument is a few hundred yards back up the Highway. Their monument is Jarvis College. Their monument exist in the lives of Jarvisites, who are heads of schools, leaders in communities, and worthwhile citizens. Their monuments are in the hearts of men from Kentucky to Texas.

The entire community was held in the grip of mixed emotions as the startling, arresting impact of the words, Professor Frost has passed, settled on their consciousness Saturday morning, January 5, 1946. For thirty-four years Professor Frost had been a part of the community, and now, Professor Frost has passed. People from Kentucky to Texas had come to know him and to regard him in a manner that was reverential. Even after seventy odd years, his personality was exceptionally dynamic. He had a five-eighth inch

"Commendation"

CARRIE A. GRIFFIN

To, the Editorial Staff, and all whom are responsible for the enlargement of "The Plea," I'm sending my heartiest appreciation, plus commendation for this forward step.

I had anticipated 'ere now, appealing to the intelligence of the Brotherhood, to reach this goal. (adding pages)

The pages of the new year's Edition are quite informative.

I'll tip my hat to the "Cross Street Christian Church," on cash payment for a lot and building. Also to those concerned in the progress of S. C. I., Edward, Miss. The pages added new writers' of interest. "Behold now is the day," a part of II Cor. 6-2. (Use it.)

lift of his chin when talking that portrayed courage. There was a sparkle in his eyes that spelled determination. The very carriage of his shoulders and the firmness of his stride showed that he moved with a purpose. He had a smoothness in his voice that inspired confidence.

The funeral services were held in the Jarvis College Chapel. Professor J. M. Henry spoke of the deceased as a citizen, Rev. M. C. Dickson, Dallas, Texas spoke of him as a minister, Rev. Howard, Oklahoma City, spoke of him as a fellow worker, Dean Chas. Mosley, Edwards, Miss., spoke of him as an educator, and Rev. E. J. Dickson spoke of him as a friend. The obituary, which reads like an adventure story, is reproduced below:

Thomas Buchanan Frost was born to John and Mary Frost in Dysburg, Tenn. on December 18, 1874. He was the youngest of six children born to this union, for the mother died two days after his birth. When Thomas was eleven years old the

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February 5, 1946

Dear Brother Minister;

By virtue of your high office, you are the key man in the life of the church. Your vision and convictions will determine the future of the Kingdom of God. Paul said, "I pleased God, through the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe."

The National Convention is looking to you, brother minister, to lead and to give your best efforts to make the National Convention program a living reality in the life of our churches. You cannot falter in an hour like this. Five months of our fiscal year is in the red. We have seven months to go to redeem the time. The program of Evangelism, Christian and Missionary Education is depending on your leadership and cooperation if it is to be made effective in the life of the church, State and National work.

Your church has been given a financial goal to raise for missions, and to undergird the program of the National Convention. You should see to it that your church and its agencies get on the job and raise its goal. If you have no definite way of raising your goal, appoint a National Convention committee to contact every member of your church, and at least one dollar or more. If you start in time, you will raise your goal. We must carry our part of the load. I am depending on you to assure the success of our National Convention program. To fail in this is to set our work back. Only sixteen churches have sent in any money since the National Convention. Observe March the 3rd, National Convention Day, to raise your goal. Have a program presenting the work of the National Convention, interpreting its relationship to the

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PRESIDENT MYERS APPEALS TO CHURCHES

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brother agencies, and its world wide missionary aspect.

The National Director, Rev. E. J. Dickson, and his staff, Miss Ruth Ratten and Rev. C. L. Parks, are doing a satisfactory job. Their reports were indictive of hard work and good planning which met the unanimous approval of the National Board. We must keep faith with our workers, they believe in and are depending on us to carry our part of the load.

Yours truly,

Sere S. Myers, President of the National Convention.

PROFESSOR T. B. FROST PASSES

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family moved to Minton, Arkansas, from which place a few years later Tommy Frost (as he was affectionately to be known for nearly three-quarters of a century) went to Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Miss. Here he joined the church in 1892 and began preaching while in school. Following his period of schooling there, he returned to his home in Arkansas to serve as mail carrier.

Soon, however, President F. B. Lehman, having seen in his former student, qualities that our schools of that period needed called him back to S. C. I. to work with the boys until 1900. At that time Professor Frost left his work at the school with his young wife, the former Miss Mattie Briggs, whom he had married in 1899, and retired to a farm he had bought at Edwards. Here he lived a comfortable life with the four children that came to Frosts during those years.

When Major and Mrs. Jarvis gave land in Texas for the establishment of a school for Negroes, President Lehman was asked to send a pioneer to lay the foundation work for that school. His mind went to Tommy Frost whose industry, fortitude, foresight, and nobility he had had an opportunity to observe. Mr. Frost agreed to leave the comfort of his home for this new and extremely difficult field.

On January of 1912 Professor Frost arrived in Hawkins and the wilderness that was to later be known as Jarvis Christian College. The hardships of those early months need not be repeated. It is sufficient here to say that like Christ

"he suffered that we might live." When his family joined him conditions were little better. For seven months, Professor Frost worked alone to clear the land and to do all of the things a pioneer must do. At that time he was joined by Professor C. A. Berry. Later President Ervin with his family and other brave men with their families came to help the great pioneer. Without the courage and zeal of T. B. Frost Jarvis would not be what she is today nor what she is to become tomorrow.

During his years as pioneer school man, he was also a pioneer minister of the gospel in East Texas. For five years, he pastored the church at Cason and preached at Union Grove, Sharpless Chapel, and Owl Chapel. During those same years the school began to show such promise that many of the families now residing in this community moved in from distant points that their children might have the opportunity of a Christian education and they the fellowship of the college people.

Again in 1922, Professor Frost was called upon to pioneer for another school, so on November 21, 1922 he left Jarvis to build a school, Central Christian Institute in Shepherdville, Kentucky. He remained with that school until it was closed because of lack of funds in December 1928. The family then moved into the parsonage of the Hill Street Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, which church Professor Frost pastored from December 1928 to March 1929. In March with the two younger boys who were the only children of five left at home Mr. and Mrs. Frost returned to Southern Christian Institute. It was here on August 11, 1931 that Mrs. Mattie Frost died. In May 1932 Professor Frost married Miss Sarah Williams, a recent graduate of S.C.I. To this union three children were born.

The family remained at S.C.I. until December 1939 when Professor Frost had reached retirement age. He built a comfortable home on his farm near Jarvis College where he lived with his family, continuing to render service to the community, to the college, and to the church. For two years after his retirement he served as evangelist for District No. 1 of the Texas Christian Missionary Convention.

His rich life was rewarded with seeing the wilderness he dared to clear transformed into an accredited

senior college, with seeing students, whose lives he influenced, leaders in their communities, with seeing his older children educated and respected citizens in their several communities, and with recognizing a feeling of love and good will between his wife and children.

Saturday morning, January 5, with the members of his young family about him, Professor Frost was stricken at the breakfast table while conversing jovially. A few minutes later he passed to his reward while in the arms of his closest friend, Professor C. A. Berry.

He was survived by eight children, Ethel, Thelma, Howard, Edward, and K. J. of his first marriage; and Mattie, John, and Mary of the second marriage by two sisters, one brother, eleven grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Rev. P. C. Washington, President of Jarvis Christian College delivered the funeral oration, then a reverential congregation passed solemnly past the bier that was nestled in a huge bank of flowers. The quarter mile drive to the cemetery for interment was made without event. As the body was being lowered to its final resting place two quails in the nearby grass stirred excitedly and winged away. The sun that had been hidden all day, broke through the clouds for a scant second and receded behind a veil of mist as if to join the congregation in mourning. Your reporter turned to walk away, and on reaching the gate he turned to take another look at the quaint old cemetery. As he did his mind came to rest on a significant stanza of Gray's Elegy in The Country Churchyard.

Perhaps in this neglected spot is lain,

Some heart once pregnant with celestial fire,

Hands that rods of empires might have swayed,

And wake to ecstasy the living lyre.

Dr. Thomas Buchanan Frost, the founder of Jarvis Christian College, the founder of Central Christian Institute, the Patriarch of Christian Missionary Education, belongs to the ages.—By T. H. Burton, Sr.

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Notes From The Old Asparagus Bed

By A. D. GAULT

Route 2, Mayslick, Ky.

Hello, friends, it has been a long time since you have heard from me. I am back in civilian life again. I spent two years and 22 days in the Army. I received my discharge Oct. 22, 1945. I am back in the Church work. Teaching the Bible Class in the Mayslick Bible School. I am attended two District meetings. District Three at Covington Dec. 1-2, 1945; District Six at Winchester Jan. 19, 1946.

Jan. 26th I attended the State Board meeting at East Second St. Church in Lexington. I was elected Financial Secretary of the State Board. Elder B. H. Hall, who served the time I was in the Army, offered his resignation and recommended that I be elected in his place. The Board did as he recommended.

I want to say to the pastors and church leaders of Kentucky that I have a big job before me. Brother Hall has done a fine piece of work. He has made a good secretary. I don't want to let the work go down, so I am asking you, please don't let me down. If I make a success of it I am your secretary, if I fail I am your secretary. I am depending on you giving me your support as you have done in the past. Each church is to pay \$1.00 per active member. We want to put the job over. In our January Board meeting we raised \$110.25 on apportionments, \$5.00 for some minutes that were sold totaled \$115.25. We hope to do better in the April meeting. I am depending on the District Presidents for their support. You will be hearing from me, everybody all over the state, when President F. T. Floyd calls the convention to order in July. We want to make a great report. I want to say that the church at Mayslick is getting along all right. Rev. E. B. Toles, Pastor, who has been with us five years. You will be hearing me often.

Second Christian Church

REV. F. B. BRADLEY, *Pastor*
2417 Fremont St., Rockford, Ill.

Dear Christians and Friends:

May I tell you something of our work with a group of wonderful people?

First, may I give you a general location of our town. Rockford is located in the northern most part of

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1. Mr. William M. Johnson, 1512 Belefountain St., Indianapolis, Ind. 1 sub. -----	\$ 1.00
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6. Elder E. H. Cole, 411 E. 7th St., Little Rock, Ark., 1 sub. -----	1.10
7. Mr. George W. Wall, Route 1, Box 72, Indianola, Miss., 2 yr. subs. -----	1.00
8. Mrs. Carrie A. Griffin, Box 53, Colla, Miss., 7-1-yr. subs. -----	5.20
9. Rev. C. L. Whitfield, 228 N. Calhoun St., Baltimore, Md., (check)	2.00
10. Mrs. Lella V. Thomas, 607 Missouri Ave., Jeffersonville, Ind., 1 sub. -----	1.00
11. Mr. F. D. Rollins, RFD. 1, Box 68, Port Gibson, Miss., 3-1-yr. subs. -----	2.89
12. Mr. Sidney Scott, 2541 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo.—PLEAS	1.00
13. Rev. F. B. Bradley, 2417 Fremont St., Rockford, Ill., 1 sub. -----	1.00
	<hr/> \$80.69

the State of Illinois. Here we receive those icy winds from Wisconsin. Our Church is in the extreme northern section of Rockford.

The past month has brought many encouraging features to our work. Our official Board authorized the mailing of the excepted goal to the National Missionary Convention.

Our attendance has been very good in spite of the very cold weather.

Sunday, January 27th, the Church sponsored a group of singers. This was done under the direction of our very efficient and wide-awake official Board Chairman, Elder G. C. Richardson. It was enjoyed by everyone that attended.

I must tell you of the grand reception in our honor. Everything was splendid from beginning to the end.

The program was under the direction of Miss Ruth V. Robinson, who is very, very active in all our Church activities. The program consisted of representative of most of the churches of the city. After the program refreshments were served in the parsonage, consisting of tea, cookies, punch and mixed nuts.

As a token of friendship and encouragement the churches of the city and the congregation raised \$15.00 in our behalf.

To make a quick look to the future we have our special service planned for February and March. With a general idea of what we will do in April.

So on the behalf of the Second Christian Church may I extend to

you Seasonal Greetings. And may the blessing of God be on you and your work wherever you are.

Yours for future service.

Church Extension News

The Christian churches of western New York are now engaged in a significant project of brotherhood cooperation.

Twenty years ago the Cleveland Heights church, Buffalo, was begun as a mission congregation. However, the area in which it was located became overwhelmingly Roman Catholic in character, thus restricting growth.

Recently, the State Board purchased a two-acre plot of ground for use as a new building site. This property is a mile distant from the nearest other church and is located in an extensive development of new homes.

Detailed building plans have been completed and approved. These are based upon preliminary sketches and plans prepared by A. F. Wickes, Advisory Architect, the Board of Church Extension. Contracts have been let and actual construction is expected to begin in February.

This project is made possible by sacrificial effort on the part of the new Cleveland Heights church, by the contributions of about \$20,000 being made by the churches of western New York, and by a loan from the Board of Church Extension.

The minister of the Cleveland Heights church is Robert Fink, a recent graduate of Phillips University. Mr. Fink came to the field last September.

W. Sims, minister of Second church (colored), Lawrence, Kansas, reports that the church has had twenty additions, nineteen by confession and baptism, since the congregation purchased its new home last June. This purchase was made with the aid of a Church Extension loan.

The congregation was revived under the leadership of Mr. Sims and with the assistance of the Kansas Christian Missionary Society.

Dr. A. C. Brooks, minister of Third Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, was elected to the posts of trustee and Vice President of the Board of Trustees, Board of Church Extension, at the November 28th meeting of that group. Dr. Brooks succeeds Dr. S. Grundy Fisher, who recently resigned these

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"If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other." (1 John 1: 7.)

NOTICE!

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EDITORIALS

Give Yourself Away

Try giving yourself away,
It is a lucrative business.
Yields big dividends,
That will always pay.
Start with a small gift
Of a toy at Xmas time,
To help fill a little stocking
When Yule carols chime.
Or, speak a kind word
To a man when he's down
'twill help lighten his burden
And banish away a frown.
Find a little rustic cabin
Where hunger stalks the door,
No fuel in the coal bin,
No carpet on the floor.
(Bread cast upon the waters
some day will return.)
A smile from the little stocking
Hope from the man who's down
A prayer from the little cabin
Will greet you on your round.
Sidney A. Scott,
2541 Tracy Ave.
Kansas City 8, Missouri

War Article Answered

By JAMES T. WALKER
Kansas City, Mo.

I can't accept the writers view that wrote the article entitled (What About War). Individuals and not wars nor even masses of individuals have been the true pioneers of higher civilization. It has been the thought and insight of one or perhaps a small group of Individual personalities that have lead the way to better thinking and in turn to better living. It is when the masses finally accept and see the justice and truth in the insite of these pioneer thinkers that they have the courage to destroy the injustices of the prevailing order.

It is to the Monks and Priests of the middle ages that we owe a debt of gratitude for the sound and basic principles of our modern civilization. It is mans stupidity that brings about war. It is the great violent last effort of the selfish that refuse to see the light of the writers, thinkers and great spiritual leader of their day that cause wars and bloodshed. War is an adventure into darkness through which we manage by the grace of God to endure both the weak and the strong. Appreciation and respect for the human personality is an adventure into the light that leads to a higher civilization and more abundant life.

If the writer of the article "What About War?" thinks that we gained anything from World War No. 1, I ask him to remember the depression and how swiftly World War No. 2 came upon us.

CHURCH EXTENSION NEWS

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positions as a result of his removal to Santa Anna, California.

The trend toward the purchase of parsonages continues. This is indicated by the fact that the following churches recently purchased parsonages with the aid of Church Extension loans: Charlestown, Indiana; Fort Worth, Texas—Morningside; Kingsport, Tennessee, Ligonier, Indiana; Mount Vernon, Indiana; Ogden, Utah—First; Salina, Kansas; Austin, Minnesota.

The trustees of the Board of Church Extension announce that 2% interest is to be credited to Church Extension Named Funds for the year 1945.

Nearly half of the Board's assets, now in excess of \$3,000,000 are accounted for by Named Fund gifts plus interest credited thereon.

A Church Extension Named Fund is established by a gift of \$5,000 or more. These gifts are often made in small annual instalments.

Central Christian church (colored) of Louisville, Kentucky, recently completed remodeling and redecorating the interior of its sanctuary. Accomplished with the aid of a Church Extension loan, the work was done under the direction of the minister, E. W. Henry, Jr. and the chairman of the official board, Aruthr A. Hansbro.

The building, having an assessed value of \$14,048.00 occupies an excellent site at the corner of Seventeenth Street and Jefferson Boulevard.

A new congregation, known as the Bixby Knolls Christian Church, was recently organized in Long Beach, California.

This congregation is to be housed in a new church building being erected in the midst of a housing project that already includes 3,300 new homes with many more being planned for early construction.

The building is to include an attractive chapel and Church School unit. Its construction is made possible by a Church Extension loan, by contributions from various Southern California congregations, and by a grant from Southern California Christian Missionary Society.

Boll Street Christian Church Closes Another Year

M. C. DICKSON, *Minister*

The Boll Street Christian Church and friends are thankful to the Almighty God for another successful year in his service. At an annual meeting held January 9, 1946 reports were heard from all the departments of the Church. These reports were received and God was given the thanks for it all.

Those who took the leadership in this banner year were as follows: Bible School: Mrs. S. P. Walker, Supt., Mrs. Anna Bradford, Asst. Supt.; Christian Endeavor: Miss Helen Wynne, Pres., Mrs. Callie Sauls, Vice.; Missionary Society: Mrs. Nellie Hill, Pres., Mrs. Esma Richardson, Vice. The Choir is in Charge of Dr. R. A. Henderson, and Mrs. E. B. Weems, Pianist. The Usher Board did a grand job under the leadership of Mrs. J. M. Reeves, Pres. and Mr. Willie Lacy, Vice.

We solicit the prayer of Christians everywhere that the Lord will continue to smile on our Church and its workers.

Below is the financial report as made by the secretary and treasurer of the Church.

Financial Report of The Boll St. Christian Church

Beginning Jan. 1, 1945, Ending Dec. 31, 1945

General Offering	\$ 5,458.46
Benevolence	178.53
Building Fund	915.58
National Convention	500.00
State Promotional	105.00
United Christian Miss. So.	150.00
Fall Rally	416.15
War Chest	50.00
Misc. Collections	39.97
Disbursements	
Salaries	
Pastor	\$ 2,382.55
Pianist	408.00
Bible School Pianist	53.00
Official Clerk	48.00
Total Salaries	3,141.55
Utility Service	
Water	68.75
Gas	28.91
Light	41.73
Telephone	50.20
Ice	9.75
Grapejuice	21.31
Total Service	220.65
Donations	276.77
Misc.	160.60
Office Supplies	60.45
Benevolence	178.53

National Convention	500.00
State Promotional	105.00
War Chest	50.00
Total disbursements	4,731.18
Balance In Gen. Treas.	3,002.57
Combined report of Auxiliaries	
Collections	1,475.95
Disbursements	1,235.41
Balance in Aux's Treas.	240.54
Combined General Report	
Collections	9,190.88
Disbursements	5,966.59
Combined Cash Balance	3,224.29

Humbly Submitted,

Elder A. S. Travenio, Chairman,
Official Board
Elder L. E. Colbert, Vice-Chairman
Elders: J. L. Patton, T. W. Pratt,
Chairmen, Emeritus
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Rev. M. C. Dickson, Pastor

Year's Report Bethel Christian Church for 1945

ELDER S. D. YARBROUGH, *Minister*
CARRIE A. GRIFFIN, *Reporter*
Coela, Miss.

Dear Editor and readers, as per my word, I'm here with trying to give an approximate summary of the 1945 doings of the above named church.

Please be advised that the year round delegate fees are not included, neither the finance of the C.E.S. Therefore, the finance greatly exceeds report given.

Number of marriages	1
Number of deaths	7
Added to the church	13
Reclaimed	6
For baptism	7
Visit by District S. S. Supt.	
(1) finance	\$1.50
Visit by District Evangelist	
(2) finance	\$8.00
Raised by Church School	53.82
Of this finance for quarterly meets not known (for state)	10.00
Of this finance for the Vicksburg Church	2.50
Women's Work, finance	32.34
For quarterly meetings	9.75
For State Convention	10.00
For Sick benefits	7.00
On hand	5.59
For the Minister in charge	369.28
Church quarterly reports	24.97
Church State Report	45.00
For missions	22.00
A token sent to Thomas J. Griffin, a former member	5.00
For the sick	16.00
An approximate total	\$594.01

We are thankful that we are blessed with life, and are trying to go on mid bad weather conditions and other barriers of rural life. You have our prayers for progress of the work.

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

REV. BLAIR T. HUNT, *Pastor*

MRS. C. E. ROWAN, *Reporter*

The members of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church started the new year with renewed faith knowing that great things can be accomplished in Kingdom building if faith is present. On the first Sunday in the New Year, the Pastor, Rev. Blair T. Hunt, preached on "FAITH—AN APPEAL TO GOD'S HONOR." Some of the outstanding points in his sermon follow:

"Faith—A fine thing to begin a New Year of peace. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is absolutely necessary to salvation. It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Faith just by itself soon dies. The four mediums of faith: Repentance is faith winning, Baptism is faith acting, Prayer is faith communing and a Christian life is faith saving. Hence, we are saved by a system of faith that leads to the very gate of heaven. Faith, when we exercise it, is an appeal to God's honor.

"Christ is never too busy to heed an agonizing cry; that is one of the many reasons we love Jesus. Take the 9th Chapter, Gospel of St. Mark: Jesus took time out to listen to the father of the boy with dumb spirit. No doubt the father of this afflicted boy had called to every one around about in that community; Jesus let the father tell all, then He asked the father how long the boy had been afflicted. The man replied: if you can do anything for him, have compassion on him and help us. Jesus said, if thou canst believe, all things are possible. Faith is that medium of exchange that has no limit in God's Kingdom. Draw heavily on your account of faith in proportion as you have faith in God."

The officers of the Bible School and church are requested to be present Wednesday evening at 7:30 to outline program for 1946. After the business session, the group will be served a delicious menu with Dr. J. E. Walker, 1109 Mississippi Boulevard, as host.

Bethel Christian Church

ELD. S. D. YARBROUGH, *Minister*

CARRIE A. GRIFFIN, *Reporter*

Rte. 2, Box 53, Coila, Miss.

Greetings to everyone, especially to the readers of The Plea.

Bethel is still grateful to be able to carry on, not as we desire, but we are yet alive; despite our being near the storm area, that carried its toll of destruction on January 6, 1946.

There are those of us who realize that it's more profitable to count our many blessings than our many woes.

A few of the faithful met at the above named church on the 2nd Lord's Day, Jan. 13, 1946, and after having been greatly strengthened, we are willing to continue the good fight of faith until "He" says there's enough done.

Supt. T. J. Johnson was as usual at his post for Church, School, after which Bro. E. Grant led devotion, invocation. Bro. E. D. Arnold followed, by Scripture lesson, by Bro. E. J. Jackson. After singing, Elder Yarbrough read for our consideration I Cor. 1-10, Subject, "We Should present our bodies as a Living Sacrifice."

Our 1945 History was discussed as past history plus what should be done during 1946, and the type of sacrifice God wants. No confession nor reclaim was made. This was a wonderful service, all were encouraged to have greater anticipations for Kingdom Building.

Find \$4.50 and names for subscriptions. We give the work God speed.

Cedar Christian Church

Cleveland, Ohio

January 27, 1946

The year of 1945 brought joy and happiness to Cedar Church. The joy was the paying of the debt of the church which began two years ago.

The year closed with a nice balance in all of the treasuries. Receipts for the current expenses were \$2,577.22. Receipts for Building Fund \$2,971.24 and Bible School \$419.36. Balance on hand \$45.06. All other departments have a good treasury to start the new year.

The church is now beginning plans to become self-supporting after 23 years as a mission church. The Pastor and officers are planning a membership drive and restoring of those who are inactive.

The church is well organized with the following officers: *Elders* S. J. Bergeon, chairman, Charlie Blair, A. Gray, B. Gamby and A. Thomas. *Deacons*: J. H. Holliday, chairman, J. Blair, T. Jordan, R. Clark, Mark Tisdale, H. E. Lowe, E. Wilson, W. D. Jackson, E. Burrus, W. E. Shumate, W. E. Harrison. *Trustees*: E. Williams, H. E. Lowe, J. Blair, T. Jordan, S. E. Bergeon. *Finance Committee*: W. E. Harrison, chairman, Mrs. Katie Cecil, secretary, and H. E. Lowe, treasurer.

Building Fund: W. E. Harrison, chairman, Mrs. E. Martin, secretary, Mr. S. J. Bergeon, treasurer. *Deaconesses*: Mrs. M. McCall, chairman, Mrs. N. Howard, Mrs. B. Wilson, Mrs. G. Talbott, Mrs. N. Thomas, Mrs. H. Harrison. Chairman of *Official Board*, W. D. Jackson, assistants W. E. Shumate, Mrs. E. Martin, secretary Mrs. G. Talbott, church clerk, Mr. R. Clark. *Bible School*: Superintendent A. Gray, assistant Mrs. E. Martin, secretary Miss Ola M. Martin, treasurer A. Thomas, Director Christian Education, Pearl Craggett.

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NEWS ITEMS

The pastor and wife and officers wish to thank those in our Brotherhood who gave money to help the church buy and pay for their church home.

The senior choir rendered a Christmas Cantata in a very fine way.

The young people gave a beautiful pageant under the direction of Miss Howard.

Two Christmas parties were given by the Boosters Club and choirs.

A Victory Banquet will be given at the church on January 17. Mrs. G. Talbott is chairman.

Clark Street Christian Church

REV. F. C. CORY, *Pastor*

MRS. MABEL HILL, *Secretary*

1304 E. Jones St., Greenville, Texas

Our Rev. F. C. Cory brought a wonderful message, subject: Adoption.

Shut in: Mrs. Maggie Griffin, Cedar St.

On the 27th we were blessed to have Rev. H. Swetmon from Farris College who filled the pulpit for Rev. Cory at 11 o'clock service. Text: Good Samaritan. Subject: He passed on the other side.

Night service Rev. R. Brown. Gen. 9 Ch., 15th verse. Subject: No More Water but Fire Next Time. Each delivered a soul stirring message.

Prof. C. A. Berrilpes of District No. 1 has been serving in this capacity thirty-three years and is very consecrated to his duties. He is pious, steadfast, unmovable, not leaving a stone unturned. Eld. M. C. Dickson, State President, pastor of Boll St. Christian Church, Dallas. Subject: Fellowship. It was quite an uplift to have to meet with our Mission. Conducted by Pres. Mrs. Mattie Wallace. Then the need of Christian Missions in uprooted America. Call to Worship. Scripture. Mrs. L. A. Whyte, 46th Psalm. Meditation and prayer, Mrs. Mabel Hill, President. Message, Mrs. M. Wolie. He also met with us in our local mission. Mrs. M. L. Veals presiding. Mrs. Rodel Brooks, secretary. Our State Evangelistic worker, R. Page and Mrs. Page of Bay City. He is blessed to have his companion to come with him, giving him strength helping him to make a more perfect day, who delivered a rousing message, The Sermon on the Mount. Subject: Ye Are the Salt of the Earth. Christian influence. Sunday night we were favored by a sermon by our own Rev. F. C. Cory. Subject: The Way of Life.

Members returned, 1; Mrs. Annie Laurie Frazor, who served in USO as WAC who was blessed by much prayer and supplication to God. Yes one more answered prayer.

Visitors: Mrs. Tem Johnson, Mrs. Alvin Moton, Jutus O. Hill from Hastings, Neb.

Closing remarks by Rev. Page, Bay City.

The Alameda Street Christian Church

ELDER R. C. MALOY, *Minister*
MRS. ANNETTE JACKSON, *Reporter*
Nashville, Tenn.

Greetings.

We are happy to announce to the Brotherhood that the Church is working harmoniously with every department. We are carrying on an evangelistic meeting with the pastor doing the preaching. Three additions thus far. It will continue until Easter. The third Lord's Day in last month in the afternoon, the three congregations held a union meeting with Prof. M. R. Eppse, the editor, the speaker. His subject was "Facing a New World." He insists that each congregation go forward with the order which Christ gave in Matt. 28:19-20. Our Church is the leading Christian Church in the city. If you are in our city at any time, visit Alameda and you will receive the Jerusalem Gospel. We do not believe in no open membership. We are praying that our National Convention will come back to the Old Jerusalem Doctrine and have more preaching when we meet in Brooklyn. Our pastor is the Vice-President of our State Convention and President of the Bible School Department. He is wide awake and forever on his job. He is dynamic in all of his obligations. Brethren, pray for us that we may continue with the Master's work.

Yours for a Greater Service.

Corinth Christian Church

Kilgore, Texas

DR. P. C. WASHINGTON,
Acting Pastor

Mrs. Almata Henderson, *Reporter*

This marks the beginning of another new year, had a very splendid successful one of 1945. We as Christians must cling to God's unchanging hand, and carry on the good work and praise God for his wonderful blessings that he bestowed upon us. Through the able leadership of our officials, Supt. and Teachers our Sunday School is continuing to grow in attendance and finance. On the first Sunday we was grateful to have had with us our Evangelist, Rev. Page. Following 2nd Sunday our pastoral day, The Rev. Brown of Jarvis brought us an untiring message.

"From the Subject," "A Dangerous Opportunity" we are still feasting on such spiritual food. I know you can witness with us when we say

he is a great minister and Gospel preacher. Along with him, Mrs. P. L. Washington, who is serving as pianoist. It is grateful to have such persons. And how she demonstrates so beautiful a spirit of unity. Where there is unity there is strength and too was visiting us from Jacksonville, and Henderson. Bro. Spencer, Sr., Spencer, Jr., and Bro. Rogers, we are happy to have any visitors, it means a spirit of cooperation. We ask your prayers that we may continue to move forward and maintain anything short of success.

In the name of our Lord.

North Balton Street Christian Church

Jacksonville, Texas

LELA COX, *Secy. Christian Plea*

Box 236, Jacksonville, Texas

Rev. R. C. Paige, the District Evangelist, was here on Jan. 13 to hold his regular meeting. Cpl. L. J. Spencer, son of Elder J. A. Spencer, has arrived home after two years of service overseas. Church service was well attended with Rev. P. C. Washington, pastor, in charge. Sermon, Deliver Us From Evil. Night sermon, A Sandy Foundation. Sunday School is well attended. City-wide missions was held at the home of Mrs. Josephine White, Friday night, Feb. 1, 1946. Bro. Felix Buckner is recovering from an attack of the flu. Prayer meeting is held every Wednesday night, which is well attended. The Church is doing fine spiritually and financially. Asking each and every one to come out and be in sermon morning.

Three Mile Creek Church

H. L. BRABHUSE, *Superintendent
and Reporter*

Olar, S. C., R. No. 1, Box 30

To the Christian Plea:

Allow space in your valuable paper for our report from this part of marrial Vineyard of the Three Mile Creek Christian Church and Bible School. We are thankful to say that our work here is still moving onward and the prospect looks good. Beginning our new year work for 1946. We have lost by death from the beginning of last year Sister Chine Klarse, Bro. W. M. Dickson, Bro. George Rivers, Bro. Jeff Ayers, also Sister Ella Ayers. We hope while it's our loss we trust its Heaven's gain. Our service was grand today. Our Pastor preached a wonderful sermon. Eld. R. W. Williams from

Columbia, S. C., and Sister Barns within while the man of God spoke by the wayside. We raised for pastoral work \$30.00, for the sick \$1.50. Total \$31.50. We are striving to do more this year for the uplifting of Christ and His church. We are planning a Dollar Rally Day from each member. The last Lord's Day in March, 1946, we beg the prayers of the entire Brotherhood for a success.

Yours in Christ,

Bethel Christian Church

ELD. S. D. YARBROUGH, *Minister*
(MRS.) CARRIE A. GRIFFIN, *Reporter*
Box 53, Rte. 2, Coila, Miss.

Our heartiest greetings is extended to all. 1945, with its joys, its cares, its success and failures is now our yesterday.

If there were errors we hope they are erased, if wounds, we hope they're healed, and all are willing to carry on more effectively.

We've passed through the "Joyous Season" into 1946, a time that we've eagerly looked forward to. It is "our today," which means the now! What we're to do must be done quickly, and in all our ways let us acknowledge Him!

If we're the sheep of "His fold," and feed upon the green pasture, surely we should readily be guided

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BETHEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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by the "Good Shepherd."

We've spoken of the past war church most of us, what is it all about? Since our boys are returning, are we making home and church more acceptable? Do our lives reflect a Christian light upon them and those who need the true light, as the sun reflects upon the moon?

The Macedonian call has been far distant; now it is all around us. Let us heed it with both individual and group evangelism.

Bethel is holding up under excessive bad weather.

T. J. Johnson, the church school superintendent, holds his post well.

We enjoy the Plea and hope to send in a short summary of Bethel's 1945 doings. I pray that your faith will not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 1 Cor. 2:1-5.

Clay Street Christian Church

By OSCEOLA A. DAWSON

"Build thee more stately mansions

Oh my soul

As the swift seasons roll."

Each year, the Clay Street Christian Church is attempting to do just what the above quotation says.

Four years and two months ago, Elder H. E. Jackson, our present pastor, came to us. Among the many things which have been accomplished under his able leadership, may be listed the following:

Improved order of worship throughout each department. 48 persons (26 by baptism and 22 by statement) have been added to the church.

One minister of the Gospel, Elder Hugh Hayes, has been ordained. Contributions to missionary activities, \$750.00. Total amount of money raised, \$12,000. The \$3,000 building debt which the church owed completely eliminated. The mortgage was burned on August 6, 1945. Mr. Merl R. Eppse was guest speaker. This is the first time in 16 years that the church has been free of debt. Kentucky State Convention in July, 1945, entertained. Recreational activities made a definite part of the church program—recreation and reading facilities provided.

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COMMUNITY TENSIONS

Section on Economics

The confusion and uncertainty which exists widely today in regard to desirable purposes, principles and methods in the economic aspects of our common life, lead us to express what we believe should constitute the approach of those who seek to be sincere followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are convinced:—

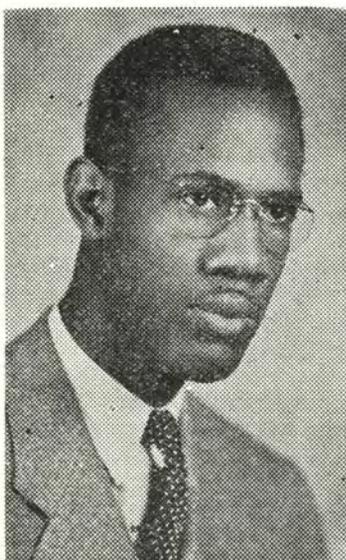
1. That it should be the endeavor of Christian people to consider those matters on a level higher than that of group partisanship and in the light of their understanding of Christian teaching.
2. That it is the duty of the Churches, pastors and people, to seek to arouse the conscience of the nation on all matters involving moral principles.
3. That the Social Ideals of the Churches as previously adopted by the Federal Council constitutes a general statement on these subjects which continue to be of enduring value.
4. That two specific actions are even more significant now than when they were originally adopted.

A. At the 1944 Biennial the Council voted to "urge our government to establish permanent procedures for securing the objectives which have been sought by the Committee on Fair Employment Practice," believing that "discrimination in employment because of race, creed or national origin is one of the great moral issues before our nation today."

B. In November 1945 the Executive Committee voted to favor "an increase of the minimum wage

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East Sixth Street Church Calls New Pastor



E. W. HENRY, JR.
Pastor East Sixth Street
Christian Church
Oklahoma City

E. W. Henry, Jr., product of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas was recently called to the pastorate of the East Sixth Street Christian Church in Oklahoma City. Mr. Henry was formerly pastor of the Central Christian Church of Louisville, Kentucky. He also served as Director of Religious Education at the Ridgewood Children's Home, a state institution for underprivileged children of the Falls Cities.

Under the leadership of Mr. Henry the East Sixth Street Christian Church is going forward with their plans to erect a new church building to cost approximately 30,000.00 dollars. Their plans for

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New Jersey Church Burns

The Antioch Christian Church, 169 Beaman Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, burned down Sunday, March tenth, 1946.

It was reported that the loss will exceed \$2,500. Reverend S. E. Tillman, the Pastor, is one of the Regional Vice-Presidents of the National Christian Missionary Convention and good supporter of our National week.

Any contributions and help should be sent directly to Reverend Tillman.

Will Defend Columbia Riot Victims To Utmost Limit; 19 Organizations Pledge To NAACP

New York, N. Y.—Nineteen national organizations today pledged their total cooperation to defend all of the Negroes charged with various offenses in connection with the Columbia, Tennessee "riot" starting February 25th at a conference in the Wendell Willkie Memorial Building by the NAACP. Those pledging their aid include the American Veterans Committee, the Council for Democracy, the March on Washington Movement, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, New York Council for Permanent FEPC, the National Lawyers Guild, the CIO-PAC, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Jewish Congress, the National Urban League, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Methodist Federation for Social Service, Imperial Lodge, Elks, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Southern Con-

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COLUMBIA RIOT

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ference for Human Welfare, Friends of Democracy, Freedom House and the Young Men's Christian Association. It is expected that other national organizations who were unable to send representatives to the conference held today will also participate in the vigorous and uncompromising fight which will be made in the courts of law and of public opinion.

The steps decided upon include the supplying of all necessary legal defense. The NAACP has already retained Maurice Weaver, young southern white lawyer of Chattanooga and World War II veteran and Z. Alexander Looby, well-known Negro lawyer of Nashville. Thurgood Marshall, NAACP Special Counsel, is leaving for Tennessee shortly to perfect, in cooperation with Messrs. Weaver and Looby, plans for defense on the basis of the Maury County Grand Jury action.

Other steps decided upon at the conference today included an appointment of a delegation to confer with President Harry S. Truman and Attorney-General Tom Clark to insist upon more vigorous federal action against the mob who attempted to lynch Mrs. Gladys Stephenson and her son, James Stephenson because the young Negro war veteran defended his mother when she was kicked and struck by William Fleming, white radio repair man.

Because the newspaper stories written by Columbia and Nashville newspapermen conspicuously failed to mention that the initial assault had been made by Fleming and not by the Stephensons, and gave only the mob's side of the story a nationwide campaign of publicity through paid advertisements, radio broadcasts, and the publication of literature, the holding of mass meetings and other means of informing the country of the truth of the Columbia "riot" was voted. Plans were also made to raise as speedily as possible the necessary funds for defense. All the defendants except one have requested in writing that the NAACP defend them.

Particular emphasis was put by the conference on the necessity of bringing the real culprits in the Tennessee tragedy to justice, particularly the state militia, state highway patrolmen and other agents of the State of Tennessee who were

responsible for pillaging, search and seizure without warrant, beating and otherwise manhandling the helpless Negro defendants, destroying Negro business establishments and homes, the holding of Negro defendants incommunicado and the tapping of telephone wires.

EAST SIXTH STREET CHURCH

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a new building were halted during the war. The First Christian Church, W. H. Alexander, pastor, is contributing \$5,000 towards the building and E. E. Dorsey, Elder of First Church, is chairman of a committee to assist them in raising additional funds. They now have approximately \$6,000 in cash and pledges on hand, as well as some building materials.

This Church will need considerable assistance from our churches in Oklahoma City and throughout our state and Brotherhood. Any church or individual desiring to make a designated offering for the East Sixth Street Building Fund may send it to the State Office of the Oklahoma Christian Missionary Society, 505 Wright Building, Oklahoma City 2, Okla.

Your State Secretary and Editor of the Oklahoma Christian visited the East Sixth Street Church recently on a Sunday morning and heard Mr. Henry preach. He is an excellent preacher and the church has a great musical organization in which he also assists.

This Church and Pastor are very appreciative of any assistance which is given them towards their much needed building, which they hope to be able to start by the middle of April. Mr. Carl Covey, State Secretary, has been invited by them to conduct an evangelistic meeting later in the year. The membership has subscribed 100% for the Oklahoma Christian. Let us help these worthy people.

FEDERAL COUNCIL SETS

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to 65 cents an hour with 75 cents an hour after 2 years, in order to provide for our lowest paid workers, under present conditions, an adequate American standard of living." . . .

5. That as investors in funds in substantial amounts and as employers of labor in considerable numbers, the Churches have an opportunity to demonstrate the

Christian ethic. . . The fact that they are exempt from the pressures of competitive enterprise and largely exempt from taxation, put them in a favored position. . . Too often however the economic policies of the Churches reflect an uncritical attitude. . .

The churches have an obligation to support by their own example the highest standards in such matters as wages, hours, vacation provisions, and labor-management relations.

6. That all Christians recognize the higher ethical value inherent in the cooperative as over against the competitive motive. . . We therefore encourage the extension of cooperative technique. . .

7. That since our churches affirm, both the priesthood of all believers and also the sacredness of all vocations, one of their major tasks today is to give vocational guidance in terms of God's activity through men in their various vocations. . .

Inasmuch as many people tend to accept their vocational ethics from the secular world, the churches should help them re-evaluate their vocations in terms of Christian service, putting human welfare before ones own profit. . .

8. That the nature of man and the structure of modern industrial society, have caused the right to an opportunity for employment at an equitable wage to become a basic right. The responsibility for assuring full employment therefore rests upon all people. . .

9. The strategy which labor and management follow in industrial disputes should be adopted in full recognition that consequences of their decisions may extend far beyond the locality or area immediately involved, and transcend the interests of the two parties. . .

We affirm labor's right to strike . . . but we urge the moral obligation that rests upon labor and management to enter into and carry on collective bargaining in good faith. . .

10. That on the international level economic justice and brotherhood are essential to world peace and order. . .

11. That in addition to those matters, on which we believe a broad Christian consensus exists, other questions press upon the Christian conscience with new urgency, ques-

tions calling for earnest study. Among them are these: the role of government in maintaining economic and industrial stability; the problem of preserving a maximum of economic freedom while guaranteeing a "floor" of economic security; the ever-recurring question whether the pursuit of profit, in the sense of a reward beyond compensation for work done, can be reconciled with Christian principles; the extent to which wage determination properly involves assumptions concerning profit and price levels; the merits of organized labor's demand for union security; and ways in which conflict between economic groups can be kept within manageable limits without curtailing essential freedoms.

These questions are not external to Christian ethics; they are issues which the Christian conscience cannot evade. We therefore urge full cooperation by the membership of our churches in the currently announced study of the relation of Christianity to the economic order by the Department of Research and Education. . .

Racial Tensions

. . . Segregation is the pattern of our American race relations. Segregation in America is the externally imposed separation of division of individual citizens, or groups of citizens, based on race, color, creed or national origin. It is accepted, with some differences of emphasis, in all sections of the country. It is sometimes established and supported by law. In other instances, segregation is rigidly enforced by social custom. . .

Segregation as practiced in America probably has more effect on the racial opinions of the young than formal teachings of the schools about democracy, or of the church about Christian brotherhood.

Segregation . . . denies to millions of our citizens free access to means of making a living. . .

Segregation subjects sections of our population to constant humiliation and forces upon them spiritual and psychological handicaps. . .

It was a source of great embarrassment to our leaders that we found it difficult to locate an American community where racial practices were acceptable for establishing the headquarters of the United Nations Organization. . .

Segregation increases and accentuates racial tensions. It is worth noting that race riots in this country have seldom occurred in neighborhoods with a racially mixed population. Our worst riots have broken out along the borders of tightly segregated areas.

The pattern of racial segregation in America is given moral sanction by the fact that churches and church institutions, as a result of social pressure, have so largely accepted the pattern of racial segregation in their own life and practice. . .

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America hereby renounces the pattern of segregation in race relations as unnecessary and undesirable and a violation of the Gospel of love and human brotherhood. Having taken this action, the Federal Council requests its constituent communions to do likewise. As proof of their sincerity in this renunciation they will work for a non-segregated church and a non-segregated society. . .

In order that we may remove the validity of the charge which the world makes when it says, "Physician, heal thyself," we urge our constituent communions to correct their own practice of segregation. With this end in view, it is recommended that each communion take steps to ascertain the facts concerning the practice of racial segregation within its own life and work, and formulate a plan of action in the following areas:

Membership. Are all Children of God welcomed into the membership of the communion's parish churches or are there some who are excluded by the color with which God has endowed them? What actions are necessary to correct this practice? We urge this practice upon the churches of all racial and nationality groups.

Fellowship. Does racial segregation create a chasm which places profound limitations upon Christian fellowship within the life of a given geographical community? If so, what can be done to remove these limitations?

Worship. What is the extent of racial segregation in the services of worship provided by our communion? Are worship opportunities available to racially mixed groups with sufficient frequency to make such worship a normal expression of our common worship to God without racial self-con-

sciousness and embarrassment?

Service. What is the extent of racial segregation in the administrative practices provided in schools, colleges, seminaries, hospitals, camps, young people's conferences and similar church-related institutions under the control of our communion? What are the steps that should now be authorized and carried out by the responsible boards of the communion to overcome these defects?

Employment. Do the local churches, state and area judicatories, national boards and general ecclesiastical offices provide opportunities for the employment of persons drawn from racial minority groups? If so, is the proportion of such interracial employment fair? If not, what legislative actions and administrative procedures should be proposed within each communion to bring employment practices within its entire life into conformity with the Christian goal of a non-segregated society?

The Church, having chosen to renounce the segregation patterns as a violation of its Gospel of life, and having outlined steps by which the practice of segregation may be corrected within its own life, must next direct her attention to the community within which the Christian Church functions. . . We urge upon churches and church councils the value of Race Relations Clinics to affect the daily lives of people where they live and work.

Such clinics seek to discover factually what are the actual Tension points in interracial living and, in the light of such facts, what constructive steps may be taken to alleviate these tensions. . .

We have outlined what we believe to be certain glaring defects in the ideals and purpose of our Protestant churches in the matter of race relations. . . . We are not unmindful of the heroic services done by the churches through their schools, colleges and other institutions in improving the condition of Negro and other minority groups, but we believe that these efforts will not accomplish their full results unless the Christian Church again accepts as a definite goal the practice of the early Christians in accepting all racial groups into the same religious society on the basis of equality.

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NOTICE!

All news must be in by seventh of each month.

EDITORIALS

A Message To Our Bible Schools

R. L. JORDAN, Minister
Pres. National Bible School Convention

Every Pres. of a State Convention of Bible Schools and each Supt. of a local church school should bring to the attention of the people the responsibility of this Div. of the church. This responsibility is apart of the total financial goal assigned to the various churches of our Brotherhood. How proud we ought to be now that our schools have only one goal for the Convention and Missions. This means a better program and a determined effort to lift each church School and the Convention to a higher level spiritually and intellectually, we are convinced. Time required for appeals for Missions and convention, is reduced. There are combined in one appeal. That is when you talk about the convention you speak about mission. No church is a christian church or church of Christ unless it is missionary for Jesus Christ came "giving". When you talk about missions you are talking about the convention. What more is a convention than an assembly of people thinking and acting Godward. Both are worthy of our sacrafical support. They are ours and belonging impells us to contribute to every cause through which the personality of God maybe brought to bare upon man's troubles and redemption.

The month of March has been designated as convention month, make it to mean that in your state and schools. The support of the program outlined in the convention is in part to be received from us. How much we appreciate participation in the control of our Brotherhood is reflected in our gifts to its causes. The convention is one of the causes in our Brother-hood life. Let us roll up our sleeves and make March and April 1946 outstanding reflectors in our church and school life this year.

Personally I would like to see every church school in our Brotherhood contribute its share now.

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What The Readers Think

Jarvis College

W. C. GILL, Dean

My dear Elder Reid:

Please permit me to congratulate you upon your fine paper. Without question we need to avail ourselves of the tremendous amount of power which a journal like yours makes possible. Too long have we sat idly by the alarming amount of injustices and malpractices, when all we need to do, dramatically call attention to such conditions.

Please do not understand me that the sole purpose of an organ of this kind is to emphasize the negatives. What I prefer to say is, our brotherhood journal should serve as a steadying influence, not hesitating to discuss controversial views, but always in the spirit of love. They should strive to keep us in remembrance of our historic plea; and poigantly set forth the things which we hold in common dispute diversities.

I want to make special reference to the historical section carried in your paper. You are to be congratulated for trying to keep alive the memory of the pioneers among our bretheren who have wrought well in years long since passed. Keep it up.

By the way I heartily agree with your gesture of cooperation and friendship extended to the editor of the Clarion Voice, L. L. Dickerson, editor. I hope the suggestion will be taken. I can see a great future for such a venture.

I shall send you a copy of our school paper when it comes from the press. Everything seems to be moving along nicely here at Jarvis. My regards to all the brethren.

Yours in Christ, W. C. Gill, Dean.

In Memorial Of Eld. L. R. Graission

Just a few days ago you went away to receive a great reward that was promise you one day.

Oh! how we miss your presence and that kind voice you had, but you'll always be remembered in the Church as well as home.

I can see your patience walk and the place you held so well, but your works are over now and you will rest within the love.

Yes we miss you, Truly miss you, but the father he knew best so he called you from your labor to that great beyond rest.

Sign, Mrs. Zadie B. Smith, Brown North Jackson Christian Church

True Vine Christian Church

Rev. H. G. SMITH, *Pastor*
Mrs. M. O. Nelson, *Sect.*

I beg space for the report of our work here. We are still striving to do work for the good Master in business ways and to do unto our fellow man as we would have him to do unto us. We had a very fine service on last Sunday and as spring comes seem like each one should feel better and willing to began work for the Master. Our Missionary Society as well as our Bible School is still increasing in numbers. And very soon we are going to began to beautify our church. Our pastor is with us every service as he has regain his health. Enclose you will find three new subscribers for the Plea.

Rev. H. G. Smith, our pastor, one year 50 cents. His address is 861 St. N. E. Paris, Tex.; Rev. E. M. Powell, 50 cents, address is 1st St., N. E. Paris, Tex.; Bro. E. G. Grant, \$100, address R. 5 Paris, Tex.

Wishing you all success with your paper.

Corinth Christian Church

Kilgore, Texas

DR. WASHINGTON, *Acting Pastor*
Mrs. Almata Henderson, *Reporter*

The love of God is sufficient if we, his Disciples would dedicate our lives to him. I am grateful to say we are still making progress, our Sunday School attendance are splendid, under the leadership of our Supt. Bro. Elmo Jacobs. I must say again our Sunday School pastor, Rev. Brown is giving us spiritual food each 4th Sunday. He is interesting to both old and young, and is broadening his leadership. Bro. Washington brings the message on the 2nd Sunday which is our regular pastoral day. He always teaches and preaches the Gospel of service, and encourage a spirit of unity. We appreciate him very much. 2nd. Sunday Senior day, 4th Sunday Juniors in charge every body on the lurk and at their post of duty. Bro. Eugene Sanders seems to be on the mend we ask your prayers that he may recover.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46.)

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church Holds Meeting

REV. BLAIR T. HUNT, *Pastor*
Mrs. C. E. Rowan, *Reporter*

The pastor, officers, Bible School

teachers and officers of the Missionary Society held a splendid mid-week meeting Wednesday evening, February 6, 1946, at 7:30 o'clock. The group was seated at tables arranged banquet style and the meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Dr. J. E. Walker. The meeting was opened by a number of short prayers, after which Prof. J. A. Swayze led the group in singing two appropriate songs. Chairman Walker took over at this point by reading 2nd Corinthians, 9th Chapter, 6th and 7th verses. He then outlined a program for the church that will cover a period of five years with special emphasis on the immediate promotion of this program leading up to the day of Pentecost. Dr. Walker then called upon the Pastor, Elder Blair T. Hunt, whose inspiring talk increased every one's interest in the meeting. This was followed by a request from Chairman Walker for the selection of chairmen for a number of committees, whose duties will involve the guidance of the program to a successful conclusion. The formal meeting was closed by a number of prayers by officers, after which the group was served a delightful two-course menu with Dr. Walker serving as host.

The following are committees appointed to act for the five year program: Publicity & Promotion: Mrs. L. M. Young, Mrs. J. E. Walker and Mrs. C. E. Rowan. Advertisement: Mr. J. T. Chandler, Sr. Evangelistic: Elder A. C. Crawford, Mrs. Ambrie Brown and Mr. T. H. Coleman; Non-Resident Members: Mr. Utillus Phillips; Visitation Committee: Mr. J. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Ambrie Brown; Prospectus Committee: Prof. J. A. Swayze, Mr. J. T. Chandler; Christian Education: Mr. M. W. Bonner, Mr. I. J. Tillman; Reception of New Members: Mr. C. H. Cade and Mr. I. A. Gentry. Finance Committee: Dr. J. E. Walker, Mrs. Aline Lowe. General Evangelistic: Elder Blair T. Hunt and Dr. J. E. Walker.

Forrest St. Christian Church

Beaumont, Texas

Mrs. Maude Davis, *Reporter*

I will attempt to write again to the Plea, since my last letter was not published I shall be like the little boy about his prayers, If this is not answered I will not write any more.

It has been some time since I have written the Plea, nevertheless I enjoy

reading it, and especially hearing of the Brotherhood's work.

To use Bro. Sercy words, "I am still trying to keep house for God in Beaumont. I returned to my post of duty after three months absence, due to attending the State and National Conventions and illness.

Our little Church seems to be growing slowly but sure, five souls have been added three by baptism and two restored to the faith. Three adults and two young people.

We have painted the Church during my pastorate. Mrs. L. P. Black (white) member of the Washington Blvd. Church gave the Church a lovely Communion table, also stain for the floor, and a beautiful art square rug, and a lovely Morris chair for the living quarters or parsonage rather. Mrs. Elsworth Sperling has given curtains, dishes and pictures. Mrs. Sperling is also a member of Washington Blvd. Christian Church.

Our attendance have not been exactly what I desired, but due to illness and inclement weather, one could not expect too much. The "faithful few" which represent the Christ in most Churches can always be depended on. Thank God for the faithful souls, His Co-workers.

We have done a good work with those we have had to work with, we have purchased a new Communion set, new linen covers for the Table, a new linoleum rug for the kitchen.

Jan. 20, Sunday at 3 P. M. we had our Missionary program, the Missionary Society, Washington Blvd. Christian Church were our guest. We had as our Theme, Africa, your humble servant decorated the Church we had a large colored map of Africa on the wall under it was a table with two candles, books on Africa and the World Call were also on the table, the Programs were little Individual maps of Africa with program inside the maps. Mrs. Francida Limbrick, Music pupils rendered several numbers. A solo "Galilee" was rendered by one of the members of the Washington Blvd. Society. Mrs. Van Hook was the guest speaker who is the President of the Washington Blvd. Missionary Society. Our offering was \$16.02. The Forrest St. Missionary Society presented Mrs. Black with three dollars and a box of medical supplies for the Philippine Island, Mrs. Black is the Chairman of that committee for the Disciples of Christ. Our closing song was, "LET THE

LOWER LIGHTS BE BURNING" as the congregation was seated with bowed heads the candles were lighted and a large white Cross stood by the Map of Africa. Mrs. Van Hook led the Missionary benediction.

Sunday, Feb. 10, 1946 was Race Relation Day, Rev. Roy Biser, Pastor of the First Christian Church was our guest speaker also Mr. Aaron Jefferson, the editor of colored paper the Informer made a ten minute talk which was full of inspiration and helpful thoughts. Rev. Biser made a most wonderful address, among the many things he said, "We must love one another, If we want to make the world the kind of world that Jesus would have it be, Christians must put in practice the teachings of the Lord Jesus in their daily life. The world must be made better by Christians not by Statesmen. Miss Grace William one of the talented young women of Beaumont who has not let her popularity "go to her head". Rendered a most beautiful solo, "To Day."

Rev. M. D. Pinkney, one of the best Baptist preachers in Beaumont rendered two of Charles Tinley Songs, "Leave it There," "We will understand it Better By and By". Dr. Melton and Mr. C. H. D. Fleming our most liberal business man of Beaumont lifted the Offering which was \$32.25.

One of our devout members in the person of sister Mary Meyers has gone to be with the Lord. Sister Mary Cooper has also taken her journey to the Celestial City.

Elder G. W. Taylor of Austin, Texas, Jan. 14, 1946 at high noon, quits the walks of man and left for the City whose builder and maker is God. Elder Taylor was my father in Christ and my inspiration in the ministry. One of those rare souls who never said an unkind word about any one, was mixed up in any scandal, upright and honest in all his Church dealings, immaculately dressed, just one look at him, you would know he was a man of God. He live to a ripe old age. God called and he answered.

Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 P. M. We had our Sacrificial Luncheon, for Compassion Week. Mrs. A. C. Lacy, the Field Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society was our guest speaker for the afternoon. Pilgrim Rest Junior Choir furnish the music. Mrs. Thelma Whittington rendered a beautiful solo. Mrs. A. H. Nowlin read from one of the prepared

pamphlets, the suffering conditions of the people in the "war torn countries". Our offering was \$28.00 which was sent to The Disciples War Relief Fund. One word about our prayer by Sister Hannah Green a member of Fellowship Baptist Church, who help to build a fire on the altar for the Sacrificial Luncheon when she had finished her prayer, there were a very few dry eyes in the house if any.

Dallas Ministers Institute

3511 Packard Street

By MRS. ELBIE G. TITUS

Report from the Ministers Institute held at Boll St. Christian Church, Dallas. Rev. M. E. Dickson pastor. The faculty: Bro. E. L. Parks, E. J. Dickson, Bro. Burclay, pastor of Christian Church in Austin, white, Bro. Dunegan of Indianapolis 7, Indiana., Bro. Babb of Fort Worth, Texas.

The institute was very inspiring and rich with information which enable us to go forth with a passion for kingdom building.

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

REV. BLAIR T. HUNT, *Pastor*

Mrs. C. E. Rowan, *Reporter*

On Sunday night, March 10, 1946, Evangelist Cora West spoke at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church. She chose as her subject, "LIGHT". The services opened with the song "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning". Some of the highlights of her message were: With the Lord we have nothing to fear. We must depend on the teachings of the church. In St. Johns, 1st chapter, we have Christ, the Light of the World. Genesis 1:3 tells us that God created the heaven and the earth. Gen. 14:19—God made light to rule the earth; the greater by day and the lesser by night. Man must possess the three powers—Life, Love and Light in order to be a successful Christian. Take the case of the ten virgins; 5 had their lights burning and 5 did not. We must watch and pray in order to be ready for the second coming of Christ. When we pray we get strength. Matthew 4:16. People that sat in darkness saw a great light. Let your light so shine that men may see your good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven. A sinner's light cannot outshine a Christian's light. Lead Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on!"

Evangelist West has been connected with the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church for many years. She is active in church and missionary work. At one time she was Quiz Expert on the Christian Endeavor Hour. Recently she was ordained as an Evangelist in a very impressive ceremony by Rev. Blair T. Hunt, Pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church.

Robbin St. Christian Church

ELD. H. C. POSTON, *Pastor*

250 E. Robbin St.

Covington, Ky.

You are invited to the Dedication of our new \$14,000 church and Parsonage March 17th at 8 p.m. We are hoping that every church will send us at least a \$10.00 donation and have a representative present throughout the day. Meals will be served and accommodations made available for all who comes. Expecting you especially.

Port Gibson District No. 1

F. D. ROLLINS, *Reporter*

RFD 1, Box 68,

Port Gibson, Miss.

The body of Elder L. R. Garrison was laid to rest Friday afternoon March 1st. 1946, from The Fayette Chapel Christian Church, at Fayette, Miss. Elder I. C. Franklin, and Elder N. R. Trevillion officiating.

Elder Garrison came into the Church at an early age. He served as local Superintendent of his Church School, and Secretary of the District Sunday School and was District Evangelist for many years presiding over 11 Churches.

He moved to Vicksburg, Miss. and pastored Central Christian Church 2 years, after which he moved back to Fayette, Miss. and pastored Little Zion Christian Church a long time. He was an honorary member of The Church and Sunday School State Boards. He died at the age of 83.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved wife Mrs. N. A. Garrison.

St. Luke Christian Church at Pat-tison, Miss. gave Elder N. R. Trevillion an anniversary for the twelve years of service rendered by him as Pastor. March 3, 1946. \$59.32 anniversary, \$18.97 roll money. \$78.29 raised for the pastor that day.

Port Gibson District No. 1, Quarterly meeting was held with Pine Grove Christian Church Feb. 9-10, 1946. Elder John West District Evangelist Chairman. The meeting

was rained out Saturday, and we had a very bad day Sunday. Report of Churches: St. Luke \$9.30; Providence \$9.65; Antioch \$2.00; Tillman \$3.00; Forest Grove \$1.65; Pine Grove \$12.25; Rose Hill \$8.00; Fayette \$3.85; Mt. Beulah unreported; Lorman \$1.75; Little Zion \$0.45; Delegate Fee, Enrollment, Ministers report, and Public offering \$11.86; Special offering for Mr. R. D. King \$4.00; United Missionary Society \$10.80; Willing Workers Society \$8.50. Total money raised \$87.06.

Williamsburg Christian Church

Lee Ave., S. Keap Street
Brooklyn, New York

REV. W. F. KEYES, *Pastor*

Bro. B. J. Orr, *Advising Elder*
Cherridell Ellis, *Reporter*

211 Snediker Ave.

We are proud to say that the month of February was a beneficial one, each Lord's Day morning and evening we have the Gospel preach to its fullness. Our pastor fed us with the Word of God out of the depth of his soul. Seems as if our Sainted group are moving forward to success and are trying both soul and body to accomplish the task that is set before us.

We can say to that our Sunday School under the able leadership of our Supertendent Deacon Richard Stevens are moving along splendid every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the School assembles together with a whole heart to read and discuss the Word of God.

On Sunday March Third we had a distinguished visitor, Rev. S. S. Myers, President of the National Christian Missionary Convention. He preached one of the most outstanding heart breaking sermons ever entered any Church of Christ, subject, The Task of the Church, which was much enjoyable. We hope he will come back to us soon. We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood that our works and efforts will bear fruit.

Ruth Ratten Showered

Saturday evening March 2, 1946 a surprise shower was given in honor of Miss L. Ruth Ratten, National Director Missionary Organizations, at the home of Miss Alma B. Scott. Secretarial Assistant Department Missionary Organizations, of the United Christian Missionary Society, and Miss Carrie Plopper at 47 Johnson, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Earlier in the evening the Missionary Organizations Department had been guest at a dinner party in the same home. Persons attending the dinner party were: Miss Jessie Trout, Executive Secretary of the Department, Misses Elsie Cook, L. Ruth Ratten, Mrs. C. T. Harness, Mrs. H. B. Underwood, Muncie, Indiana and Mrs. H. B. Marx who has recently made her home in Muncie, Indiana. Other persons attending the party were: Mrs. R. A. Doan, Vice President of U. C. M. S., Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Mrs. John A. Towns, Mrs. C. O. Nease and Miss Lois A. Ely. Miss Ratten received many beautiful gifts for this new adventure.

Southern Christian Institute

By W. K. Fox

ENROLLMENT—The total enrollment for S. C. I. reached the record count of 469 at the end of registration for the third quarter. The current six weeks school for rural ministers (see article printed elsewhere in paper) may raise the total number of persons seeking accredited instruction during the year 1945-46 to nearly 500 students. Hundreds of students have been turned away. The student body consists of representatives from over 20 states.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH—The extension program at Southern Christian Institute has received accelerated emphasis in the last ten years. The loan library service to rural schools, directed by Miss Mary Bassett; the extension school for in-service teachers instigated by Dean C. C. Mosley; visual-aide services to community groups instituted and currently promoted by Pres. John Long; a training service program for rural church leadership directed by W. K. Fox; a program of parent education through the P. T. A. guided by Mrs. R. M. Fox and Miss J. Henry; and the active participation of a large number of the faculty in the Community Improvement Association constitute the major spear heads of community outreach at Southern Christian.

Last month (January) a new constructive effort toward community outreach was made by the school through the Community Improvement Association. The organization voted to appoint Prof. James Ratten of S. C. I. as supervisor of recreation for the ten rural school communities represented in the C. I. A.

Last month Mr. Ratten conducted a recreation night in four of these communities. At a recent C. I. A. meeting Prof. Ratten reported a most favorable response. Says Mr. Ratten: "Even the grown-ups entered into the fun. The program will undoubtedly go a long ways toward developing the spirit of community and the creative use of leisure time so badly needed in our rural areas."

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS—The present student body contains twelve (12) ministers who are actively engaged in the ministry. Five of these were enrolled in the current quarter. This is encouraging to the administration and the department of Bible and religious extension. However, all of this number are from other churches than Disciples of Christ. For this we are far from sorry but are glad. Our task is to help all carry on the great work of the church regardless of denominational affiliation. We are interested in saving the people through the enlightenment of their leadership. On the other hand, we are sorry that a larger number of our own church leadership whose financial support makes such a broad service possible for all of the people, do not take advantage of the same themselves. As right in matters of doctrine as we might consider ourselves, we cannot save the world by ourselves. Our brethren in our church groups are sensing the need for a trained leadership. Why don't we join hands with them in this desire; enter our schools; take advantage of opportunities which we make for ourselves but do not accept; become equipped with the whole armour of God to fight in this day. The Master says to all Disciples of Christ today in clear voice: "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." (Matt. 25:29)

C. I. A. GUEST SPEAKER—Mrs. Marie S. Key of the Planned Parenthood Federation Inc. of New York spoke to the C. I. A. on *Better Families through Planned Parenthood*, Friday, February 8th. at 7:00 p. m. A large group braved the down pour of rain to hear the distinguished guest. Mrs. J. B. Mosley, president of the C. I. A. officiated.

CHAPEL SPEAKER—The Reverend Edwin R. Becker, National Executive Secretary of Town and

Country Church of the U. C. M. S. spoke in chapel February 5th. on "Rural Sounds." Mr. Becker was teaching in the current rural pastor's school (see article elsewhere in paper).

A workshop experience in a rural church, addresses by Dr. P. H. Easom and lectures by The Reverend Mr. Edwin R. Becker marked the features of the first week of the initial annual six weeks school for rural ministers being held at Edwards, Mississippi under the cooperative sponsorship of Southern Christian Institute and the Home Missions Council of North America. The total attendance for the first week was twenty-one.

In an effort to demonstrate how the typical one room rural church might be converted into a functional Sunday School unit, Mr. Becker took the ministerial class to the St. Mark M. B. Church of Edwards and supervised the men in transforming corners and the choir stand into temporary Sunday School rooms. After seeing the great need for a functional church building to carry on an adequate program of religious education, the group remained in the church and, using the church at hand as typical, discussed ways in which additional rooms and space might be created so as to make the one room country church more functional.

In another laboratory experience during the week, Rev. Becker presented a demonstration in the use of the film strip machine as a way of teaching religion or for the creation of a worship center.

A large group of citizens from Edwards, Mississippi and vicinity braved a heavy down pour of rain Friday evening, February 8th. to assemble in the Friendship School of Edwards and listen to an address by Mrs. Marie S. Key of the Planned Parenthood Federation Inc. on BETTER NEGRO FAMILIES THROUGH PLANNED PARENTHOOD. Mrs. Key was sponsored by the Community Improvement Association of the Edwards community.

In view of the exceedingly high infant mortality rates an equally high loss of Negro mothers during child birth, the address of Mrs. Key took on real significance. She stressed the following four services available to all who desire to benefit by the program of Planned Parenthood:

1. pre-marital advice and marriage counselling to all married couples;

2. medically prescribed child-spacing information to all married couples for social, economic and health reasons;

3. medically prescribed child-spacing information to all married couples on venereal diseases; and

4. fertility services to married couples who desire children.

Mrs. Key stated that Mississippi is one of eight states who offers this service in cooperation with the state health department.

Mrs. Key comes to this state at the invitation of Rev. W. K. Fox of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. She is lecturing at one o'clock daily during the second week of the current six weeks school for rural ministers now in session there.

Boll St. Christian Church

REV. M. C. DICKSON, *Pastor*

Miss Elizabeth H. Coleman, *Reporter*

A Bible class was held under the auspices of Rev. Dickson, from Jan. 28 through Feb. 1. His teaching emphasized the fundamental principles of the church, classes were well attended by the members and friends.

We were glad to have had the Texas Ministers institute, at our church in Feb. Visiting ministers were from Tex., Okla., and Ark., the Institute was conducted by Rev. C. L. Parks and each service was well attended.

In Memoriam

Illinois Has Lost A Great Minister.

On Dec. 3rd., 1945 a great soldier, in the person of the late J. M. Baker, founder and organizer and pastor of Pilgrim Rest Christian Church of East St. Louis, Ill. laid down a heavy mantle, stepped behind the curtain of death and went to his mansion of rest. Certainly he had fought a hard fight; kept a fearless faith, and finished a difficult course. In the last hours of his life on earth being unable to talk he waved his hand. One could almost hear him say, with upturned face to God, "I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Thru the storm, thru the night, lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home." He wanted to go home. To us it seems he left an unfinished task, but to our Heavenly Father it was, "Well done, my faithful servant, come up higher."

This noble man's works speak for themselves. He was a church builder. Whenever he moved to a place where there was not a Christ-

ian Church he started with his family and built one. He and his devoted wife lighted the torch in their humble home and gave their best to the Lord. They ploughed and watered all the way from the hills of Mississippi to East St. Louis, Ill. and truly at the time of his death God was giving abundantly an increase that was startling but encouraging. He had recently put his signature to a deal, that if carried out, as he planned it, will be a great asset to our brotherhood, as a city that is set upon a hill for the state of Illinois, and a garden spot of love and devotion for the "faithful few" he left behind. What it will mean to his widow and faithful children cannot be put in words. He made the down payment, amounting to more than one-third of the total cost of a new church home site on a beautiful street in East St. Louis.

A beautiful funeral service was conducted in the spacious church auditorium of Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo., of which Rev. P. A. Gray, Jr. is pastor. Bro. Gray served as Master of Ceremonies and Pres. P. C. Washington of Jarvis Christian College gave the eulogy. A soloist of great renown Mrs. Crawford, sang his favorite songs. Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy spoke out of a heart of much devotion and sympathy for the faithful ones he left behind, and praised the work he had done. It was, my privilege to represent the churches of Illinois in extending the deepest sympathy of all churches in the state, to the family, friends and members of the church.

The last trip he made in the neighborhood of the church, two days before he was stricken he said, he had to make his "round". When he returned home he said, "Now, I am satisfied."

He left a devoted wife, two daughters, three sons, five brothers, several grand children, many other relatives and friends to finish their tasks.

Report by Mrs. A. L. Martin, 341 E. 42nd St., Chicago, 15, Ill.

Report To The Brotherhood

L. RUTH RATTEN

We are now in the fourth quarter of our Missionary Year. It has been a privilege to note through your letters, report blanks, and some local church visits that there has been marked concern for our church's responsibility to the world.

We know that there is no time now to lighten the load, but time to "Put on the whole armour" that Christ may become a living reality around the world. May we put forth every effort during the season that leads up to Easter, and through the rest of the quarter, to help offer Christ to the world that needs His redeeming love.

The months of January and February gave me an opportunity to make a field trip to Kansas and Oklahoma. It was my privilege to visit the churches in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas, January 20-21. Visits were planned through our Tri-State Evangelist, Reverend R. W. Watson, for visiting and bringing messages in the Eighth Street Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas at 3 p.m. on January 20 where Mrs. Fulcher serves as president of the local Society; Woodland Avenue Christian Church at 5 p.m. January 20, Reverend S. S. Myers, minister; Third Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas, Reverend M. F. Stevens, minister. It was my privilege to visit with Mrs. A. W. Davis and also the Institutional Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas. January 22 gave me an opportunity to visit the offices of the Kansas Woman's Christian Missionary Society, Topeka, Kansas and have a conference with Miss Velva Dreese, State Woman's Director. The evening of January 22 a visit with the Second Christian Church of which Reverend W. H. Brown is minister.

January 25-27 the State Interracial World Fellowship Youth Meet was held at the Hillside Christian Church, Wichita, Kansas. It was encouraging to have ten young people representing four churches in Kansas. Paul Sims, ex-Service soldier and Medical Student at the University in Lawrence, Kansas was elected Co-President of the State Meet. A special program was planned by the Women's Missionary Society for January 25, 8 p. m. at the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Wichita and it was inspirational to speak to this conscientious group.

January 28-29 a visit to Boley, Oklahoma to conference with church leaders at Boley Christian Church and Rusk Christian Church, in order that these churches might have contact with the National office and feel a part of this great brotherhood program. I was quite encouraged over the work there after talking with

Dr. F. B. Burnley and other church leaders there.

The East Sixth Street Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Reverend E. W. Henry, Jr., pastor, and congregation made this a most pleasant occasion. February 3rd thus offered me the privilege to bring a message in the evening worship service. Oklahoma, as I have observed through local church visits during the past three months, is slowly but surely moving forward. Parsons, Kansas closed this most fruitful field trip with the Morgan Avenue Christian Church, Reverend G. E. Lakes, pastor and State Convention President on February 3.

We are hopeful as we work together in the states of Oklahoma and Kansas. These are fertile fields if we would but continue to till carefully.

East Vine Avenue Christian Church

REV. E. A. DANIELS, *Pastor*
Miss Charlotte Howard, *Reporter*
310 Temperance Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Rev. Daniels extends to all our friends and visitors who worship with us a sincere welcome for each Lord's Day. If you have no regular place of worship, we give you a most hearty invitation to make this your Church home.

Sunday, February 10, we were given a Sermon by Rev. North Lyons. The text, Behold I am the Door. The message was highly inspirational and enjoyed by all present.

Sunday afternoon Feb. 17, Rev. Daniels and members of the congregation paid a visit to the New Salem Baptist Church on Cooper Street.

We Thank our Christian Brothers for there invitation and urge all to attend whenever possible as we are able to see how our other friends work and live by his teachings.

To be filled with Righteousness we must first have a desire for it. The Battle of Fighting sin still goes on and as we have prayed for the safe return from overseas and the Battle grounds for our boys, let us not stop now that they are home but pray continually for the freedom of their souls from sins.

Visit the sick: Sister Josie Huges, Sister Wilbur Saffee, Sister Tillie Blevins, Sister Dora Gray and Sister Cora Wilson.

We deeply regret to learn of the serious illness of Elder S. A. Russell

of Jonesboro.

Plans are under way for a revival meeting to be held for 10 days in May beginning the 30 of April. We have been fortunate to secure the services of Rev. S. A. Searcy of Atlanta, Ga. Everyone is invited to attend and bring your friends.

All club members and guest reported a lovely time at the Valentine Birthday Party. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Theresa Ellis. Those receiving handkerchiefs were Mrs. Kathrine Faulkner, Mrs. Martha Campbell, Mrs. Celestine Moore and Mrs. Theresa Ellis. All the members and guests received a Valentine.

The Young's Peoples Club met Sunday, March 3 at the parsonage. Rev. E. A. Daniels, host.

The Five Gospel Harmonies of New Hope Baptist Church gave a program at the East Vine Avenue Christian Church, Sunday, 3 p.m. The benefits from this program will aid in the purchasing of outfits for the Austin High School band. We appreciate the hearty cooperation we are receiving from our friends.

Mrs. Ollie Mae Ector, president of the Choir request that all who wish to take part in the Easter music meet with the choir rehearsal each Wednesday evening 8 p.m.

We give a vote of thanks to Mrs. Annie Atkins for the presentation of our Weekly Bulletin.

Cedar Christian Church

Mrs. C. A. Craggett
Cleveland, Ohio

The Church is very happy to announce the organization of the Veterans Club and the success it has had so far. This club was organized about five weeks ago and at present has a roster consisting of twenty-five members, with a steadily increasing number.

Mrs. Pearl Craggett, wife of the minister of this church is the founder. She corresponded with a dozen or so of the boys while they were in the services of The United States, and in doing this she conceived the idea to start the organization. At present the group has pledged itself with all of the zeal and enthusiasm toward a rally for the current expense:—Their goal \$500. This work isn't being done by the service men alone of this church, for servicemen from other churches have been attracted and are enthusiastic members.

The work of the church and all

of its departments and attendance have been very good through the winter months. The young people are really working, not only in the Christian youth fellowship group, but throughout the entire church.

The Pastor has just returned from The Ministers Institute in Louisville, Ky. He returned in time for services last Sunday.

About 11 young people are planning to go to the youth meet in Columbus, on the 23 of this month.

The Bible School is moving on just fine. Each third Sunday afternoon a training class is conducted by the Pastor. Also each teacher is doing their very best to make their class the best. Mrs. Ester Frazer formerly, Miss Anderson of Indianapolis is one of our new teachers.

Mrs. E. Martin is chairman of our Easter Program. Prof. Mark Lawson, Director of Senior Choir is presenting his students in a recital the third Sunday in March.

The Pastor's 7th Anniversary begins on the first of April. Mrs. E. Martin is chairman.

The speaker for the week, Rev. Jordan of Detroit.

Antioch Christian Church (disciples of Christ)

New Brunswick, N. J.

Oliver Ave. and Lincoln Highway

REV. S. E. TILLMAN, *Minister*

MR. H. B. WASHINGTON, *Sec.*

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve.—Matt. 4:10

We are glad to say that the members of Antioch are trying to worship the Lord and also serve him, and through his help we are able to hold our regular weekly meetings such as bible class on Tuesday night and prayer meetings on Thursday night. Prayer is the keys of heaven and faith unlocks the door. Our Sunday afternoon program has taken on life and are well attended.

On the first Sunday is pastoral day. At 11 A. M. our assistance pastor had charge, owing to our pastor being confined to his bed by illness. The afternoon the Pastor's Aid had charge under the leader, Sister Sarah Johnson—was a high day. We have a quartet of Service men from Camp Kilmer who rendered the program—with the spirit of Christ, as they had been blessed to be back in U. S. A. again. On second Sunday we were blessed to have our

pastor with us after several weeks of illness, he was able to deliver to us a wonderful message at 11 A. M. The 3 P. M. program was under the Choir leader, Mrs. Ora L. Johnson, who had a very nice time. On the third Sunday, 11 A. M., Elder T. T. Taylor preached, subj., Child Life, which was helpful to the parents of the children. In the afternoon our young president of the Ushers, Mrs. Lillian H. Foat rendered her first program which was just grand, and it was well attended. She had talent from the First Baptist Church, Miss Anthony and Miss Bernice Robertson, who entertained us with solo and duets, also we had several recitations by Mrs. Lannie William, Mrs. Lillian Foat and Elder T. T. Taylor. The fourth Sunday at 11 A. M. our pastor was at his best he was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, and we could but say did not our hearts burn, while the man of God talked to us by the way. His text was, If they had been of us, they would have stayed with us. God bless our pastor.

At 3 P. M. the Missionary brought us a wonderful program. The Harps of Zion quartet of Sharon Baptist Church made their first appearance at this program. There was a large attendance out to hear and encourage them. This program was under, Sister Esther L. Tillman the president of the Missionary. We are hoping to complete our church this year. We have five clubs that have planned to raise \$1,000 by the last Sunday in March. We would be glad to have help from any that desire to do so. Antioch has been tried like a ship on the reef sea. But we intend to stand the storm until we anchor safe in harbor. If you are looking for the spirit of Christ, come to Antioch where a hearty welcome awaits you. Last but not least, Pfc. Tilman Johnson just returned home Sunday, Feb. 3rd, he was a subscriber of the Christian Plea while overseas, he always enjoyed reading the Plea. His wife, Sister Ora L. Johnson is the leader of the Choir. We love to see and have our boys back home.

Port Gibson District No. One

(MRS.) E. E. CHAMBLISS, *Reporter*
Tillman, Mississippi

The Post Gibson District—No. 1 Church Schools held their quarterly meeting with the Tillman Chapel Christian Church Jan. 26-27.

The weather was very cold, how-

ever, the meeting was a success.

Brother Taylor Jackson was the Presider.

On the first day, we were fortunate to have our State President of the Brotherhood in person, Elder N. R. Trevillion, our State Evangelist, Elder S. D. Yarborough, and our District Evangelist, Elder Johnnie West.

Elder M. Tisdale preached a wonderful sermon from Acts 24: 25 verse. He chose for a subject, "Righteous and Judgment to Come." After which Elder Yarborough extended an invitation.

The school apportionments were \$3.50 delegate fees. All schools responded except two.

"The Christian Endeavor Period." Brother C. E. Chambliss, District Organizer, made some brief remarks stating that he had organized five societies in the district since the last quarter due to conditions of the weather.

A wonderful program was rendered by Mrs. B. E. Greene. The Societies' apportionments were \$1.00 plus 25 cents delegate fees. They came up to their required apportionment 100 per cent.

The shortage of sugar did not hinder the serving of dinner. On the second day—our guests were Brother John Wilson, our State President of the Church Schools, Elder E. L. Brown, Field Secretary, and Brother Abe Elmo, Secretary of the Christian Endeavor. Church School was conducted by Brother C. E. Chambliss. Elder E. L. Brown taught adult class. E. E. Chambliss taught the junior class. Brother Wilton and Elder Brown made some wholesome remarks concerning the Church Schools.

After the Christian Endeavor period, Brother Elmo gave some helpful remarks.

The conference class was taught by Brother R. K. Wynn.

It has been a few years since the schools had representatives on Sunday. Now it seems as if we want to get back to the Old Landmarks, so to speak. We are trying to do everything to better the work.

Representatives as following: Pine Grove School, Supt. Bro. A. J. Stampley—Representative, Taylor Jackson, Jr.

Providence School, Supt. Bro. C. E. Chambliss—Representative, Miss Thelma Braxton.

Tillman Chapel, Supt., Bro. Willie Minor—Representative, Miss Yvonne

Washington.

Elder M. N. Newson broke to us the bread of life. Text found 34 Psalm, 11 verse. "Come unto me ye children, hearken unto me, I will teach you the fears of the Lord."

The Lord's Supper was administered by Elder N. R. Trevillion and Elder E. L. Brown. Money raised as following:

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Total	-----	\$62.44

New Brunswick, N. J.

Editor of the Christian Plea.

Dear Brother Eppse;

This will state to you that some time in the early part of September I mailed you a statement to be published, and later in the month I mailed another statement regarding the setting of the next National Convention of which I am opposed of the National Convention coming to New York to the Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church. Now my reason is, that I came back east and I spent money and time and made an investigation and find that the church that is to entertain the convention is some-what hostile to the Brotherhood. And for that reason I believe we will cause a great excitement which will throw dampness on the Brotherhood. Now I rely upon you to publish the fact that I give you with my name in back of it. I am telling you the truth. Now we have (5) five churches in Brooklyn, N. Y. Should we walk over (4) four and take care of one and let 4 go? No, I say save 4 and we all together can save one with God's help. Now as I know it, this one church is not working with the other 4. The Pastor of this one church have indicated to me his only interest is to have the Convention at his disposal and the Eastern Brotherhoods expense of which the Brethern of the East has decided that they will not go along with the set-up at all. Due to the fact that they knew nothing about the anticipations of the convention being asked for New York, I personally asked them would they help to finance and feed the people and sleep them. They all said no they wouldn't have anything to do with it at all, other than that they may attend some of the Services.

I personally had planned with my

little group to provide the vegetables in Brooklyn but, after having a talk with the pastor of the Stuyvasant Heights Church I changed my mind and don't care to participate in the financing of food and this is why I sent you the notice as were. Another thing you have failed to put in any of my letters or any of the eastern news that was sent to you. You also failed to send out the Plea when it was due to persons whom we had solicited as subscribers, not only that, but failed to notify anyone why the Plea wasn't mailed for the month of Sept. Believe it or not in the East it is difficult to impress and convince the minds of the public of outsiders regarding the work of the Christian Church or Brotherhood. And when we solicit subscriptions, mail them to you with the money and names of persons we expect you to comply with requests. I trust you will take this in the spirit in which I'm trying to give it and don't be angry with me because I consider myself the watch dog in the East for the Church and Brotherhood and I'm eager to build up the Brotherhood but in the right way.

I remain yours in Christ.

Rev. S. E. Tillman.

**East Vine Avenue
Christian Church**

REV. E. A. DANIELS, *Pastor*

MISS CHARLOTTE HOWARD, *Reporter*

February 4, 1946

Knoxville, Tenn.

We are beginning the second month of the New Year. What have you done with your resolutions? This question was brought before us in a timely sermon by Rev. Daniels a few Sundays ago, and we highly appreciated the thoughts it provoked. Resolutions are easily made, but are they as easily obeyed? To keep them we should strive to live them day by day. Things that we planned to do last year but were left undone can't always be made well again. There are friends and loved ones to whom we might have done a kinder deed or spoken a more cheerful word, but now it may be too late. Let us not only plan a new life but also live it day by day.

We extend to our own Brother Daniel Green a hearty welcome. Bro. Green was called to preach while in the Armed Forces and has been very helpful to us in our devotional services.

We urge you to attend church services and to feel that "This is my

church."

Here through services we may come close to God. Here we learn the truths by which we may live a happy and useful life. Here we may find comfort in our sorrows and here we come into union with our Saviour, Master and Friend.

Our church still has an upward look and outstretched arms toward our Heavenly Father.

Our Sunday School needs to gain in attendance, both adults and children.

Last month the Young People's Club met with Miss Ollie M. Garrison and plans were made for a social for the members, to be held at the home of Mrs. Theresa Ellis February 14. Those who have birthdays during this month will be honored guest and treated with a gift from the other members.

The Austin High School Glee Club gave a program at the East Vine Avenue Christian Church Sunday, February 3. Proceeds from this program will be used in purchasing uniforms for the Austin Band.

Miss Ollie M. Garrison, 310 Temperance Street, was called to Nashville again January 10. The occasion being the arrival of her brother, Cpl., now Mr. Thomas A. Garrison, who has been serving in the European Theater for two years and three months. The proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Garrison, en-

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tertaind the brother and sister with "a late" breakfast. After a four-day stay Miss Garrison returned to Knoxville, reporting a wonderful time, and a promise from her brother to visit her here soon.

Rev. Daniels asks—May we use this means to extend a vote of thanks to our members and friends for making this a successful year in our spiritual and financial support of the Church and the gift of the beautiful watch chain presented him for his anniversary.

Clay Street Christian Church

OSEOLA DAWSON
Paducah, Ky.

Increased efforts to contribute to the cultural life of the community through the following presentations:

Mr. R. B. Atwood, President of Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky, as guest speaker on one occasion.

Mr. Merl Eppse, Social Science Department, Tennessee State College, and Editor of the Christian Plea, guest speaker on several occasions.

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Mezzo Soprano, presented in song recital.

Mr. George Matthews, Tenor, presented in song recital. Southernaires presented in recital.

On March 11, Roland Hayes will be presented. Patron tickets are \$2.25. We invite men, women and friends throughout the brotherhood to attend this recital. If you cannot attend, we will appreciate your help. You can do this by becoming a patron. Just send \$2.25 to me at P. O. Box No. 354 and your name will be listed on the program. We will be more than grateful for this consideration. This will be the very first time that a church in our brotherhood has presented Roland Hayes and I know you want to go on record as helping in the undertaking.

Fifteen of our young men answered the country's call during World War II, two of whom, Joseph Cobb and Cornell Greenway, made the supreme sacrifice.

In December, Elder I. H. Moore of Paris, Kentucky, conducted a revival for us. Elder Moore is a powerful Gospel Minister. His knowledge of the Scripture is outstandingly above the average.

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Miss Jamison Marries



Mrs. Roberta Jamison announces the marriage of her daughter, Carnella LeEsther, to Mr. Anderson B. Barnes on Saturday, the sixteenth of March, 1946; Los Angeles, Calif. Congratulations to both. They may be reached at 4272 Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles 11, Calif.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

At Columbus, Ohio

August 6-11

One of the most important meetings of the brotherhood in recent years is to be held in accessible and hospitable capital of Ohio.

Postwar conditions in Oakland, Calif., made it advisable to change the place for meeting this year.

National Christian Missionary Convention Goes to Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 20-26

Dr. Jesse Bader, writing in the Christian Evangelist, says of the church where the convention will meet:

STUYVESANT HEIGHTS CHURCH

Our brotherhood can be proud of the progress being made by the Stuyvesant Heights Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. I preached for this congregation on a recent Sunday morning, in their new building which was purchased two years ago at a cost of \$31,000.00. The former name of this church was the Halsey Street Church. At the time of the dedication of the new building, the membership was 116. At present, after only two years, the membership numbers 355. R. E. Hancock has been the minister since 1936. He is ably assisted by Mrs. Hancock.

Already \$11,000 has been paid on the indebtedness. A few days ago, the good news came from the home missions division of the United Christian Missionary Society that it would give one dollar on the remaining indebtedness for every two dollars raised by this congregation. This generous offer will make it possible for this congregation to clear off its indebtedness in three years.

This new location is in the midst of the Bedford-Stuyvesant community which has a Negro population of 100,000, one-third of whom are unchurched. This August, the congregation will entertain the National Convention of our Negro churches. It is my prediction that within less than ten years, our brotherhood will have here one of its largest Negro congregations.

Let all churches, organizations, pastors and delegates get ready to go to the metropolis of the world.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION
Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 20-25**

Area Worker Reports



MRS. A. L. MARTIN
341 E. 42nd St.
Chicago, Ill.

It is with an exalted degree of pleasure I report to the brotherhood the work I have tried to do in a portion of the area assigned me at our Nashville National Convention.

The great program submitted to me at that time I have tried to faithfully carry out regardless of some handicaps. The places I visited I found several things I think worthy of note. It has been a pleasure for me to work and serve with such anxious people. I somehow sense a peculiar sympathy for the work and the workers who have lighted and carried the torch thus far. It has not been an easy road to travel. Some who were trusted fell out-of-line and dropped a heavier mantle on the shoulders of the "Faithful Few."

I assure you that I have a deep interest in helping my group grow to a bigger size, grow to the point

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AREA WORKER REPORTS

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where they will see Jesus Christ's way of dealing with men and do likewise. Too many are going their own way, not thinking of the seriousness of the day. Certainly it is a great sacrifice for me to go, yet some principles are involved.

When I think of how the Saviour gave His life for His friends I see wherein a sacrifice can become a mutual expression of love, featuring God, Jesus Christ and man. To this end Christ made it plain that men must give life and time and talent and money for the establishment of the Kingdom of God on the earth.

THE FOLLOWING PLACES HAVE BEEN

VISITED:

Arkansas State:

During the month of October we visited four churches in Arkansas starting at Russellville on the 19th. On the 20th the "Faithful Few" were on the job. My coming had been well advertised and in the afternoon several members from the other churches of the city worshipped with us and took active parts. We had a lovely service. I spoke from our brotherhood theme: "With Christ We Build Anew." Music was just right for the occasion. My home was with our State President, Mrs. Mary B. Franklin, who was such a pleasant hostess. Money raised, \$6.50. Eld. H. B. Armstrong is the pastor.

On the 21st I went to Little Rock and found Sister Bostick had planned a conference to be held in her home that evening. Many questions were asked concerning our Long Range Program. I am sure I do not yet have all the answers but I think I made several things clearer to them. Then on the evening of the 22nd we had our services at Mt. Siana Church with the president, Mrs. Hall presiding. Our message to them was well taken and they promised to strive to do a better job this year. Offering \$4.60. Five World Call subscriptions were secured.

Sister Bostick deserves a high degree of credit for the way she has her societies organized and working, she, herself, being seventy-seven years of age. I was graciously entertained in her home. She is serving as chairman of her State Board of Women. Eld. T. R. Moore is pastor.

My next visit was with the great Cross Street Church. Many familiar

faces including the pastor and wife, Mrs. Orene Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Mitchell, Mrs. Daisy Dean and others. All working to make possible the building of a parsonage along with the regular program. We had two evenings with them. The first was in conference, the next with message, and closed with benediction of brotherly love. Our offering was \$8.01.

Cross Street is carrying a heavy program, but they seem to be equal to the task. More than 20 subscribers to World Call and many to Christian Plea. Mrs. Carrie Rainey is president of Missions, Eld. O. B. Garder is pastor.

The 26th I went to a rural section (Oak Grove) where we have a wonderful working group of Christians. Sunday, the 27th, I spoke at the morning services. No evening services because of mosquitoes. Being in a rice section of the country, we were disturbed by mosquitoes in the evenings. But Monday evening, we conducted our conference in the home of Mrs. Mary Armstrong where we were protected from the mosquito. Six World Call subscriptions were secured. Refreshments were served. Offering \$13.00. My home was with Miss Mary V. Moore, principal of our largest school in that area. Miss Moore was very kind and saw that I had the best of care. Mrs. Lena Jones is president. Eld. B. H. Armstrong is pastor.

Illinois State

Rockford: This Church had just called a pastor. For five months the elders carried the responsibilities of a pastor and had done a very good job. It was "Woman's Day" and of course, it was my job to try to acquaint the total church with the purpose of Missionary Organization—the brotherhood program it supports, and I could not leave out our Long Range Program. Then a short message was given on our brotherhood theme. By the nodding of heads they agreed with me that to build this sin-sick world anew with Christ we must be willing to carry the torch into the darkness, even to Japan and Germany and other enemy lands. But we must light it at home. A home where Christ is. Then a New People Changed in heart and mind; a people converted to Christian principles; a people considering all Men "Sons of God," and Jesus Christ a universal Savior. Offering \$5.00. Eld. Bradley, pastor; Mrs. G. C. Richardson, President of Missions.

East St. Louis

The occasion was to attend the funeral services of the late Rev. J. W. Baker, founder and pastor of Pilgrim Rest Christian Church, East St. Louis, Illinois. Funeral services Friday, December 7th, at Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo.

I stayed through Sunday, the 9th, and delivered the morning message to a people deeply grieved over the loss of their leader. Afternoon we conducted a conference with the whole group. One subscription to World Call and one to Christian Plea were secured. Offering \$5.00.

My Observations

There is a desperate need for more adequate Church buildings—more and better trained leaders. A conviction that to evangelize the total world is our task. We need State promotional secretaries and funds to support their programs. A great need for a Young People's Worker. They want to know more about the C.Y.F. Movement. This inquiry came mostly from young people in rural sections.

Strange isn't it when we remember how sadly our rural work is neglected? Total amount collected \$42.11.

This is only the beginning of what we hope to do in these societies we are reporting. I am invited to return to Arkansas in June when I can visit more Churches and do a greater service.

We sensed a skeleton of an organization of Young People at Oak Grove, but our itinerary did not give enough time to perfect it. So we left it with the president and Miss Mary V. Moore, to finish the set-up. We are expecting a fair report from them. Wish they would give a few statements of their activities to Christian Plea.

If on this trip I did no more than call to your memory that each has a place to fill; or as the Apostle Paul proclaimed it, "Add to your faith virtue and to your Virtue Knowledge," to me, it was not in vain, and I will close by entreating you to add to your knowledge patience and courage.

Remember, when you have done your best, pray to your Heavenly Father that "The Words of Your Mouth and the Meditations of Your Hearts May Be Acceptable in His Sight." Yours truly,

MRS. A. L. MARTIN,
Area Worker for National Christian
Convention of Women.

L. L. Dickerson Hits Snag— Ohio Supreme Court Refuses Aid to Columbus Minister As Judge Clifford Orders Sheriff To Set Furniture Out

Members of the Ohio Supreme Court, in an emergency session Tuesday morning of this week, refused to grant Rev. L. L. Dickerson, 93 N. Ohio Ave., a writ of mandamus to compel Judge Joseph M. Clifford, presiding judge of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, to grant a hearing on his restrictive covenant case and to prevent Sheriff Jacob E. Sandusky from setting him (the minister) into the street.

As the result of the Supreme Court's refusal to command Judge Clifford to give Rev. Dickerson a hearing, the pastor of the Monroe Ave. Christian church will have to vacate his Ohio Ave. home in an area that bars Negro citizens from residence, by Saturday, March 30 or suffer the consequences of having himself and household furniture thrown into the street by the sheriff.

Frank C. Shearer, representing Rev. Dickerson, contended in a petition in Common Pleas Court on Thursday, March 21, that Judge Clifford's order of the previous day to Sheriff Sandusky to notify the minister to get out of his home within ten days or throw him out if he fails to comply, was illegal.

Attorney Shearer said that Rev. Dickerson was entitled to a hearing and when Judge Clifford refused to grant it or set aside the order, the covenant controversy was taken to the Supreme Court.

In refusing to rescind his order to throw Rev. Dickerson out of his home, Judge Clifford told the minister that he not only had no right to a hearing, but no right to file a petition as well.

At the hearing before the Supreme Court Tuesday, Judge Clifford was called in to defend his action in the matter. The Ohio Ave. restrictive covenancers were represented by Attorney Baxter Evans, a member of the Columbus City Council.

Rev. Dickerson could not be reached by long distance telephone for a statement after the Supreme Court made known its findings, but wrote no opinion.

It is believed, however, that members of the Monroe Ave. Christian Church and friends of the minister in the community will set the furniture

L. Ruth Ratten, Rev. Eugene Patterson Says Nuptial Vows

One of the lovely weddings of the spring season was that of Miss L. Ruth Ratten to Rev. Eugene Patterson, April 9th in the lounge of the Lehman Hall, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. The Rev. Charles C. Mosley, brother of the bride, officiated at the single ring ceremony.

The marriage vows were read before a beautiful worship center, "The Head of Christ," surrounded with green shrubs, red and white roses forming an arched trellis.

Bridal selections preceding the ceremony were played by Mrs. Sue E. Cole Jacobs, music instructor. Miss Willie Graves sang "I Love You Truly" and "At Dawning." Miss Graves is also a member of the faculty.

Mrs. J. B. Mosley, Dean of Women and instructor of typing, was maid of honor. Mrs. Mosley wore a pink satin gown with fern and white carnation. Entering with her brother, Mr. James W. Ratten, the bride wore a wedding dress of white satin with sweetheart neckline. The full skirt of the dress fell into a short train, a finger tip veil with white satin ribbons held the veil in place. A neck-set with blue stones was worn by the bride. The bride also carried a White Testament topped with white carnations and satin streamers knotted with carnations and fern.

Rev. C. L. Parks, National Director Church Development and Evangelism, was best man for Rev. Eugene Patterson. Mrs. Nellie O. Ratten sang at the close of the ceremony "The Pledge."

The reception was held following the ceremony in the Lehman Lounge. Guests attending the wedding were the S. C. I. Faculty, Ministers who were attending the Ministers' Institute, and selected students were present for the ceremony and reception.

back into the Ohio Ave. home when and if Sheriff Sandusky sets it out on Saturday, March 30.

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Christian Plea Evangelist

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Pastor Wanted

Please inform the Brotherhood through the columns of the "Christian Plea" that the Clay Street Christian Church is now without a pastor and will therefore appreciate any assistance from the Brotherhood in helping us to secure a well recommended minister. The church is in very excellent condition from many standpoints.

We will be very pleased to receive application and recommendations from persons who are interested.

Very truly yours,
J. A. Pearson, Chairman,
705 No. 7th St.
R. L. Boyd, Clerk,
1142 No. 14th St.

Paducah, Kentucky.

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April 13, 1946.

Mr. Merle Eppse,
Christian Plea,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Brother Eppse:

Whatever your faults, you have a marvelous sense of humor. In the March Plea, "The Watch Dog of the East" spills so many beans that it looks like you fellows would stop subsidizing him.

I see that Brother Myers delivered a "heart-breaking" sermon in New York on the "Task of the Church." He has such a foggy idea of the task of the church, that I know his message would be heart-breaking to any intelligent Christian.

A few more men like Myers and Tillman, and we that seriously oppose the hierarchy can go fishing.

Yours truly,
Tibbs Maxey.

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Mrs. Emily Keys Goes Home

Mrs. Emily Little Keys, President of the Missionary Society, South Side Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois, will visit her native home, Jamaica, B.W.I., during the month of June. Her daughter, Miss Lucille Edwards, will be her companion. Mrs. Keys is the wife of Elder Walter S. Keys whose father, the late J. G. Keys, was a great evangelist minister in Coila, Mississippi. Miss Edwards is Junior Superintendent of the Church School and Reverend R. E. LaTouche is their pastor. Their presence will be missed at South Side, but a pleasant trip is wished them both.

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NOTICE!

All news must be in by seventh of each month.

EDITORIALS

Whence Cometh My Help

WAYMAN PARSONS, Minister
The Heights Christian Church
Cleveland, Ohio

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you.—Luke 17:21.

One's own responsibility for a better world begins in his own life. Do you hope and pray and work for a better world? Very well, then, you have a relationship and a responsibility to that kind of world. They begin at the point of the kind of person you ought to be.

One doesn't have much of a right to criticize the world and hold forth on what is wrong with the world unless he is trying to be the kind of person that the world needs. Is the world greedy, hateful, selfish, blind, and intolerant? How much am I like that? As our youth motto has been urging upon us, "*We must be the world we want!*"

Do we want a world of honesty and goodwill? Then we ought to be honest and of good will. Do we want a world that is just and merciful? Then we ought to be just and merciful. Do we want a world that is brotherly? Then we ought to be brotherly. How can we hope for the world to possess qualities that we cannot or will not develop in our own personal lives? The thing that should disturb all reasonable people is the fact that we still see about us, in our own lives and in our own neighborhoods, the very same factors that are at the bottom of our world disorder.

We are told that before the war the Chinese Christians adopted a daily prayer that each Christian was to repeat. It was: "Revive thy church, O God, beginning with me!" That's the place for any revival to start—in me. That's where my own responsibility begins. Just as a journey of a thousand miles begins with one step, so a new world, as far as I can make it, begins with me. When any person becomes the person he ought to be, one step has been made toward the world that ought to be.

Wasn't this part of what Jesus meant when He said, "The kingdom of God is within you"? We talk of building the kingdom of God here on earth in terms of a just, social, political, and economic order, but even as our most earnest efforts toward this achievement fail, we re-

alize that still the kingdom can come within individuals. It can come within YOU . . . and ME. Perhaps even, it must come first within individual persons.

Lead forth my soul, O Christ,
One with Thine own,
Joyful to follow Thee
Through paths unknown!

In Thee my strength renew;
Give me my work to do!

Through me Thy truth be shown,
Thy love made known.

World Call—The Announcer

Louise Lomax, new National World Call secretary, writes an interesting story about Jarvis "Building for Christian Citizenship." A group of young men and women at the Negro school at Hawkins, Texas, are training to meet the challenge of a new day. Two things keep this school from being accredited with the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools—too small salaries for the teachers and not sufficient endowment. Why do the students receive Scholarship Aid grants from Texas for study outside the state? Miss Lomax tells you in this article.

Southern Christian Institute

Commencement exercises in the college chapel Friday, March 15, marked the closing of the first six weeks school for rural ministers held in this area under the cooperative sponsorship of the Home Missions Council of North America, the Department of Social Welfare and Rural Work of the U.C.M.S. and Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. The total attendance for the school was twenty-six. Eight passed all of the required work for the course and attended at least ninety per cent of the full six weeks; these men were accredited with two units of academic work by the administration of Southern Christian Institute. (They had done 180 classroom hours of work.) Six other ministers attended sufficiently to merit attendance certificates. The following are the men receiving recognition: Rev. F. B. Black of Vicksburg, Miss.; Rev. A. E. Brooks of Edwards, Miss.; Rev. Anthony Gordon of Port Gibson, Miss.; Rev. James Lee of Itta Bena, Miss.; Rev. A. N. Harris of Port Gibson, Miss.; Rev. L. W. Smith of Columbia, Miss.; Rev. Issac and R. W. Johnson of Edwards, Miss., comprised the

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 accredited graduation class. Rev. B. L. Thomas of Vicksburg, Miss.; Rev. J. L. Henderson of Vicksburg, Miss.; Rev. Ebbie Stamps, Jr., of Jackson, Miss.; Rev. E. Allen of Vicksburg, Miss.; and Rev. J. Brooks and R. Brown of Edwards, Miss., received attendance certificates. The Rev. W. K. Fox, Director of Religious Extension at S.C.I. and Dean of the pastor's school, delivered the closing address and The Rev. W. O. Gill, Dean of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, presented the awards.

Twenty-three faculty members were drawn from the following nine states: Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, and New York.

The curriculum of the school included the following: Religious Education (led by E. R. Becker of Indianapolis, Ind.); Financing the Rural Church and Worship in the Rural Church (both taught by Edward Hamner of Washburn, Ill.); The Small Community (taught by C. M. McConnell of Boston University); The Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (instructed by E. T. Dixon of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.); Planned Parenthood (special lectures by Mrs. Marie S. Key of the Planned Parenthood Federation, Inc., New York); Planning the Preaching Year (led by W. O. Gill, Dean of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas); Surveys and Canvasses (taught by W. Q. Welch of Fisk University); Church Buildings and Grounds (led by Chas. Walden of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.); Old Testament Teachings on Rural Life, special sessions in Larger Parish Plans and daily Current Events Period led by Director W. K. Fox.

These courses were enriched by special lecturers, field trips, visual aide demonstrations and laboratory or workshop experiences. The State Department of Health Education, the U. S. Department of Agricultural Extension Service, the U. S. Office of Soil Conservation, the Narcotics Division of the State Department of Education, Dr. J. L. Reddix, President of Jackson College, Percy Greene, Editor of the Jackson Advocate, and Dr. P. H. Easom, Supervisor of Negro Education for the state of Mississippi, cooperated in the rendering of special lectures and demonstrations. Field trips were made to the state hospital at White-

field, Oakley Institute at Oakley, the Foster General Hospital (G. I. headquarters) and two nearby rural churches for laboratory purposes. Workshop experiences in the building of a workshop center, the painting of a church and the beautification of the church grounds were also engaged in. President John Long of S. C. I. showed several pictures relating to health, soil conservation and better farming methods during the course of the school.

A testimonial dinner on the evening of March 14th, under the supervision of Mrs. C. P. Rollins, dining hall matron at S. C. I., climaxed the extra-curricular activities.

In closing out the school Rev. Fox stated: "This year's school marks the first of its kind in the state. Through the continued cooperation of Pres. John Long, Dean C. C. Mosley, Dr. Jas. A. Crain and Drs. Mark A. Dawber, Ralph A. Felton and Harry V. Richardson of the Home Missions Council of North America we intend to make it the greatest school for the fostering of a more efficient rural ministry in the south."

The Fulton Street Church Makes Rapid Strides

REV. JOHN R. COMPTON, *Pastor*
 By: CORA LEE HENRY, *Palestine, Tex.*

"God moves in mysterious ways, great wonders to perform."—Holy Bible.

God sent us a "MAN" when He in His way of touching the heart of a man delivered unto us our new pastor, the youthful, energetic, reputable, John R. Compton of Canton, Ohio.

Our former pastor, Rev. J. E. Quarles, departed this life in August of '44, closing three years of efficient service. Rev. Compton became his successor in a few months after his death.

Rev. Compton's preparation, experience, and faith in Christianity, fully qualified him to assume his new responsibilities. He is an ordained minister of the gospel, having served several years as assistant pastor to his father in Canton, Ohio, and is now in his "Junior Year at Jarvis College. We soon realized that he was a man whose possibilities were many and varied. We felt that he would use all his strength, mental and physical, to get the job done.

He has by his side, his wife, Mrs. Lucille Wheaton-Compton, who lends



him moral support and she, too, is an ardent church worker. On March 22, they became the proud parents of a son, John R. Compton, Jr., and we all share with them this special "type of Happiness."

His period of service thus far has been 16 months, during which time 22 converts have been received into the church. Repairs around and about the church have been constant. The main auditorium has taken on a highly attractive appearance as it is effectively "done" in wall paper of the lightest beige with woodwork of a contrasting mahogany finish. The rear of the church is by no means an exception as it, too, carries out lovely color schemes which make it quite cheerful and conducive to pleasant living for the pastor and family.

At the present, we are remodeling the anterior portion of the church. However, our progress has been slowed down due to the lack of materials. Nevertheless, in short, we hope that all work can be resumed, and when we are all finished, we invite YOU and YOU to pay us a visit.

During these 16 months of service there have been memories that have followed us constantly as we have gone about our daily chores. The sweet, solemn thought of the Sabbath walks to the little white church, its atmosphere of reverence, the calm, earnest voice of its young pastor and youthful choir. We cannot for-

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FULTON STREET CHURCH

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get the Easter Sunrise and Mother's Day services, nor the "precious gems" that we picked up last September, during our revival when the father of the pastor, Rev. S. J. Compton, brought to us such messages as these: "The Palm Tree Christian," "Youth on a Quest," "Which Church Shall I Join?" "Excuses," "Go Forward," "The Uniqueness of Christ," and others. These vesper services always seemed to have closed the day with a solemn amen. Yes, and even our Yule-tide services were a spiritual feast. As we gathered around our firesides enjoying the memories of a great Saviour, we were able to celebrate the season in its truest sense, and to begin the New Year giving Christ the preeminence.

Such has been our history thus far on the way, and the following must have been the thinking of Rev. Compton as he said to himself, "I WILL SET OUT TO SEE":

1. I will "set out to see" what contribution I can make with the tools I have amassed from my training.
2. I will "set out to see" if happiness may be found in administering to the suffering and lifting up the fallen.
3. I will "set out to see" if I can place my shoulder beside the one of my brown brother who is striving to lift the "veil of ignorance."
4. I will "set out to see" if the stage door of success will yield to the knock of one more enthusiast.
5. AND FINALLY, I will "set out to see" if I can give Christianity a chance to operate practically in the lives of men and women, not earthly perfection as a goal—BUT THE OPERATION OF BROTHERLY LOVE IN OUR DEALINGS WITH ONE ANOTHER.

We cannot and will not fail to express our sincere appreciation to those of you who come to our rescue during the great "break" that occurred in our church lives, and especially do we wish to thank Rev. W. O. Gill of Jarvis College, who recommended Rev. Compton to us as a man whom he felt would put his hand in God's hand, take ours, and lead us on; a man whom he felt would be willing to accept the challenge—to take up the task.

Antioch Christian Church

ELDER S. E. TILLMAN

Minister of Antioch Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

New Brunswick, N. J.

I trust there will be space in your paper to print the following: This letter is pertaining to the minister's institute which was held in Baltimore March 7-8. It was sponsored by the field workers of the National Convention, Elder C. L. Parks, Elder Dixon and others. To my mind this is one of the greatest steps forward that the United Christian Missionary Society could have had. For it is helpful and enlightening, bringing ministers into closer contact, it also encourages the growth of church membership. May I make this plain that the worker on the field are not idling a moment of their time away; they are quite busy familiarizing pastors with the great task of leadership. I would love to suggest to all pastors who may have the privilege of attending the institute to try to do so.

I am very proud to announce that the Philadelphia Church of Christ Disciples, 90 Union St., Newark, N. J. Elder O. S. Lucas, pastor. He and his members are doing a very fine job. A district union was held March 29 to 31 of which churches of Brooklyn and New York City, Philadelphia, Pa., also Antioch Christian Church, New Brunswick, N. J., participated with the Union. The fellowship of the churches with Antioch, was beyond reproach. It is the hope of Elders Lucas and Tillman to work up the churches in each state to the extent that each state will be able to support a quarterly Union.

Indiana Ave. Christian Church

4413 Indiana Avenue, Chicago 15, Ill.

REV. R. H. DAVIS, *Pastor*

MRS. W. E. ERVIN, *Reporter*

I have been in Chicago for several months and have placed my membership with the above named church.

From my observations for the short time I have been here and able to attend the services, I have observed that the spiritual life of the church has shown marked improvement in harmonious enthusiastic cooperation in all aspects of its program. Our mid-week prayer meeting directed by one of our elders is a source of great inspiration.

There have been a number of interesting and outstanding events happened since I have been here that I feel the Brotherhood should

know, but time and space will not permit me to tell all at this time.

In as brief a form as possible I shall give you some of the accomplishments of his church for the year 1945. The boards, auxiliaries and clubs of the church are as follows: Sunday School, Missionary Society, Junior Church, Church, Senior Choir and Gospel Chorus, Men's Council, Senior and Junior Usher Boards, Messengers Clubs, Senior and Junior C. E. Society, Christian Youth Fellowship, Deaconess Board, Ladies Aid, Pastor's Aid, Twelve Birthday Clubs, Trustee Board. The above auxiliaries and clubs are so well organized with competent leaders that each one of the more than 500 members are given some special work to do.

The projects for the year were: The Teacher-training Class; Vacation Church School; Monthly Forum sponsored by Men's Council.

Special programs for the year: Banquet Ladies Aid Society; Quilt Contest, Messengers Club; Souvenir Tea, Missionary Society; Sixth Annual Church Woman's Day; Special Musicals, Senior Choir and Gospel Chorus; Contest, Pastor's Aid; Annual Sermon, Senior Ushers; One-week Evangelistic Services; Annual Men's Day; Christmas Cantata; Woman's Day.

Financial achievement receipts:
Current expenses ----- \$ 9,241.23
Beautification and organ... 2,260.40
Benevolence and Missions... 1,166.35
Total receipts ----- 12,667.98
Balance on hand as of

December 31, 1945 ----- 4,156.54

Financial support was given to the following institutions and persons: The National Convention; United Promotion; Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; Greater Chicago Church Federation; Chicago Disciples Union; The Chicago Urban League; YMCA and YWCA; The N.A.A.C.P.; The Illinois Disciples Foundation, Champaign, Illinois; Southside Community Agency; Cedar Avenue Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio; Herman Powell Foundation, New York; Mr. Thomas Griffin and Miss Pearl Richards, students at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

Gross membership, Dec. 31, 1945, 566; additions to membership, 50; by baptism, 7; by statements, 43; from Christian Churches, 31; from Baptist Churches, 8; from Methodist Churches, 6; Subtractions from membership—by death and removal,

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28; non-resident members, 12; members attending college, 2.

Youth Day was observed March 31st. A very splendid program was given. The message was delivered by Mr. John Eubanks, a student at the University of Chicago.

Read Exodus 20:1-20. Subject: "Choice Before Us." Special music was rendered by the young people from Christ Temple, under the direction of Prof. Garner Kendrick, with his young son Charles at the piano. The music was very good and enjoyed by all.

With best wishes for Easter.

Second Christian Church

REV. F. B. BRADLEY, *Pastor*

2417 Fremont St., Rockford, Ill.

Fellow Christian:

I am again greeting you from our church in the City of Rockford, Ill. Among the many interesting things happened in our church in the month of March may I tell you of two.

The first item the Missionary Society sponsored a dinner which was enjoyed by everyone that attended. The dinner was a great success both spiritually and financially. The following Sunday the Society gave a rally, having the pastor, the Missionary Society and the choir of Bethel Baptist Church of the city as guests. This was truly a spiritual revival meeting, everyone was uplifted. The Missionary Society with its very splendid staff is doing a fine job in our church.

The second item is about a very splendid service held in our church on the 24th of March. The guests consisted of distinguished business, social and club women of various faiths. Among them were Mrs. M. Carter, Director of Booker Washington Community Center, and her very able assistant, Mr. Roger. The group was deeply impressed by the distinguished way in which the service was conducted.

There have been some light shown on our plans toward the enlarging and remodeling of our church building.

Our sick are mending fine; Sister Gee who has been very ill with pneumonia has recovered and is now worshipping with us again. Mrs. P. L. Holt is ill but is expected to be out soon. The work is growing and we hope to keep it in that direction.

First Christian Church

MRS. ALBERTA WALKER CRISP,

Reporter

Reidsville, N. C.

Pulpit Set Dedicated.—A beautiful and impressive service took place at the First Christian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, March 31, 1946.

First—The service was opened with singing by the local choir and congregation.

Second — Appropriate Scripture lesson and prayer was rendered by the Pastor.

Third—Instrumental solo by Mr. Johnson.

Fourth—Silent prayer by congregation.

Fifth—Sermon, appropriate, by the pastor.

Sixth—Then came the most unique feature of the service. The pastor and deacons taking the leading part in the dedication of a new and most beautiful "Pulpit Outfit." The pastor and Sunday school superintendent took charge of the dedication of the pulpit lamp given by the Sunday School. We take this opportunity to thank all members and friends for their endeavors to obtain this beautiful pulpit outfit, that the word of God might sound forth. We especially mention the leader of the drive in person of Bro. Marcellus Jones, one of our most active deacons. Again we proudly and reverently mention the generous gift rendered to us for this purchase from the late Mr. L. H. McLaurin and the late Sister Sarah C. Wright who have passed into the beyond yet their works live after them.

We are proud to say that our church is steadily advancing up King's Highway, under the able leadership of our pastor, Rev. M. L. Lambert.

The spiritual progress of the church is growing. We beg all to pray for the continuous success in trying to win Victory with Christ.

Corinth Christian Church

Kilgore, Texas

DR. P. C. WASHINGTON, *Pastor*

MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, *Reporter*

I am always grateful to say our church is moving on in a spiritual way. Sunday school is very splendid under the proud superintendent, Bro. Elmo Jacobs. Everybody on the lurk and at their post of duty. B class is banner class. Mrs. Almeta Henderson teaches. Class was taught

by one of the students last Sunday, Sis. Emma Lee Pegues. Bro. Washington is doing great work here. We feel that the Brotherhood is proud of him "the entire Brotherhood." If we let God lead us, we cannot fail. We are grateful to have with us serving as organist Mrs. Washington. The Missionary Society is still in the vineyard of service rebuilding Christian ideals. Our Sunday School pastor is a grand young minister. He has grown from a small acorn to a great oak. He also is planning to do more for the young people when the weather gets warmer in person of the Rev. Brown of Jarvis College. Let us pray that he may continue to work for the Master because we need such young men like him not burning such splendid talent. We are continuing to ask for your prayers in the name of the Lord.

The Williamsburg Christian Church

REV. W. F. KEYES, *Pastor*

BRO. B. J. ORR, *Advising Elder*

CHERRIDELL ELLIS, *Reporter*

211 Snediker Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y.

We can gladly say that during the month of March we had a splendid success spiritually and financially. Our pastor is preaching the word of God to its fullness, and many precious souls are being added to the fold. We enjoy a high time in the Spirit with the members and friends of the quarterly union of the Christian Churches in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Beginning Wednesday evening, March 27, ending Sunday, March 31; Wednesday evening Church Department in charge, usual business conducted by the president, Rev. D. L. Kinard, pastor of Calvary Christian Church. Introductory sermon by Rev. W. F. Keyes, pastor of Williamsburg Christian Church. Thursday evening Missionary Society period; usual business conducted by the president, Cherridell Ellis of Williamsburg Christian Church. Sermon by Rev. James Dickerson, pastor of St. Luke Christian Church.

Friday evening Young People's C. E. Society in charge; usual business conducted by the president, Mrs. Anna Belle Carter of St. Philip's Christian Church. Sermon by Rev. C. R. Murdaugh of Mt. Zion Christian Church.

Saturday morning usher board period; usual business conducted by

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the president, Mrs. Adele Wright. Sermon by Rev. John Goodholt of Williamsburg Christian Church.

Saturday afternoon Bible School period; business conducted by the president, Rev. James Dickerson, pastor of St. Luke Christian Church. Sermon by Rev. G. Terry of Williamsburg Christian Church.

Sunday afternoon: Doctrinal sermon by Rev. D. L. Kinard, pastor of Calvary Christian Church and president of the Union.

The Union convened at the St. Philip's Christian Church, 295 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. W. C. Kinard, pastor.

Throughout the Union we were highly entertained by a distinguished guest, Brother Bragg, president of the United Christian Missionary Convention. We are looking forward to entertaining and to be entertained when the convention will be held in Baltimore, Md., in July. We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood that we may reach our goal.

Cedar Christian Minister Marks Seventh Anniversary, April 1st.

By MRS. P. CRAGGETT

Cleveland, Ohio

In observance of seven successful years' ministry of the Rev. C. E. Craggett at the Cedar Christian Church, E. 83rd Street and Quincy Ave., anniversary services will begin Tuesday, April 1, and continue each night through April 5, ending Sunday, April 7.

Guest speaker at each of these services will be the Rev. R. L. Jordan, president of the National Bible School Convention and minister of the United Christian Church in Detroit. Announced subjects for the week are, "Running Away From Life," "Look at Jesus," "The Inevitable Equivalent," "You Can't Win Without God," and "Make Jesus Your King."

Monday evening is church night with W. O. Jackson, chairman of the joint official board, presiding.

In charge of Tuesdays services is the Gospel Choir, Anthony Thomas presiding.

The Boosters Club will conduct Wednesday's services at which time Martha Belcher will preside. Mark G. P. Lawson, chorister, will be master of ceremonies at the Senior Choir's program Thursday evening. The Missionary Society will be in charge Friday evening, with Natalie Howard presiding.

Following the Bible School at 9 a.m. Sunday, with Supt. Alfonso Gray in charge, Elder Buncne Gamby will preside at 11 a.m. worship.

At 8 p.m. the Youth Fellowship Service will terminate the anniversary celebration. Florence Coles will be mistress of ceremonies. Music for all services will be rendered by choirs of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Craggett's ministry began with the Cedar Christian Church April 1, 1939, when the congregation was holding its services in the East End Community Center building, E. 84th Street and Cedar. In March, 1943, the church moved into its present structure on which the mortgage was burned November 25, 1945. Under the leadership of its minister the church has made rapid progress.

At present it has a membership of over 300, a wide-awake Sunday School and three singing groups, the Young People's Choir being recently organized by Albert Meadows, formerly with "Wings Over Jordan" ensemble and a veteran of World War 2.

In appreciation of the fine services Rev. and Mrs. Craggett have rendered since their coming to the Cleveland church from the Monroe Avenue Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio, a unanimous cooperation on the part of the members of the Cedar Christian has been evidenced to give high honors to the pastor and his wife in this seventh anniversary celebration.

Plans are being made for our Daily Vacation Bible School, which begins the first of June.

The servicemen are working hard to make the Rally on Mother's Day a success.

Special program in honor of the older members will be given on Mother's Day.

A beautiful communion table was given to the church by Mrs. McCall in honor of her mother. This table will be dedicated on Easter Sunday.

Special chairs for the table have been given by the elders of the church. Small flower stands are being given by Mrs. E. Martin.

The servicemen's banquet will be given on the first Tuesday night in June. Mrs. E. Moore is chairman of the program.

It is hoped that all of the boys will be home by that time. Alexander Craggett returns after the 2nd of April from the Navy. He

was a Pharmacists 1/C stationed at Treasure Island.

Mr. Emanuel Wilson, one of our Deacons, was laid to rest from our church last Thursday, March 28.

Easter Week of Prayer will be observed with Mr. Alfonso Gray, leader of Monday night; Mrs. P. Craggett, Wednesday night; Mrs. Shumate, leader of Friday night.

Our young people will be going to Hiram June 26 to summer conference.

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Clay Street Christian Church

OSEOLA DAWSON
Paducah, Ky.

On January 6, we celebrated Woman's Day. Mrs. M. J. Egester, one of the instructors at Lincoln High School, delivered the address.

In November, our pastor conducted a revival at the Second Christian Church, Mayfield, Kentucky. Nine were added to the church. Elder Hugh Hayes, our own product, is the pastor of the church in Mayfield. You will hear more concerning Elder Hayes' work at Mayfield in a later article.

At present, Elder Jackson is conducting a revival at one of the churches at Dallas, Texas.

In the midst of joy, quite often sadness occurs. On Saturday, January 5, Mrs. Bernice Bolen, one of our members, passed. Mrs. Bolen was the very first person in Paducah whom Elder Jackson baptized. The funeral was held on Tuesday, January 8. Elder J. O. Bowle, a former pastor, and now of Danville, Kentucky, delivered the Eulogy.

We are now decorating the interior of our Church and are raising funds to purchase new pews.

The church is asking the entire brotherhood to pray that it may be successful in "building more stately mansions" for Christ each year.

11th St. Christian Church

ELDER A. G. JEFFRIES, *Pastor*
DAISY WILLIAMS, *Reporter*
Birmingham, Alabama

I am happy to report the work of the church through the last months. It appears that there is a close communion among the members. This was shown by response of the membership to the church obligation.

The church has made a marvelous progress under the condition from which we had to work. I believe that we can go further but our church alone cannot sponsor the needed program. The church in general will have to assist in putting over this program.

On the 31st of March the Rev. Dickerson, a young minister, brought us an inspiring message which was accepted by the entire membership.

The young people of our church are planning for the young people's conference which will be held in the near future.

The 11th St. Christian Church is open for any suggestions that are offered for the betterment of our work.

Promotional Article

We are approaching our Easter Season which is equally as significant as it was when Christ hung on the cross at Golgotha's Hill. A message comes to us today from the Prophets of old: "What does the Lord require of Thee?" "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils . . ." "Freely ye have received, freely give" was his command.

There is available through the Department of Sales Literature of The United Christian Missionary Society, Missions Building, 222 S. Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana a pamphlet for worship, "Peace Through the Cross" and leaflets of other resource materials. We are urging you to use these inspirational program helps, and that your Easter week observances and offerings will mean the spread of His redeeming love and grace throughout the world.

MONEY TURNED OVER TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA TREASURER, MRS. PRESTON TAYLOR, FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1946

1. Rev. F. B. Bradley, 2417 Fremont St., Rockford, Illinois, 1 subs	1.00
2. Mrs. Daisy Williams, 612 6th St., N., Birmingham, Ala., 4-1 yr. subs.	3.50
3. Mrs. S. J. Anderson, Woodshoro, Texas, 1 yr. subs	1.00
4. Rev. William K. Fox, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. Donation and 1 yr. subs.	2.50
5. American Bible Society, 35 East Sacker Dr., Chicago, Illinois, 1 subs	1.00
6. Miss Mable Hill, 1304 Jones St., Greenville, Texas, 1-1 yr. subs. and 2-6 mos. subs	2.00
7. Mrs. E. G. Titus, 3511 Packard St., Dallas, Texas, 6-1 yr. subs	5.00
8. National Christian Miss. Convention, (Jan. Ch.), Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer	66.66
9. Mrs. Maude Davis, 1370 Forrest St., Beaumont, Texas, 2-1 yr subs	1.50
	\$ 84.16

APPENDAGE TO THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER AS OF DECEMBER 10, 1945 SHOWING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE COOPERATING AGENCIES

July—1945	
United Christian Missionary Society	\$ 833.33
Board of Church Extension	150.00
Board of Higher Education	100.00
August—1945	
National Benevolent Association	125.00
Pension Fund of the Disciples of Christ	83.33
Christian Board of Publication	500.00
United Christian Missionary Society	833.33
September—1945	
United Christian Missionary Society	833.34
Pension Fund of the Disciples of Christ	41.68
October—1945	
United Christian Missionary Society	833.33
Pension Fund of the Disciples of Christ	41.66
November—1945	
United Christian Missionary Society	833.33
December—1945	
Pension Fund of the Disciples of Christ	41.66

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1. Mrs. C. E. Rowan, 852 Polk Ave., Memphis, Tenn., 2-1 yr. subs.	\$ 1.50
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2. Mrs. M. O. Nelson, Paris, Texas., 3 subs.	2.00
3. Mary L. Smith, Route 6, Box 246, Jackson, Miss., 1 sub.	1.00
4. Mrs. Fannie Mae Boggs, 1071 Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville 5, Fla., 1 sub.	1.00
5. National Christian Convention, Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer (February ck.)	66.66
6. Mr. J. E. Bean, 408 E. Locust St., Mt. Sterling, Ky., 5-1 yr. subs.	3.25
7. Mrs. E. G. Starling, Route 1, Box 5, Martinville, Va., 1 yr. sub.	1.00
8. Mrs. E. E. Chambliss, Tillman, Miss., 1 yr. sub.	1.00
9. Mrs. Ellma E. Ervin, 6130 Champlain Ave., Chicago 37, Ill., 1 yr. sub.	1.00
	\$78.41

The United Christian Missionary Convention

(Disciples of Christ)

ELDER C. L. WHITFIELD
Baltimore, Maryland

Covering the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

April 5, 1946.

It has been some time since I took opportunity to report from this area.

I believe our work is moving on in a very satisfactory way. All of our churches are busy and indications point to steady progress. We are preparing for the National Convention to be held in New York in August, and personally, I believe it is going to be a fine thing for this area. I have an abiding faith in the Christianity of all our eastern brethren, and feel that great good will come of this meeting.

We are busy preparing to build a new church which will cost \$40,000 to \$50,000 and which we plan to be modern in every way. We have five young people's organizations and our plans call for the meeting of their needs, as well as the other departments of the church. We are well on the way to the achievement of our national goal of \$300.00 and have a bank balance of nearly \$10,000.00 for building and current expenses. The Young Matrons, organized one year ago, raised \$300.00 without socials or suppers. All of our organizations have made substantial contributions to our building fund.

The Christian Ministers' Institute was held at our church here March 7-8, 1946. It was well attended and greatly appreciated by the ministers and our public who were admitted to the night sessions. The faculty was composed of Bros. Parks, Dickson, Austin, and Sulanke. Ministers came from New York, New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Port Gibson District No. 1

(MRS.) E. E. CHAMBLISS, *Reporter*
April 2, 1946.

The Church Schools of said district are doing a good job, with a very interested district organizer of Christian Endeavor, in the person of Bro. C. E. Chambliss.

Since they have been working together, some schools that were slow and unconcerned have put on new life and are having school every Lord's day.

The district superintendent, Bro. Taylor Jackson, is making his tour over the district—which leads up to the April Quarterly, urging the schools to do their best, because the success of the State meeting depends upon this quarter. Some of the Church Schools in the district are having pre-Easter revivals.

The Providence Church School's Easter program will be rendered on Thursday night before Easter.

The season of Easter focuses our attention on the last day of Jesus' life. We who are followers of Jesus are always wanting to learn more about what kind of person He was so that we can better build our own lives.

Clark St. Christian Church

REV. F. T. AREREA, *Pastor*

MRS. M. HILL, *Secretary*

1304 E. Jones St., Greenville, Tex.

We were blessed to have our pastor to fill his pulpit each Lord's day this month. Each message was timely. One member was added to the fold—Mrs. Lucil Fuller.

We are preparing to care for our young people in a very fine way. We have landscaped a playground for our young people and adults as well. One-fourth of a block all graded and leveled off, with a tennis court, croquet set, basketball, football and many other nice games. Seats and swings and everything to make young people happy.

Recent visitors: Mr. Clarence Tradace from Chicago. His message was short and timely. Subject: We Are Our Brother's Keeper. Yes, one said the adults must care for the young people, for they are the church of tomorrow. The membership gave him a hearty welcome into the fold.

North Bolton Christian Church

LEOLA COX, *Secretary*

Box 236

The Board was held at Anidorka Christian Church on March 29-30-31,

with Brother Eddie Spencer presiding. Each district attended. Sister Alzeta Verdal was the delegate to the Board from North Balton St. Christian Church. Money raised, \$102.61. The next Board will be held at Corinth Christian Church. The church still doing fine spiritually and financially. P. C. Washington is at his post every first and third Sunday. Teacher meeting is held every Friday night at North Balton St. Christian Church; teacher in charge, Bro. M. C. Coy. Sunday School is still doing fine but there is room for improvement. Asking each and every one to attend Sunday School that will come and make a big and lovely Sunday School.

L. Ruth Rattan Reports National Christian Nursing Convention

"Behold, I make all things new." Rev. 21:5.

The past eight months have been of utmost importance in the work of our churches throughout the brotherhood. We are still faced with the most dangerous era in the life of Christianity. Less we become self-satisfied because of the cessation of hostilities on the battle fronts, I am writing this message to remind us that our task is only begun.

Christians are the only ones who can help to rectify the lives of persons who have been exploited by the tragic years of war. We have the conviction that Christ can help to build a new world through new personalities. This rebirth toward the building of a new world must begin within each of us.

As we face this tremendous problem before us, the ministering to the mental, spiritual, and physical bodies of mankind who are without hope of the abundant life, we must repent with humility in our hearts and give ourselves wholly to the cause of Christ. "So unless out of our hearts there emerge those attitudes and purposes which are in line with the will of God and to which we have so committed ourselves that we are willing "to pay the price of His accomplishment, we will continue to v out to heaven that we are helpless."

Through our National Christian Missionary Convention and the United Christian Missionary Society, we have only May and June left in this current Missionary Year to build anew with Christ in the life of the

world that He was given to. "With Christ We Build Anew" is a mandate of our Lord, brought about through the needs and necessities of our time."

Center Point Christian Church

Greenville, Texas

MRS. BEULAH M. CHRISTIAN

REV. H. G. SMITH, *Pastor*

The body of Elder W. C. Hurdle was laid to rest Sunday, April 7, 1946, from Center Point Christian Church, Greenville, Texas, Rev. H. G. Smith officiating.

Elder Hurdle came into the church at an early age. He served as deacon for many years and was an elder when the end came. He was a faithful worker in the Sunday School and made regular attendance as long as he was able.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved wife and children. Just a few days ago he went away to receive a great reward that was promised him one day. We will miss him in the Church as well as in the home but the Father, he knew best so He called him from labor to that great beyond rest.

Port Gibson, Mississippi

ELD. D. L. JACKSON, *Pastor*

MRS. RUTH JACKSON, *Reporter*

Christian Chapel makes a step in the right direction during the first quarter of 1946.

In order to preserve the originality of the historic aforementioned church, the pastor and members set for themselves a goal of \$650.00. This money is to be used for general repairs.

The results were as follows:

Captains: Bro. Myles Jackson, \$123.46; Bro. Oliver Carter, \$29.01; Bro. Arthur Johnson, \$5.00; Bro. John Odom, \$63.00; Bro. Preston Harris, \$50.00; Bro. Miles Brown, \$50.01; Sister N. B. King, \$156.32; Sis. Vina Reggan, \$50.00; Sis. Adline Maddox, \$37.00; Sis. A. M. Baker, \$28.96; Sis. James, \$75.00; Sis. Mary Washington, \$32.00; Eld. D. L. Jackson, \$51.00. General total, \$750.00.

We wish to thank our many friends, white and colored alike, who helped to make this effort a success. During this same period there were four added to the church. We pray God's blessings upon us as we seek to do "His will" on earth, as it is done in heaven.

Notes From Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

PROF. J. E. BEAN

A birthday surprise—After prayer meeting Wednesday evening, March the 27th, members of High Street Christian Church and members and friends from other churches, met at the parsonage and “pulled” a real surprise on Elder Eugene Patterson, our pastor.

After socializing a while a consolidated effort from all the departments of the church presented him a paper shower of seventy-two dollars and laden the table in the dining room with all kinds of eatables. Aside from the greenbacks many other beautiful and useful presents were given. Greetings and an envelope of seven dollars were brought from Keys Chapel by their pastor, Rev. Davis; from Fairview by Mrs. Sarah Jones, from N. Middleton by Mrs. Estella Strawder, and from the High St. Christian Church by Prof. J. E. Bean, which were followed by the pastor in a very happy way. Mrs. Eliza Jackson presided.

THE YOUTH MEET

The World Fellowship Youth Meet of Districts III and VI met in Mt. Sterling, Ky., March 15-17, having as its theme, “The World God Wants In Africa.” Friday and Saturday the activities of the Youth Meet were held at the DuBois High School. Sixty-eight persons were registered, representing nine churches. (Saturday evening) Mr. W. W. Peavyhouse, guest speaker, used as his subject at the banquet, “It Takes Us All to Make a World.”

Mr. Herbert Smith, a missionary who spent 35 years in Africa, spoke to the conferees Saturday afternoon.

Miss L. Ruth Ratten, National Director, was one of the leaders who helped to make the meet a success.

The State Evangelist, Rev. G. E. Letton, was speaker at the morning workshop held at the High Street Christian Church of which Rev. Eugene Patterson is minister. Rev. George Frazier delivered the evening message.

Other out-of-town workers and guests were Mrs. Edith Bristow, Mrs. Rosa Trine Johnson, Miss Odie Bell Lewis, Mrs. Anna Spradling, Miss May Butler, Mrs. Alice Hillman, Mrs. Emily Robinson, Messrs. William Johnson, Buford Hall, A. D. Gauls and Miss Elizabeth Johnson. The welcome address was delivered by Miss Barbara Mae Johnson.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION GOES TO BROOKLYN

President S. S. Myers Speaks

It is impossible for me to visit with you in person, in the interest of our cooperative work. To many churches plus the cost create the gulf. But we can face our needs and obligations, in a friendly way in writing. You are anxious and concerned about the future of the Brotherhood program. You would like to see the work expand and grow on to greater heights. It can and it will, if we join hands, hearts, and share our substance in missions.

We launched the Long Range Program July 1, 1945. The reports from the staff have been most gratifying, indicating hard work, good planning, as well as cooperation given by the churches. We are coming to the end of the year desirous of enlarging the work. The achievements already obtained are the result of the cooperation of the pastors and leaders of all our churches. If we are going to continue to go forward and make progress, every church must give its share and the members of the church must increase their support. Your love and good will must forever manifest itself in deeds of loving kindness. Good planning, hard work, plus Christian cooperation will assure us a glorious future.

It is needless for me to say, brother pastor, brother superintendent, sister missionary president and leaders, that we must have the financial support of all. Your unpaid goals will cripple the work of the kingdom. Every church and agency of the church should get gusy if they have not raised their goals and do so by June the 30th and not later than the Convention in August. As soon as you read this message check and see what your goals are for the church and agencies, and resolve to

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Young Peoples Summer Conference

June 16-22 — Midwest, Bonner Springs, Kansas; R. Wesley Watson, Director, 2704 Olive, Kansas City, Missouri.

June 23-30 — Southwest, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas; E. W. Rand, Director.

July 7-13 — Central, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky; Mrs. Edith Bristow, Director.

July 7-13 — Alabama, Lowndes County Training School, Hayneville, Alabama; A. J. Jeffries, Director, 424 Harding St., Birmingham, Ala.

July 21-27 — Piedmont, Martinsville, Virginia; Mrs. E. G. Starling, Director, Rt. 1, Box 5, Martinsville.

Sept. 9-15 — Magnolia, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.; John Long, Director.

INTERMEDIATE CAMP

July 7-13 — Central, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky; Miss Odie Belle Lewis, Director, 270 E. Fourth St., Lexington, Ky.

LABORATORY TRAINING SCHOOL

June 17-28 — St. Louis, Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Director; 4323 Enright Ave., Apt. 12, St. Louis, Missouri.

This is the greatest Summer training program for our churches we have ever had. Let us place every young person we can in Conference or Camp.

The report of the Executive Board Meeting should be carried in this issue. The date and arrangements for the holding of the National Christian Missionary Convention in Brooklyn, New York, should be given the green light.

The Biennial Planning Conference of the National Convention CYF was held in Indianapolis, Ind., April 26, 27 and 28. There were nine states represented as follows:

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National Convention Goes To Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug 20-25

The Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church, of Brooklyn, New York, has been given the green light to go ahead in preparation to entertain the National Convention, August 20-25, 1946. Every church in the Brotherhood should send delegates to this Convention. A great program has already been arranged for your enjoyment and participation. The church has adequate facilities and good leadership to assure the Convention one of its best entertainments in its history. The church has a beautiful sanctuary and a spacious social hall and many classrooms. The enrollment and entertainment fee is \$8.00 per person.

The program has two special features this year. Communion service at 3 p.m. and a musical at 7:45 p.m. Sunday. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, director of Convention Music, and Mrs. Rose A. S. McCrea, acting as co-chairman, will be in charge of the music. Choirs near Brooklyn are asked to take part in the chorus.

The churches in Brooklyn all are in harmony with the coming of the Convention to Brooklyn. They realize that the Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church is the host church. But they express themselves as being willing to give what every cooperation necessary to make the Convention a success. The program will include some of the pastors and choirs of the Brooklyn churches on the program.

It was my pleasure to visit and preach in the churches in Brooklyn on March 3rd. At Brother Keyes, 11 a.m., Brother Charles Murdaugh, 4:30 p.m., and Brother Kinard, 8 p.m. service. All of the brethren were very kind in all their consideration of the work. I am sure we

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can count on them giving their full cooperation to make the Convention a success. There is no problem existing among our churches in the East that is not common to the average church. The unity among the brethren seem to be very good. Whatever their problems are, they are local, and must be treated as such. The National Convention loves all the brethren and stand ready to do what is in its power to make all the churches strong and powerful in the service of the Master.

The Convention is a delegated body. To have a great Convention, you will have to be there.

REV. S. S. MYERS, *President*

REV. S. S. MYERS SPEAKS

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raise them if you have not already done so. The Convention has no other source for help than you. If you fail, then what? The total Convention goal can be reached only when every church does its part and the agencies reach their goals.

The budget for 1946 and 1947 is larger than last year's budget. We are planning on another worker being added to the staff. So the asking budget this year is \$22,400.00. Last year is was \$17,400.00. The National Convention's share last year was \$5,000.00. This year it will be \$6,600.00. This goal must be raised by Convention time. We left the Convention last year with our share of the budget, which was a healthy thing. This year we want to do the same thing. We can, and we must, through your loyal support. The budget increase for this year is more than \$6,000.00, so you see the Brotherhood agencies have been asked for an increase.

I want every pastor to join the 1,000 Club of the National Convention. Then I want him to get as many as he can of his members to join. To be a member we are asking that each member pay \$5.00 or more to the National Convention treasurer. This is to be a special fund. I am asking that the pastor or board of the church to appoint a member of his church to poll the membership for members for this Club. I want the names and addresses sent to me or the National Office, and the money sent to Dr. J. E. Walker. One thousand members of the Brotherhood could make sure of the success. Would you

like to be one of these members? You can, by deciding now and sending in your \$5.00 or more.

We are requesting all state presidents to get behind this work and write some letters to the churches of your state in support of this program. You can do so much to make this work a success. So we are depending on you, Brother State President.

Remember together, "With Christ We Build Anew."

REV. S. S. MYERS, *President*

Dear Editor Eppse and the Brotherhood at Large:

I am writing this article to make it known and clear to the public my attitude of and position taken towards the entertaining of the National Convention at the Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church in August, 1946.

Brother Tillman of New Brunswick, New Jersey, styled himself as the watch-dog of this area. He has taken it upon himself to inform the Brotherhood that it would not be advisable to hold the Convention at the Stuyvesant Christian Church for the reason given in the March issue of the "Christian Plea." I am wondering who made Brother Tillman the watch-dog of the Williamsburg Christian Church. I have been laboring under the opinion that I was.

Now there is nothing between Brother Hancock and myself. He preached for my church the 4th Sunday in March and we had a fine fellowship together. We believe in the First Epistle of John 1:7, "If we walk in the light as He walked in the light, we have fellowship one with the other and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." Who am I to say that another cannot have company for dinner because I am not able to have company. We do pray that Brother Hancock and his church will have one of the greatest Conventions on record. The pastor and members of the Williamsburg Christian Church will give their moral support and any other cooperation within our power to give.

My prayer is that we stop fighting one another and fight sin for we are laborers together with God. I Cor. 3:9. Let us face the future in the spirit of love, good will and cooperation, bringing the kingdom of God in our lives and extending it to the ends of the earth. To be ready when He comes to reward us, we

must choose to be wise virgins.

We are looking forward to the Brotherhood coming East.

Rev. W. F. Keys,
252½ Bainbridge St.,
Brooklyn 33, N. Y.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S

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Alabama 1, Arkansas 2, Illinois 4, Indiana 9, Kentucky 9, Missouri 7, Oklahoma 2, Ohio 4, Virginia 3.

Total number of young people and youth leaders in attendance was 43. All members of the Executive Board of the National Christian Missionary Convention were invited. Mr. Raymond Brown and Miss Evelyn Covington are Co-presidents.

The International CYF Commission will be held at Bethany Hills, Tennessee, July 2-5, 1946, and the following young people were nominated and certified to attend this meeting:

1. Linnie Welch, Chicago;
2. Edward Brown, St. Louis;
3. Evelyn Covington, Cincinnati;
4. Alpheus Merchant, Chicago;
5. Anceo Francisco, Oklahoma City;
6. Doris Wilson, Indianapolis;
7. Robert Bailey, Roanoke;
8. Wilbur Hylton, Indianapolis;
9. Idell Swanson, Alabama;
10. Greta Reeves or Jessie Wilson, Kentucky.

Yours truly,

EMMETT J. DICKSON,
Acting Secretary.

EJD/p

Functional Education And The Church Related College

By CHARLES E. SHERMAN
Jarvis Christian College,
Hawkins, Texas

Church related colleges are notoriously deficient in the facilities for preparing Negro youth to earn a living in an industrial age. If everyone became school teachers then who would there be left to perform the skillful tasks of repairing shoes, tailoring, cleaning and pressing, carpentry, masonry, scientific farming, poultry and cattle raising, mechanics and literally thousands of other vocational activities which require sharp minds and skillful hands? It is obvious that we are living in a scientific and industrialized world wherein a man's ability to make a living is becoming increasingly dependent upon a knowledge of the scientific and industrial methods. The production of potatoes, corn, and cotton and the raising of poultry, cattle and hogs is a matter of science

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today. It calls for the employment of the most up to date techniques and equipment. The digging of ditches and the washing of dirty clothes today calls for knowledge and skill in the operation of machines.

The failure of church supported institutions to recognize this need and to take active steps to meet it causes thousands of Negro youth to go out into the world year after year with no other alternative but to teach a profession in which many of them know they have no aptitude nor ability and which they never would have chosen if they had been exposed to another alternative. Many of them are jobless upon graduation because the Negro race is saturated with teachers and they are not prepared to do anything else.

During the period of slavery and for a considerable time following the Emancipation it was the Negro who was the skilled worker. It was the Negro who held a monopoly in the trades. Booker T. Washington rightly saw that if the Negro maintained this monopoly his place in American life would be secure and respected. The whites accepted the theory of Washington's philosophy because it supported the myth the Negroes were incapable of mastering the study of mathematics, chemistry and physics. But in practice nearly every school the churches established became poorly equipped teacher training schools in the very kind of education which Negroes were not supposed to be able to master. What a strange contradiction! The reason is close at hand. Classical education was better suited for the churches' main interest of proselytizing Negroes. It was also cheaper than industrial education. After all, one could decorate himself with the choice attributes of a Christian missionary if he gave just enough to keep such schools in existence for unfortunate Negro youth.

The result is that Negroes have been progressively out of the trades and skilled jobs because the opportunities for training have been seriously lacking. Thus the Negro is forced to take menial jobs such as floor and street sweeping, collecting garbage and shining shoes. When these jobs become mechanized and thereby skilled and respectable he will be pushed out of them. All menial jobs have at least two things in common. They are the least de-

sirable and the lowest paid. Low income account for much of the poor health, high disease and death rate, and ignorance among Negroes. Does this fact have any meaning for the church leaders of the nation who have the responsibility of appropriating the funds for maintaining church related colleges for Negroes?

An adequate philosophy of Christian education must of necessity be aware of the changing technological system in the modern world. But it is not enough to be aware of these changes. Practical and active steps must be taken without delay to expand the college curriculum to meet these changes. The hour is at hand for the churches to rethink the philosophy of their educational work among Negroes.

Party For High Street Church Minister

Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

The Women's Missionary Society of the High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Ky., sponsored a surprise birthday party March 27, 1946, for the minister, Rev. Eugene Patterson, at the church parsonage. The entire church attended the party along with representatives from other churches of the city. The High Street Christian Church presented Rev. Patterson \$55 for a suit. The Key's Methodist Church presented him \$7.00, Evergreen Baptist Church \$5.00 and the Methodist Episcopal Church \$1.00. Many other gifts were presented him from the church and friends in Mt. Sterling.

Representatives from North Middletown and Fairview Christian Church were present at the party.

Elder Patterson At S. C. I.

April 9-11, 1946, we were privileged to be on the campus of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. We were given a most cordial reception by the faculty and students of the school. This was an opportunity that we had long looked forward to, that of visiting our schools of Christian Education. Very carefully were we shown the whole plant that we could know just the type of program that is being carried on.

Our first experience was the lack of dormitory space to house the many students who had been refused admittance to the school. There was an unusual interest and effort put forth in work on the part of the entire faculty to meet the

needs of the students. Not only is there a campus program of work, but a community program of work also. This program as we observed is intended to raise the cultural status of the surrounding communities. The examples of its effectiveness was that of better housing, community recreation, and that of raising of the economic level of the people who live in the outlying areas.

The school maintains a large farm that is equipped with modern farm machinery. Aside from this, thoroughbred cattle and livestock are grown on the farm. Many of them are used for exhibition. We found many other phases of work that was most interesting. We can only encourage a visit here to be able to thoroughly appreciate just what is being done in the area of Christian Education by our schools.

We cannot feel that they have met every qualification for the training of boys and girls, men and women, but because we can make them the kind of schools we would like for them to be. Our schools need not only our spiritual support but our financial support as well. Under the leadership of President John Long, Dean Charles C. Mosley and the entire faculty of the school. Southern Christian Institute is destined to grow and maintain its rightful place among the Educational Institutions of the country.

Eugene Patterson, Pastor,
High Street Christian Church,
Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

Dear Fellow Workers:

The Seventh Annual Laboratory Training School will be held this year at Delmar Baptist Church, June 17-28. Our National Office is again encouraging the attendance of children's workers to the Laboratory School by offering a small scholarship to assist local churches, states or individuals.

Plan to attend the Laboratory School this summer. Please send name and address of other prospective workers. Please answer by return mail, if you plan to attend and further information will be sent you.

Your promptness in answering will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
BESSIE E. CHANDLER,
Chairman Children's Workers
Committee.

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All news must be in by seventh of each month.

EDITORIALS

Society Women

By W. K. Fox

What flashes into your mind when you hear the words "society women"? Undoubtedly, you picture women with the latest afternoon attire on, monocle glasses setting high on the noses of highly powdered faces, and tightly drawn lips sipping original China tea, while listening to a guest lecturer of the High Brown Society Club speak on *The Atomic Age and World Peace*. That may be the correct picture, but the society women that I am going to tell you about are far from like that. They are not interested in "keeping up with society" but in keeping society moving upward. They are not concerned with what the Joneses are wearing but are interested in how the Joneses and everybody else in the community are living. They are women desirous of changing society, rather than accepting it as it is. You are about to be introduced to two Christian women who are actively engaged in building the Christian community. In this sense, they are truly *society women*.

MRS. R. M. FOX

Christian Community Through Better Parenthood

Three years ago Mrs. Fox began working with the Parent Teachers Association of Southern Christian Institute. One or two parents dared to walk from their homes to the meeting on the campus. The majority were always too busy to come. The meetings resolved themselves to faculty sessions with one or two parents as guests.

The problem disturbed the sensitive conscience of Mrs. Fox. She set about to devise a technique to reach the parents of the community and put the P.T.A. program to them. The thought central in her mind was—Go to the parents if they will not come to us. This motivated her to organize the P.T.A. into two groups which would meet simultaneously at strategic points in the community. The idea was accepted by the P.T.A.

Positive results were immediate. Attendance jumped to 30 to 40 parents per meeting in one group and 8 to 15 parents in another. The S. C. I. faculty alternated in the attendance of the groups.

A varied program was presented. A study secured from *Parent Magazine* entitled "Growing With Your

Child" was diligently followed. Faculty members contributed talks on health and family. Pres. Long presented motion pictures of community interest.

Mrs. Fox encouraged the parents to do as well as study. Among the outstanding projects successfully launched are: 1. playground equipment for the community school; 2. some efforts toward the beautification of the school building and grounds; and 3. a new collection of books to form a Negro library and an assortment of general reference books.

It is the sincere devotion to her responsibility plus a cooperative faculty and parent group that has meant a successful program for Mrs. Fox. Her continuous interest in the progress of the association has virtually converted her ordinarily inconspicuous office of secretary to that of "Executive Secretary of the P. T. A." In the current year she was ably assisted by Miss Johanna Henry, instructor in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Mrs. Fox's community mindedness does not stop here. She is cooperative in the Community Improvement Association and an able helper for her husband in his rural religious extension work.

MRS J. B. MOSLEY

Christian Community Through Better Rural Schools

A community worker of long experience, Mrs. Mosley came to S. C. I. four years ago interested in helping the institution meet the vital community problems that lay all about it. She centered her efforts in the Community Improvement Association.

The C. I. A. is an organization of rural school teachers and civic-minded citizens who live in a ten-mile radius of Edwards, Miss. It is interested in the betterment of rural schools, churches and homes through a vitalized rural school leadership. Mrs. Mosley accepted the difficult task of lifting community leadership to a sense of their responsibility.

For some time it was the way of the Cross. Doubt, fear and suspicion among the followers were the main hindrances. However, through the cooperation of a few stalwart souls she was able to achieve certain successes that served as demonstrations of what could be done through faith and cooperation.

Among the notable achievements have been the following: 1. a library

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placed in one school; 2. three schools painted; 3. a sidewalk laid at another rural school; 4. a study program launched on the purchasing of homes, credit unions, health and planned parenthood; 5. a recreational service for rural communities; and 6. an annual field day sponsored for all cooperating schools in the C. I. A.

Cooperation among the faculty members at S. C. I. and the loyalty of cooperating community leadership have enabled Mrs. Mosley to be rightly singled out as a true "society woman." Though she is particularly interested in the ongoings of the C. I. A. she also works side by side with Mrs. Fox in the P.T.A. and is cooperative in all efforts for community outreach launched by the school. She is a great help to her community-minded husband, Dean Charles C. Mosley of S. C. I.

News From Southern Christian Institute

By W. K. Fox

It has been some time since you have had a general word from the school. However, that by no means indicates that there have not been words to be spoken. It means that things have been spinning fast around here.

School Enrollment: Two years ago Dean Chas. C. Mosley was proud to announce a victory over an age-long problem confronting the college department of S. C. I.—the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges accredited the college department of S. C. I. Today his administration has achieved another victory—we are proud to announce that the 1945-46 school year saw the highest enrollment in the history of the school—500 students marched in her class rooms from 32 states! This is a record well worth being proud of. It excels the enrollment at Alcorn A. and M. College and other schools of its type in the state and in the South.

Of course, the war may have something to do with it, but we feel the interest of the administration and faculty in community outreach, increased publicity, a vital school program carried on by a competent faculty, improved school facilities and a rising interest on the part of the school in sports accounts for much of the increase. Undoubtedly, the growth of such factors will mean a student body that will soon be too

large to be adequately taken care of. Already dormitory space is inadequate and an enlarged faculty is badly needed—but this is a sign of progress; let us flow with it!

Disciple's Ministerial Institute Highlight: There is a growing concern for making theory practical in pastor's schools. The Disciple Ministers School held at S. C. I. April 9-12 was no exception. The occasion was perfect and the demonstration beautiful. Tuesday evening, April 9th at 9:00 p.m. Eld. Patterson, pastor of First Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, was married to Miss Ruth Lillian Ratten, National Secretary of Women's Organizations. The Elder, Charles C. Mosley, read the sacred ceremony. The faculty of Southern Christian Institute and a select group of friends were in attendance. After the reception and a brief stay on the campus the newly-weds motored to Kentucky and eastward to New York for their honeymoon.

Disciple Minister's School: This year Eld. C. L. Parks again conducted the pastor's school with even greater success than last year. The following is a factual summary of the school:

No. of churches represented.....	16
Total number of members represented	1,400
No. of city churches represented	4
No. of rural churches represented	12
No. of rural members represented	500
No. of states represented.....	3
(Miss., Ala., Fla.)	
No. of men present	9
Total number of ministers attending	17

An able faculty was headed by Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, Executive Secretary of the Department of Church Development and Evangelism. Eld. G. M. Peery, state secretary for Mississippi, also gave his service.

New Extra-Curricular Activity: If you chance to be nearing our campus next school year and hear the rumble of the drum, the clang of the cymbal, the crying of the clarinet and the slide of the trombone, just make up your mind its *The Ratten Rythm Ramblers* on the march. Prof. James Ratten has organized a school band. It promises to approach Alexander's at his best. It will furnish a new outlet of expression for a large group of students who attend our school and will inject school spirit into competitive activities.

Second Annual Field Day: Under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Mosley

and Prof. James Ratten the Community Improvement Association sponsored the second annual Field Day April 27th. Ten rural schools participated. There was singing in groups, in quartets and in solos; there were spelling matches, orations and a poster contest; there was running, jumping and throwing—and then there was eats—good eats! It really was a field day. When all was over but the counting of the scores, there was a tenseness in the atmosphere of the auditorium akin to that found in an arena where a rousing good fight was being decided on—then the awards were gradually given out. The result—S. C. I. Community School the winner in a grand walk-away. In the rear of the room broad smiles stole across the faces of "Coaches" R. M. Fox and Johanna Henry.

Summer School: In an effort to serve as many teachers and service men who desire continued education, Dean Mosley is announcing that summer school begins May 28th and continues through June 29th. Summer School this year will be in the form of a work-shop. Outstanding lecturers will appear during the session to give talks and demonstrations. The school will also be enriched by field trips of various types.

School Bus Arrives: Our beautiful new blue and white Ford school bus, with a seating capacity for at least 40 persons is here! It is another achievement of President Long's that greatly improves the program of the school. The exact nature of its wide use has not yet been fully determined. But it is certain that it will be a great asset to the teaching program as well as the publicity of the school.

End of Regular School Term: Everybody can feel it coming: the weather is hot and balmy and it's very hard to study; there's a practice for this play at four, a banquet at eight, and a term paper to turn in in the next two days; there's a practice for that skit tomorrow and preparation for the All-School picnic on Saturday—you just don't seem to have any time to read your science text—then you know what time it is—you're nearing the end of the regular school term. This is the picture at the moment as the various clubs and organizations give their final affairs of the year.

"Y. W." **Retreat:** April 15th the Y. W. C. A. gave its annual retreat for the total student body. It was

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probably more lively than ever before because young men from the Y. M. C. A. had been invited to participate for the first time. In a day of informality and fellowship, faculty leaders and students thought through the problems of being Christian in this atomic age. Mrs. Mosley, advisor to the Y. W. C. A., stated that she felt that the venture was an exceedingly fruitful one this year.

Ministerial Association Banquet: April 28th at 8:00 p.m. the Ministerial Association sponsored a banquet with the faculty and the associates and their company as guests. Eld. I. C. Franklin of Port Gibson delivered the banquet address on the subject, "And What Shall We Get?" He stressed the intangible rewards of the ministry. The banquet was a partial climax to a program which included directed study, the sponsorship of prayer service, rendering of dining hall devotions, field trips and experiences in various types of Christian leadership.

All-School Picnic: The annual All-School picnic was held May 4th. Fun and fellowship was cooperatively enjoyed by teacher and student. A feature of the sport program was a ball game between the students and faculty.

S. C. I. Shares Honors in Drama Fest: Under the tutorship of Miss Marilyn Hill, the Mt. Beulah Player's Guild competed with four other player's Guilds in one-act dramatic fest at Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi. S. C. I. won third place. Alcorn College was first and Tougaloo nosed out S. C. I. for second place. Fred McIntosh of S. C. I. won the first award as the best actor of the festival. Mr. McIntosh is attending S. C. I. on a scholarship granted him by the S. C. I. Club of Chicago, Illinois.

W. K. Fox.

True Vine Christian Church

Paris, Texas

REV. H. G. SMITH, *Pastor*

MRS. M. O. NELSON, *Clerk*

I would like to tell about our Easter Service of True Vine Christian Church. The Missionary Society observed the Easter week of prayer by having prayer meeting in the homes of the shut-in members of our church who were unable to attend church on account of old age, and they had been faithful in attending all services of the church.

And how happy it made them feel as we sang and preached and read the Scriptures to them their hearts rejoice to overflow with praises to our Heavenly Father. Then at night we had service at the church with the pastor in charge of these services and our hearts burn within us as he spoke about the death, burial and resurrection of our Saviour. Then Sunday we had our early sunrise prayer meeting and we were very happy over our large attendance at such an early hour. Sunday School was at its best; very nice attendance at Sunday School and the 11 o'clock service, and the pastor gave us a powerful sermon. We had an Easter egg hunt for the children of the Sunday School which they enjoyed very much. Then at night we had our Easter program conducted by Mesdames Earlu Nelson and Mrs. A. B. Chedgeworth, which was excellent and enjoyed by all to the highest. We had a large crowd. Mrs. Earlu Nelson made it her duty to see just how many people she could invite or entice them to attend our service on Easter and she was really successful. She invited young men and boys that didn't belong or attend any church and through her splendid work we had a large crowd of them and we were made to rejoice at our night service because two young boys united with the church for baptism and Sister Ella Johnson placed her membership with us. And also joined the Missionary Society as well as her mother. They were members of Shelton Hill and have moved here. We were very glad to have them. Bro. R. C. Paige, State Evangelist, was with us for two nights, April 24th and 25th, and preached two wonderful sermons. We were very proud to have him with us and we feasted again over those good able sermons. On Wednesday night we had baptizing. We extend our prayers and best wishes to Bro. Paige to continue on in his good work for the Master. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the Brothers and Sisters and the family of Bro. Will Hurdle who was called home a few weeks ago. I commend them to look to the Lord for comfort. I know just how they feel because almost two years ago I lost my brother, L. H. Crawford, and I look to the Lord for comfort and strength. We call upon the Lord in the time of distress and He will help us. May we look to the Lord.

I must mention the excellent service that was rendered by our choir. We have a very good choir. Bro. G. W. Nelson director, and Sister Willie Sue Anderson, pianist.

College Addition Christian Church

REV. D. L. JACKSON, *Pastor*

MRS. RUTH P. JACKSON, *Reporter*

The College Addition Christian Church presented a pageant, "Mission Voices," Tuesday night, April 16, with Mrs. Ruth Jackson, sponsor.

The pageant was composed of members from ten different neighboring churches and each group represented a virtue of Missions. The pageant was followed by a spicy program from a representative of each group.

Churches participating were: College Hill Circle No. 1, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Hairs Tabernacle (Methodist), College Hill Circle No. 2, Friendship Baptist Church, College Hill Circle No. 3, North Jackson Christian Church, College Hill Circle No. 4.

Dear Editor of the Christian Plea:

I wish to say we had hoped to have started on our church building before this time. Our pastor reported to us a few Sundays ago that therewas a little hitch on getting some material. We trust that it wont be but a few days before we start on our building. I am still blessed receiving funds for this Memorial Church. There was sent to me a few days ago by the Boatright family of Los Angeles, Calif., fifteen dollars. I feel very grateful to them for this token. My husband was their Pastor at Pearidge Church when they lived in Arkansas. Not long ago Mrs. Rosie Page Welch from Chicago sent me a nice token of \$5.00 for the church. We think this is very fine in her. May all these live long that do great work for the Master. Please find enclosed \$1.00 for the Plea. Mrs. S. L. Bostick. Elder Tabb, 50 cents. Rt. 2, Box 18, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Our Easter program was very successful. We raised \$11.60. The adults and the young people had a joint program. Several nice papers were read, Mr. and Mrs. Mothershed and Mrs. M. Moore. The president, Mrs. Hall, read an interesting chapter of John—20th chapter, 1 through 20th verse, which gave women to know there is some-

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thing wonderful they can do for the Lord's work. I am not in the best of health at this time. I ask your prayers.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. S. L. Bostick.

P.S.—Please publish every line I write. I have been sending my article to the White Christian paper lately, Little Rock, Ark. Our new President of Missions is doing fine with the work at this place.

New Church At Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, have completed plans for the erection of a new church building. The church held a meeting with the entire church March 20th, 1946, and thus voted to erect this structure on the church lot near the beautiful parsonage located at 405 East High Street.

The church at present is now located down town in the business section of Mt. Sterling. If the new building is erected in this new community it is felt that it will become even more effective in the life of the community.

The High Street Christian Church congregation is approximately 80 years old with a membership of about 400. Elder Eugene Patterson is the minister along with the fine church board and congregation who is projecting this work. Elder Patterson has led the church a long way in spiritual strength as well as financial strength under his capable ministry here.

Clark St. Christian Church Greenville, Texas

REV. F. C. CARREY, *Pastor*
MRS. M. HILL, *Secretary*

Let us keep in remembrance these words, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Jude 1 Ch.: 21 Verse.

We are thankful to say our Sunday School is still progressing under the leadership of Bro. Joe Guffen. Our Sunday School pastor, Brother Carrey, giving us spiritual food.

The 28th of April was a very happy Easter Sunday at Clark St. Our prayer meeting began just at the rising of the sun.

Message brought by the pastor. Subject: "And certain of them went to the sepulchre and found him not."

Text: Resurrection of Hope. Luke 16:1-6. "And he saith unto them,

Be not affrightened. Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth which was crucified: he is risen, he is not here."

U. S. M. met at the home of Sister M. Hill. Lesson subject: Love taught by Sister L. A. Whyte. Remarks by pastor.

High Street Christian Church Mt. Sterling, Ky.

J. E. BEAN, *Reporter*

The High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, began its observance of Easter beginning Monday, April 15th. The Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Eliza Jackson, President, sponsored prayer service each afternoon in the homes of the shut-in persons of the city.

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock special service was held climaxing the week of passion. Sermon was brought by our minister on the Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross.

Easter Sunday morning from 5 o'clock to 6 o'clock A.M. a sunrise service was held in the sanctuary of the church. The Women's Missionary Society and the Bible School Department planned a most inspirational worship center using candle light.

Mrs. Eugene Patterson was leader of the sunrise service. At which time the pastor brought another message, Go tell the Brethren.

Promptly at eleven o'clock the sanctuary was filled to capacity for the morning worship. Special music was rendered by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Strother Grubbs with Mrs. Strother Prewitt at the piano. A soul stirring message was brought by Rev. Eugene Patterson, subject "The Proof of His Resurrection." One addition was made to the church, otherwise, with fellowship in this congregation. The Lord's Supper was observed with special emphasis given to its significance.

At 7:30 P.M. the Sunday School Department held its special program for the observance of Easter. A most effective program was presented by Mrs. A. V. Stockton, Bible School Superintendent.

Total offerings for the whole day were \$107.60.

Port Gibson District No. 1

MRS. E. E. CHAMBLISS, *Reporter*
Tillman, Miss.

On April 4th, 1946, the late A. C. Williams of Port Gibson, Miss., laid down the burdens of this life, and went to rest. He was laid to rest

Wednesday afternoon, April 10, at Pine Grove Cemetery.

He joined the church at the age of 14, under pastorage of the late Elder G. T. Trevillion in 1895, where he was brought up in Bible School.

He was made deacon of church in early life and served faithfully. He then was ordained Elder, where he served in this capacity until death. He also served as Secretary of Bible School for District I and of the Church Aid for a number of years.

He was elected Secretary of State Convention of the Brotherhood in 1944.

What he will mean to his widow and loving children cannot be expressed in words.

Miss Sadie Shafer served as mistress of ceremonies. Mr. Rance Gains sang his favorite song, Mrs. Louise Trevillion sang a solo. Elder Spencer preached the memorial. The funeral was conducted in the Pine Grove Christian Church of which he was a member.

He left a devoted wife, two daughters, three sons, one brother, several grandchildren, and many relatives and friends to mourn.

The Port Gibson District No. 1 Church School Quarterly Meeting was held with the Providence Christian Church School, April 27-28, 1946.

Brother Taylor Jackson was the presider. The weather was beautiful and the attendance was many. Elder Dan Brooks delivered to us a wonderful sermon. From John 11:15, And "I was glad for your sake that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe." Christian Endeavor period. C. E. Chambliss was the presider. Mrs. B. E. Green conducted the program. The young people rendered a worth while program. The discussion on the theme was very good. "Working with the Ministers." The District worker's message were the same subject as the theme.

On the second day Church School was conducted by local Superintendent C. E. Chambliss. The Christian Endeavor program was conducted by Mrs. H. E. Carroll, with the children from various schools in the district. Conference class was taught by Bro. R. K. Wynn. Lesson 4, subject—"The Divisions of the Old Testament." The majority took part in class. The lesson was very interesting. Elder Anthony Gordon, a young minister, broke to us the

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bread of life. Text was found 3rd chapter of Genesis 9-10 verses. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said where art thou. And he said I heard thy voice, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.

Money raised as following: Christian Endeavor, \$18.01. Quarterly Meeting, \$43.51. Total, \$61.52.

Williamsburg Christian Church

REV. W. F. KEYES, *Pastor*
CHERRIDELL ELLIE, *Reporter*
211 Snediker Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

And he said unto them, be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth which was crucified; he is risen; he is not here; behold the place where they laid him. St. Mark 16:6.

We can truthfully say that the Spirit rides high, on Easter Sunday as we praise the risen Saviour. Our pastor, Rev. W. F. Keyes, preached a soul stirring sermon. Subject: A True Fact Proved, tell it everywhere you go. St. Mark 16:7.

But go your way tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee, there shall ye see him as he said unto you. He explained that every Christian must go into the highways and hedges and tell the unsaved that Jesus is ready, willing and able to save from sin. Fourteen precious souls were added to the fold. Sunday, April 28th, we enjoyed a sweet fellowship with the pastor, Rev. Whitfield, and congregation of the Mt. Olivet Christian Church of Baltimore, Md. Four buses escorted them into New York. Rev. Whitfield conducted a five-night revival meeting. Each night the gospel was preached to its fullness. On Easter Sunday afternoon the Bible School rendered a program and many young pupils participated with solos and recitations. We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood that we may do more work for the Lord.

Antioch Christian Church Disciples of Christ

Oliver Ave. and Lincoln Highway
New Brunswick, N. J.
REV. S. E. TILLMAN, *Minister*
A. B. WASHINGTON, *Secretary*
To Editor of the Christian Plea:

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

On Sunday, March 10, the interior of our church was destroyed by fire.

The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1:21. We have not missed one Lord's day in giving service in prayer and adoration to His holy name for the wonderful blessing He bestows unto us. As the foundation and basement and wall were left standing, therefore we were able to continue to worship in the basement of the church. Although at times the weather was very unfavorable we resisted the cold and pressed forward, having one service on each Lord's day. On April 7 the pastor preached a stirring sermon on the subject: Rise up ye careless. We had two to join our band. In the afternoon Mrs. Sarah Johnson, President of Pastor's Aid, had a nice program. We were out on Palm Sunday to get another spiritual feast, and there being no night service the members went to pastor's home and gave Brother A. B. Washington a surprise party in honor of his 66th birthday. Easter Sunday we had sunrise prayer service in the auditorium of the church which is being rebuilt. At 11 A.M. our pastor gave us the message on the Risen Christ. At 3 P.M. the Sunday School was out in full bloom to play their part in the Resurrection of Christ. The program was fine under the Supt. A. B. Washington.

The 4th Sunday was Missionary day—always a high day. At 11 A.M. Rev. Brown, the Chaplain from Camp Killmer, preached for us a very good sermon which was enjoyed by all. One came forward for baptism. At 7:30 P.M. the first night service since March 3rd was preached by Elder George Edwards for the Missionary. The spirit of the Lord ran high in our devotional service before preaching, therefore it did not take much wood to keep the fire burning in our hearts. God bless Elder Edwards, whom God raised from a sick bed and bid him to preach his gospel. We have one on the sick list—Sister Rachel Kelly. May she soon recover. On the 24th our pastor's little son, William G. Tillman, celebrated his fourth birthday with a party. There were about 14 to help him celebrate, also guests from New York. He was promoted from the Cradle Roll department to the Beginners class last Sunday. He is a regular attendance scholar. May God bless William G. Tillman that he may live to be a great boy in the Sunday School. We still are asking for aid to rebuild our church. We

need \$2,000 to help complete the work. Asking the prayers of the Brotherhood.

Clay Street Christian Church

By OSCEOLA A. DAWSON

The Roland Hayes' Recital on March 1, sponsored by the Clay Street Christian Church, was an outstanding success, financially, culturally, and in many more ways than can be mentioned. The church cleared more than \$800, which is evidence of its financial success. The cultural benefits of the concert can be clearly seen from the following article which appeared in the Paducah Sun Democrat, Monday, March 4:

"CONTRAST"

"Last Friday more than 100 persons—all Negroes—were under arrest in Columbia, Tenn., as the result of an outbreak of racial feeling that had already led to the deaths of two men and the shooting of two others. Reasons for the trouble are obscure, but there is obviously something wrong in Columbia.

Last Friday night a capacity crowd gathered in the Lincoln high school—a Negro school—auditorium at Paducah. It was a mixed audience; several hundreds of whites were present. White and colored alike enjoyed in complete accord and without self-consciousness, the singing of one of America's finest voices, that of the noted Negro tenor, Roland Hayes.

By contrast with Columbia, there is something obviously right in Paducah. Colored citizens here knew they were presenting a great artist in Roland Hayes, and unselfishly they invited any whites who desired to attend to do so. The result was pleasure for all who were on hand. But there was another important result. For the occasion demonstrated, as has been demonstrated before by so many instances of mutual interest in matters religious, civic, educational, and artistic, that the things that appeal to men's minds and spirits have no relation to color."

But friends, it seems that joy and sorrow either accompany each other or follow very closely behind. On March 3, just as the church was in the midst of its rejoicing over the success of the Roland Hayes' concert as well as over its other accomplishments, a discordant note was struck. Elder Jackson, who had successfully pastored the church for

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four years tendered his resignation. Elder Jackson accepted the pastorate of the Romine Christian Church in Dallas, Texas. This was a great shock to us all. While serving as pastor, Elder Jackson made a very enviable record. Among the many ways in which appreciation for his service to the church and the community were expressed were: a banquet given by the church in his honor, at which he was presented many gifts, including a book of Testimonials; and a community wide program, sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, of which he was president. Elder Jackson's services will be missed by the community as well as by the church.

Since Elder Jackson left on March 17, Elder Winston, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, has been preaching each Sunday.

On Wednesday night, April 15, the church rendered a Missionary Program at the Northside Methodist Church (white). The church is attempting to become more effective in bringing about a better relationship between the races here in this city.

The church asks the prayers of the entire brotherhood that God in His own time will send the right kind of leader.

Tribute to Elder H. Earl Jackson

By OSCEOLA A. DAWSON
Paducah, Kentucky

I am very happy to pay tribute to whom tribute is due while the person is alive and can enjoy it. Too often, we wait until the grim monster, death, claims our friends before we are able to evaluate their sterling qualities. They go along life's way with us; we sense their presence and are soothed with their companionship, but rarely we cast a searching analytical gaze in their direction in an endeavor to divide those hidden excellences which give us pleasure.

So, I am happy, readers, to attempt to pay tribute to Elder H. E. Jackson, who for four years gave unstintingly of his service to the Clay Street Christian Church at Paducah, and also the community. In him is to be found example of the life that is really and truly worthwhile.

"For the life worthwhile cannot be measured by earthly gain a man has treasured;

But by what he has done to lighten

another's load—his dark skies brighten.

The life worthwhile is not achieving
What men call greatness and receiving

Human applause, but freely giving
That others may have joy in living.
The life worthwhile is freely spending

For other's good so at life's ending
The world may be to you a debtor
Because you lived to make it better."

As we reflect upon the accomplishments of the Clay Street Christian Church, we become aware of the sense of obligation which we owe Elder Jackson. He, in the face of great difficulties, during his pastorate here, has caused the following accomplishments to be made:

1. Paying of a \$3,400 building debt.
2. Church cleaned and redecorated.
3. Financial system reorganized.
4. Parsonage redecorated and furnished.
5. Various auxiliaries reorganized to do more effective work.
6. Formulated a recreational program for the church and community.
7. Contributions made to the cultural life of the community, through the presenting of such artists as Southernaires, George Matthews, Rosa Page Welch and Roland Hayes; such speakers as President R. B. Atwood, Mr. Eppse and Miss Jamison.
8. New furnace installed.
9. New pool built.
10. Church became active both in state and national work.
11. Addition of 46 persons to the church.
12. Church now has more than \$1,000 in treasury.

Elder Jackson's services did not end with the Clay Street Christian Church, but rather extended throughout Paducah. We have found him not only teaching and preaching in the church on Sunday, but rendering service along all walks of life—we have found him at the bedside of the sick and the dying, we have found him speaking words of comfort to the bereaved, we have found him encouraging the fallen to pick themselves up, we have found him behind prison walls, giving words of encouragement to the unfortunate prisoners. To the youth and adults of this city, he has been constant living lessons, for he has preached and taught not only by precept, but by example as well. I feel that throughout Paducah, Elder Jackson

has made friends who not only know him, but love and honor him. The people of Paducah know of his service. It is true that a man's works follow him when he dies, but it is equally true that they accompany him while he lives.

It is a thousand pities that Elder Jackson has left Paducah. Yet, there comes a time in every man's life, when he must take stock, when he must estimate losses, evaluate gains and criticize existing plans and objectives. I am sure this is what Elder Jackson has done and has arrived at his conclusion of heeding the call to a higher service. I realize the way has often been hard here for this great pastor, but his works have been tested by fire, and,

"Unhasting his reward approacheth. Behind the mist of tomorrow stands his throne made ready. His place is prepared for him. In due time he shall occupy it and all the world will consent. Destiny makes no mistakes, it is not blinded by fear or favor. Every man shall receive his penny. The Great Shepherd never loses a sheep. In his closet will be clothes enough, in his pantry will be food enough, in his bank money enough, and in his acquaintance, friends enough to last him as long as he is needed in the world. His own will surely come to him. It is on its way. It is stepping surely down from the future and one day will open the door of the Present and come in. And Elder Jackson will be satisfied."

I trust that every year spent in traveling the journey of life will bring to this good man the blessings he so richly deserves.

Mt. Pleasant Christian Church

REV. P. E. CARTER, *Pastor*
905 Druid St.

MRS. THERESA PENNIX
1337 Ashe St.
Greensboro, N. C.

We are glad to have the privilege to send our news to the Christian Plea.

The Building Fund Club of Mt. Pleasant Christian Church sponsored a 60-day rally which began the 4th Sunday in February and ended the 4th Sunday in March. The purpose of the rally was to pay the mortgage of the church and we were very successful in reaching the goal. We raised the sum of \$204.00.

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The loan was secured from the Church Extension Fund.

The plans are laid for the observance of Women's Day and Men's Day, and also the summer revival. The pastor is very grateful for the splendid cooperation on the part of all the officers and members of the church.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Missionary Society is doing a great work. The Missionary Society sponsored the Easter Week of Prayer which began April 15 and ended Sunday morning, April 21 at 6:30 o'clock with a sermon preached by Rev. J. Green. The subject was, "A Man Ought to Always Pray." We had a wonderful time and was blessed with a good attendance.

The eleven o'clock Easter service featured a consecration program in which the whole church participated. It proved to be very effective and profitable.

The program for the young people was given at 7:30 P.M. Everyone enjoyed remarks by the pastor in reference to the program and the Lord's Supper which was observed in a very impressive manner.

The Missionary Society is planning for a week of programs which will consist of preaching and singing. We are hoping for a most successful week. The date will be announced later. All are cordially urged to attend the services.

Broadway Christian Church

ELDER WM. OWENS, *Pastor*

231 W. Broadway
Winchester, Ky.

Dear Plea readers and fellow travelers to the "Highlands":

We are still on the job of Kingdom building, here in Winchester, and the Lord has been mightily with us. We are planning the building of our new recreation center, so that our young people may have a place around the church to gather and play and work.

The two clubs are working earnestly towards the goal. Elder Wilbert's great chorus, from the Norway Ave. church, in Dayton, Ohio, paid us a good will visit last Sunday, and sang their way into the hearts of the folk here in Winchester, under the leadership of Mrs. Anna Laura Harris. A busload of true soldiers of the Cross who left us all rejoicing. My oldest son, Ed, sang the Lord's Prayer to the glory and honor of Jarvis. We have just

ended a 10-day union evangelistic service in conjunction with the three Methodist churches. The four choirs sang together and the meeting was really worth while.

We have a very effective Interdenominational ministers' and officers' alliance here in our city and we are tackling all kinds of evil wherever we find the need. We also have a community chorus which brings the choirs of our churches together monthly. We are thanking God daily for the loving care and thoughtfulness of our people in raising my salary and keeping our pension fund alive.

Last year I was very near the "river"; this year I am trying to make up for lost time; am praying for the closer unity of our brotherhood and the success of our convention this year.

Forrest St. Christian Church

Beaumont, Texas

MAUDE DAVIS, *Pastor*

April 11, Thursday at 8:00 P.M. We began our Educational Programs with a Book Review by Mrs. S. M. Pernetter. The book was "African Journey" by Mrs. Paul Robeson. Mrs. Pernetter proved herself an artist in reviewing this wonderful book. Dr. C. H. Durden, the President of the Baptist Ministers Union, offered the prayer. The Pipkin School Choral Club, under the supervision of Prof. Wineburg, furnished the music, of which the very efficient Miss Emmons Grogan is principal. Preceding Mrs. Pernetter, Mrs. Grace Williams sang "Go Down Moses" which set the house in order for the review. This book review had a new meaning for the writer, since it was purchased with some of the money given the writer as a Christmas gift by Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Pernetter.

April 14, Mrs. Otherie Cozier and Gospel Chorus of Liveoak Baptist Church gave a program of Negro spirituals and old favorite hymns which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Cozier is one of Beaumont's outstanding musicians with a great voice and has one of the best Gospel Choruses in the city.

The church was the recipient of a beautiful antique hard carved mahogany pulpit chair valued at \$150 given by Mr. Charles Young. Mr. and Mrs. Young enjoyed their twenty-fifth Anniversary March 9; they received \$115 in money and over one hundred presents; they received a

large silver stake platter, and silver candle sticks which cost \$65; two individual butter spreaders. Mrs. Young is quite liberal with her church, so is Mr. Young. God blesses a cheerful giver.

Thursday, April 18, was Holy Communion Night. The writer preached, as Rev. O. C. Jacobs of Jarvis Christian College was delayed until Friday morning. We preached from the subject the "Pilgrimage to the Cross." Two young ladies united, making our candidates seven for baptism.

Mrs. Arah Garrett arrived Friday morning to spend Easter with us and to speak to the Missionary Society. Mrs. Garrett is State Missionary President, also a sister of the writer. Her visit proved a God send as she furnished the music for Easter as both our musicians were out of the city for Easter.

Rev. O. C. Jacobs arrived Friday morning in time for our Good Friday prayer service and to be with the Missionary Society when Mrs. Garrett delivered her message which was filled with inspiration and information.

Rev. O. C. Jacobs preached a great sermon Friday night to an appreciative audience. Rev. Jacobs has recently been discharged from the army where he served as an assistant chaplain. He has now entered Jarvis for future study.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Ira Caldwell, also the twins, Mrs. Lola Jones the mother of Mr. Caldwell, and Miss Lulu Smith the aunt, had Mrs. Garrett, who was a school mate at the S. C. I. of Mr. Caldwell, Rev. O. C. Jacobs and myself to a delicious dinner. Mrs. Caldwell is one of those rare culinary artists who can't be beat, when you turn Cecille loose in the kitchen "enough said," for the meal will be fit for a Queen's taste.

Easter morning we reached our climax, the church was beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers. Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Pernetter sent gorgeous Easter lilies, Mrs. Arah Garrett furnished the music. We had for the Meditation, Crucifixion played and sang softly by Mrs. Garrett. Rev. Jacobs' baptismal sermon was a masterpiece. The favorite old baptismal hymn, "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood," was sang as the seven candidates were baptized, ranges from the ages from seven to eighteen. We now have a group of young people



MRS. ELBIE TITUS

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in the church which we are praying we may be able to hold. For Communion "Calvary," the Negro spiritual was sung by the congregation, Mrs. Garrett leading.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young had the three of us to dinner in their palatial home. There they served Bro. Jacobs, Mrs. Garrett and I to a delicious repast in solid silver service. The first time such privilege was mine to eat from full silver service.

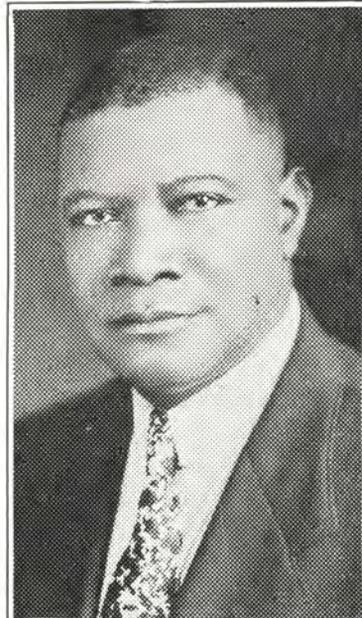
5:20 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Caldwell came to take Mrs. Garrett to the train on which she had to return to Granger, Texas, as she is employed as one of the city teachers and had to on duty Monday.

Rev. Jacobs preached his closing sermon Sunday evening at 8 P.M., which indeed was a masterpiece. Everyone is loud in their praise of this young minister.

Our finance turned out very satisfactory. Our Missionary offering \$13.50. We raised in our Bible School \$13.02 of which we sent to Unified Promotion. We gave Bro. Jacobs \$30.00 for his service, not that we felt we paid him, for it was indeed a great favor to have him with us.

Thursday, May 2, Mrs. Eliza Davis George, a returned Missionary of the Baptist faith, who has spent thirty years in Liberia, was our guest speaker. The house was filled with Baptist women. One thing about

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He told the Editor of the "Plea" that he was flying to California to help Elder C. L. Arnold after closing here.

Baptists they love their own and support their own. We had a great time. Your humble servant decorated the church beautifully. We gave Sister George \$10.00. A large colored map of Africa and a Negro History by Mr. Merle Eppse, to send to Africa the school she started over there.

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Mrs. Johnetta W. Kelso, talented daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker, one of the children who are charter members of the church, delivered a brilliant address.

“Thoughts Taken from Address by Mrs. Johnetta W. Kelso at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church on Founders’ Day, May 12, 1946

Mrs. Kelso was one of the two children who were Founders of the Church. She is the wife of Dr. Julian W. Kelso, Medical Director of the Universal Life Insurance Com-

pany, and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker. (Dr. Walker is President of Universal Life Insurance Company.)

She is a graduate of Fisk University and was “Miss Fisk” of 1928—the honor being bestowed because of her popularity on the campus. She has been an active member of the

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Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church Observes Founders’ Week

REV. BLAIR T. HUNT, *Pastor*

MRS. C. E. ROWAN, *Reporter*

852 Polk Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

Twenty-five years of Christian Service were reviewed during Founders’ Week, May 12-17, 1946. Rev. Blair T. Hunt was called to the pastorate of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church the first Sunday in March 1922. Rev. Hunt was educated at LeMoyne, Fisk, Talladega and Howard University Summer School. Degrees earned—A.B., A.M., and B.Th. He was baptized into the church in August, 1912, and ordained to the ministry in 1918. He served in the United States Army in World War I, attaining the rank of First Lieutenant. He was the first principal of Kortrecht Intermediate School, principal of LaRose School and now principal of Booker T. Washington High School. His work as a civic and religious leader in the community cannot be measured. He was paid many fine tributes by visiting ministers during Founders’ Week.

The opening program of Founders’ Week celebration was May 12, 1946, at 11:15 A.M. Mrs. Johnetta Walker Kelso gave a splendid address on “Religion and the Christian Woman in the Home.” Loud were the praises showered on Mrs. Kelso in giving us such a great masterpiece. It was well fitting to have her as our speaker since she was one of the children Charter members.

The following ministers with their choirs and congregations helped make Founders’ Week a success: Second Congregational Church, Rev. A. D. Pinckney; Emanuel Episcopal Church—Father Julian Simpkins; Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. A. McDaniels; First Baptist Church—Rev. J. M. Mabrit; Centenary M. E. Church

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Housewives' League and for four years held the office of Basileus in the Memphis Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; also served as Southeastern Regional Chairman of National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for two years.

During the 5th War Bond Drive, she received a great amount of praise and recognition from her sorority and citizens of Memphis for selling over \$106,250.00 worth of War Bonds. This was not her first opportunity to prove her salesmanship to the people of Memphis, for immediately after her college graduation, she entered a "Subscribers Contest" given by the local newspaper and was first prize winner—the gift being a Studebaker Commander Sedan.

Mrs. Kelso has always been an ardent Bible student, having been placed in Mt. Herman Seminary at the age of 6, where the Bible was taught daily. Since that time she concentrated on studies in Religion during her college days at Fisk—also assisted as organist for the Church at Alexandria, La., during her seven years residence there.

Founders Day Program May 12, 1946

Topic: "Religion and the Christian Woman in the Home."

It is fitting and proper that we celebrate this Founder's Day Program on Mother's Day. Out of respect and honor to her, to whom the world owes all, this day has been dedicated. Her self-sacrificing love and devotion can never receive its full recompense. She is our greatest heroine and possesses that beauty of character which makes for finer womanhood.

There should be something in everyone's life *greater* than achievements, *grander* than wealth, *higher* than genius, more enduring than fame.

Men and nations cannot depend on education, culture and the refining influences of civilized life *alone*. For character is the one power in the world that will make itself felt. It will demand influence and it will secure respect.

Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Edison often paid tribute to their respective mothers because of their high ideals and the training trans-

mitted to them from their teachings. They lived in history, for their devotion to duty, unselfish aims and consecrated lives.

Woman can have pleasure—but the fact is *she must not go so far as to reflect on her mission*; neither must she stand aloof, shunned, because of her reserve.

Real charm of manner, inclines all hearts toward its fortunate possessor.

When we remember we live in *deeds* and not years; in *thoughts* and not *breaths*, there comes to us a knowledge that a woman must perform those deeds and think those vital and *clean* thoughts which elevate her above the *glamour* of evil pleasures. She must stand firm; she must be Christian! The good society still awaits good men and good women.

Life is a barren desert, over which humanity stumbles to get to *some* goal it knows nothing about. *Why* we travel, *whither* we are going, from *whence* we came, we know not. We only know we are here and that is the sum total of all our knowledge.

In Christ man finds the *truth*. In science he finds the *means* to realize the truth.

High standards of living begin *above* the collar and not below the belt. We must try to sell our companions the *delights* of the mind and spirit and make them understand that "One on God's side is a majority!"

There has been a lot of muddled thinking about *what* religion is. We seek happiness in possessions, power, material goods, but what a sorry plight it has let us into: poverty, misery, death, disease, war, the killings of our inner beings.

The Church is not perfect—yet it is the only institution in the world that gives us information how to live religiously in this world and enter into the joys of the Lord, in the world to come.

If civilization needs Christianity and the home is an ally—then civilization needs the home; not the home where paganism prevails, but the home where there is spiritual insight—in which *spiritual achievement* is given the place of highest honor.

The Church woman's home is her laboratory for Christian living. It is the *testing-ground* of her religion! A decent home contributes to soci-

ety, pride, thrift, honesty and integrity.

Every forward movement has been prompted by *women*. They started the Anti-Slavery Movement. They put the Prohibition Amendment in the Constitution, although men have had it repealed. They constitute the *moral FORCE* which moves the world!

Why do we enjoy church? It isn't what *one gets out of* it, but what *one takes into* it. We turn to church because we feel ourselves in great communion with millions of others all over the world.

Some ministers of today are *not* fountains of Eternal Truth, but if we will submit and relax in *their* church, we'll accomplish; for the church is to be thought of as the "group of the Friends of God," doing His work for Him and living out His love. So—religion is simply faith in something great, belief in one God who is the intelligent ground of the universe; being morally conscious enough to distinguish between good and bad.

Credo's are abstract and formal and no one faith can ever embody the truth of religion—for religious faith (a vital faith) lives *only* in *PERSONS* whose spiritual nature it has awakened and whose idealism it has challenged.

A *real* person is not *egocentric*. He has objective interests, and cares for *other* people for *their* sakes—and as Jesus said, he *finds* life by losing it.

We will always have the cynic: those whose breathtaking struggle is to escape being *called* stupid!

He cries—"Oh Lord, save me from the consequences of my good work!" Why be consigned to that "longed-for-by-some-place" (Heaven) as a reward? I don't like milk. I don't like honey. I hate robes (long or white). I don't want silver slippers and golden streets, and can't sing in any choir! How would I converse with Abraham, Moses or Peter? My question to Noah could be, Why are you just letting the New Negro out of the Ark? How can I call a man 5,000 years old—just Moses? Oh me! I hope they'd give be a hand-book!

However, in view of what has happened during the past five years, we know Christianity has proved its worth. The United States has testified by her deeds, that the brotherhood of men and the welfare of the

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downtrodden is her chief concern.

Today—we pour our food, money and love on the unfortunates of the earth.

Let us *not* forget that the reason for all this charity is—that all instincts of *forbearance* and *mercy*, had their *inception* in the teachings of Jesus and other religious prophets.

The Golden Rule must be applied to all races and creeds. It is our *personal* responsibility to establish on this earth the *kind* of world we want for ourselves, our children and theirs.

The *home* is the church woman's to extend international and racial appreciation and understanding, since the seed of prejudice is often planted by adults in the home.

Let's be determined to build for Christian citizenship. Quote: 46th Psalm, 1st verse—God is our refuge and strength.

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—Rev. H. H. Jones; Rev. W. A. Johnson, Mount Olive C. M. E. Church; and St. John Baptist Church, Rev. A. McEwen Williams. Money raised during Founders' Week was \$1,817.

During October, 1920, six men met in the office of Dr. J. E. Walker to discuss plans for organizing a Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. There were only six men, two women and two children who were willing to undertake the task of organizing a Christian Church. Dr. J. E. Walker was the first and is now present Chairman of the Board. Dr. W. H. Luster was first Secretary; E. E. Bright was first Treasurer; M. W. Bonner, first and present Superintendent of Bible School; Mrs. J. E. Walker, first and present President of Choir and Mrs. Etta Mae Bonner, first pianist. The first president of Missionary Society was Mrs. Ophelia Bickham, the first Christian Endeavor president, Mr. Julius W. Rowan. The surviving charter members are: Miss Roxie R. Crawford, Mr. A. Maceo Walker, Mrs. J. E. Walker, Dr. J. E. Walker, Mrs. Johnetta Walker Kelso, Dr. W. H. Luster, Mr. M. W. Bonner and Mr. E. E. Bright.

At present the church has grown to a membership of 350 and aside from the Bible School, has the fol-

lowing active organizations: Missionary Society, under the able leadership of Mrs. Katie Yarbrough; Christian Youth Fellowship, Prof. J. A. Swayze, President; and Unified Youth Group, Mrs. Mildred Riley, President, Miss Lucille Rhine, Pianist-Director of the Juvenile Choir had four objectives in mind when she organized the Juvenile Choir in 1943. The objectives to be realized were: (1) to create a love for singing; (2) to discover talent; (3) to create a love for service; (4) to increase the membership. The Juvenile Choir has sponsored three Vesper services, two Harvest Day services and a "Ten Virgin Pageant," besides furnishing music for other occasions. A beautiful Loving Cup was won by the Juvenile Choir in October, 1944, for their singing and attendance at St. John Baptist Church.

Prof. J. A. Swayze is Music Director of Senior Choir and the choir finds it difficult sometimes to fulfill the outside requests for music.

Following Founders' Week, the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, started a two weeks revival, with Rev. R. L. Peters, National Evangelist, conducting the services. This was indeed a spiritual feast as all souls were revived. Each one seemed to feel the sincerity and spirituality as they came in contact with this God-fearing man. Twelve were added to the church during the two weeks revival. Among some of the subjects taken during revival were: "The Eternal Life Insurance Company," "Come Let Us Reason Together," "Four Men's Job," "The Pentecostal Power," "Spiritual Survey," "Christ Seeking Sinners," "Come See a Man," "The New Birth," "Why I Am a Christian," "As an Eagle Stirreth Her Nest," and "Dry Bones in the Valley." "Back to the Book" is his slogan. We were all determined to be evangelistic, not in word only but in everything which we do.

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The West Federal Street Church of Christ, Youngstown, Ohio, served by Elder F. T. Barnett, has taken a decided step in the right direction. For the past six months we have projected a vigorous campaign to raise \$6,500 towards the purchase of a home-church, and we are happy to say that our fondest dream is being realized. We have obtained a loan from the Board of Church Extension—this loan together with generous gifts from the Ohio Society and from local white churches of Christ have enabled us to purchase an \$18,000 house of worship containing a magnificent pipe organ.

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Mississippi Speaks

G. W. WALL

Dear Editor, I am coming again to say a word through the Plea as I've tried in the past but I guess my note failed to get in. Well, since I am more concerned about the church than popularity I believe we as Christians should know more about the church of Christ. It is not enough to say I am a member of the church of Christ with no evidence. Why you should be able to say because it's the only one I find in the Book with Christ as author, Matt. 16-18 and 19 and not that alone but this, he established it and it became known on the Day of Pentecost, Acts 2:38, first known in America, 1823, which makes it 122 years old in this country. By Alexander and his son Thomas Campbell. Not numbered among denominations, known only as the church or Body of Christ, 1 Cor. 12-13, Gal. 1-18, Hebrews 12:23. Search the Scripture for in them ye think ye have eternal life, John 5:29 also 17:3.

There are many other Scriptures on this subject. I deem it not necessary to mention but it is good to know something for yourself and not depend on someone else altogether. Never use the term our Sister Church as the church of Christ has no sisters but it has a mother, Gal. 4:26. Jerusalem which above is Free which is the mother of us all.

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NOTICE!

All news must be in by seventh of each month.

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State Convention	Date	Place
Eastern Seaboard District	July 5-7	Baltimore, Md.
Piedmont District	July 7-11	Bluefield, Va.
Texas	July 16-21	Houston
Kansas	July 18-21	Lawrence
Kentucky	July 23-28	Covington
Tennessee	July 25-28	Memphis
Missouri	July 30-August 4	Columbia
Ohio	July 31-August 4	Dayton
Oklahoma	August 1-4	Chickasha
International Convention	August 6-11	Columbus, Ohio
Arkansas	August 7-11	N. Little Rock
Mississippi	August 14-18	Hermanville
National Convention	August 20-25	Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Florida	Sept. 19-22	Pensacola
South Carolina	Oct. 10-13	Ehrhardt
Goldsboro Assembly District	Oct. 23-27	
Alabama	Oct. 24-27	
Georgia	Oct. 24-27	Oconee

Board of Church Extension Helps Negro Churches

The Norwood Christian Church of Dayton, Ohio, and the West Side Christian Church of that city have entered into a contract whereby the present West Side property is to be sold to the Norwood Church.

The Norwood Church has experienced such growth in recent years that its present property is entirely inadequate. E. W. Wilbert, minister of the church, is leading the congregation in this building project.

The West Side Church plans to build in a new and developing section of the city. Keith McNeil is the minister.

The Robbin Street Christian Church, Covington, Kentucky (H. C. Poston, minister), recently dedicated its new sanctuary. A. F. Wickes of the Board of Church Extension served as advisory architect.

On April 29th the ministers of the Greater Cincinnati Area held their regular meeting in the sanctuary of the Robbin Street Church. All were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the utility and beauty of the new church.

The Robbin Street Church, the churches of the Greater Cincinnati Area, and the Board of Church Extension are cooperating in the development of an adequate financial program for this work. William T. Percy, Treasurer, represented the Board of Church Extension at the April 29th meeting.

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"Good News From Youngstown, Ohio"

F. T. BARNETT, SR., *Minister*

The Federal St. Church will give \$150.00 to our National Convention in N. Y.

It is not clear in my mind why some churches are lucky enough to make a headline in our "Christian Plea" while others cannot get a write-up. We have tried in vain to have our brotherhood public to know some of the things that we are doing aside from giving \$100.00 to the National Convention, say nothing about the \$150.00 they asked us to raise this year. I told my people a portion of this sum was for the support of our Christian Plea, which has not represented us, and of all vegetation they gave me tomatoes; and why shouldn't they? For this alone the subscriptions have reduced 50 per cent. It is heart breaking to me for if there is any one thing that I want to see alive in our brotherhood it is "Good News."

Since you read our news last, great things has been done. We have raised \$9,000 together with our good white brethren of Ohio. Our church will be the first church of any kind to receive a grant from the board of Church Extension. We received a \$1,000 grant and a \$8,000 loan and now ready to purchase the beautiful Lincoln Avenue Church beautifully equipped with pipe organ and all church facilities, at a total cost of \$18,000, over half of which has been raised and paid with clear receipts. Mr. Gaines M. Cook, secretary of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society, is largely responsible for the achievement and was a moving spirit in the contact of our white brethren. The Dedication Service is expected to take place on July 14th. Aside from my busy task of late, we, as a state, have put forth a special effort to meet our state quota for the Nation-

al Convention. Our state goal is \$1,500.00. The challenge between F. T. Floyd and F. T. Barnett that was made last year in Nashville still stands. If Kentucky expects to beat Ohio she will have to put on speed, for all churches in Ohio have exceeded their goals.

South Side Christian Church

REV. R. E. LATOUCHE, *Pastor*
LUCILLE EDWARDS, 3822 Indiana Ave.
Reporter
Chicago, Illinois

Easter was a record breaking day in attendance at South Side too. A very highly spiritual worship service was led by the young people during the regular morning service. Easter Sunday being the third Sunday of which the young people have charge of every month. Rev. John B. Eubanks delivered the morning message and Mrs. Rosa Page Welch assisted the Junior and Young People's Choir with special music. An addition to the membership roll was received in the person of Mrs. C. Heath. The Sunrise Service was conducted by the Missionary Society, who served breakfast immediately following the Sunrise Service. The Sunday School program and Egg Hunt and the rendition of the "Seven Last Words" by the Indiana Avenue and South Side Choirs lent much to the recreation of the spirit that prevailed during the Resurrection of Christ.

The Sunday School acknowledged on Mother's Day special recognition to Mrs. Annie Floyd, the oldest mother in the church; Mrs. M. Johnson, the mother having the largest number of sons to serve in World War II, whose four sons were present at this service; and Mrs. Charlotte Shepherd, the youngest mother. All mothers were recognized with a special contribution in their honor by members of the church school. The morning service was very inspiring with appropriate music by the choir and special hymn interpretations and readings by Mrs. Evelyn Hudson and Miss Ruth O. Thomas.

In recognition of National Family Week South Side had the honor of having Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Welch and family to be selected as a family to speak over the radio network telling of the many things they enjoy as a family. Mrs. Ola Shaw and family was selected by the CYF in a special program where they also related how they lived as a family.

The Teacher's Training Course,

started by Mr. Charles Sherman before his departure to Jarvis, is now in charge of Mr. Eubanks. During this course the History of the Disciples' Church will be reviewed and the history of other religions will be studied. These classes are not only popular with the teachers, but the members and friends of the church school.

Summer classes are being planned for the Sunday School by Henry Shepherd, who will teach art and handicraft for a six weeks course. Mrs. Shepherd is heading up the Daily Vacation School this year with the able assistance of Mrs. M. La-Touche.

Congratulations were extended recently to Mrs. Lillian Tyler and her committee on the success of the Annual Bazaar sponsored by the Missionary Society. The finest of hand work was displayed and sold. Mrs. Emily Keys, President, is thanking the members for their fine cooperation and especially Mrs. Mattie Lanier and Mrs. Lillian Black for their splendid report. Very informative meetings were conducted for the Indiana Avenue and South Side Missionary Societies by our National Director of Missionary Organizations, Mrs. L. Ruth Patterson.

The Brotherhood and its president, L. C. Robinson, are looking forward to its big day of Father's Day. Special programs are being planned by the various departments and similar recognitions will be made to the fathers as were to the mothers. Our National Director of Evangelism and Church Development, Dr. C. L. Parks, visit was very beneficial.

The Cradle Roll Department reported new members of the following parents: Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Simpson, Nancy and Samuel Smith, Henry and Charlotte Shepherd, and Geneva and Johnson Griffin.

At the regular morning service, June 2, the following will be ordained: Elders: Walter S. Keys and Dewey Jackson, and as Deacon, James W. Ross.

As we close our church year, June 30, we are going to continue to help our fellowmen understand the meaning of a Christian Way of Life. We want to minister unto those in need spiritually as well as financially; to lift those who have fallen by the wayside; to comfort the sick and shut-ins; and to encourage those who are pursuing the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Edwards Chapel Christian Church

MRS. J. H. WOODARD, JR., *Reporter*
Russellville, Arkansas
815 W. 4th St.

During the month of May we enjoyed the fine fellowship with our national tri-state field workers. On the 7th Mrs. L. Ruth Patterson was with us and addressed our Missionary Society which was very impressive and enjoyed by all. Presidents of Missionary Societies of the City were present and expressed words of inspiration for a better and more progressive Society for the incoming year. The offering was \$6.50; Mrs. Mary Woodard Brown was pianist. While in the city Mrs. Patterson was guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woodard, Jr.

On the 20th and 21st Elder R. Westly Watson brought two soul stirring messages; the offering for both nights was \$14.50 after service conference was held with the members. Mrs. Grown, a former member here, now has membership with Daryon St. Christian Church in Tyler, Texas.

Clark St. Christian Church

Greenville, Texas

ELDER F. C. CARREY, *Pastor*
MRS. MABEL HILL, *Secretary*

We are thankful to say that the month of May was a beneficial one each Lord's Day. Morning and evening we have the gospel preached in its fullness.

Our pastor feeds us with the Word of God out of the depth of his soul; seems as if our sainted group is moving forward to success and are trying with both soul and body to accomplish the task that is set before them.

We can say our Sunday School, under the leadership of our Superintendent, Deacon J. O. Griffen, is moving along splendidly. Every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the Sunday School assembles together with a whole heart to read the Word of God.

On Sunday, May 12, we had a group of distinguished visitors: Prof. T. W. Pratt of Dallas, Texas and his sister from Pavis, Texas, each made timely remarks about the progress of the church from their childhood days up to the present time. Words that were spoken marked the time of their past steadfastness, of their past church life, which will give life to the soul in generations to come, also

Mrs. Mary Marshel, Colorado, Tex. Reading by Emma Ridge, "The Mother and Her Dying Child."

Antioch Christian Church

Oliver Ave. and Lincoln Highway
New Brunswick, N. J.

REV. S. E. TILLMAN, *Minister*
A. B. WASHINGTON, *Secretary*

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. We are truly glad to be able to worship in our church again, after our misfortune, by fire. Yes, we are now praising God for his wonderful blessing, which enabled us to hold services in the auditorium. The first Sunday in May was pastoral day, and in the morning the pastor preached a soul stirring sermon. We had one to come forward and join our band for the army of the Lord. At 3 o'clock the pastor aid under the leadership of Mrs. Sarah Johnson, rendered a program of spiritual song by the Heavenly Light Quartet of Newark, N. J. The young men sang with the spirit of Christ. They were Christian young men. May God ever bless them. On the second we worshipped with the Philadelphia Christian Church, Newark, N. J. Elder Lucus is minister. Our pastor, Elder Tillman, had charge of morning and night service. In the morning the subject was the church. He gave us the origin and the fundamental principle of the Christian Church. It gave us more light on the church. At 7:30 p.m. the subject was Dry Bones, Ezek. 37. Our choir rendered music for both services. On May 14 to 16 your scribe, A. B. Washington, attended the 83rd Annual Convention of New York and New Jersey Christian Missionary Society (Woman's) Columbia Ave. Church of Christ, Rochester, N. Y. Rev. Vere Gillespie, minister; the meeting was largely attended. On her return she visited her sister in Beacon, N. Y., Mrs. James Sheton, and Sunday, May 19th, worshipped in the Beathasada Congregation Christian Church, Bronx, N. Y., Rev. Brodie, Minister.

On the fourth Sunday, regular services were held in morning followed by holy communion. At 4 p.m. The Knights of Pythias—Court of Cathanthis of Bright Hope Lodge No. 36, Progressive Lodge 34 held their annual service. The service was well attended and very nice program rendered.

The annual sermon was preached

by Rev. Kelley of Pennington, N. J. The subject, Shielding Shadows, Isa. 4:6. The message was enjoyed by all. There were no night services. This church door stands ajar with a spiritual feast and hearty welcome. We are still on our steady march, trying to raise two thousand dollars to complete our church. We would be glad of any donation, we are in need of small Bibles for our school and church. We are asking help, as God loves a cheerful giver.

Corinth Christian Church

Kilgore, Texas

PRES. P. C. WASHINGTON, *Pastor*
In Charge
MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON,
Reporter

During these spring months of service there have been splendid memories that followed us as we stay at our post of duty. Sunday School is good, wonderful attendance each Sunday. Missionary Society is doing fine work. We are decorating our rostrum with nice chairs. Also our church is very nicely lighted up, both in and outside, with electric lights. Pastor Washington brought to us an untiring mother's day sermon on the 2nd Sunday; was grateful to have had visiting us Mrs. E. Gipsom of Oak Hill, a splendid Christian woman. We planned a mother's day program but was omitted owing to death.

God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. Death came and took one of our brothers, Eugene Sanders, May 9th. Funeral services Sunday, May 12th; processional, Mrs. P. C. Washington; eulogy, Pres. P. C. Washington.

Just a few days he went away to receive a great reward that was promised him; one day his works are over now, and he will rest with the loved. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved wife and children. The Father knew best so he called him from labor to that great beyond rest.

United Christian Church

5631 30th St.

REV. R. L. JORDAN, *Pastor*
MISS IRENE HARVEY, *Reporter*
3335 Scovel Place, Detroit, Mich.

The United Christian Church has been progressing the past months toward the buying of the new church. We expect to enter soon. Most of the fund required has been raised.

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UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Our members have worked hard and faithfully in pledging and helping in the raising of the necessary funds needed.

Not long ago the United Christian Church was honored to hear Prof. Eppse speak. His analysis of current trends was very helpful indeed. Several leaders of country and state wide reputation in attendance plan to invite him back to Detroit as guest of this city in the near future. We were happy to have this unusual message brought by Prof. Eppse at a time when it was needed. Not only in Detroit but throughout America.

March 24, 1946, the United Christian Church ordained Mr. Thomas W. Courts to the Christian ministry. He attended Jarvis College one year and is at present a senior at the Great Lakes Theological Seminary in Detroit. Those participating in the ordination were Rev. C. L. Parks, National Director of Church Development and Evangelism; Rev. S. V. Mattson, Sect. Mich. Christian Missionary Society, and Rev. R. L. Jordan, Minister of the United Christian Church.

Corinth Christian Church

Kilgore, Texas

DR. P. C. WASHINGTON, *Pastor**In Charge*

MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON,

Reporter

We are glad to say that the members of Corinth are trying to worship the Lord and also serve him. Sunday School is splendid, also the Missionary Society. Everything on the alert and at their post of duty. If you are looking for the spirit of Christ, come to Corinth where a hearty welcome awaits you. We are doing big things over here at Corinth. Now making preparation for electric lights, and too, the Sunday School Convention will be held here in June. On the 2nd Sunday Bro. Washington preached the Gospel to its fullness. He feeds us with the Word of God out of the depth of his soul, from this "Cornerstone of Christianity". Along with him Mrs. Washington, his wife, who is serving as our pianist. We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood that our works and efforts will press on and bear fruit. The faithful few which represent the Christ in most churches can always be depended on. We

thank God for them for the laborers are few.

The Second Christian Church

Muskogee, Oklahoma

S. B. WALLECK

460 Howard St.

The Second Christian Church's Auxiliaries are wide awake. The Church has recently called a pastor in the person of Rev. A. D. Littles. We have added to the official staff two new deacons in the persons of Mr. I. A. Middleton and Mr. Sylvester Howell.

The Church seems to be taking on new life. It has launched a financial drive beginning with the 1st Sunday in May, ending the 1st Sunday in June to raise \$250. The Second Sunday in May was a high day. Mother's Day was observed.

Finance raised throughout the entire Church for that day was \$104.

We were favored May 16 with a visit by our state president, Elder J. B. Holmes who brought a very inspiring message, subject, "God's Call To Service."

The church is planning some big things for the future. From January to May we have raised \$239.48.

Elder A. D. Little, Pastor.

3402½ Giles Avenue

Chicago 16, Illinois

June 3, 1946

Calling All Choir Members and Soloists:

On the Sunday evening of our National Convention week, we are planning a mammoth Sacred Concert to be given by the choirs of our churches throughout the country. With interest, enthusiasm and cooperation it can easily be one of the most outstanding features of any of our conventions.

All of you are expected to come to Brooklyn, N. Y., ready to give extra time for rehearsals and then on Sunday evening for the Sacred Concert. Individual Choirs or Groups will choose your own number or numbers (not more than two.) For the massed choir, will you please learn the following numbers:

1. "The Hallelujah Chorus"—Handel—(From the Messiah).
2. "My God and I" (A Latvian Spiritual)—Sergei—Negro Spirituals.
3. "Climbin' Up the Mountain Children"—Wm. Henry Smith.
4. "Steal Away"—N. Clarke Smith.

With thanks and appreciation for your cooperation, we are

Sincerely yours,
Rose A. S. McCrea,
Brooklyn, New York;
Rosa Page Welch,
Chicago, Illinois,
Co-Chairmen.

Kentucky District No. 6

MARY W. MORTON

Mt. Sterling, Ky.

District No. 6 had a fine meeting at North Middletown, Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9. Theme: "Launching a Program for Christian Service."

We were honored to have our Executive Secretary and National Director of Christian Education, Eld. E. J. Dickson, with us. He spoke concerning the National Convention program and installed new officers in the district. We also had with us, our State Evangelist, Eld. G. E. Letton, who brought an inspiring message Sunday morning. Eld. R. S. Saunders of Lexington dropped in on us and spoke in interest of the Young People's Conference. Those in our district that appeared on program were: Mrs. Sara Jones, Prof. J. E. Bean, Mrs. Estela Strawder, Mrs. Irene Smith, Mrs. Hunter, and Mrs. Elster. Mrs. A. V. Stockton served as guest Superintendent. Mesdames Patterson, Saunders, Bristow, Davis and Misses Odie B. Lewis and Greta Reeves were unable to appear on program as scheduled.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Church Department:

Pres.—Prof. J. E. Bean.

Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Emma Owens.

Sect'y—Mrs. Irene Smith.

Asst. Sect'y—Mr. Bennie Garrett.

Treas.—Mr. Ed Berry.

Bible School:

Pres.—Mr. Buford Hall.

Vice-Pres.—Miss Mary M. Butler.

Sect'y—Miss Mary W. Morton.

Asst. Sect'y—Mrs. Effie H. Garrett.

Treas.—Mr. Ed Strawder.

C. Y. F.:

Pres.—Miss Mary A. Patton.

Vice-Pres.—Miss Elizabeth Johnson.

Sect'y—Miss Alberta Botts.

Asst. Sect'y—Miss Mary E. Chenuault.

Treas.—Miss Mary C. Strawder.

Missionary:

Pres.—Mrs. Estelle Strawder.

Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Sara Jones.

Sect'y—Miss Mary D. Fletcher.

Asst. Sect'y—Mrs. Julia Patton.

Treas.—Mrs. Isabelle Botts.

Center Point Christian Church Greenville, Texas

REV. H. G. SMITH, *Pastor*
MRS. BEULAH MAE CHRISTIAN,
Reporter

In memorial of our dear sister, Mrs. Elzena Ward who departed this life on May 26th.

Mrs. Elzena Ward was born July 2, 1902, in Dixon community. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hurdle. She confessed Christ at an early age under Bro. J. T. Ramsey and was a faithful worker in the Sunday School and Church as long as she was able. She was married to Mr. Abe Ward Dec. 16, 1923, and was a devoted wife and mother. There was born to this union five children, four boys and one girl. An infant son preceded her in death.

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power and all that beauty and all that wealth e'er gave await alike the inevitable hour. Thus has the fleeting years proved true; whereas in the all-wise providence of a just and merciful Father, this beloved wife and mother and kindly friend has come at last to that inevitable hour and whereas, she has by her exemplary life and her beneficence to her fellow woman endeared herself to us all and whereas, we realize that her passing the family has lost a devoted wife and mother the community a loyal citizen and the church a humble and trustworthy servant in the cause of righteousness; and whereas, we realize that the hearts of relatives and friends have been saddened by her sad demise; Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the church, take this means of extending our deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends, and be it further resolved, that in this, their hour of sadness, we commend them to Him who doeth all things well, and who alone is able to succor and comfort in their direst hour of need.

—From Center Point
Christian Church.

Tennessee-Arkansas Youth Meet

MRS. C. E. ROWAN, *Reporter*

The Tennessee-Arkansas Christian Youth Fellowship Meet was held in Memphis, Tennessee, at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, May 3, 4, 5, 1946, under the direction of Miss Ruth Patterson of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Mrs. Mildred Riley, local adult Youth Leader. The meet was well attended and included representatives from Indianapolis,

Indiana, Kansas City, Missouri, Little Rock and North Little Rock, Arkansas, and Memphis. It was interracial and interdenominational. Denominations represented were: Unitarians, Methodist, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventists, Christian Scientist, Congregational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Disciples of Christ.

The meet began Friday evening at 3:00 o'clock with registration, recreation and Welcome Dinner Program. The Christian Youth Fellowship Co-President, Miss Mary Frances Oliver of Memphis, extended the delegates a cordial greeting of welcome, which was accepted by Miss Marjorie Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas. Worship Service "THE WORLD GOD WANTS IN AFRICA" led by Memphis youth of different churches. After which Rev. T. O. Slaughter, Director of Religious Education of Tennessee and pastor of Decatur Avenue Christian Church, addressed the audience on "Activities and Possibilities of the C. Y. F. program in the local church." Rev. V. W. Koeper returned Lutheran Missionary from Africa, addressed the group on "Life, Mores and Customs of the Ibibios," accompanied by a movie.

Saturday morning found the meet opening the morning meditation with the youth of Arkansas: "WE MUST BE THE WORLD WE WANT." Interest and discussion groups were as follows: Rev. Virgil E. Havens of Indianapolis, Indiana, returned Christian missionary from Africa, taught a group on the topic, "Africa's Role in the World Today." He later addressed the entire assembly and presented a picture of a missionary journey "Half Way Across the World to Mondombe Africa."

Group II—Led by Miss Margarette Bicknell, Sociology Director at LeMoyné College, Memphis, "Christian Youth and World Order."

Group III—Led by Elder R. Wesley Watson of Kansas City, Missouri: "Christian Youth Discovers Africa."

In the afternoon the group gathered in automobiles for a sightseeing tour of the city, which ended at Memphis Memorial Park on Poplar Pike where sceneries at a Grotto on the life, birth and resurrection of Christ were enjoyed by every one. These sceneries were depicted in wax figures with beautiful murals as

a background.

The Fellowship Banquet at 6:30 P.M. was attended by 130 enthusiastic youth and adults of both races and several churches, demonstrating that it is possible even today to put into practice the teachings of Jesus.

Curios were exhibited by Rev. Koeper. Solo, "My God and I," by Miss Mary Lee Fralich and duet by Miss Bettye Ann Evans and Mrs. Katherine Evans Flowers. Banquet address by Rev. Havens, after which the assembled group marched upstairs to the sanctuary where their voices were blended in the atmosphere of consecration with Rev. and Mrs. Long and youth of Highland Avenue Christian Church—"With Christ We Build Anew."

Sunday morning the delegates were inspired by addresses from Rev. Wesley Watson on "The Five G's of the Church," and Rev. Havens on "Have You Got a Match?" Consecration offering of \$21.70 was sent to the Christian World Friendship Fund.

Memorial Services were held for those who labored with us a year ago and have passed on to the great beyond.

Resource leaders were Elder O. B. Garner, Mrs. Daisy Dean, Mrs. Orene Cole, Mrs. T. B. Moore, Mrs. H. C. Mothershed, Mr. J. T. Chandler, Sr., Miss Carmine Paty, Rev. Charles Ross, Rev. T. O. Slaughter, and Elder Blair T. Hunt.

The meet was closed with a friendship circle Sunday evening.

Mt. Sterling Church

MARY W. MORTON

Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

Rev. J. H. Bryant of Winchester was ordained at High St. Christian Church Sunday, May 26. Rev. William Owens of Winchester brought the message and it was one that will be long remembered.

Elder Russell Harrison of Lexington brought a message to the Young People and adults Sunday, May 19th. His subject was "Living Victoriously" and this message served as a challenge to Young People. There was one addition.

The C. Y. F. had a program and Box Social at the church Tuesday, May 21st.

Instead of our traditional Wednesday evening prayer service, we are having preaching every Wednesday night. Rev. Patterson started

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the series of sermons with a message on "Baptism." Wednesday night, June 12th, he brought a message on Pentecost which was very inspirational.

The C. Y. F. observed Children's Day.

The Lone Star Quartet of Lexington sang at the church June 4.

Rev. Matthews of Owingsville preached at the church June 5 and his choir sang.

Rev. E. J. Dickson, Executive Secretary and National Director of Christian Education, brought a wonderful message Sunday, June 9th, at High St. Christian Church.

Mr. Joe Jackson's group had a tea at the American Legion Home Sunday afternoon, June 9th.

Flag Day was observed by the Missionary Society.

The Buckeye Harmonizers of Columbus, Ohio, sang at the High St. Christian Church June 28th.

All three of the groups organized are working hard for the rally which will be July 7th.

A very impressive memorial service was held at the church in honor of the late Pvt. Frank Thomas who was recently killed while on duty overseas.

Report to the Brotherhood

L. RUTH PATTERSON

April 26-28, local church visits were made to the South Side Christian Church and the Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago. Mrs. A. L. Martin, National Area Worker, planned the conferences with local church pastors and missionary organization presidents. Friday evening, April 26, and Monday evening a mass meeting was held at Indiana Avenue after which refreshments were served by the Missionary Society of both churches. Sunday evening the Women's Society of South Side Christian Church provided an opportunity for the National Director of Missionary Organizations to bring a message. An offering of five dollars (\$5.00) was given to be applied as travel fund.

May 3-4 the "World Fellowship Youth Meet" of Tennessee and Arkansas was held at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. This meet was interdenominational and interracial. Those who brought young people from Little Rock, Arkansas, to at-

tend the meet were: Elder O. B. Garner, minister of Cross Street Christian Church; Mrs. Daisy Dean, Director of the local CYF of the Cross Street Christian Church; Elder T. R. Moore, minister of Mt. Siani Christian Church; Mrs. T. R. Moore, Director of the Mt. Siani local CYF. Youth from the host church as well as from other churches of the city attended the meet. This meet was sponsored locally, both efficiently and effectively, by Mrs. Mildred S. Riley of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church. The Consecration offering of \$21.70 was received and applied on the Christian World Fellowship Fund of Arkansas and Tennessee.

I was invited to bring a message to the Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, by the minister, Elder O. B. Garner, who planned the evening of May 6 for the message. An offering of \$6.20 was received to be applied on the Church's Missionary Society Goal for 1945-46. A most encouraging observation made was the purchasing of a beautiful parsonage along with new furnishings. It is evident that Elder Garner is doing a marvelous work here both spiritually and financially.

Tuesday, May 7, a local visit was made to the Edwards Chapel Christian Church, Russellville, Arkansas. Mrs. Sallie Woodard, Secretary of the local society, had put forth an unusual effort in planning the program. It was most encouraging to speak to this group. An offering of \$6.50 was reported to be applied on this Woman's Missionary Goal for 1945-46.

Wednesday, May 8th, I visited the Mt. Siani Christian Church, Elder T. R. Moore, minister. Here again I was welcomed as a representative from the National Office. An offering of \$7.25 was taken and this amount was applied on the National Goal for 1945-46.

May 9-12, Mrs. Elmer Doolin, State Women's Missionary President, invited me to be a Resource Leader in the Third District Convention of Missouri. The Convention was well attended and representatives from practically all of the churches in this area were present. It is evident that this district is launching into an effective program of Christian Education, Missionary Education, Church Development, and Youth Work under the leadership of District Directors. Mrs. Doshia Chat-

man, Madison, Mo., is the newly elected Third District Woman's Missionary President. The District Woman's Society reported \$10.00 to be applied on the State Goal for Missouri.

This concludes my field activities from April 23 to May 22.

North Balton Street Christian ChurchLEALA COX, *Secretary*
Jacksonville, Texas

Rev. R. C. Page, the State Evangelist, was here on the eighth of April to carry out his work for the district. Mrs. Titins was here in the city at the home of Mrs. McCoy running one week meeting at A.F.M. Church. Every one was invited to attend. Rev. P. C. Washington is at his post every first and third Sunday night service. Scripture lesson found 26th chapter of Matthew. Read from 30th verse, text, "Going a Little Further." Money raised, \$26.22. The Woman's Missionary Society is doing fine, but there is room for improvement. The city wide Mission rendered a program at Sweet Union Baptist Church on May 3. Mrs. Bessie M. Ewing administered ceremony. Mrs. Josephine White, president. The Order of Eastern Star and ----- combined turned out on Palm Sunday at C.M.E. Church. Rev. Ran, from Jarvis College, introduced the speaker who was P. C. Washington, taking charge then after the sermon. Refreshing was the service. Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Inviting every body to come out. Sister Allimae Johnson, the daughter of sister July Washington, had an operation on May 30th. She is resting fine. P. C. Washington and family were invited out to the home of Bro. A. A. Spencer Sunday.

Mississippi Churches Report

For the faithfulness of Missionary work throughout the state of Mississippi.

BY ELDER JOHN C. WEST

Through 42 years both spiritually and financially, on April 21st, the same being Easter Sunday, we the Brotherhood of Providence Christian Church, deemed it necessary to give our beloved Brother West his first anniversary for his sincerity in the field of Mission. We did not expect the wide spread donations such as we were blessed with since we had a

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very short time to serve notice through our community and churches, but God bless the faithfulness of Brother West; therefore it seemed as he allowed the news to drive swiftly, like unto a whirlwind. When we were ready to make our drive we found that the news had reached as many as three states: Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana.

We will now name a few donations that we wish to appear in the print of the Christian Plea, as follows:

My white Christian friends, Mr. Henry Wade and Sons of Oakridge, La.	\$3.00
Mr. E. G. Wade, Jackson, Miss.	3.00
The Cliborn Hdw. Co., Port Gibson, Miss.	2.50
Mr. Michel Ellis, Port Gibson, Miss.	1.00
Mr. Abe Frishman, Port Gibson Miss.	1.00
Sheriff M. M. Montgomery, Port Gibson, Miss.	1.00
Mr. R. D. Wade (Prospect Hill), Tillman, Miss.	1.00
Mr. R. D. Gage, Sr., Port Gibson, Miss.	1.00
Mr. H. Freshman, Port Gibson, Miss.	1.00
Mr. D. R. Israel, Postmaster, Tillman, Miss.	1.00
White Friend M. Shirman, Post Gibson, Miss.	1.00
Mr. J. M. Bare, Port Gibson, Miss.	1.00
Mr. Thomas Segrese, Port Gibson, Miss.	1.00
Many other white friends donated 25 cents and 50 cents. We shall not name to use less space in print.	
My Colored Brethren:	
Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn.	\$5.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Miss Lulie West, Chicago, Ill.	2.00
Dr. A. R. Walker	2.00
Elder I. C. Franklin	2.92
Miss Annie Franklin	1.00
Bro. C. A. James, Tillman, Miss.	1.00
Sister Alice Monroe, Port Gibson, Miss.	1.00
Elder N. R. Trevillian	1.50
Elder M. N. Newson, Port Gibson, Miss.	1.00
Churches:	
Pine Grove Church of Christ, Port Gibson, Miss.	1.51
Mercy Seat Baptist Church, Port Gibson, Miss.	4.05
St. John Baptist Church	4.25
Jefferson County Church of Christ, Tillman, Miss.	3.50

Tillman Chapel Church of Christ, Tillman, Miss.	5.00
Rose Hill Church of Christ, Tillman, Miss.	5.00
St. Luke Church of Christ, Patison, Miss.	4.99
Donations of Providence Church of Christ Brotherhood:	
Deacon P. J. Chambliss	\$1.00
Mrs. P. J. Chambliss	1.00
Mrs. Rosetta Weaver	1.00
Mrs. Bernice Green	1.00
Mr. Ben Reed	1.00
Balance of Brotherhood	7.50
Donations not mentioned	23.78
Total	\$105.00

Notes From the Old Asparagus Bed

BY A. D. GAULT
Mayslick, Ky., Route No. 2

Hello to the Brotherhood. I just like to say everything is moving along very well in the Old Asparagus Bed. Since spring we have been going right along. Rev. E. B. Toles is still our pastor. He has been with us five years, preaching for us the first and third Sundays each month. The war is over now we should be able to do more church work. About all of our boys who were in the armed forces are back home now. April 20th I attended a State Board Meeting in Lexington. Mayslick sent up \$7.00 for the state work. April 26-27 Mrs. Maggie Cross, Miss Susie Cross, Mrs. William Gibbs, Sr., Mrs. Izetta Washington, Miss Carlien Washington and A. D. Gault attended a District Meeting at Carlisle. The meeting was good. Mrs. Maggie Cross was the delegate. Easter Sunday the Sunday School gave an Easter program, sponsored by William Bennett, Supt. We also had an egg hunt at the school ground.

I would just like to say to the Churches of Kentucky, our state Convention is approaching, which will be in July, and we have a great state program to carry out. Each church has been apportioned \$1.00 per active member to take care of this program.

We have a full time state evangelist in the field. We hope to have a full time state evangelist in the field next year. Next year is our Diamond Jubilee year. We hope to have \$1,000.00 in the treasury. As your state Financial Secretary I am depending on you for your support

in the state work.

Also each church has been apportioned \$1.00 per member for the National Convention.

Please send the national money to Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn. I am depending on the pastors, and the church leaders, that Kentucky may go forward with the good work.

Yours for Better Work,
A. D. GAULT.

Nicholasville Church

MRS. ANNIE MAE TAYLOR

We are pleased to report that we are back on the firing line. We have called Rev. J. T. Moore as pastor; he and his good wife comes from Nashville to take charge of "Old First." Installation was held May 5. Rev. G. E. Letton, state evangelist, officiated. Music was by the Lexington E. 2nd Christian Church. C. A. Taylor brought greetings from First Baptist Church, and Rev. R. H. Walker from Bethel A. M. E. Church.

Our church is to visit Rev. S. C. Devine and church in Cincinnati June 23; and he will fill a return engagement July 14, for our "homecoming rally." Then on to Covington for the state convention. We are asking your prayers that we will be able to do great work for the Master and His cause.

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C. L. PARKS

National Director of Church Development and Evangelism

For quite a while now we have not spoken to you through the press but have visited and talked face to face with many Disciples over a large area of our brotherhood. Our program of Evangelism, in the form of Institutes for Ministers in service, plus servicing local churches kept us more than busy throughout the first four months of this year. The last Institute was conducted at Southern Christian Institute, April 9th through 12th. We moved from there to the Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, where Brother P. A. Gray is minister, to conduct a Pre-Easter Evangelistic Campaign. This effort lasted a week with the following results: Ten additions, seven by baptism and three by transfer, and \$427.53 raised for missions. Places where other Institutes were held in addition to the one mentioned above are: Dallas, Texas, February 5-8; Kansas City, Missouri, February 12-15; Louisville, Kentucky, February 19-22; Baltimore, Maryland, March 7-8; Goldsboro, North Carolina, March 12-15.

The number of pastors attending were 102 and through them more than 15,000 Disciples are privileged to benefit from the information, training and fellowship of the Institute effort.

The last week in April we were engaged in council with the National Christian Youth Fellowship Planning Conference in Indianapolis under the direction of Mr. E. J. Dickson, National Director of Christian Education and Acting Executive Secretary of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

During the month of May we served our churches of Covington, Nicholasville, and Paducah, Kentucky, and Valdosta, Georgia; and attended a conference on Evangelism held in St. Louis, Missouri.

In all of these contacts, the work has been pleasant, informative, inspiring and unfolding. We appreciate the cooperative spirit shown by all areas of brotherhood strivings, and we have the definite conviction that if this spirit continues and abounds, progressive achievements will be ours to enjoy during the years immediately ahead.

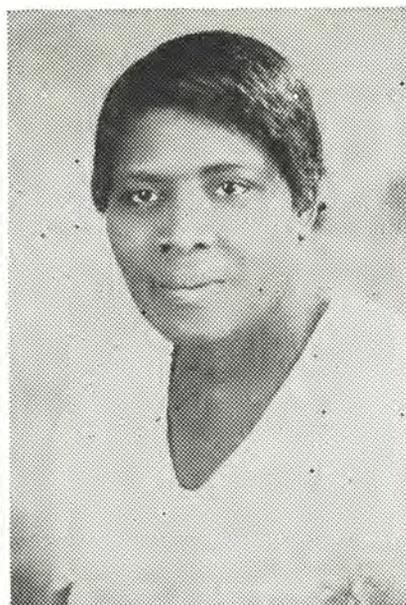
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ELDER FRANK CRENSHAW

Mc 40, Box 503, Warren Ohio

The members of Third Christian Church, Warren, Ohio, are very jubilant over their recent rally to pay down on their new Church building. In the last few months we have raised the amount of \$3,514 with which to make our payment on the Jewish Synagogue located on First St.

Our pastor, Rev. J. E. Blair, has been a real contribution to our Church and the community as well. He is active in the Warren Urban League and is a member of the inter-racial group which meets in the Y. W. C. A. (White) the second Thursday in each month. He is the president of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Our Church has made one continued uphill climb since he came to us on the first Sunday in October, 1943. The Lord has added members to our Church. He has taken into the Church 97 new members, and debts are paid up to date. You note that we feel that our pastor is a courageous, dynamic leader, and we pray that he will live long to keep up the good work. You will be hearing from us more often in the future. We urge all of the members to subscribe for the Christian Plea. Pray for us.



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Mrs. Titus will appear at the various State Conventions representing the "Christian Plea."

Her itinerary will start with the Texas State Convention at Houston, and from there her appearance will be at Kansas State Convention, Lawrence, Kansas, July 18-21. From there she will go to the Kentucky State Convention at Covington, Ky., July 23-28, and then on to Memphis for the State Convention, July 25-28. From there to Columbia, Missouri, for the Missouri Convention, July 30 to August 4th, spending one day, and then to Chickashaw, Oklahoma, for one day, and then on to Dayton, Ohio. From there to N. Little Rock, Arkansas, Aug. 7 to 11, then to Hermanville, Mississippi, Aug. 14-18, and then to Brooklyn, N. Y., for the National, Aug. 20-25.

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President P. C. Washington of Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas, is shown conferring the degree of bachelor of science, cum laude, upon his daughter, Marcella Ellayne, at the school's recent commencement. Miss Washington plans to further her education in chemistry at the University of Michigan this fall.

Youngstown, Ohio, Church First to Get Loan

West Federal Street Christian Church of Youngstown, Ohio, was the first church in the history of our brotherhood to receive a Board of Church Extension grant. This grant was for \$1,000 and was used in the purchase of a church home for the congregation. With the presentation of this sum on June 10, 1946, was inaugurated the new Church Extension of making building grants to needy churches in strategic areas.

Organized some twenty years ago by a group of colored Christians, the West Federal Street congregation—soon to be known as the Lincoln Avenue Christian Church—never had a church home until it obtained possession of this new property on June 20th. Dedication Day is set for July 14th and appropriate services are being planned under the direction of F. T. Barnett, minister.

This first Church Extension grant sets the basic pattern to be followed in future situations of a similar character. It was a cooperative enterprise in which the local church gave sacrificially, neighboring churches and the state society made substantial gifts, and the Board of Church Extension made both a grant and a loan.

Church Extension grants are made from the interest earnings on the FOURTH MILLION of Church Extension funds. As of June 1, 1946, Church Extension's net assets totaled \$3,185,042.49. Thus, as of that date, the FOURTH MILLION fund came to \$185,042.49. All the interest earnings on that sum are set aside for grant purposes. Requests for grants already received far exceed the money available for that purpose.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 2:00 p.m. NATIONAL BOARD MEETING
 5:00—6:00 Dinner
 7:30 Local Program—R. E. Hancock, host pastor, in charge
 Response to Welcome—T. W. Pratt, Texas

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21

Pres. S. S. Myers, Presiding

- 7:00—8:00 Breakfast
 8:15 Inspirational Address: "The Church and Rehabilitation"—
 Cleo W. Blackburn, Superintendent of The Planner House,
 Indianapolis, Indiana
 8:45 WORKSHOP—Convention Staff in Charge
 10:15 General Session—President S. S. Myers, Presiding
 Devotions—David L. Kinard, New York, Leader
 10:30 SERMON—S. C. Devine, Ohio
 11:00 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS—S. S. Myers
 11:25 Report of Treasurer—Dr. J. E. Walker, Tennessee
 11:35 Announcements
 11:40 **Special Music
 11:45 SERMON—W. F. Keyes, New York
 12:10 Benediction—W. C. Kinard, New York
 12:30—1:30 Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

R. H. Davis, Presiding

- 2:00 Devotions—Mrs. C. H. Webb, North Carolina, Leader
 2:10 SERMON—J. J. Hawkins, Iowa
 2:30 REPORT OF NATIONAL CONVENTION BOARD—S. S.
 Myers and Convention Staff
 3:15 **Special Music
 Reports of Churches
 5:00 Announcements
 5:05 Benediction—C. R. Murdough, New York
 5:15—6:15 Dinner

WEDNESDAY EVENING

S. S. Myers, Presiding

- 7:30 Hymn Sing and Worship—*CYF
 Address—Virgil A. Sly, Indiana
 8:25 **Special Music
 8:30 SERMON—J. F. Whitfield, Washington, D. C.
 8:50 Offering and Announcements
 9:00 Benediction—James Dickerson, New York

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22

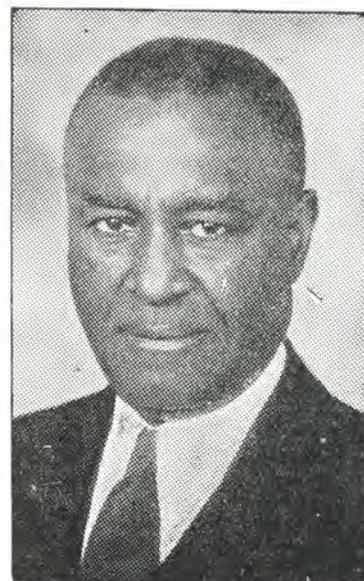
Mrs. Geneva Towns, Presiding

- 7:00—8:00 Breakfast
 7:00—8:00 SACRIFICIAL BREAKFAST—Women's Missionary Society
 in Charge
 8:15 Inspirational Address: "Resurgence of Christian Living"—
 Cleo W. Blackburn, Indiana
 8:45 WORKSHOP—Convention Staff in Charge
 10:15 General Session—Mrs. Geneva Towns, Presiding
 Devotions—Mrs. E. G. Titus, Texas, Leader
 10:30 SERMON—O. B. Garner, Arkansas
 10:50 **Special Music
 10:55 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS—Mrs. Geneva Towns,
 Indiana
 11:10 BUSINESS PERIOD—Reports from Missionary Societies
 11:50 Announcements
 11:55 SERMON—F. T. Barnett, Ohio
 12:15 Benediction—T. R. Moore, Arkansas
 12:30—1:30 Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

B. C. Duke, Presiding

- 2:00 Devotions—Mrs. J. B. Mosley, Mississippi, Leader
 2:10 SERMON—R. H. Page, Texas



Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas, veteran Disciple leader from Dallas, Texas, who will respond to the welcome address.



Elder R. Wesley Watson, Kansas City, Missouri, former President, who will represent three states at the Convention.

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- 2:30 **Special Music
 2:35 Address: "The Laymen Building Anew With Christ"—Thomas C. R. Bragg, Washington, D. C.
 2:55 Music
 3:00 Reports from Missionary Societies
 4:00 Convention Business
 5:00 Benediction—Hugh Hayes, Kentucky
 5:15—6:15 Dinner

THURSDAY EVENING

Mrs. Geneva Towns, Presiding

- 7:30 Hymn Sing and Worship—CYF
 8:00 Address
 8:20 **Special Music
 8:25 SERMON—I. H. Moore, Kentucky
 8:50 Offering and Announcements
 9:00 Benediction—Miss Fenton Hamilton, Illinois
 9:30 MINISTERS' WIVES RECEPTION—Mrs. L. A. Devine in Charge

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23

R. L. Jordan, Presiding

- 7:00—8:00 Breakfast
 8:15 Inspirational Address—"Evangelism and Missions, the Answer"—Cleo W. Blackburn
 8:45 WORKSHOP—Convention Staff in Charge
 10:15 General Session—R. L. Jordan, Michigan, Presiding
 Devotions—S. E. Tillman, New Jersey, Leader
 10:30 SERMON—R. C. Maloy, Tennessee
 10:50 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS—R. L. Jordan, Michigan
 11:05 Business Period—Sunday School Department
 11:50 **Special Music
 11:55 SERMON—Chief H. D. Davis, Goldsboro-Raleigh District Assembly, North Carolina
 12:15 Announcements
 12:20 Benediction—N. R. Trevillion, Mississippi
 12:30—1:30 Lunch

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Raymond Brown, Presiding

- 2:00 Devotions—Miss Justina Spencer, Virginia, Leader
 2:10 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS—Raymond Brown, Texas
 3:30 **Special Music
 3:45 BUSINESS PERIOD (All Departments)
 4:55 Announcements
 5:00 Benediction—Delmar Jackson, Mississippi

FRIDAY EVENING

S. S. Myers, Presiding

- 7:30 Hymn Sing and Worship—CYF
 8:00 Address: L. D. Cartwright, Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Missouri
 8:20 **Special Music
 8:25 SERMON—R. H. Davis, Illinois
 8:50 Offering and Announcements
 9:00 Benediction—Charles Mitchell, Alabama
 9:15 CONVENTION BUSINESS (NIGHT) SESSION

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24

- 7:00—8:00 Breakfast
 8:00 Sight-Seeing and Recreation
 5:00—6:00 p.m. DINNER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 8:00 p.m. WORSHIP SERVICE—Religious Pictures and Installation of all Convention Officers—CYF in Charge
 9:00 Benediction—Wesley Sims, Kansas

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25

R. E. Hancock, Presiding

- 7:30—8:30 Breakfast
 8:30 UNFINISHED BUSINESS (All Departments)
 9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL—R. L. Jordan and Local Superintendent in Charge

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Mrs. S. L. Bostick, oldest active missionary of the Convention. Arkansas is proud of her long years of service. It will be good to see her at the Convention.



Elder Baxter Drake, California. Vice-President of the National Convention and pastor of the Avalon Christian Church at Los Angeles.

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DISCIPLE CONVENTION DATES

<i>State Convention</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
Eastern Seaboard District	July 5-7	Baltimore, Md.
Piedmont District	July 7-11	Bluefield, Va.
Texas	July 16-21	Houston
Kansas	July 18-21	Lawrence
Kentucky	July 23-28	Covington
Tennessee	July 25-28	Memphis
Missouri	July 30-August 4	Columbia
Ohio	July 31-August 4	Dayton
Oklahoma	August 1-4	Chickasha
International Convention	August 6-11	Columbus, Ohio
Arkansas	August 7-11	N. Little Rock
Mississippi	August 14-18	Hermanville
National Convention	August 20-25	Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Florida	Sept. 19-22	Pensacola
South Carolina	Oct. 10-13	Ehrhardt
Goldsboro Assembly District	Oct. 23-27	
Alabama	Oct. 24-27	
Georgia	Oct. 24-27	Oconee

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- 11:00 **MORNING WORSHIP**
**Special Music—Convention Choir
SERMON—S. S. Myers, President of Convention
Special Music—Convention Choir
Offering
- 12:15 Benediction—John D. Henry, North Carolina
- 1:30 Dinner
- SUNDAY AFTERNOON**
- 3:00 **CONVENTION COMMUNION SERVICE**—Chairman of Program Committee in Charge
- SUNDAY NIGHT**
- 7:30 **MUSICAL**—Mrs. Rosa Page Welch and Mrs. Rose A. McCrea, Co-Chairmen, in Charge

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- M. L. Lambert, Program Director—North Carolina
- Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Director of Music, Illinois
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Marjorie E. Chenault

Staff Secretarial Assistant Elected

Miss Marjorie E. Chenault has been recently elected to serve as secretarial assistant to the Staff of the National Christian Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ. Miss Chenault is a member of the High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and has attended Youth Conferences in Kentucky also.

Miss Chenault is a graduate of DuBois High School, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, having won District contests in Public Speaking. She graduated from Kentucky State College, June 4, 1946, with a Major in Business Administration.

Miss Chenault was very active in extra-curricula activities while attending college. She served as President of the Business Administration Departmental Club for three and a half years, Make-up Editor of the Thoroughbred Staff, member of the Student Council and also a member of the Choral Club, having received an award for scholastic honors.

Miss Chenault is the daughter of Mrs. Strother Grubbs, a faculty member of the DuBois High School, and Director of Choir and Adult Women's Bible Class, Instructor of the High St. Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

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August 20-25

Does Consciousness Exist After Death?

By SIDNEY A. SCOTT

2541 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

When we take to account the millions and millions of years this planet or earth of ours has been inhabited, it staggers us to try to explain just how, when and where, its animal inhabitants started. We feel pretty well satisfied in tracing the lower forms of animal life from minute cells and through the process of evolution and development find them what they are today. But the highest form of animal life which we call man, we have never been exactly satisfied as to just how he started; whether or not he started being a full grown man as stated in the garden of Eden, or whether he was evolved by the process of evolution, the scientists have placed a question mark. If we could just get our arms around this thing we call life and see its manifestations on other planets maybe by comparison, we would have a better knowledge of our own planet.

We have no account of the first form of human matter, so organized and conditioned that self-consciousness became known. This account is found in the Bible. God organized the dust of the earth and so conditioned it, and breathed into it the breath of life and it became a living soul.

Now let us take this form of matter we call the human body or man and follow him through the different stages of development in a conscious body. The question is, should life be considered a universal something or an individual something? It seems that life has never been defined in the absolute. We speak of it as power, condition, vitality, the time between birth and death. But what is it? I am wondering would it be sufficed to say that whatever life is, it manifests itself through a medium or a conductor. If this be true, then, when and wherever we find matter so organized and conditioned to form a medium we see the manifestations of life. When we speak of animal life we mean an animal medium. We speak of vegetable life meaning a vegetable medium. When we speak of human life we mean a human medium in the form of a human body.

We become conscious of things about us through our intellect, sensibility and will, the main attributes of life or the soul. The question is what becomes of the consciousness

of all we learn in this life? Does consciousness die with the body, or does it live on in that mysterious thing we call life or the soul?

We hate to think of dying and forget all. We want to live again the beautiful contacts and associations of our loved ones; we want to feel the loving arms of embrace. We want the thrill of passion, the memory of dear faces. We want consciousness again after death. Job said, "If a man dies, shall he live again?" What is life without consciousness?

In our great desire for a future life, we have tried to make it possible to retain this consciousness by conceiving in our minds the existence of another body medium in some form, by which consciousness in this life may be retained after death. Right here is the seat and origin of our religious doubts and fears. Here is where we create our heaven and our hell, our God and our Devil. The saints go to heaven and the sinners go to hell.

We must live again beyond the grave. Longfellow sings a cheerful refrain:

"Tell me not in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream,
And the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.
Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal,
Dust thou art to dust returneth
Was not spoken of the soul."

Philosophers and scientists have spent their lives in thought and meditation over what takes place beyond this veil of tears. Religious teachers have sufficed martyrdom, singing and praying about this everlasting life. Jesus died on the cross to make it possible for succeeding generations to live again after death. He exemplified this in His resurrection from the grave, saying, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am thou shalt be also." Every follower of Jesus dies with this belief. But does this solve the problem, Has anyone ever returned to tell us about this life beyond? I fear we have emotionalized our beliefs and stretched our imagination when we make a heaven for the saints and a hell for the sinners.

Let us first solve the problem of where consciousness exists, when the human body dies. If we cannot answer Job's question in the affirmative and prove it to be a fact, the problem will remain unsolved to puzzle the master minds in the future as it

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has done in the past. We take the joy out of this life by trying to make ourselves fit to live in another state of existence after death.

The Great Creator has made all things just and right. There has not been left one stone unturned to promote the happiness and welfare of all His creatures here upon this earth. Let us make the best of this life and take pleasure in striving ever onward and upward to a happy consciousness of God's Kingdom here on earth which should be the ultimate goal of life.

Clay St. Christian Church

OSCEOLA A. DAWSON
Paducah, Kentucky

On the first Sunday in May, the District Meeting of the Woman's Council was held at the Second Christian Church, Mayfield, Ky., of which Brother Hugh Hayes is pastor. The President of the Woman's Council of the White Christian Church of Mayfield was the guest speaker. Elder Parks, one of our national workers, was present and brought a very inspiring message also. The district is comprised of Paducah and Mayfield. Mrs. Helen Hayes is President.

Elder Henry of North Carolina preached for us during the week of June 9. His messages were very soul stirring.

The church is now quite busy attempting to round up the year's work. On July 2, Elder R. L. Jordan, President of the National Bible School, will visit the Clay St. Christian Church.

YOUNG DISCIPLES MAKE OUTSTANDING SCHOOL RECORDS

Miss Jessie Wilson, member of the Clay St. Christian Church, was valedictorian of the Lincoln High School graduating class and won six other awards beside. Miss Wilson also won the State Essay Contest, sponsored by the State Woman's Missionary Department. This entitles her to a conference scholarship. A special service in her honor will be held at the local church and also at the state convention.

Miss Flora Berry, member of the Christian Church at Paris, Ky., Elder Moore, pastor, was a first honor student in the Beauty Culture graduating class (1946) at West Kentucky Vocational Training School. Miss Julia Marie Titsworth, member of the Clay St. Christian Church, was a second honor student in the 1946 Beauty Culture graduating class.

Miss Lucille Williams, member of the Second Christian Church, Lexington, Ky., Rev. Saunders, pastor, was third honor student in the 1946 class graduating from the Tailoring Department at West Kentucky Vocational Training School.

The Clay St. Christian Church, in keeping with a long established practice, presented each of its members who graduated an award of \$2.60. Those receiving the awards were Miss Marie Titsworth, Paducah, Ky., Beauty Culture Department, West Ky. Voc. Tr. S.; Mr. Clifford Hord, Grayson, Ky., High School and Chef Cooking Departments, West Kentucky Vocational Training School; Miss Jessie Wilson and Mr. Henry Campbell, Paducah, Kentucky, graduates of Lincoln High School. These young people who have made such outstanding records are to be very highly commended and I am sure they will appreciate expressions of encouragement from persons in our brotherhood. Let us expend more effort in helping the "standing" stand and then we will have to expend less effort in lifting the fallen, because there will be fewer people falling.

From the Shores of Lake Erie

BY CHARLES A. CRAGGETT

After being away for almost three years in the Navy, I am again back to give to the readers of the Christian Plea news and views of happenings of the Cedar Christian Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mothers Day was sponsored by the ex-servicemen club. The program was in honor of the mothers of the servicemen who had gone into the service from the church. Each of the mothers was given a small cross as a memento. Also to the four eldest mothers. The highlight of the program was the Mothers Day sermon by the pastor, and a talk by the head of the colored branch of the American Legion's Commander John W. Rainey.

On the fourth of June in honor of the returned servicemen the church gave a banquet. The banquet was sponsored by Mrs. Craggett with Mrs. Katie Cecil assisting. The program was arranged by Mrs. Elizabeth Moore. The talent that Mrs. Moore presented that evening was without any doubt the finest that could have been obtained anywhere. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Chester J. Gray, State Superintendent of Minority Groups, and also served with the American

Red Cross in the European Theater during the war. Also introducing the speaker was Cleveland's own Negro judge of the Municipal Court, Perry B. Jackson. Serving as charming hostesses were Mistresses Surd, Martin, Cecil, and Howard. These hostesses really did a swell job in seeing that the people were made very comfortable. The dining hall was beautifully decorated by Elder Samuel J. Bergeon, a veteran of the Spanish-American War. The meal for the evening was prepared by Mesdames Craggett, Cecil, and Dabney.

There were twenty-seven who went into the service, and the church is proud of the fact that they didn't have to put a Gold Star on their service banner. At this writing we have only two still in service, both going into the service after the end of the war.

The Sunday School closed out the Daily Vacation Bible School last week with an enrollment of thirty-four. The teachers and groups were as follows: Mrs. Craggett and Mrs. Harrison, Beginners; Miss Craggett and Mrs. E. Martin, Primaries; Mrs. Frazier, Juniors; Mrs. Carroll, Intermediates. The teachers spent many hours of planning in making the school a success. One only need go into each of the departments to see the work that was done by the children that the school was a success. Mrs. Cecil served as registrar.

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Dear Editor: Please let me in. We have enjoyed the many items in "The Plea"; now we wish to chat.

Bethel sends greetings and hope for all a continued upward trend of service. We do not mean to be slackers, why we delayed, but as this is a national advertisement, 'twould be selfish to come too often. Too, every state needs its own paper. Come on, Mississippi, no time for molding money in the treasury. Let's have a paper.

Now, co-workers, Bethel has done well and has stemmed every tide. Though much bad weather, January 13, 1946, we had our regular procedures of services.

Officers were at their posts, after Bro. E. J. Jackson read the morning scripture, we sang, "I'll Be Somewhere Waiting When He Calls." Our minister discussed briefly, Cor. 1-10. Subject: "Let Us Present Our Bodies as a Living Sacrifice." Same gave much stimulus. He also reviewed our 1945 year's work and asked that we renew our anticipations for a greater service. Counting our many blessings. We all took fresh courage after the subject was so effectively demonstrated. Being unfavorable and no evening services, total for minister was \$16.25. No additions.

February blank; weather prevented services. March 10, 1946, second Lord's Day, good services, fewer people. Eld. Yarbrough stressed the need of "Love," I Cor. 13:1-7. Finance slim. No additions. After usual manner of opening, by Bros. T. J. Johnson, E. Grant and E. J. Jackson discussed, Israel wanting what other nations wanted (viz.) a king, and how God suffered it; and how He consoled Samuel, that they were not rejecting him, but God. 1 Sam. 8th chapter, "Then the high points were to show after this period, how God sent His Son to build a better kingdom."

We were all made to rejoice and gained much strength to go a little farther. Although this was another unfavorable day, the finance was as follows: Minister, \$26.55; Church School, \$2.88; for the sick, \$6.38; total for the day, \$35.81.

Our sick list continues with Sister Vira Jackson, Mary McGill, Emma Gordon, Ella Spells and Lula Lee

Walls, and one recently added, Miss Eva Polk.

On April 21, as we had no minister, but we discussed briefly the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior with a very appropriate singing program, after adjournment. The young people had the pleasure of hunting eggs. This was in a community center, with a host of children with no conveniences to get to church for morning school. This evening school has done much toward building a fine spirit and holding children up out of mischief.

Bro. Norrian Garden, Julia Spells, Maretia D. (Griffin) Gordon, Jennie V. Johnson and some times Sister Eulalia Spells, a regular teacher at the church, are co-sponsors. We carry our finance other interests to church and report on second Lord's Day.

On May 12, 1946, we put over a worth-while Mother's Day program, followed by a very appropriate message by our minister, that should ever appeal to mothers and their children.

On the first Sunday in June we celebrated Children's Day, though it rained that morning. The program went over well, finance that day all told was \$7.60.

June 9, 1946, second Lord's Day, the writer, Sisters Agnes Gordon and Cornelia Arnold sponsored a program (viz.) "The Soldiers' Hour," honoring returned veterans. Quite a few were present, out of above 20 on the honor roll there were two of this church who had taken fellowship with Christian churches in Memphis and Chicago, respectively—Bro. E. J. Grant and Bro. Perry Gordon—the latter was lost in action.

Mrs. C. Arnold was mistress of ceremonies. "God Bless America" was sung by Misses Johnnie, Samie and Emily Donley, sisters, and Miss Bonnie F. Keyes, with audience joining on chorus.

Mrs. Maretia Gordon read the Soldier's Prayer, followed with solo. Miss Meredith C. Grant read the Honor Roll. Miss Alice Arnold and Miss Gladys Jackson sang solos, and Mrs. Julia Spells read a paper. Miss Alma E. Stanley gave the welcome, also Master Tommie L. Gordon gave Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

After program Eld. Yarbrough took as his subject, "And We Cannot Deny It." Referring to the healing of the lame man at the gate of the temple by Peter and John, and how Annas the high priest took counsel against them, wishing to know by

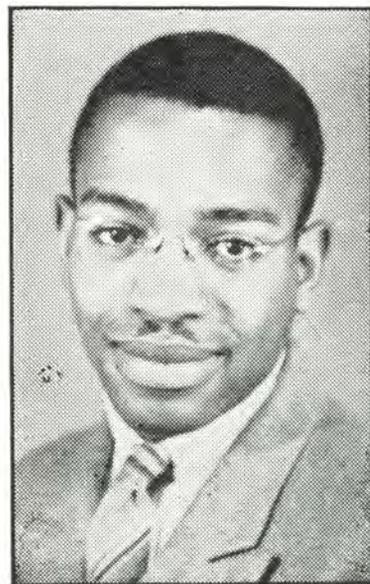
what power or what name have ye done this? Then Peter said, "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here whole."

When they sent them out, they counseled as what to do with these men, for this is known in all Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

This was a strong sermon, manifesting God's power.

Just as we were closing, we had the happy surprise of a special guest. Bro. T. E. Brooks, minister, Greenwood Christian Church, Bro. W. K. Fox, S.C.I., and our national workers, Mrs. L. Ruth Ratten Patterson, who gave us a great send-off for a better program. The services were as a Pentecostal shower." No additions, finance as follows: Minister, \$30.07 for the day, Mdm. Patterson, \$9.38; total, \$39.45. Am sure the S. S. finance which I do not have will overrun \$40.00.

Hoping all state conventions and national work. Pardon our long visit.



Elder William K. Fox, S.C.I., Edwards, Miss. He plans to be at the National Convention. He is one of our greatest youth and rural leaders we have in the Brotherhood.

REMEMBER—
Be In Brooklyn
August 20-25!

Avalon Church News

It's another parsonage for our colored Christian churches.

This time it is Avalon Christian Church of Los Angeles that has obtained a home for its minister. The current housing shortage convinced the church that such a move was wise. B. C. Duke is minister of the church.

Located on Avalon Boulevard in the city of Los Angeles, this property is modern in every respect and has been appraised at \$7,000.

Avalon is one of the many colored Christian churches that have obtained parsonages, improved church properties, and built new churches with the aid of Church Extension loans.

Letter of Thanks From Philippine Islands

To High St. Christian Church,
Saina, Mainit Surgias,

May 27, 1946

Dear Mrs. George Reeves,

Miss Gilles and I are neighbors. Upon receipt of your letter she requested me to accompany her to the post office because she will get a package which you sent.

I then took the chance of mailing you this letter with the ardent mission of getting acquainted with you through communication.

You know I consider it a pleasure to write the friends abroad for you must know that four years ago we had been shut up from the rest of the world. Thank God the war has ended. The sacrifices we had can hardly be forgotten. How bitter were those days in the evacuation camps. Diseases, hunger, wild animals and the cruel Japanese were our enemies. Thanks for the benevolent Americans who have come to save us.

Please convey to your friends the gratitude I'm speaking of because the feeling I have is true to every Filipino.

In the name of all my co-teachers I am thanking all the women in the United States who sent us relief. The articles of clothing saved us so much from buying the high priced pieces of clothing sold in black market.

You see even the teachers and even the rich people have lost our clothes during the evacuation days. Some were stolen, some were taken by the Japanese. Some of the Nippon soldiers did not have underwear garments so they snatched white clothes for themselves.

Robbery was rampant during the war days. I am a victim of the abuses of the robbers. At the point of their guns they took all our belongings.

Now please, will it not be asking too much if I order from you through C. O. D. mail a set of even the cheap kind of silverwares? You know we are eating with our hands for all our spoons were stolen by the Japanese. There are no spoons and forks yet for sale in our place.

With this anticipated favor I promise to repay your kindness by doing any order you will make which is within my capacity to do.

Lastly, I hope you will answer this letter and consider me as one of your pen pals who will never forget you.

Your new friend,
(Mrs.) Guadosa S. Suarez,
Surigao Cons. Mines.
Siana, Mainit, Surigao
Philippine Islands.

The women of the High Street Christian Church have mailed their third box to the Philippine Islands. The Philippines are still in need of the bare necessities of life. Christ will answer us by saying "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

EUGENE PATTERSON, *Minister*

Winston-Salem Church Celebrates

The first anniversary celebration of the pastor, Elder B. A. Douglass, Antioch Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., July 1-7, 1946.

Elder Douglass is a student of Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, N. C. Assistant Field Finance Secretary of the Tri-State Convention (Disciples of Christ), President of Board of Trustees of the Christian Institute, Winston-Salem, N. C., 151 Wheeler Street.

Elder Douglass left Concord, N. C., June 15, 1946, to visit the Midway Christian Church, North Tazewell, Va., and all churches throughout the area of Tri-State Convention. Under the able leadership of Elder and Mrs. B. A. Douglass the church has made a great progress, spiritual and financial. The church recently purchased three lots on Underwood near Glenn Ave., to build a new brick church in the near future. Elder Douglass has led the church a long way since July, 1945, under his capable ministry here.

—Church Reporter.



Ruth Thomas, Chicago, one of the leading Christian Youth Fellowship workers. She will head a group of young people who will attend the Convention.

Hear - - -

MRS. TITUS
While She's Here!



Mrs. C. E. Rowan, Memphis, Tennessee, one of the most energetic reporters of the Christian Plea. Mississippi Blvd. Church, Memphis, could not get along without her good reporting.

Corinth Christian Church

PRES. P. C. WASHINGTON,

Pastor in Charge

MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, *Reporter*
Kilgore, Texas

The spiritual progress of the church is still growing. We beg all to pray for the continuous success in trying to win victory with Christ. Our Bible School is most wonderful, attendance good, also finance on last second Sunday. The little Rev. Robert Brown of Jarvis College preached for Pastor Washington, didn't our hearts burn within. The text, the Seven Detours on the road to hell. The message was highly inspirational and enjoyed by all present. We know there is no time now to lighten the load but time to put on the whole armour that Christ may become a living reality around the world for we need his redeeming love.

On the 21st marked the beginning of our Sunday School Convention which was held here at our church through Sunday. Friday night Rev. Armstead, pastor of New Mount Olive Christian Church, Henderson, Texas, preached. Saturday night a splendid program sponsored by Sis. Azzie Lee Sanders following an untiring message by Dr. D. T. Cleaver. Sunday morning Model Sunday School conducted by Bro. Edward Spencer. Evening session, fine sermon by Rev. S. M. Spencer. The New Hope Baptist Junior Choir rendered very splendid service. The entire convention was well attended both spiritual and financial. Let us pray for the closer unity of our people.

Detours

Detours mean rough going for your church building plans. Here are some ways to avoid them:

DON'T build on a poorly located site. It should be well situated, both for serving the present membership and for future growth. A corner lot should be selected with ample parking space available.

DON'T select your committees from any one group in the church. They should be representative.

DON'T be satisfied just to have an architect. Call a CHURCH ARCHITECT.

DON'T overbuild. For a well established church (not a mission) the seating capacity of the sanctuary should not exceed 35 per cent of the book membership.

DON'T exhaust the resources of your congregation on an incomplete

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MRS. ELBIE TITUS

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Mrs. Titus will appear at the various State Conventions representing the "Christian Plea."

Her itinerary will start with the Texas State Convention at Houston, and from there her appearance will be at Kansas State Convention, Laurence, Kansas, July 18-21. From there she will go to the Kentucky State Convention at Covington, Ky., July 23-28, and then on to Memphis for the State Convention, July 25-28. From there to Columbia, Missouri, for the Missouri Convention, July 30 to August 4th, spending one day, and then to Chickashaw, Oklahoma, for one day, and then on to Dayton, Ohio. From there to N. Little Rock, Arkansas, Aug. 7 to 11, then to Hermanville, Mississippi, Aug. 14-18, and then to Brooklyn, N. Y., for the National, Aug. 20-25.

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Miss Osceola Dawson, Paducah, Ky., one of our consistent reporters of the Plea. Plans are completed to have her present at the Convention with a good report from the Cross Street Church.

DETOURS

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building. Avoid moving into a basement with the hope that you will put the building on top later. If the whole of the building cannot be completed at one time, then build one unit now and plan to add the rest later. It is generally preferable to erect the worship room first.

DON'T begin construction until you have plans and specifications approved that meet your needs and the cost thereof determined.

DON'T overload the congregation with debt. The indebtedness to be carried after dedication day generally should not exceed one-third of the total cost of the building, or \$100 per family.

DON'T fail to carry adequate insurance coverage on your church building. If you are remodeling or erecting a new structure, see to it that sufficient protection is in force during the construction period.

DON'T borrow money without making a thorough investigation. Your Board of Church Extension can help you here.

ROLLAND H. SHEAFOR,
Assistant Treasurer,
Board of Church Extension
222 S. Downey Ave., Missions Bldg.,
Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

Miss Myrtle Evans Dies

Myrtle Evans, who for thirty-one years was a worker at Southern Christian Institute, our school for Negroes, passed away at the Wright Nursing Home in LaHarpe, Illinois, on June 26, 1946, following an illness of ten months.

Services were held at the Banks Funeral Home in LaHarpe, after which the remains were taken to Eureka where a short service was held and she was laid to rest in the Eureka Cemetery with her father and mother.

Miss Evans was born at Midland City, Illinois, August 24, 1875. She spent several years in the work at Eureka College before going to Southern Christian Institute.

California Church Burns Mortgage

WALTER J. BRYANT, *Pastor*

When the hands of the clock reached four on the afternoon of

July 7, 1946, a momentous hour was struck in the history of the East 28th St. Christian Church; for it was at that time that their mortgage was burned in a most impressive ceremony.

The church has been in its present location for the past four years, and under the spiritual guidance of its present pastor, Walter J. Bryant, for the past five years.

Too much credit cannot be given the pastor for his method of self-denial offerings whereby the members defrayed the mortgage expenses.

Samuel G. Dyer proved very efficient as treasurer of the Building Fund; and Chairman Lawrence A. Cloyd of the deacons was most grateful for the fine spirit of co-operation shown by the various deacons, members, and friends in the final drive to clear the church debt.

East 28th St. Christian Church felt a keen sense of pride in having as highlights of the afternoon's program Resa Page Welch, National Ambassador-of-Goodwill for the Disciples of Christ, who sang two solos as only she can sing them; also in having as speaker of the afternoon Pastor R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He brought a most inspiring message based on: "—and they had a will to work." Remarks apropos to the occasion were made by several visiting ministers of the Christian Churches.



Dr. Robert L. Hopkins, who will retire as President of the U. C. M. S.

A signal honor was accorded Mrs. Sterling Lees as a member of long standing; she was chosen to strike the match which set ablaze the mortgage paper. All members and friends who attended the ceremonies will long cherish the memory of the afternoon. Needless to say, all left with a prayer of thanksgiving for His many blessings bestowed.



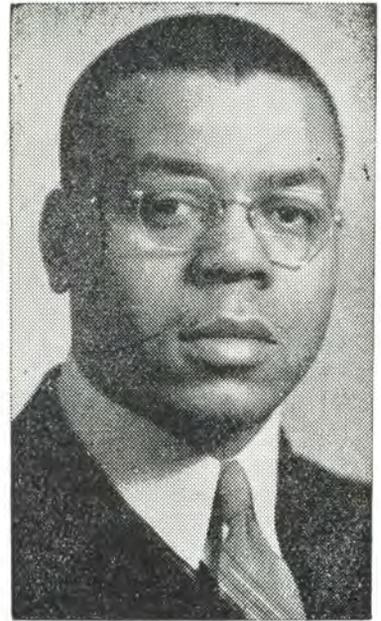
Elder Eli Wilbert, Dayton, Ohio. He has just purchased a new church.



Elder R. L. Peoples, Indianapolis, Indiana, former National Secretary and Youth Leader who has been the prime mover of the long range program.



Elder L. L. Dickerson (extreme right, third row), after leaving the National Christian Missionary Convention, 1945, of which he is secretary, is shown with his four Blind Harmonizers of his church at the dedication service of the School of the Scriptures. Dean C. C. Campbell, President; Tibbs Maxey, Treasurer; Max Randall, Secretary; James Johnson are seated, front row, left to right. This picture was taken September 14. The editor of the Plea was present and greeted Elder Dickerson and other visitors as well as inspected the building. The school is in Louisville, Kentucky.



Elder C. W. Webb, Winston-Salem, N. C., Chairman of a committee to investigate The Plea.

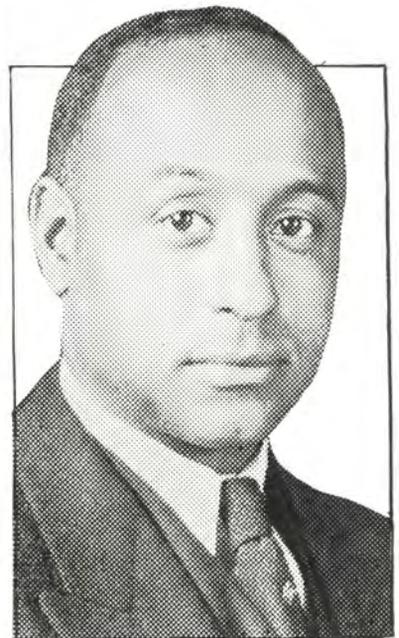
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Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick, Louisville, Kentucky, former President of Women.



Mrs. Preston Taylor, Nashville, Tenn., former President of Women.



Prof. Merl R. Eppse, Nashville, Tenn., Editor of Christian Plea, who delivered the Commencement Address at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

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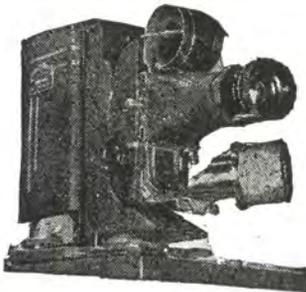
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THEME: "WITH CHRIST WE BUILD ANEW"

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 2:00 p.m. NATIONAL BOARD MEETING
5:00—6:00 Dinner
7:30 Local Program—R. E. Hancock, host pastor, in charge
Response to Welcome—T. W. Pratt, Texas

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21

Pres. S. S. Myers, Presiding

- 7:00—8:00 Breakfast
8:15 Inspirational Address: "The Church and Rehabilitation"—Cleo W. Blackburn, Superintendent of The Flanner House, Indianapolis, Indiana
8:45 WORKSHOP—Convention Staff in Charge
10:15 General Session—President S. S. Myers, Presiding
Devotions—David L. Kinard, New York, Leader
10:30 SERMON—S. C. Devine, Ohio
11:00 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS—S. S. Myers
11:25 Report of Treasurer—Dr. J. E. Walker, Tennessee
11:35 Announcements
11:40 **Special Music
11:45 SERMON—W. F. Keyes, New York
12:10 Benediction—W. C. Kinard, New York
12:30—1:30 Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

R. H. Davis, Presiding

- 2:00 Devotions—Mrs. C. H. Webb, North Carolina, Leader
2:10 SERMON—J. J. Hawkins, Iowa
2:30 REPORT OF NATIONAL CONVENTION BOARD—S. S. Myers and Convention Staff
3:15 **Special Music
3:20 Reports of Churches
5:00 Announcements
5:05 Benediction—C. R. Murdough, New York
5:15—6:15 Dinner

WEDNESDAY EVENING

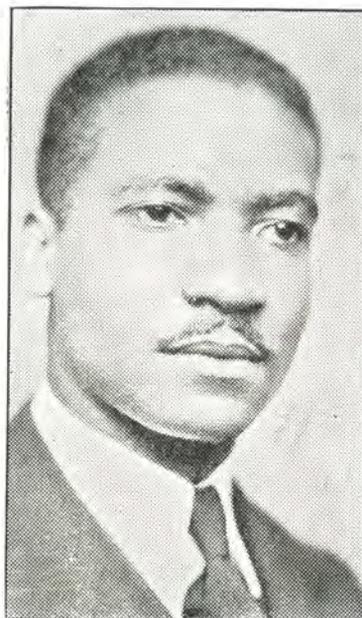
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- 7:30 Hymn Sing and Worship—*CYF
8:00 Address—Virgil A. Sly, Indiana
8:25 **Special Music
8:30 SERMON—J. F. Whitfield, Washington, D. C.
8:50 Offering and Announcements
9:00 Benediction—James Dickerson, New York

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22

Mrs. Geneva Towns, Presiding

- 7:00—8:00 Breakfast



DR. CLEO BLACKBURN

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Indianapolis, Indiana

Dr. Blackburn is regarded as one of the few leading social philosophers of this age. He is internationally known for his outstanding work in social reconstruction. He will lecture throughout the convention on various religious topics.

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- 7:00—8:00 SACRIFICIAL BREAKFAST—Women's Missionary Society
in Charge
8:15 Inspirational Address: "Resurgence of Christian Living"—
Cleo W. Blackburn, Indiana
8:45 WORKSHOP—Convention Staff in Charge
10:15 General Session—Mrs. Geneva Towns, Presiding
Devotions—Mrs. E. G. Titus, Texas, Leader
10:30 SERMON—O. B. Garner, Arkansas
10:50 **Special Music
10:55 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS—Mrs. Geneva Towns,
Indiana
11:10 BUSINESS PERIOD—Reports from Missionary Societies
11:50 Announcements
11:55 SERMON—F. T. Barnett, Ohio
12:15 Benediction—T. R. Moore, Arkansas
12:30—1:30 Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

B. C. Duke, Presiding

- 2:00 Devotions—Mrs. J. B. Mosley, Mississippi, Leader
2:10 SERMON—R. H. Page, Texas
2:30 **Special Music
2:35 Address: "The Laymen Building Anew With Christ"—Thomas
C. R. Bragg, Washington, D. C.
2:55 Music
3:00 Reports from Missionary Societies
4:00 Convention Business
5:00 Benediction—Hugh Hayes, Kentucky
5:15—6:15 Dinner

THURSDAY EVENING

Mrs. Geneva Towns, Presiding

- 7:30 Hymn Sing and Worship—CYF
8:00 Address
8:20 **Special Music
8:25 SERMON—I. H. Moore, Kentucky
8:50 Offering and Announcements
9:00 Benediction—Miss Fenton Hamilton, Illinois
9:30 MINISTERS' WIVES RECEPTION—Mrs. L. A. Devine in
Charge

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23

R. L. Jordan, Presiding

- 7:00—8:00 Breakfast
8:15 Inspirational Address—"Evangelism and Missions, the An-
swer"—Cleo W. Blackburn
8:45 WORKSHOP—Convention Staff in Charge
10:15 General Session—R. L. Jordan, Michigan, Presiding
Devotions—S. E. Tillman, New Jersey, Leader
10:30 SERMON—R. C. Maloy, Tennessee
10:50 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS—R. L. Jordan, Michigan
11:05 Business Period—Sunday School Department
11:50 **Special Music
11:55 SERMON—Chief H. D. Davis, Goldsboro-Raleigh District As-
sembly, North Carolina
12:15 Announcements
12:20 Benediction—N. R. Trevillion, Mississippi
12:30—1:30 Lunch

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Raymond Brown, Presiding

- 2:00 Devotions—Miss Justina Spencer, Virginia, Leader
2:10 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS—Raymond Brown, Texas
3:30 **Special Music
3:45 BUSINESS PERIOD (All Departments)
4:55 Announcements
5:00 Benediction—Delmar Jackson, Mississippi

FRIDAY EVENING

S. S. Myers, Presiding

- 7:30 Hymn Sing and Worship—CYF
8:00 Address: L. D. Cartwright, Christian Board of Publication,
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DR. S. S. MYERS

National Convention President
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8:20 **Special Music
 8:25 SERMON—R. H. Davis, Illinois
 8:50 Offering and Announcements
 9:00 Benediction—Charles Mitchell, Alabama
 9:15 CONVENTION BUSINESS (NIGHT) SESSION
 SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24
 7:00—8:00 Breakfast
 8:00 Sight-Seeing and Recreation
 5:00— 6:00 p.m. DINNER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 8:00 p.m. WORSHIP SERVICE—Religious Pictures and Installation of
 all Convention Officers—CYF in Charge
 9:00 Benediction—Wesley Sims, Kansas
 SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25
 R. E. Hancock, Presiding
 7:30—8:30 Breakfast
 8:30 UNFINISHED BUSINESS (All Departments)
 9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL—R. L. Jordan and Local Superintendent
 in Charge
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 11:00 MORNING WORSHIP
 **Special Music—Convention Choir
 SERMON—S. S. Myers, President of Convention
 Special Music—Convention Choir
 Offering
 12:15 Benediction—John D. Henry, North Carolina
 1:30 Dinner
 SUNDAY AFTERNOON
 3:00 CONVENTION COMMUNION SERVICE—Chairman of Pro-
 gram Committee in Charge
 SUNDAY NIGHT
 7:30 MUSICALE—Mrs. Rosa Page Welch and Mrs. Rose A. Mc-
 Crea, Co-Chairmen, in Charge

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*The National Convention CYF is in charge of all evening worship and
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Florida	Sept. 19-22	Pensacola
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Alabama	Oct. 24-27	
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NOTICE!

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What Is the National Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ?

This statement is prepared and released by the Executive Committee of the National Christian Missionary Convention as an interpretation of the newly constituted organization and function of the convention, as approved and authorized by the convention in session at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1944.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Christian Missionary Convention is a fellowship of Disciples of Christ composed of churches of Christ or Christian Churches. The Convention was truly the answer of much prayer. Preston Taylor, of Nashville, Tennessee, in cooperation with H. L. Herod, of Indianapolis, W. H. Dickerson, of Louisville, and others led in organizing this body. In answer to the call of Preston Taylor, many leaders came from all over the brotherhood in 1917 to attend the First National Convention. Most of the brotherhood boards, including the Board of Foreign Missions, sent representatives to this convention to give their support and encouragement to the movement. The Negro leaders felt moved by the Divine Spirit to go forward with this new undertaking. After one generation of hard work, we are today on the threshold of realizing the first major objective of the founders of the National Convention.

ITS OPERATION

1. *When was the Convention organized?*

In 1917 at Lee Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

2. *What is the constituency of the Convention?*

All churches of Christ or Christian Churches desiring to cooperate.

3. *What is the purpose of the Convention?*

It is the purpose of the Convention to cooperate in the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ; to promote the cause of evangelism, to foster and maintain a program of Christian education, to perform such general supervisory functions as the best interest of the work may require, and to cooperate with the International Convention, The United Christian Missionary Society, and the other brotherhood agencies, boards, or movements for the furthering of the world program of the brotherhood.

It is also the purpose of this

Convention to promote among its constituent members a spirit and program of universal fellowship and participation in Christian worship and service.

4. *How are the policies determined?*

By majority vote of delegates assembled.

5. *How are the members of the Convention Board chosen?*

The Convention Board shall be composed of twenty-eight members, consisting of:

(a) The Convention officers become members of the Board and of the Executive Committee by virtue of their offices. These officers, who are nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Convention, are: president, secretary, treasurer, Chairman of the Trustees, secretary of the trustees and the president of the three departments—Women's Missionary Societies, Bible Schools and Youth Work.

(b) Nine members shall represent the Convention at Large and shall be nominated and elected from the Convention floor.

(c) Ten members shall be appointed by the cooperating boards which shall be represented by the following number: five to represent The United Christian Missionary Society and one each to represent Christian Board of Publication, Board of Church Extension, Board of Higher Education, National Benevolent Association and the Pension Fund.

(d) The Director of Unified Promotion.

6. *How are the members of the Executive Committee chosen?*

The Executive Committee is composed of six members who shall be elected by the Board from among its own number, plus the officers who automatically become members of the Committee by virtue of their offices, plus the representatives of the six cooperating agencies and the Director of Unified Promotion.

7. *Who make up the staff of workers?*

The staff of workers at present consists of the following:

1. A director of Church Development and Evangelism—Rev. C. L. Parks.

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2. A director of Missionary Education and Women's Work—Miss Lillian Ruth Ratten.
3. A director of Christian Education and Acting Executive Secretary—Reverend E. J. Dickson.
8. *Where does the money come from to support this work?*
The program, organization and staff will be supported by the offerings from the local churches and their organizations and grants from the cooperating boards and special gifts.
9. *What happens to the money that our churches give for missions?*
It goes for missions, as administered by the general brotherhood cause, through the channels of Unified Promotion.
10. *What is new in the operation of National Convention program?*
 1. The National Convention Board and Executive Committee become an agency of interracial cooperation and practice.
 2. A larger responsibility is being placed upon our Negro churches and leadership for the development of our work.
 3. We have secured the cooperation and support of all the brotherhood agencies carrying a program of service to the local churches.
11. *Where did this new procedure for National Convention originate?*
A committee was appointed at the National Convention held at Columbus, Ohio, in August, 1943, which reported to the 1944 National Convention which met at Lexington, Kentucky. Their report was approved and the new organizational plan was authorized and established. The report of this committee was also presented to and approved by the six cooperating boards.
12. *Why this change?*
The change has been made because it is believed that such reorganization will cause growth and development of our churches.
13. *What are the advantages of this plan?*
 1. It makes the National Convention responsible for the cultivation of our churches. Thus giving our leadership a larger responsibility and the experience of serving our churches.
 2. It gives all the National Boards and agencies an opportunity to

share officially in the cultivation and development of our churches. The state societies are invited to participate in this plan. Several state societies are already engaged in helping to develop our churches in their areas.

3. The plan provides the machinery for the members of our churches to participate officially in Brotherhood Activities. It also provides the channel for participation in interdenominational organizations.
 4. This plan provides for the integration of members of our churches into the total life of the brotherhood activities. Because of its interracial aspects it offers a concrete method for the practice of brotherhood in a common task.
 14. *Does the plan cause more segregation?*
The plan does not cause more segregation. Because of its very nature it requires the closest cooperation of the convention staff and the staffs of the cooperating boards and of the Convention leaders with the other leaders of our great brotherhood. The goal sought is integration and not separation.
 15. *What is the relationship of the National Convention to the cooperating Boards?*
The National Convention, under this new plan, becomes a practical working relationship through which the National Convention, our churches and the boards of the brotherhood, come together to plan effectively and develop the program for our churches.
- THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION
16. *What are the departments of the Convention?*
The departments of the Convention are as follows: (1) Church, (2) Women's Missionary Society, (3) Bible School, (4) Christian Youth Work.
 17. *What is the work of the New Executive Committee of the National Convention?*
 1. To help relate our membership into the organized life of the brotherhood and give to them a sense of belonging to the whole.
 2. To provide and administer an adequate program to meet the needs of the church in the fol-

lowing areas: (a) Evangelism, (b) Education, (c) Missions, (d) Stewardship, (e) Pensions and Relief, (f) Church Extension, (g) Higher Education, (h) Christian Literature, and (i) Benevolence.

3. To give better service and more cultivation to the local churches in order that they may be challenged to greater participation in Kingdom building.
4. To provide greater opportunity for our leadership to participate in planning and promoting the program of our churches.
18. *Where does the New Executive Committee get its program?*
The Executive Committee gets its program from three sources: the National Convention, its Board and Executive Committee, the cooperating boards represented on the Committee, and by working with brotherhood program bodies to create program objectives and materials. This program plan and administration is to be done cooperatively for the purpose of mutual aid and encouragement.
19. *What is the work of the National Convention Staff?*
The work of the National Staff is fourfold:
 1. They organize, plan and promote the service program of the National Convention through the national office and by field contacts.
 2. Through the cooperative processes of our brotherhood, the local church program committee, home and state mission planning council and the curriculum committee, help create program objectives and materials for our churches and the brotherhood.
 3. They administer the service programs of the cooperating boards, help ministers and churches become members of the Pension Plan, help our churches get loans from Church Extension, encourage them to use good literature. Help the aged and homeless children to find security. Help aged ministers to secure necessary aid. Help pastors and all church leaders to take advantage of the religious and missionary education methods and materials.

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4. The entire staff is responsible for the cultivation of stewardship and for financial participation to the end that the local church program of the National Convention and the work of the brotherhood may be undergirded.
20. *What is the responsibility of the local church leaders to the National Convention Program?*
The local church leaders are the creators and constituent members of the National Convention—in fact, they are the convention. Therefore, they are responsible for making, directing and supporting the program of the National Convention.
21. *What is the responsibility of the state and district leaders to the National Convention Program?*
The State and District Convention leaders, naturally, are also the creators of the National Convention. Therefore, they, too, are responsible for making, directing and supporting the National Convention.

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History of the Christian Church In Youngstown, Ohio

The Christian church now known to Youngstown as the Lincoln Avenue Christian Church was first organized from a Bible Class in the year of 1925 by Mrs. Thomas Callens in her home at 127 East Wood Street. The church was organized and started functioning May 30, 1926, in this home. Elder Claude Johnson of Warren, Ohio, was called as the first pastor.

The membership of this church was eight in number. The first officers were Elders John Keys and Decatur Mitchell, Deacons Walter Jackson and Thomas Callens and Stephen Coleman. The treasurer was Mrs. Lizzie Keys.

The church held services each Sunday for six months, after which, the church rented a building on Ninth and Wilson Avenue in Campbell, Ohio, and remained there for three years. After leaving this building the group began meeting in the homes of some of the members. In 1927 the church rented the West Federal Y. M. C. A. and remained there for 19 years.

Elder Claude Johnson who was the first minister, served for one year. Elder Edward Meek was called later. In 1928, the church called Rev. Joseph E. Blair who served the church for five years. He did a very successful job of bringing in new members and under his ministry a home was bought at 421 Albert Street. They remained in this home from 1930 to 1933.

Reverend Meek was re-elected and served for two years. In 1935, Elder Claude Johnson was re-elected at which time the church was housed again in the Y. M. C. A. During his leadership the church membership grew to sixty members and another building fund was started.

During the year of 1937, Rev. Fulton T. Barnett was elected as the pastor and is still serving the church. Under his leadership the membership has grown to over 100. The new church now located at Lincoln and Fifth Avenue is the realization of all the ministers who have served this church and these few faithful members who first originated the idea of a Christian Church in Youngstown, Ohio.

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August 20-25

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Dear Editor, Christian Plea:

Please allow space for this article. Dear co-laborers, individuals or groups, although it may not be fully approved by my family, I'm asking this kind favor of you, i.e.: I'm the grandmother of one Mamie C. Griffin, who is now a sophomore in high school, and is also an honor student who, with me, would be grateful for any little token toward her schooling for the term of 1946-'47.

Although we mean to do our best your gift will no doubt insure her a full school year.

Anything given will be used directly on her schooling needs. I feel a little embarrassed to do this, but one's needs should be made known and leave the results with God.

Hed dad, my son, has had a struggle for four years with sickness and hospitalizations, for the girl's mother and herself.

The girl having had a serious appendectomy, and the Doctor advised no physical or heavy labor.

Although, because of the needs on a farm for nine in the family, we're feeling that we're taking a risk by letting her work a little now.

I'm sure you remember that in as much as we do good unto one of His (Christ's) we do it unto Him. Sometimes He comes maimed, blind, or crippled, and maybe disguised.

You will find an affirmation below from Elder J. C. Franklin, who was our minister at that time. Thanking you in advance, I am,

SISTER GRIFFIN.

To Our Plea Readers:

This request comes from the daughter of one of our pioneer preachers and is worthy of whatever may be done for her grandchild.

The request is a needy one and her parents have been very unfortunate, having had serious sickness in their home for a long time.

Sincerely yours,

I. C. FRANKLINS

Clark St. Christian Church
Greenville, Texas

REV. F. C. CARREY, *Pastor*

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We are so thankful to have our Southwest Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

As ye have therefore Christ Jesus the Lord and so walk ye in him. Rooted and built up in him. And established in the faith. As ye have

been taught, abounding with thanksgiving. Col. 2:6-7.

On the second Sunday Brother F. C. Carrey brought to us a message out of his heart. Subject: The Bridegroom.

On June 9th pulpit was filled by Brother Gribben from Jarvis College. Subject: Jushua's Unconditional Surrender. It was taught plain how necessary it is to carry out the plans of salvation.

Evening service directed by Sister Leo Cross. Subject: Fathers Failing to Lead Their Children Right—finding every place to go on the Lord's Day but to church. They go to bowling alleys, baseball, fishing, hunting, golfing, and send their children to church and Sunday School. And no child has ever been able to follow without a leader. Fathers, let us lead as fathers should. Through this sermon one father returned to the fold, by the name, Brother John Cozene. Great rejoicing demonstrated through the spirit. He said he was glad to be home with his Christian friends, and people, forgetting the army for a period of time. He said it reminded him of the Old Oaken Bucket of moral that have stood before the war and through the war, and said he was thankful to God to be with us again.



ELDER J. J. HAWKINS

1026 Ninth St.,

Des Moines, Iowa

The Ninth Street Christian Church, Des Moines, Iowa, has announced that Elder J. J. Hawkins, their pastor, received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Drake University in

June. His former training was at Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis Christian College and also at Butler University.

During their recent drive to complete a church plant at Des Moines, the following people and groups made donations:

Dean C. C. Mosely, of S.C.I., \$2.00; Prof. J. C. McCoy, of Jarvis, \$5.00; Pres. P. C. Washington, of Jarvis, \$5.00; Mr. Fred Lyons, of Hawkins, Texas, \$1.00; E. K. Burton's two churches at Madison and Frankford, Mo., \$7.00; Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church at Memphis, Tenn., \$5.00; The Women's Church Club at Sec. Christian Church, Hannibal, Mo., \$5.00; Morgan Ave. Christian Church at Parsons, Kan., \$15.00; National Minister's Conference of Negro Disciples, \$14.00; Forrest St. Christian Church at Beaumont, Texas, \$30.00; Second Christian Church at Indianapolis, Ind., \$145.00.

Again I wish to thank you members and churches for this splendid aid. Will be seeing you at the National Convention in August.

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National Convention

The National Christian Missionary Convention of the Christian Church convened at the Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., August 20-25, with some 400 delegates present. There were a number of things about this convention that marked it as one of the best. First of all, the attendance was the largest in the history of the convention. A very fine spirit of good will and cooperation was evident all the way through. The amount of money raised was \$6,000.

Even though there were some things to be desired in the entertainment, we are sure the pastor, the pastor's wife, the officers and members of the entertaining church did their best to make the delegates comfortable and their stay pleasant.

There are two things *The Clarion Voice* feels should be given careful consideration. First, the program. We feel that the program committee gave us a very fine program this year. We realize it is a very difficult thing to produce a program that suits everybody. However, in view of the fact that we do have a large variety of tastes and opinions to satisfy, the program should vary from year to year.

We also feel that the chairman and at least one other person who is not a member of the executive committee should be members of this committee. This would help make the program reflect the sentiments of the rank and file as well as the officary. Second, that the program be adapted to the needs and wishes of the people in general, and not a small group of intellectuals who might be inclined to use the convention to exhibit a particular brand of—

We must be careful not to take the convention away from the people, not

even to satisfy the whims of a few. Another matter that must be given careful study is the relationship of the National Board to the convention. The constitution places a great deal of authority in the National Board and the executive committee, especially in matters of finances and employed personnel. This is as it should be. Under our present setup, these are matters that have to have careful consideration by those who have time and experience in these matters.

But the executive committee, at least the Negro members, must always remember we are not the convention. That we represent our people. That, as far as we are concerned, final authority on all questions rests with the convention. That the convention and not the board is "running" things. "Vox populi vox Dei," so far as the National Board is concerned.

Largest Givers

The following is a list of the churches giving \$100 or more to the National Convention:

12th St., Washington	\$200.00
2nd Church, Indianapolis	100.00
Indiana Ave., Chicago	139.00
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Centennial, St. Louis	350.00
Monroe Ave., Columbus	100.00
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Cleveland, Winston-Salem	100.00
9th Ave., Roanoke	230.00
Miss. Blvd., Memphis	367.50
5th Christian, Cincinnati	100.00
Boll St., Dallas	225.00

National Convention Budget 1946-1947

Asking Budget:

United Christian Miss. Society	\$12,000
National Convention	6,600
Christian Board Pub.	2,000
Board of Church Extension	300
Pension Fund	600
Board of Higher Education	300
National Benev. Assn.	600
Total	\$22,400

Spending Budget:

Executive Secretary	\$ 3,000
Travel	1,000
Director of Rel. Ed.	2,700
Travel	1,000
Director Evangelism and Church Development	2,700
Travel	1,000
Director Miss. Org.	2,100
Travel	1,000
Office Secretary	1,500
Office Equipment and Expense	2,000
National Convention and Executive Committee	1,600
Program	1,200
Christian Plea	800
Pension Dues	536
Miscellaneous	250

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NOTICE!

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To Develop Into Better Preachers

Do Not Read This Article Unless You Want to Be Helped

First, get religion. Be certain of your call. Get the very best preparation possible. You cannot be versatile without a large stock of materials. If every pigeon-hole of your brain is not crammed with information you will soon become as sounding brass and a tinkling simpleton. He who can and fails to study, but says the Lord will fill his mouth as he opens it, will find the filling to be hot air.

Don't be beguiled by the former success of the matriculates of "Brush College." Times have changed. The pews have been lifted nearer to the level of the pulpit. Popular education has put in its work since "the fathers fell asleep." Science and philosophy are challenging *Divine Revelation today.*

Don't despise the day of small things. When ready, begin. Take what you can get. Preachers are long-lived. The big ones do not often resign. If you want a large church make a little one bigger. The best way to get out of a small place is to work out.

Don't winnow chaff in the prayer meeting. Grind grain. Give bread. Butter it if you can. Occasionally sandwich it with jelly.

Don't always talk yourself. Dr. Holmes says, "A dull preacher, hearing no one but himself preach for thirty years, will finally die a heathen for the want of the gospel."

Don't read anonymous letters. Burn them unread. By so doing you will "fire out" their cowardly writers. "Ashes to ashes" is the cremation liturgy.

Don't neglect the lambs of your flock. Know them to nature as well as by name. Attach yourself to your young people. Attend their meetings. Interest yourself in their affairs and they will become interested in you and your messages.

Don't speak ill of your predecessor. Those who treated him well are apt to be your best friends.

Don't speak disrespectfully of the community. See its excellencies, and be silent as to its defects. The love of locality is one of the strongest instincts of human nature.

Don't exalt any part of your work thinking it will cover the neglect of other duties.

Don't neglect the poor. Prove to your people that you seek them and not what they have. Love them for what they are and not for what they own. Do what you can for the church without regard for what it does for you. Earn

your salary and you will get it. Work wins and wears.

Don't show your wounds. Hide them. Be deaf as possible to censure.

Don't fear your people. Fear God Only. Let nobody own you.

Don't Ever be Less Than Your Best.

A poor sermon added to a rainy Sunday will not improve your wet weather congregation. *A little congregation and a big sermon help even things up.* Jesus preached one of His greatest sermons to a lone woman at the well. God's work can never be too small for your greatest powers.

Don't apologize. If you are unprepared it will not help your case by confessing it.

Don't confound violence with energy, nor perspiration with inspiration. Be in earnest, but affect no unwonted zeal. It is the steam in the cylinder, not in the whistle, that enables the locomotive to walk away with the train.

Don't try to make a poor sermon good by continuing to talk when you have finished preaching. Quit. The congregation will appreciate it and you will save yourself much embarrassment.

Don't brood over an innocent mistake. Add that to your stock of knowledge and go forward. A man who never makes a mistake never makes anything.

Don't preach to the people while on your knees supposedly offering public prayer.

Don't scold people in your prayers. That is cowardly.

Don't apologize for the truth; preach it.

Don't try to defend the truth; the truth is its own defense.

Don't appoint another preacher or singer to take your place when you are unable to keep your appointment. Assume that those who invited you are competent to choose a substitute satisfactory to themselves.

DON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE

Don't beg, indirectly, by telling "hard luck" stories about yourself in your sermons. If you are a child of the King, act like it.

Don't take advantage of your position on the platform to get an audience to commit itself publicly with reference to a matter that properly belongs to the Board. Courtesy and Christianity are perfectly compatible.

Don't take advantage of your position as a worker in a camp meeting to take an offering for some special interest without permission from the proper authorities. When invited by the one in authority, do what you are requested to do and then stop.

Don't take advantage of your position in the pulpit to say things to, or about, those in your audience that you should say to them personally.

Don't ask someone to come forward and read the Scripture when you have been appointed to preach. Read your Scripture or quietly ask, before you call your friend out, if it is agreeable to the one in charge.

Don't—if someone calls out from the congregation and asks that you be requested to sing, pray or testify; take recognition of the request. The one in charge is fully capable of taking care of the matter and for you to take cognizance of such a request is to embarrass that one.

Don't—if you are requested to preach or testify, stop and ask someone to sing who has not been appointed by the leader in charge. You are to preach and that only unless you have first conferred privately with the chairman and he is perfectly agreeable to the request.—Selected. (The Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.)

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At the National Convention in Nashville in August, 1945, a report was made to the convention severely criticising Jarvis College and Southern Christian Institute. After prolonged and heated debate the report was referred to the executive committee of the National Board with instruction to take the matter up with the United Society. For some reason the executive committee failed to carry out the convention's instructions. A similar resolution was adopted at Brooklyn. It is to be hoped that this last request will be carried out. The convention realizes that it has no authority over these schools. Yet as long as they are supposed to be "our schools," we will be concerned about what kind of schools we must depend upon for a large portion of our leaders. If the charges against these schools are false, it ought to be known. If they are true, somebody ought to do something to correct the situation.

Mr. N. J. Dickerson of Bluefield, W. Va., was recently ordained to the Christian ministry. He is an elder of the Jones St. Christian Church of Bluefield, president of the Bible schools of the Piedmont District, a former school teacher, and at present connected with the U. S. Employment Service. Elder Dickerson comes from a family of preachers, his grandfather, father, three uncles, a brother and a cousin all being ministers.

Oklahoma Church Builds

The East Sixth Street Christian Church of Oklahoma City is one of the first churches to have carried out the new building program since the close of the war. This building project is now nearing completion.

It is estimated that the completed building will cost in the neighborhood of \$35,000.00. The preliminary sketches were prepared by A. F. Wickes, Advisory Architect, Board of Church Extension. Mr. Tom Sorey, of Oklahoma City, served as local architect. East Sixth Street Christian Church is the only colored congregation in Oklahoma County and the other Oklahoma City churches are cooperating in the enterprise. The Board of Church Extension is assisting in the financing of the project.

—Church Extension News Service.

Laymen Organized

A Laymen's League was organized at the Brooklyn Convention with Thomas C. R. Briggs of Washington as president. We feel that one of the weaknesses of our conventions, both state and national, is our failure to enlist the interest and active support of a large number of our men. It is true, however, that we have had the support of a few of our most prominent laymen down through the years. But we need more manpower. We need their thinking, their business and professional experience. Let us hope the Laymen's League can help meet this need. Let us hope our pastors will encourage our laymen to attend our conventions.

Stolen

It was our misfortune to have a typewriter stolen from the convention office while in Brooklyn. The typewriter was the property of the convention from our Indianapolis office.

Blackburn Speaks

Elder Cleo Blackburn, superintendent of Flanner House, delivered a series of addresses at the National Convention. These messages were both challenging and inspiring, and set the pace for the entire convention.

Others appearing of the program with messages of power and inspiration were: S. C. Devine of Ohio, J. J. Hawkins of Iowa, J. F. Whitfield, D.D., O. B. Garner of Arkansas, F. T. Barnette of Ohio, T. C. R. Bragg of D. C., I. H. Moore of Kentucky, R. H. Davis of Illinois, and Lin D. Cartwright of Missouri.

What Happened at Brooklyn

A delegation of 400 raised \$6,000, re-elected S. S. Myers, president; R. H. Davis and B. C. Duke, vice-presidents; L. L. Dickerson, secretary; J. E. Walker, treasurer; F. T. Barnette, R. H. Peoples, and D. W. Heath, members of the National Board; I. H. Moore, Z. H. Howard, J. E. Walker, trustees. Increased registration for board and room to \$15.00 (\$2.00 of this for Convention), adopted a budget of \$6,600 for 1946-47, appointed a committee to study and revise the constitution. Condemned bigotry, prejudice and the brutal treatment heaped upon Negroes in certain southern states, listened to a lot of good preaching and singing, and voted to go to Cincinnati, August, 1947.

How Many Churches?

At the Brooklyn Convention we had some four hundred delegates in attendance and we raised nearly \$6,000, but less than one hundred churches contributed directly to the National Convention budget. There were others that contributed indirectly, through state organizations and individuals, yet there are some three hundred of our churches that are not sharing in this cooperative enterprise. It's true, of course, that more churches are cooperating now than ever before. This means progress. We have come a long way in the last few years, and the *Clarion Voice* does not want to forget those whose zeal and determination contributed so much to our current success. First, there was Rosa Bracy. We will always feel that it was she who sold the National Convention to our brotherhood. Then there came Baltimore Taylor, who actually did what Rosa Bracy said we ought to do and could do. We know there were others who made their contribution, but Bracy and Taylor gave us something that perhaps they only could have given.

I hope we are big enough to confer some special honor on both of them at some future convention. But that is not what we started out to say. Our main point is that we must reach a larger number of our churches and bring them into full fellowship. We cannot hope to carry out our long-range program successfully depending solely upon a few of our stronger churches. We need the financial support of at least an additional one hundred churches. Not merely for the sake of the money. We might be able to get along without the money. But we need the moral and spiritual support. We need the solidarity and strength that would result.

—L. K. Dickerson—

The Average Adult

If you happen to be an adult of average weight, here's some of the things you do in 24 hours:

- Your heart beats 103,689 times.
- Your blood travels 168,000,000 miles.
- You breathe 23,040 times.
- You inhale 438 cubic feet of air.
- You eat $3\frac{1}{4}$ pounds of food.
- You generate in energy 450 tons.
- You turn in your sleep 25 to 35 times.
- You speak 4,800 words.
- You move 750 major muscles.
- You exercise 7,000,000 brain cells.

North Balton Street Christian Church

Jacksonville, Texas
LEOLA COX, Reporter

A prayer service was held on the Wednesday night before the third Sunday in August which was the opening of the Revival meeting conducted at the North Balton St. Christian Church. Reverend Griffin, a young minister from Jarvis Christian College, preached the Sunday sermon. He read from John, 25th chapter, and took as his subject, "Whatever He Says Unto You, Do It." The scripture lesson was found in Revelation, and was read by Rev. S. M. Spencer, a young minister from Laneville, Texas. The evening's message was taken from John's message to the church. The Reverend Compton from the Fulton St. Christian Church in Palestine, Texas, also preached during the revival. One night was set aside for the young people of the church. For the whole week the sum of \$119.60 was raised. One person was taken into the church through baptism. Everybody was moved by the spirit of the meeting. Deacon Albert Henry had a brother from Los Angeles, California, Brother Julius Henry, to attend the meeting. We regret the loss of Brother R. J. Fuller of the Pine Hill Christian Church. He was loved by all and was a faithful worker in the church, but has been called by the Lord. Sister Margret Carry has returned home and is reported resting nicely.

Sunday School is held every Sunday morning and prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Rev. P. C. Washington has returned and is at his post every first and third Sunday.

Christian Unity

To all those good protestant brethren who are getting all worked up over a united church, we suggest that we begin with all the preachers accepting the New Testament scriptures as the supreme rule on all questions of faith and

order. And then we will have true unity and not just a federation of denominations.

Mrs. Barnes Writes

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Dear Friends Everywhere:

There are so many of you scattered across the miles that I must write a note. Of course, I shall miss seeing so many friends at the Brooklyn Convention, but shall be thinking of the things which you do for the good of our churches as they affect Christian living in our homes today.

My year and a half at Avalon Center has been most thrilling. There have been many opportunities for service and I have had small part in participation. Our Vacation Church School registered only eighty-three this year. We held our session for three weeks. Then sixty youths and their counselors spent a week at Fern Lodge Camp in the Santa Anita Canyon.

Avalon Center was included in the Recreational Survey made in the city of Los Angeles this year. It was quite comprehensive and we shall be counted in the improvements made—we hope.

Although Avalon Center is a full time job our Personnel Committee of the Board of Directors granted to our staff permission to take a nominal amount of work in our fields at the university. Have had a few courses already in the graduate school of social work, leading to a Master's degree in Social Work at the University of Southern California.

The churches never cease to heap on responsibility. At the recent state convention was re-elected district chairman of religious education and chairman of social education on the Woman's State Board. This is a challenging responsibility. In our own church—Avalon Christian, the women have chosen me as council president.

You may be certain that each of these responsibilities are challenging and I enlist your thoughts and prayers that I may in some way measure up.

Our marriage and home are bringing my husband and me a great deal of happiness. The pleasant notes, greetings, and gifts from you folks across the miles have meant so much to us. For all of these and for you our friends—we are grateful.

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Corinth Christian Church

REV. P. C. WASHINGTON, Pastor
MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, Reporter
Kilgore, Texas

We have just closed a great and beneficial revival. I am very happy to pay tribute to whom tribute is due and this is to our own President P. C. Washington, for recommending such a fine product of Jarvis Christian College in the person of Rev. J. F. Compton who took over our revival. Each message he delivered was timely and the results were two souls added to our fold. They are Annie Fae Ervin and Gladys M. Sibley. May God bless them and enable them to grow stronger in the ways of Jesus Christ. We were also glad to have with us during the week the new pastor of Mt. Olive Christian Church of Henderson, Texas, and his wife, Rev. T. M. Armistead. Let us pray for their continued success in their work. Mr. G. T. Reed of Mart, Texas, was the organist during the revival and led the choir in spiritual singing. We hope his visit will be an annual one. I have a great sense of sympathy for the Christian work and those who are carrying this work. It is not an easy road to travel. I assure you that it is my interest to see my people grow in Christian experience. Too many are going their way not thinking of the seriousness of the day. We still enlist your prayers of the Brotherhood.



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W. M. MORTON, *Reporter*

Due to government restrictions on building materials, we were unable to build a new church as planned, but are redecorating our old one and hoping in the near future to build on our lot.

Mt. Sterling was well represented at the National Convention which convened at Brooklyn, N. Y. Among those who attended were Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Patterson, Prof. J. E. Bean, Mesdames A. V. Stockton, Carrie L. Clemmons, Mr. Booker T. George, Misses Mary W. Morton, Marjorie Chenault, Lucile Tipton.

The convention was one that will go down in history as being the largest attended National Convention.

The Sunset Harmonizers of Robin St. Christian Church, Covington, Ky., sang at the church, Sunday, Sept. 1.

No. 6 District meeting will be held at High St. Christian Church, Oct. 5-6. All national workers, state presidents and workers are urged to be present.

Our two weeks' revival begins Monday night, Oct. 7.

Center Point Christian Church

Greenville, Texas

MRS. BEULAH M. CHRISTIAN, *Reporter*
ELDER H. G. SMITH, *Pastor*

We are thankful to say that we were spared to hold our revival beginning July 29th and going on through the fourth of August. Brother Smith preached the gospel in all its fullness through one week. On the 29th we had Brother and Sister I. Q. Hurdle with us in the morning service. Brother Hurdle preached the sermon at which time he gave us a very soul-stirring message. We had five to confess Christ, four by baptism and one turn-back.

We are thankful to say that our Sunday School is moving along nicely under the leadership of Brother G. Moton. Each Sunday morning the Sunday School assembles at ten o'clock to read and discuss the word of God. Each Wednesday night and Sunday night we gather at the church for our prayer meeting.

Corinth Christian Church

Kilgore, Texas

DR. P. C. WASHINGTON, *Pastor*
MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, *Reporter*

We are pleased to report we are back on the firing line again since our revival, and looking forward to the fall and winter months. We must stand ready to do what is in our power to make all strong and powerful in the service of the Master. The pastor, Rev. Washington, brought an inspiring message, Sunday morning in the subject, "Let Us Reason." We were honored to have visiting us one of our home boys and wife, Rev. O. C. Jacobs. He is now back in school, attending Jarvis Christian College, after having served in the army. We were happy to have Mr. Rhymn of Longview. Everything seems to be moving on for the betterment of Christ. Let us face the future in the spirit of Love, goodwill and cooperation as we ask the prayer of the Brotherhood.

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EVERETT - FAULKNER CHART NEW PATHS

Midway, Ky.
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Modernists, or Loyalist, Which?

T. R. EVERETT
Midway, Ky.

I am a reader of the literature of both sides of this question. The modernistic group—also the loyalist group. I think they all have some things in common with each other, but both are lacking in the spirit of the Christ they claim to believe in and honor. The modernistic deny the Divinity of Christ and repudiate his miracle openly. The loyalist claim to follow Him and keep His words but in fact they follow a far off like Peter of *old*. They have never loved Him enough to throw down racial bias enough to admit loyal and God-fearing Negroes into their school to learn about this Christ we claim to adore and honor. They have built colleges all over this country and some of them on free soil, yet they segregate the Negro. While they admit the Jap, the Chinaman and all breeds and races to full participation in all of these institutions. But the black boy or girl who represents over thirteen million of the subjects of this government and their forebearers were those that helped to clear the forest and build the roads and tunnel the rivers to make this the greatest land the sun has ever shone upon, yet we say in Christ there is no East or West, North or South, for He hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth and has determined the times before appointed and the bounds of this habitation, that they should seek the Lord if happily they might feel after Him and find Him. Acts 17:26-27.

I claim that there is no difference in denying Christ; one way is as bad as the other. To deny one group the privilege of sharing equal opportunity

to learn and know this Christ we claim to love and adore, because of racial barriers, is a flat denial of the things we preach. God is pure and He is just, not a sparrow falls to the ground without His notice. Now, we Christians are playing with Christianity today like our scientists are playing with the atom. It is indeed dangerous, sin is sin, and not the least degree of it is allowable in His sight.

So why not let us clean house at home and then we can see to check the mote in our brother's eye. For my part I accept the lesser sin but none will pass in judgment.

Think On These Things

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Let us think first of the Divinity and Power of God, by emphasizing His perfectness. In Deut. 32:39, He speaks "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound and I heal; neither is there any that can deliver out of my hands." What other god can speak as this God? The most outstanding fact is there is no record infallible that makes known the voice of any other god. We are all too familiar with the history of pagan worship, but not the facts of modern gods. Many of us won't rely on the promise of God for our needs, we would rather slave and toil for the money god. Can this god through its own power heal us or mend a broken heart or guide a wayward youth? Can we depend on this money god to insure justice to the poor? We have but one answer. No.

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The New Mt. Olive Christian Church

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During the twenty-two months that Rev. T. A. Armstead has been at the New Mount Olive Christian Church, the members of that church have been able to secure an acre and one-half of land a building valued at about \$4,500. They are expecting to burn the note on the second Sunday in October. Under the able leadership of Rev. Armstead the church membership which started out with nine people now has an enrollment of fifty-six members. In the last two years he has to his credit two hundred members taken in during the various meetings. He is a great soul-stirring preacher and is loved by everyone. On August 8, 1946, he was married to Miss Josanna Henry at the home of Sister Otha Dunn. Dr. D. T. Cleaner performed the ceremony, assisted by the State Evangelist, Rev. T. H. Page.

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What of the material god such as clothes, car, home, property, and jewelry?

What of the mental god such as personal power, popularity, vanity, jealousy, hatred, strife, diplomacy, and culture. Can any of these deliver us? Exalt us above all other humans? Will these gods make all men admire us? No, is the answer.

But the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob can work miracles for and through us, can stretch forth His hand and the winds, the heavens and the earth will obey. This God did exalt a nation above all other nations and caused His name to be called great. We hear the prayer of Hannah, the woman favored by God Almighty in 1 Sam. 2:2-3. There is none Holy as the Lord: for there is none beside Thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed.

As we remember Hannah was barren and was humiliated and derided by those of her household except her husband, prayed for a man child and there made a covenant with God. God heard her and she was blessed with Samuel, the Great Judge of Israel.

2 Sam. 22:31, "As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried. He is a buckler to all them that trust him." Let us stand still a little while and let God speak for Himself. Let all of our gods and we ourselves answer these questions that God asked Job in the 38th chapter: "Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? (3) Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. (5) Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? (6) Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the cornerstone thereof; (7) When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? (12) Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; (17) Have the gates of death been opened unto thee: or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death? (19) Where is the way where light swelleth: and as for

darkness where is the place thereof.

(20) That thou shouldst take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldst know the paths to the house thereof?

(21) Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great? (22) Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or has thou seen the treasures of the hill? (28) Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

(29) Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it? (33) Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? Now these are some of the questions God put to Job and they are for our edification. There are many scriptures that we could use to prove the Deity and Power of God but we must move on.

Let us think on the Sonship and authority of Christ. St. John 1:1; "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God." (14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelleth among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth. (29) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

We need not deal in the sin of Adam and Eve which is the sin of the world but, the fact that man was lost in sin and only some one with authority and power could redeem him, and that man was the Saviour who was and is and shall be forever more. For this reason we shall beseech His authority. Jesus said I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. John 8:12.

Not only did he have power but Divinity, for He is perfect. If we follow His examples and precepts we would prosper in all we undertook to accomplish, for nothing would we do of self, but in His name and glory. Whenever we walk in the light whether it is day or night under a lighting system we have a clear vision and for that reason Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the light, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 18:6. Jesus gave another rule in Luke 11:39-44, "And the Lord said unto him, now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Ye fools, did not he that made

that which is without make that which is within also? But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold all things are clean unto you. But woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the others undone. Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the upper most seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets."

Jesus was qualified to speak of love and compassion for He lived it daily. Jesus himself being love could not do differently. In 1 John 4:7-8 we read "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. Jesus said "The Father and I are one. The Father is in me and I am in the Father." Again, "The Son knoweth the Father and the Father knoweth the Son."

So Jesus had to do what He said He was. And so it becomes our task, if we say we are Christians (which we mean Christ-like) we must do love and not be as the Pharisees, pay our offerings and forget love and judgment, for in so doing we deceive ourselves and in the end we will find ourselves lost to eternal damnation. 1 John 4:20. If a man say, I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen. Rev. 21:8 says, But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. So let us be careful how we profess love.

Jesus removed all causes for excuse before ascending to heaven. John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient that I go away; for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you. In the 14th chapter, 26th verse, But when the comforter is come; whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father he shall testify of me. And in 16:13, Jesus said the comforter would guide you, for he will not speak of himself but the things he have heard of God.

So, my friends, we have the guidance if only we will accept it, and we must if we expect to build for Christ. For Christ will not accept our offerings in hate, jealousy, envy, malice or strife.

To build requires leadership, Christ-like if you please. The type that Caleb displayed in Numbers 14:11-24; God spoke to Moses saying; how long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them. I will smite them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they. Moses reasoned with God and said the Egyptians will hear it for you brought them up from among them in thy might, all of the people have heard of the cloud by day and the fire by night. But if you slay them as one man then they will say you were not able to deliver them to the land that thou promised and slew them in the wilderness. I beseech thee let the power of the Lord be great for thou are long suffering, of great mercy, forgiving iniquities and transgressions and by no means clearing the guilty visiting the iniquity of the fathers unto the children to the third and fourth generations: pardon their sin I beseech thee; and because of Moses' faithfulness, God pardoned this people but he said, because all those men who have seen my glory and miracles which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness and have tempted me these ten times and have not heard my voice, surely they will not see the land which I promised them nor shall any of them that provoked me. But my servant Caleb because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring in to the land and he will possess it.

As we remember that when the Israelites came to the promised land Moses sent out spies, Caleb and Joshua. When they returned they told of the people possessing the land but said let us go and possess it quickly, but the others that went with the two said, the land was filled with giants; and filled the people with fear so that they rebelled against God saying let us make a captain and return to Egypt. Caleb and Joshua stood against the whole congregation and said "If the Lord delight in us then He will bring us into this land, and give it us; only rebel not against the Lord and fear not the people of the land for their defense is departed from them. The people stoned them and put them from them and in so doing disinherited themselves for every one of them died in the wilderness. Even Moses sinned and was rejected by God, but God did let him see the land but would not let him enjoy the flowing milk and honey. Only Caleb and

Joshua and those who grew up and were faithful to the Lord passed over and possessed the land.

My friends we need leaders today who will take a firm stand against all sin; that man or woman who will stand alone, who will not worry about the popularity of man or who will not fear man; but that person whether they are a minister or a layman who is able through faith and love of God to possess the power of Moses, to entreat the Lord for mercy for a doomed people and the spirit which possessed Caleb to be blessed with the promises of God. In Hebrew 7:26 we read, "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;" for God said unto Christ in the 7th Chapter of Hebrew "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." For Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most High God was without mother, father, beginning of days or ending of days, to whom Abraham paid tithes.

So in as much as we are Christ-like we are priest unto the Most High. So let us attend to ourselves and take inventory. Here we are in the land of promise and God said the cattle of a thousand hills are His. The Psalmist said "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and they that dwell therein." Christ said "Whatsoever you ask of the Father in my name, doubting nothing, it shall be given you."

What have we, as a Colored brotherhood, that we can truthfully call ours? I mean that we own and operate solely. A hospital? A home for the aged or orphans? A school—just one? Is there anything that we can point to as men and women or say this is our contribution to civilization through Christ, or do we say this is what the white brethren gave us or helped us possess, of course he is the President but it is ours. Oh, friend, wake up—what has Christ done for us. I defy any man to stand before me and say that as a group we cannot maintain a hospital, school or any Christian enterprise of our own volition through Christ.

The trouble is we are too dependent on the other man and not the right man. We are too satisfied with the dole we receive. I ask you seriously to look at some of the churches that we criticize. I mean Colored. They have their publishing houses that furnish their own literature, the works of their commentators, schools of higher learning and various other enterprises. If we are the Church of Christ shouldn't the Christ

bless us more abundantly? There must be something wrong with us, and in this message I have attempted to point it out to you. It is my desire that we will be the Church of Christ but I need you to stand with me and contend for the Spirit of Christ to abide in our lives. I quote the words of a young Jarvis Christian College student: "Could it be that we have wasted too much time arguing over whether Saul of Tarsus was riding or walking on his way to Damascus? Or whether we should baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost or in the name of Jesus Christ? Or whether we should go back to the old land mark? As of last school term there were only 13 young people and young adults in school preparing themselves for full time religious service which I think is appalling."

I ask the question what do our schools, the two that are for Colored people, teach when a person will ask questions as this young man. I say we must stand firm on the statement of Paul in Tim. 2:15 in order to rightly divide the word of God.

I close with the Pleas of this Church:

1. No Book but the Bible
2. No Creed but Christ.
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6. Live Godly—Gal. 5:21—Heb. 5:9.

My Reports

MRS. A. L. MARTIN
Chicago 15, Ill.

As we come to the close of another convention year we face together a sick, weak, and greatly disturbed world. A world with marks of the worst conflict we have ever known; and yet sinful men are adding to that great tragedy through hatred, prejudice and ignorance. There is a bitter restlessness, a confusion and a great need. The world needs God with His mighty power of redemption.

By our experiences as we meet and face facts we are almost persuaded to

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"If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other." (1 John 1: 7.)

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acknowledge the near destruction of God's beautiful world unless a radical change takes place in man's heart, and that soon. But we should not stop and lament that fact, as true as it is. And we *would* not if we could wade far enough out into the deep, see high enough upon the mountain top, then down by the seaside, everywhere, the church's opportunity, and God Himself at work through the lives of men who have given themselves to express His will as they go forward to build a new and better world. Men whose lives are so constructed that they consider it a privilege to undergo hardships that they might have a glorious opportunity for fellowship with such a Holy One in such a great task—that of taking the remnants of the cruel World War and knitting them together with hearts of love and compassion, and the word of God as the machinery to weave the warp and woof of courage, confidence, strength, fellowship, poise and brotherly love into the kind of church we need at such a time as this.

The more I travel and see man's needs the louder my soul speaks, saying with the poet, "Lord, take me and use me, that's all that I can do; I have given my heart to Jesus—How about you? How about our leaders? How about our great brotherhood? Do you sense the challenge to give to the world the best there is in you?"

I am very pleased to report my second visit to Arkansas.

Arriving in Little Rock on the morning of June 28th I found the torches lighted and ready to throw their beams onto Oak Grove for a District Convention which was a wonderful meeting. It was interesting to see from the church's lawn men, women and young people coming from all directions to be present at the opening session. We watched their mode of worship; then listened to their reports which were very good. The sermons were timely and full of guideposts to keep every department well directed. The president seems to be just the type to serve such a fine group of Christians. This is Arkansas' garden spot—rich in youth and children.

At noon a delicious meal was served by the ladies of the local church. Plenty of food and fellowship.

In the afternoon I spoke from the theme "A Crusade for a Christian World." Sunday, the 30th, the services were very impressive. The State Evangelist, Elder T. R. Moore, presided, while Elder J. W. Forbes brought the closing message of the convention.

Monday, July 1st, we visited and

rested in the home of Miss Mary U. Moore. Offering \$9.50. On Tuesday morning, the 2nd, Mrs. Frank Armstrong, Miss Moore and I motored to Pearidge. My home was with Bro. and Sister Jonas Williams, who made it very pleasant for me. There were no services at the church but we had an interesting conference with members in the neighborhood.

On Wednesday, the 3rd, we returned to Little Rock. The same evening we were with Cross Street Church, and spoke from the theme, "The Church In Its World Mission." At other places as well as Cross Street, I tried to leave the impression that the world is our mission field and Jesus Christ is our message. Certainly this is all I have to offer, using as my guidepost the word of Jesus Christ when He said, "Go ye into all the world, etc." Matt. 28. Offering \$6.55.

Thursday evening, July 4th, we were at Russellville. We found Elder R. Wesley Watson and Elder Raymond R. Walton there in a great revival of preaching and singing. These Christian ministers were gracious enough to give space for my message. Our fine state president, Mrs. Mary Franklin, presented me. She has such a "catching" way of doing things. There were almost a full house—some white friends. Offering \$5.25.

Friday evening, July 5th, we met a great group at Mt. Sinai (back in Little Rock). This church is planning to build soon. Because of the great love and respect they had for their former pastor, the late Elder W. M. Bostick, and appreciation of the tireless labors of his widow, Sister Sarah L. Bostick, who is yet very active, they have agreed that this church will be a monument to Elder Bostick and named in his honor. Sister T. R. Moore, vice-president, presided. After my message Sister Bostick spoke out of her heart of the work over the state and encouraged all to support the total program. She told of my work both in and out of the state and asked for a liberal offering. \$6.40 was given. I made an appeal for the 1,000 Club drive and secured three members as follows: Elder T. R. Moore, pastor, Miss Thelma Moore, his sister and a recent graduate of Mt. Beulah College, and Sister Bostick, Arkansas' foundation and pillow in missions. Miss Mary V. Moore of Oak Grove, was present and became a member, representing her church. I think Miss Thelma Moore's membership belongs to Oak Grove also. My itinerary was so fast until I did not make the plea for club members at

every point. This was not my program and neither had I been asked to secure members; so pardon me for overlapping. I was trying to do good.

Saturday morning I was accompanied to Pine Bluff by the pastor, Elder J. W. Forbes. I spoke for them Sunday the 7th, and closed with a conference after the morning service. This is Arkansas' chance to build a greater church in a great city. They have the beginning, a beautiful lot, and with encouragements can do a good job. I am asking the prayers and spiritual support for these people. Offering \$3.00.

Received from State Board \$13.00.

Total receipts \$43.70. Christian Pleas, 2; World Calls, 2. At this point I overstepped my bound as I have never been asked to work for Christian nor World Call.

The only state I have ever served to beat Arkansas doing things is Illinois. My aim is to make these two states akin in going forward with Jesus to build a new and peaceful world.

Yours for Missions,

MRS. A. L. MARTIN,
Area Worker.

Arkansas State Work And Convention

MRS. S. L. BOSTICK

N. Little Rock, Arkansas

Mrs. Ruth Patterson, our National Field Worker, passed through our state in May. She had only a few days to visit the Cross St., Mt. Sinai and Russellville Christian Churches. Everyone seemed to enjoy her messages. Mrs. A. L. Martin of Chicago was in the state and visited each church society. She is well prepared for her work and we are always happy to know of her coming. On her visit last year she helped Elder J. W. Forbes to organize a little band of Disciples in Pine Bluff.

The State Convention met in N. Little Rock from August 7 to 11. The attendance was not large but much good preaching was enjoyed and many good papers were read from the various delegates. Elder O. B. Garner preached a wonderful message on the Thursday night session. Mrs. Mary Franklin, president of the State Women, brought a very timely message on Friday morning after the appointment of the committees. Elder L. B. Facen delivered the sermon during this service. Papers were read by Mrs. Mae Ball of Cross St. Church, Mrs. H. C. Mothershed of Mt. Sinai Church, and Mrs. Louise Mitchell of Cross St. Church. Remarks were enjoyed that were made by Mrs. D. Dean and from Elder Ruben Speaks from

Drake University. "True Fellowship" was spoken on by Mrs. S. L. Bostick in which the keynote was expressed in the following words, "Do Unto Others As We Would Have Them Do Unto Us." Miss Mary V. Moore, the State Secretary, gave a fine demonstration on Love, Faith, Loyalty, Truth, Obedience and Honesty. The closing session was climaxed by a Bible School taught by the President of the Bible School Department, Brother Cole. Elder T. R. Moore gave a stirring sermon. Elder B. H. Armstrong was re-elected President of the Convention.

New President, U. C. M. S.

The election of Dr. W. H. McCormick of Cleveland, Ohio, as president of the U. C. M. S. and Dr. Gaines Cook of Cleveland, executive secretary of the International Convention, was good news to our Negro brotherhood. We are a part of both of these organizations—a small part perhaps, but nevertheless a part. And we are always interested in the type of men who occupy these important positions. Dr. Cook and Dr. McCormick are both big men. In these days of stress and strain, we need big men in high places. Men who can see over the heads of the rabble. Men of faith and courage.

We hope that Dr. Cook in his newly created position of executive secretary will be able to convince the program committee of the International Convention that the Negro Brotherhood should be given a larger part on the convention program. And that those who "represent" us will be "representative" according to our way of thinking.

True Vine Christian Church

REV. H. G. SMITH, *Pastor*
MRS. M. O. NELSON, *Reporter*
Paris, Texas

All of our conventions are over and we are now beginning a conventional year's work for the Master. I pray that we are all determined to do better work this year. Our Missionary Society is still on the firing line. On August 18th the Missionary rendered a very interesting program under the leadership of our president, Mrs. C. B. Hughes.

On August 25, two young women united with the church who were members of my Sunday School class. Our hearts overflowed with joy and praise to our Saviour for these two young souls. An enjoyable service of the Young People's Christian Endeavor was conducted by Melvin L. Hester, who is a student

of Jarvis Christian College. We pray for his success in college. The song, "Great Is Their Faithfulness," sung by Brother and Sister George Nelson and daughter, was dedicated to the Missionary Society and especially to those members unable to attend now, such as Sister Mary Hunter, Sister Alice Greenleaf and my mother, Sister Hattie Crawford. Timely remarks were heard from Sisters Fanny Harris and Anna Pirtle at one of our meetings.

Mrs. Annie Franklin Writes, Port Gibson, Mississippi

This year has been one of the most pleasant years I have ever witnessed. I have visited all of the quarterly meetings of the churches in District No. 1, also in the No. 2 District. They were all good. In July I attended the second Rural Annual Church Women's School which was held at the S. C. I. Then we went to Fayette, Mississippi, to the Church School Convention. It was good both days. Mr. John Wilson is president, Mr. C. E. Chambliss, secretary, and Mrs. D. L. Jenkins had charge of the Young People's program. We visited the revival at Providence for three nights, then the next week we attended a week's revival at Lorman Church. Elder I. C. Franklin conducted the revival. One was added to the church.

The second Saturday in August we were at Rose Hill. Elder N. R. Trevillian is pastor, but Elder M. Newsome conducted the revival. He preached many soul-stirring sermons.

The second Sunday we were at Forest Grove, where Elder J. C. Norrells pastors. The next week we were at Hermanville in our state convention. There we had a good convention. Elder N. R. Trevillian presided over the churches; Mrs. M. L. McCarty presided over the Women's Missionary Society and Mrs. R. E. Weaver presided over the Willing Workers Society. Saturday night we were entertained by the S. C. I. which showed pictures of the work. We closed Sunday. Evangelist S. D. Yarbor brought us the closing message. Total amount raised for all departments, \$1,500.00.

Leaving the Convention the third Sunday night we started on our trip to the National Convention which was held in Brooklyn, N. Y. We arrived in Brooklyn Tuesday morning at 11:30 a.m. We made only three changes on our trip, one at Vicksburg, Miss., the next at Meridian, Miss., and Washington, D. C.

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Mrs. Annie Franklin

We passed through Alabama. There we saw the furnaces at work melting ore; then into Tennessee, where we saw the Lookout Mountain at Chattanooga. Through Virginia we saw the tobacco farms and apple orchards.

We chanced to get a glimpse of Washington, D. C., our nation's capitol. Just passed through Baltimore, Md.

The Brooklyn Convention was the first National Convention I ever attended. The spirit of the meeting throughout was fine. I was impressed greatly with the many friends of my husband, Elder J. C. Franklin, so much so that I would like to attend another one. I enjoyed being with the missionary women. Their program was just fine.

On Sunday Elder I. C. Franklin preached at St. Philip Church, where Elder W. C. Kinard pastors. I attended the morning service with the A. M. E. Church, just opposite the Christian Church and at the close was back at the Christian Church and heard Pres. Myers, the president of National Convention, bring the great message. On Sunday in the afternoon I visited the A. M. E. Church, there a marriage was held.

Sunday evening we were at Stuvstant Heights to the communion service, which was very solemn and impressive.

Sunday night we witnessed the musical program by the choirs. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch and her husband conducted the music. We have never heard any better singing nor have we ever seen a better conducting of music, but we would not expect otherwise. I can still hear the music ringing within yet.

On Saturday we were taken by Mrs. Hancock sight-seeing. She had it all planned, and she well planned it. It would seem that after she had helped serve our meals she would not be able to go with us, and it is well she did go with us, because we may have gotten lost and maybe we would be lost in New York yet.

We went down the Hudson River, had the chance to see New York City on one side and Brooklyn on the other. Passed under the many bridges that spanned the Hudson, saw the great Empire State building as it seemed to reach the sky with its 102 stories. Then we crossed over to the Statue of Liberty. There we ascended 10 stories of it. By this time we had enough. The majority went to Coney Island but as for few of us, we had enough. I had seen so much until when I got back to our boarding place I was completely lost. Elder Franklin had to coax me very much to convince me that we were at

our boarding place. I could not realize it was the place until he had opened the door and I saw our belongings.

Monday we began our trip back home, arriving at home Wednesday night.

The revival began at Hermanville, where Elder I. C. Franklin pastors, on the second Sunday night and closed the third Sunday. There were 6 added by baptism, 2 reclaimed, raised \$112.00. Then the next week the revival was held at Union Hill (this church is where Prof. Cleo Blackburn's mother's membership was). There were none added to the church, but the spirit of the meeting was high. Elder and Mrs. N. R. Trevillian were present Thursday night. We ordained one for the office of deacon. Elder Levi Thomas assisted in both revivals at Hermanville and Union Hill.

Elder Franklin was called to attend the funeral of Bro. Clem Keyes, who departed this life at Chicago, also a member of the South Side Christian Church. His funeral was attended at Bethel Christian Church, his body deposited in the Hemmingway Cemetery Monday, Sept. 23. The family has our heartfelt sympathy.

We spent the night with one of the pioneer families of Bethel in the person of Bro. and Sister George Lawrence.

Excuse my long say but I am much impressed and if this message does not find its way to the waste basket I may write again.

MRS. ANNIL FRANKLIN,
Rt. 1, Box 125,
Port Gibson, Miss.

Antioch Christian Church

Oliver Ave. and Lincoln Hi-Way
New Brunswick, N. J.

REV. S. E. TILLMAN, *Pastor*
MRS. A. B. WASHINGTON, *Sec.*

The National Convention was held in Brooklyn, N. Y., and should be advertised to help promote growth of the other conventions to come. The convention was well attended and there were some very fine speeches delivered. There's a question in my mind. I have noticed for the past few years it seems that the same speakers are on the program. I'm wondering if the speakers who appear each year are the ones who bear the burden in the expense of the convention or (may I ask) is it the local churches that support the convention? Make the finance possible?

If so, then, why not go around and use the best talent from all the churches from time to time? It would take a few years to get around, but, in my estimation, would give each talent a chance to speak in the convention.

I have noticed the leadership of our pastor. He gets around to every member of the church even though the group is growing, yet from time to time he finds a place for each member who helps to support the church. It appears to me the leaders of national convention could work likewise, as such everyone feels happy and there will be no divisions. This I call a working church.

The convention is large, but, with the great fellowship supporting it in the Spirit of Christ through God it isn't hard for the leaders to carry on. I thank God that Antioch Christian Church of New Brunswick is a working church. Not only do the members of long standing work, but, the new ones likewise. We have a good Sunday School, one superintendent and three teachers. We have a missionary who meets in business capacities once each month, and each fourth Sunday on a missionary program. We have one young man on trial as deacon in the person of Zelmon D. Johnson, who is endeavoring to live up to his calling. He is very energetic, quiet, very apt and does not seem to show any hostilities. Our pastor thinks he is making good. We have a Board of Elders who labor in the Doctrine with the pastor and they work sincerely. We also have a Board of Trustees that are second to none. They, along with the pastor, are doing a splendid job.

We had a splendid revival during the first and second week in August. Our pastor saw fit to run it himself. He felt it would be too great a strain on the members to hire a minister. It also would have encouched extra expense, as we are continuing to rebuild and finish the church.

During the revival eight persons were added to the church, six by Christian experience and two by baptism. The spirit ran high and we said as in days of old.

Our monthly collections average \$75.00. We have one very important objective to achieve, and that is to retain the seven lots that surround the church. It is hopeful that the United Christian Missionary Society will advance the money for same. We had one of our ex-pastors to preach for us four nights of last week. He really brought us some soul-stirring messages. We also had a Rev. C. H. Hawkins of West Palm Beach, Fla., who dropped by on last Sunday and gave us two wonderful sermons. So we have been eating spiritually. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.

MRS. ORA L. JOHNSON,
Church Clerk.

Broadway Christian Church

REV. W. M. OWENS, *Pastor*
Winchester, Ky.

The Broadway Christian Church at Winchester, Ky., sends greetings to the Brotherhood at large.

We are still on the firing line working at the task of church building both physically and spiritually. Our plans for a recreation hall and dining room and kitchen are maturing and it just won't be long before they are ready. Three sisters, Mrs. Frankie Parish, Mrs. Lizzie Campbell and Mrs. Ada Brooks presented the church with a handsome center light and saw to its installation through the Business Women's Club of which Mrs. Parrish is the president. This fine gift was presented in honor of their late mother and father who were faithful supporters of the church while they lived. The church is also giving thanks for a fine pulpit Bible presented by the Bible School of the White Central Christian Church.

We are planning a 15 days' revival to begin Sunday morning, Nov. 3rd, to be conducted by Elder O. Zollar of Houston, Tex. We are anxiously praying that many souls may be added to the church. Two of the young brothers of our church who served their country in the past war left the city this week to enter school to complete their educational careers. They are George Frazier and James Frazier. George is making further preparation for the Christian ministry, and James is studying to be a doctor. The church is proud of these two fine young men and wish for them much success. They both have fine young wives.

Elder Owens and wife entered in upon their 10th year as pastor of the Broadway Christian Church and during these passing years they have enjoyed a fine fellowship working with a fine group of people. The Broadway Christian Church put their minister in the pension fund several months ago through their missionary society.

The pastor and wife attended the National Convention held with Elder Hancock and his good wife in Brooklyn, New York, and it was one of the best conventions I have ever attended from every angle. Elder Myers, the president of the National Convention, is surely the right man in the right place. He deserves much praise for his fine leadership. While we missed some of the familiar faces of the past and their issues which brought about the break, we pray that the Lord may give them space of time to repent and return to their first love. We as Christian minis-

ters have fellowshiped together as one big brotherhood across the years, and a divided brotherhood among the Disciples of Christ will do much to further prolong the answer to the prayer of the Christ when He prayed as He walked in the shadow of the Cross with His face set toward Calvary that we all might be one. It seems like that some of our Kentucky brethren are on both sides of the fence and desiring to hold offices in our National and State convention, but whose actions speak louder than words. Brethren, I am for the long range program and for the united work of the United Missionary Society 100 per cent and all the folk I serve are in the same boat.

Yours for Kingdom building.

Werhman Avenue Christian Church

MRS. LILLIAN BARBER, *Reporter*
1328 Chapel St., Cincinnati, Ohio

As this is our first news to the *Plea* I think it might be of interest to many of our Christian friends to know that on the second Sunday of last November our Ladies' Aide Society sponsored a pew service. Rev. W. H. Williams, pastor of 1st Antioch Baptist Church, preached for us, bringing with him his choir, Gospel chorus and other members of his congregation. We were blessed spiritually and financially. The Aide also gave a dinner at the home of Sister Barber which proved to be a success. At Christmas time Sister Ruth Hull brought us a lovely pageant featuring her well-trained junior group. Bro. A. Simeon brought us an unusual program which he called the Soldier's Experience rally. It was of great interest as it showed the sad, serious and comical sides of army life. The Eleazer Club, which is comprised of young people of our church, raised enough money in May to have our pipe organ installed and unveiled it to us with a sweet and inspiring program.

Our June rally was our first big financial effort in our new church and through our untiring and loyal members and friends we were able to go over the top. Rev. John L. Dickerson is still our pastor and shows his great interest in us by coming to us from Oxford each Sunday regardless of the weather. As he is a soul-stirring preacher many have been brought to Christ since he has been in our midst. Mrs. Sallie Parks, one of faithful members, attended the National Convention. Our clubs are doing lots of team work. The Samaritan Circle bought carpet for

our aisles and choir stands. We are proud to say that our Eleazer Club is doing great things and at each of its meetings plans are made to bring more young people to our church. Sunday, Aug. 25th, the members sponsored a youth's day program, the participants ranged from 4 to 16 years of age. Spirituals were sung and played by them, instrumentals were played and many of the little tots gave readings. Miss Margaret Taylor, our organist, has finished her vacation and is back at her post leading our melodious choir.

The choir and our minister look very saintly each Sunday donned in their beautiful robes.

We ask for your prayers: That with Christ we may build anew.

Williamsburg Christian Church

REV. W. F. KEYES, *Pastor*
CHERRIDELL ELLIS, *Reporter*
Brooklyn, N. Y.

During the months of August and September, the Williamsburg Christian Church has been blessed with the spirit of God and many souls have been added to its congregation. On the first Sunday in September the pastor preached a soul-stirring sermon on the subject, "A Living Sacrifice." One family was blessed with a son born to them, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Miley, 88 Hope Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

On Sunday, August 25th, the National Convention brought many visitors to the church. At the eleven o'clock service, a beautiful message was brought by the Rev. R. R. Walton, who spoke on the subject, "Prayer." Two other addresses were delivered by Prof. R. H. Peoples, and by Dr. J. E. Walker, president of the Universal Life Insurance Co., and the National Convention Treasurer. Mrs. Grant was soloist for the morning service. We are asking that the Brotherhood may pray for this church and its people that it may progress and do a better work.

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INSTITUTIONAL PERSONNEL WANTED

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE, Edwards, Mississippi, a co-educational, accredited college for Negroes, is in need of a manual training teacher and a Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. The manual training teacher must meet the Smith-Hughes standards. One who can also teach other kinds of shop work such as auto-mechanics and electrical wiring is preferred. The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds must be trained in a technical school and be willing to be responsible for the general operation, upkeep, and repair of the entire plant.

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Any one interested in either of these positions may apply to MISS VERNA SUTTON, Executive Secretary of the Department of Institutional Missions, United Christian Missionary Society, 222 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.

For All People

A sound motion picture, titled "For All People," is a contribution of Disciples of Christ to the current inter-denominational mission study, "The Christian and Race." Based on the work of our All People's Christian Church and Community Center, the film was made by professional artists by Cathedral Films, Inc., and tells the story of the establishment of this Center following the removal of the Japanese from Los Angeles in 1942 which left vacant our Japanese Christian Church.

For the peoples of many races and nationalities who moved into the homes in the surrounding area, varied services are provided: a supervised playground, a branch library, a kindergarten which provides care while mothers work, clubs for boys and girls, athletics, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Genung, who established the work, continue as superintendents.

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Minister Installed at Gay Street Christian Church

MRS. H. E. BRADEN, Reporter



ELDER H. G. FLEMING

In an impressive service held at Gay Street Christian Church, Sunday, October 27, 1946, Elder H. G. Fleming was installed as minister of historic old Gay Street Church.

Elder H. E. Braden, of Gay Street and vice-president of the Tennessee State Convention, was Master of Ceremonies, and Elder R. C. Maloy, minister of the Alameda St. Christian Church, brought the installation message, and the Alameda St. Church choir furnished the music.

A large and enthusiastic audience was present. Elder Maloy delivered a timely and forceful message.

The following ministers and elders were present: Elder J. W. Frierson of the Church of Christ; Rev. J. Louie Logan of the Presbyterian Church; Elder C. P. Johnson of Alameda St. Church; Elder R. A. Jackson of the Alameda St. Church; Elder Nelson Jackson of the Alameda St. Church; Elder

Alva W. Taylor of Vine St. Church (white); Elder Ernest Foster, Gay St. Christian Church. There were many friends present from other churches throughout the city.

The program was as follows:

Opening song by choir.

Prayer, Elder Nelson Jackson.

Scripture, Rev. J. Louie Logan.

Song by choir.

Remarks by visiting ministers and elders.

Special music by the choir.

Sermon—Elder R. C. Maloy.

Invitation Hymn.

Offertory.

Recognition of visitors.

Presentation of Elder and Mrs. H. G.

Fleming.

Closing Hymn.

Benediction.

This occasion provided a hearty fellowship for the three churches of the city, Lea Ave., Alameda St. and Gay St.

Elder Fleming is a well experienced and successful minister, well known for his outstanding ability as a builder of churches and congregations.

Each member of the Gay St. Church has pledged his full support to the pastor's program, and we believe that by the grace of God our church will move on the upward trend.

Some phases of church organization are in progress on which we hope to report next month.

To the Ministers:

We are now in the midst of our setting-up program for ministers in-service Institutes. Those of us who have been attending these projects may recall how we all were enlightened and inspired during the fellowship and study. Knowing as you do what a great force for good these Institutes are on the upswing in effectiveness of our local ministering, we urge you to begin now to prepare for the Institute to be conducted in your area. Not many days hence, you will receive a letter setting forth the terms and date of your Institute and an enclosed self-addressed card for your reply. It is our desire that the attendance this year will increase two-fold and you can help us realize this ambitious undertaking by telling the good news to every minister you are privileged to contact. First, say to him in tones that are convincing, that the Institute is a "Must" on your list; and that you will attend. Tell how the Institute experience helped you to surmount some barriers and put new life in your work. Be sure to explain to him the contributions you made by sharing some of the highlights of your own experience with the brethren.

Last year the Institute project serviced one hundred two pastoring ministers and eighteen who were not, at that time, in charge of churches. Through these ministers, more than 15,000 Disciples came under the influence of this special fellowship project; this year let us make it two hundred thirty-eight ministers and 30,000 Disciples.

C. L. PARKS

National Director, Church Development and Evangelism

The 74th Annual Assembly of Goldsboro-Raleigh District held with the Vine Swamp Church of Christ, Kinston, North Carolina—Elder G. R. Lovick, Pastor; H. D. Davis, Bishop.

The assembly this year was the greatest of them all. The total goals were surpassed. The heated fervor of joy and spirituality was shown as the reports came in from the workers and churches. The women, under the directorship of Mrs. Daisy S. Parks, made a full report of over \$800.00 for Friday afternoon.

The final reports of all departments show some hard work and Christian loyalty. For the year seven hundred seventy-two new members. Money raised, \$9,327.46.

EMMETT J. DICKSON

National Director, Christian Education, Acting Executive Secretary

From the Shores of Lake Erie

CHAS. A. CRAGGETT

During the month of October the church observed Church Loyalty Month. With something special each Sunday night. The first Sunday night being observed as a day of communion throughout the entire world. We held joint communion with the St. Stephen Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The communion service was also held in cooperation with the dedicating of a plaque bearing the picture of the Lord's Supper which is lighted during the communion service. The second Sunday the church presented Mr. and Mrs. Lawson in an evening of song. Mr. Lawson is the director of our Senior Choir. Mrs. Lawson is a great singing evangelist, and always carries a crowd wherever she sings. That night the church was crowded to capacity. All day of the third Sunday was busy. The young people had charge of the service. With Kenneth Dabney presiding and the young people's choir, under the direction of Albert Meadows, who before going into the service was a tenor soloist on Wings Over Jordan. Sunday night the service was under the auspices

of the Boosters Club, with Mrs. Martha Belcher in charge. The fourth Sunday found the church graced by the presence of Gaines M. Cort, the retiring secretary of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society and new executive secretary of the International Convention, and that night a musical program was given by the Senior Choir.

The church during the past few months has brightened up the appearance of the main part of the auditorium with new furniture. The first piece of furniture to be given was a communion table. It was given by Mr. Jessie Blair and Mrs. Melvida McCall in memory of their mother, Mrs. Malvina Blair. The next was a pulpit, given by Mr. Walter Harrison and Mrs. Susie White in memory of their mother, Mrs. Josephine Harrison. Flower pedestals were given by Mrs. Elenna Martin. A pulpit chair was given by the Boosters Club, with Mrs. Sudie Johnson giving a large share toward the purchase. The plaque commemorating the Lord's Supper was given by the men of the church.

The church has now begun a parsonage fund, the foundation of which will help or enable the church to obtain a parsonage. The men are pitted against the women. The men captained by Mr. Tony Wright, with Mrs. Elenna Martin assisting. The women are captained by Mrs. Carrie Belle Dabney.

Every second Sunday in each month something special is planned. For the second Sunday in November, the church will present Mr. Anthony Thomas in a recital. Mr. Thomas is the church minister of music and also director of the Gospel Choir, and sings with many other outstanding musical organizations of the city.

The fourth Sunday will be Homecoming Day, and service has been planned for the entire day.

Nashville Christian Churches Hold Union Service

MRS. H. E. BRADEN, Reporter

The Women's Missionary Societies held their meeting on October 20, 1946, at the home of Mrs. B. H. Ball, 915 Villa Place. This meeting was sponsored by the Lea Ave. Society, Mrs. Dora White, president. Both the Lea Ave. and Gay St. Churches were well represented. The pastor of the Gay St. Church was present. Miss Beatrice Chandler presided over the meeting and every one took an active part in the discussions.

The next meeting, which will be in November, will be sponsored by the Gay Street Society.

High Street Christian Church

Mt. Sterling, Ky.

REV. EUGENE PATTERSON, *Pastor*

MARY W. MORTON, *Reporter*

Our October revival was very successful. Two took membership with our church: Mrs. Bates Chenault and Mrs. Albert Jouett.

The Senior Choir is doing nicely. The following are officers of the choir: President, Mrs. Beatrice Prewitt; Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Daugherty; Treasurer, Mr. Strother Prewitt; Directress, Mrs. V. Y. Grubbs; Librarian, Miss Mary D. Fletcher.

Our Bible School was awarded a National Certificate of Achievement for having one of the best Bible Schools in the Brotherhood. The certificate was presented to the superintendent, Mrs. A. V. Stockton, by Elder E. J. Dickson.

Sunday, November 3rd, was "Family Day" at High Street Bible School. Mrs. L. R. Patterson made a splendid talk on the "Home."

Sunday evening, November 10th, The Keys of Zion Gospel Singers sing at the church. This is also "Sharing Day," each one has been asked to bring gifts for the needy people in the foreign countries.

November 17th is Mt. Sterling Day at Covington. The pastor, choir, usher board, officers and members are all expected to go.

Rev. Patterson has just closed out a successful revival at North Middletown. Six were added to the church.

The United Christian Church

5631 30th St., Detroit, Mich.

R. L. JORDON, *Pastor*

(Miss) IRENE HARVEY, *Reporter*

The United Christian Church of Detroit feels very grateful to all its members and friends for the hearty cooperation that they have shown in an effort to raise the five thousand dollar goal needed to purchase the new church home.

Rally Day, which was held October 6, 1946, was a big event. Everyone was successful in reaching their goal, and the sum of two thousand dollars was raised.

All the members of the United Christian Church are looking forward, with such enthusiasm, to entering the new church during the month of April, 1947. Again we wish to thank each individual, members and friends, for their hearty cooperation and hope to retain your full support until our final goal is reached.



SISTER LAVERNE GRANT

926 South Arch St., Hannibal, Missouri

To Our Brotherhood—Greetings:

This comes presenting to your Sister Laverne Grant of 926 South Arch St., Hannibal, Missouri. Sister Grant is a member of Broadway Christian Church and a gospel singer. She has given herself fully to the work of singing the gospel. She is well prepared to work in meetings, leading the singing, and house to house visitation.

She had been a very fine inspiration to the Hannibal Church and has worked in concerts, sang in meetings. I commend her to any and all of our churches and will appreciate you using her.

She can be reached at the above address. May God bless her as she sings the "Risen Christ" into the hearts of men and women everywhere.

Yours in the work,

R. WESLEY WATSON, *Field Secretary,*

For Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.

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How Religious Are You?

By SIDNEY A. SCOTT
2541 Tracy Avenue
Kansas City, Mo.

The average Christian sets forth a code of morals to live by which he, himself, does not put into practice. It is always easier to tell the other fellow what to do, how to do, and when to do. Here is where I think religious teaching breaks down. It seems like we never do what we tell others to do. We tell other people not to lie, not to steal and on down the decalogue. I wonder how many of us live up to this code of morals? Considering our native instincts and passions, plus environments, is it possible for human beings to reach the place when this code of morals will become effective and we can actually practice what we preach?

Religion is alright. We must have a religion. There never was a group, tribe or nation of people who did not have a religion. Native religion has its origin in the feeling of fear that arises when coming in contact with the unknown. It is the instinctive love of life, how to preserve it and make it safe, has caused man to develop many different religions according to his mental status. The undeveloped mind is fertile soil for the belief in the miraculous. Hence, the birth and life of various religions throughout the world.

Superstitious fear is a vital element in our minds and when cultivated, serves as a wonderful stimulant in forming our beliefs. Here is where we begin to deify something and to worship something. It is plain to see that where progress has been the greatest is when the human mind lead away from deifying things. The lesser our intelligence the greater do we deify, the greater our intelligence the lesser do we deify.

After a religion has been formed, either through fear or intelligent thinking, it is kept alive and effective by moral persuasion or command. Sometimes both.

There has always been devotees to any cause that may be espoused. These devotees become leaders and spreaders of their religion. History is full of the many ways and means that have been employed to spread and compel people to believe and do what is taught in their religion.

It must be borne in mind that in all native religions, aside from a feeling of fear of the unknown, there are no established facts to govern thoughts and beliefs. Religions that have grown out of developed minds teaches more in-

telligent beliefs and forms of worship. In our highest developed form of religion, arising from the teaching of Jesus Christ, we have yet a long way to go in establishing a righteous kingdom here on earth, which is the fundamental object of His religion.

The religion of Jesus eliminates the element of fear by the substitution of the element of love. Jesus tells us to love one another, not to fear and hate each other, and has made it plain that unless we do love one another, we cannot love Him nor His Father. We have yet much to do in developing our intelligence to when we can think of the welfare of our neighbor as we think of our own. When we can do unto others as we would be done by, when we can look upon the different races of people in the world as being the human race and not a black race or a white race.

We must put into practice the religion of Jesus Christ, if we want a fit world to live in. It seems today the trend of our religion is backward instead of forward. That our civilization is on the wane. We create and start wars sometimes using our religion to justify our actions. We advocate world peace but teach the youth tactics of war. We gasp and hold our breath at the horrible crimes of the gangster and kidnaper, yet we show pictures of them at actual work. We laugh with our children at play imitating the gangster. Sometimes our education is improperly conducted. We poison the water at the fount and expect it to be pure lower down the stream. Mind grows on what it feeds, let it be wrong or right and we get results in either case. Race prejudice, cast, covetousness and greed, are often practiced, still we look for higher development. When we put into practice the religion of Jesus Christ, wars will cease. We will no longer covet what our neighbor has, neither will we break in on him and steal, and rather than apply the lighted torch to his cringing flesh, we will pour on the oil of balm, and like little children at play, we will have learned the righteous way and dwell in the realms of peace.

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North Street Christian Church News

1026 9th St.

RAYMOND BROWN, *Reporter*

1108 18th St., Des Moines, Iowa

The members and friends of Ninth Street Christian Church have been enjoying the newly remodeled chapel built within the fourteen-room apartment the State of Iowa purchased two years ago. For that period of time, this building served for both the church and parsonage for the pastor and family. But due to the growth of the membership of the church and the increased activities of the religious educational department, there arose the problem of needing more space. While everyone was trying to solve the riddle, the pastor and his wife purchased a beautiful modern home in the next block on the same street of the church, moved in, and now the entire apartment of fourteen rooms will be used for the church.

The new home of the pastor and family is: 1182 9th St. This home was not purchased by the church nor the state. It is the personal property of the Hawkins.

The remodeling was done by the members and friends of Ninth Street Christian Church. To have secured outside labor and all, the entire cost would have amounted to \$1,140.00. But with a group of people working daily from June 1, to September 1, cut the cost to \$197.85. Not only did the members and friends save money for the church but it did them good to "get those hands into the work."

The building program is still on the way and just as soon as the proper materials can be secured, the new church

building will start on the way. Since the material is doubled in its price, the need for increasing the building fund is very necessary. We now are \$9,000.00 from the last goal. Any friend who wishes to make a contribution to this fund, just mail it to Ninth St. Christian Church, 1026 Ninth St., Des Moines 14, Iowa, care of J. J. Hawkins.

The church is proud of her services rendered by the members and friends. The church choir is made up of eighteen voices of young people who are now attending school at Drake University. Out of the 128 Negro students at Drake, the church receives the service from 57 of them. The young adult group which assembles each Sunday evening for the Christian Youth Fellowship is rendering a service which is startling the city. When ever a handfull of young people grow from the number 6 to 57 and continue to grow, it seems to be a bit startling to most people. The pastor, himself, cannot explain the progress or at least he will not make any comments. He merely replied: "You folk should know; you are the ones who are doing the job."

The pastor seems well pleased with the support he is receiving from four more of the Jarvis students who are here this year at Drake doing post-graduate work. They are: Raymond Brown, Aubry Lewis, Jaunita Johnson, and Miss Marcella Washington, daughter of President and Mrs. P. C. Washington. With these four, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, and Iola (Lyons) Dedman who is at the time in Dallas, Texas, we could soon start a Jarvis Club.

We will be with you in the next issue also. Until then, may God's richest blessings be upon you.

Missouri Speaks

REV. WM. MARTIN

840 Franklin St., Fulton, Mo.

This comes to let you know that the work moves along in Missouri. We just closed a fine District Convention on October 20 at New Haven, Mo. Mr. R. L. Grove, President of the District, and Mrs. Mary Van Buren, Secretary. This church building burned in August, but the people were very eager to entertain us and did it in a fine way. Six churches make up the District, and they all represented. The writer called the State Board meeting preceding the Convention. Those who attended the Board meeting were, Rev. Raymond Walton, pastor of Hannibal Church; Rev. D. W. Bradshaw, pastor of New London and Vandalia; Rev. Frank H. Coleman, pastor of Columbia; Mrs. Floyd Wilson, President of State Council; Rev. R. Wes-

ley Watson, Tri-State Evangelist; and Rev. Wm. Martin, President and pastor of Fulton. Others who were to have been present were not because of sickness and matters over which they had no control.

The Convention proved to be a great revival period for the church because they had become discouraged. The building destroyed and their pastor resigning served as a great blow to them. The Evangelist spent some time with them getting them ready for the Convention and helping them to arrange to rebuild the church. We are hoping that in the very near future they will be ready to begin rebuilding.

Our Evangelist, Rev. Watson, spent a few days in Chamoise and baptized three into the church. We have three vacant churches in Missouri. They are: Madison, New Haven and Blackwater. Rev. P. A. Gray, our very able pastor of St. Louis, who has been ill, was able to be present and made a great contribution to the program. He brought a very fine message. On Sunday we had an old-time meeting. The sermon was delivered by the State President, Rev. Wm. Martin. The Convention closed in glory. All praise is due to God who gave us excellent weather. We raised close on to \$200.00.

Corinth Christian Church

DR. P. C. WASHINGTON, *Pastor*

MRS. ALMETA HENDERSON, *Reporter*

We can truthfully say that the spirit rides high each pastoral day. We had splendid services on last Sunday, October 13th. Pastor Washington preached out of his soul from the subject, "I'll Open Up My Eyes Unto the Hills." We most surely enjoyed the message. Our Sunday School is fine under the direction of Superintendent James Hunt. B class is usually banner class. The young people seem to be very interested toward their duty; we were proud to have had visiting us Mr. B. J. Roy, a very splendid man of our community, one who served in the Armed Forces for some time, one who made most of his learning. After his return home, in a short while, he bought land and went in business. He built a nice modern home, a two-story building, dwelling upstairs. A grocery store downstairs, also filling station; everything convenient; has gas, electricity. We must give such young men of our race our cooperation. We as Christians must help him to grow from a small acorn to a huge oak. We are asking the prayers of the Brotherhood that we may do more work for the Lord.

Morgan Ave. Christian Church

G. E. LAKES, *Minister*
Parsons, Kansas

It seems as if some of my writings have gotten lost, but I hope that this one will get to you.

Our church has just closed one of the greatest fellowship meetings that we have had since I have been here. This was the 40th Anniversary Program. We had programs for a week sponsored by departments of the church. On Sunday, October 20, brought a great climax by having the choir to furnish the music for all programs of the day, and by having Elder W. S. Sims, pastor of Second Christian Church, Lawrence, Kansas, and who was also pastor of this church in 1920, to preach the morning sermon. His theme was: "A Live Church." In the afternoon, we were happy to have Dr. John D. Zimmerman, General Secretary of Kansas Christian Missionary Society, to preach the sermon. His theme was: "The Gospel of the Day." Dinner was served at the parsonage. In the evening, Elder A. H. Thomas, pastor of Second Christian Church in Atchison, Kansas, and who pastored this church in 1938, preached the sermon. His theme was: "Stay By the Church." All these services were enjoyed by all who attended. We raised \$140.00. We wish to thank all for their loyal support.

Our church will be sending in subscriptions to the Plea soon. We hope to see the Plea grow and we hope that the Brotherhood will help make it so. So Ministers and Leaders, let us take the lead and see that our paper is able to compare with any other church paper that is published.

On October 14-20, 1946, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the church and five and one-half years of my service here. We have done some very fine things since I have been here. We have repaired the church from the outside to the inside. We have remodeled a three-room house that was located behind the church to a five-room parsonage on a lot east of the church. It is our hope that we will soon have it completely modern. We have an increasing membership even though some are coming and going.

Sister Lucy Bridgewater, a pioneer of the Christian Faith in the State of Kentucky, moved with her family to Parsons, Kansas, in 1887. With the doctrine of the church firmly established in her, she could not rest contented until this church was established. She began by writing some of the pioneer ministers to come and hold revival meetings. She was successful in getting Elder T. R. Bayless, John Middleton and Richard Medlock who opened up the way for

the church. The first pastor was Elder P. H. Moss, who dedicated the church October 21, 1906. There are only two living charter members today: Sister Lora Bridgewater Davidson and Sister Evelyn Hightower Churchill.

The opening program showed that Elder Wm. Alphin preached the sermon: "Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church." Brother Alphin was then pastoring in Waco, Texas.

There have been 20 ministers to serve this church as pastor before I came here in 1941.

You are cordially invited to attend the 40th Anniversary Program of the Morgan Ave. Christian Church.

We would like very much to hear from you if you cannot be here and if you would like to make a contribution to this work, it will be greatly appreciated.

West Kentucky News

MRS. HUGH HAYES

611 N. 11th St., Paducah, Ky.

We are proud to report that we have called a pastor for our church in Paducah in the person of Rev. Washington from Lexington, Ky. Probably you know his initials. Just now I don't recall them. He seemed to be a very intelligent and well prepared young man and I feel that he will aid our church very much in bringing about God's kingdom here on earth.

Our sister church in Mayfield, of which Rev. Hugh Hayes is pastor, successfully held a revival in September. Rev. Eugene Patterson, of Mt. Sterling, conducted this meeting in which nine members were added to the church. The church has made wonderful progress under Rev. Hayes' pastorate. They are planning on making additions and remodeling the present edifice.

In the near future I'm sure that I will have much more and better news from this end of the state.

Port Gibson District No. 1

MRS. E. E. CHAMBLISS, *Reporter*
Tillman, Miss.

The Post Gibson District No. 1 Church School held its quarterly meeting at Little Zion Christian Church October 26-27, 1946. We are thankful to say that we had very pleasant weather. Brother E. M. Williams was the presider, and was at his post of duty. Elder J. C. West preached the sermon on the first day, from the 22nd chapter of Matthew, the 42nd verse. He chose for his subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?" He preached an interesting sermon, seemingly out of the depth of his soul.

During the afternoon session the Christian Endeavor period was very interest-

ing, with Brother C. E. Chambliss the presider. A very interesting subject was discussed. "In What Way Can We Best Reach the Young People of Today?"

This district sent two delegates from Christian Endeavor to attend the S.C.I. Conference. One made her report. The other young lady was ill. We are in hope that these delegates will come back to their local church schools and help the other young people by putting some of these activities to work.

On the second day, church school was conducted by the pastor (Elder James Henderson). Since the Superintendent was ill, I think it's a fine thing for the pastor to take interest and carry the work on. Brother Eddie West taught the adult class. The subject of lesson was Paul's Mission in Asia Minor. We were fortunate to have our ex-district Presider in person, Brother C. W. Wynn of Memphis, Tenn., who made a very good comment on the lesson.

The program of the Christian Endeavor was better still on the second day. Such wonderful papers, recitations, and songs until a young man from the rear, Mr. Smith Moore in person, rose, introduced himself. His heart was so full until he could no longer hold his peace. He was then invited to the front and made some very timely remarks. After Conference Class, which was taught by Brother R. K. Wynn, subject: The Old Testament History, Elder James Henderson delivered to us a sermon from the 9th chapter of Acts. He chose for a subject: "What Will You Have Me to Do?"

Money raised, Church School... \$41.96
Christian Endeavor 14.93

Total \$56.89

Second Christian Church

Hannibal, Missouri

OLLIE McELROY, *Secretary*

RAYMOND R. WALTON, *Minister*

Our Hancock Day and Annual Homecoming was quite a success in every way. At the Sunday School hour the Girl Scouts of Hannibal worshipped with us. Rev. R. Wesley Watson, our Tri-State Evangelist of Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas, brought the morning message. A member of the Gideon Bible Society brought a brief message on the work of the society. Soloists for the morning service were Mesdames Clara Allen and Louvearn Grant. A very sumptuous dinner was served after service to some 200 people. At 3 p.m. the Brotherhood spiritual singers gave a musical program and the all church Union Service closed the activities of the day at the evening hour.

Proceeds for the day were \$510.68.

National Bible School President



MISS BESSIE E. CHANDLER

Miss Bessie E. Chandler, of St. Louis, Missouri, was elected Bible School President of the National Christian Missionary Convention in session at Brooklyn, New York.

She has a disciple family background from the Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Her formal training was at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi; Stowe Teachers College, St. Louis, Missouri; University of Minnesota; Teachers College, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, New York. Services rendered are: National Children's Worker, United Christian Missionary Society; served as supervisor of the greater St. Louis Laboratory Training School. She now serves as Committee member of Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis, Director of Christian Education for Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, of which Rev. P. A. Gray pastors. Member of the Curriculum committee of Division of Christian Education of United Christian Missionary Society. She is a public school teacher in the St. Louis system of schools.

We hope for her a great success in her new office of leadership.

West Central Africa Regional Conference

Dr. C. M. Yocum of the Division of Foreign Missions of The United Christian Missionary Society was one of 197 delegates from 44 societies and missions to the West Central Africa Regional Conference, held in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, July 13-24 this year. Delegates represented Protestant mission work

in the Belgian Congo, French Equatorial Africa, Angola and the Cameroons. Thirty-one were African. Attending from our Congo Mission were Mr. H. Gray Russell, Mr. Robin Cobble, Miss Gertrude Shoemaker, Miss Martha Bateman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowe, Eanga Leon, principal of our school at Coquilhatville, and Bolongwa Elie, a district evangelist in our Ubangi-Ngiri field.

The theme of the conference was "That They Might Have Life." Discussion groups considered the following sub-topics: The Christian in Africa, The Church in Africa, The Challenge of Changing Conditions, and Christian Responsibilities in Health, Education, and Literature. Some of the problems raised made urgent by industrialization and modernization, were: the need for new missionaries to meet the rapid influx of population into city centers; the improvement of mission education facilities in the light of the changed government attitude toward subsidizing education; methods by which the best trained Christian leaders can be retained for the work of the church in these days of rising prices; village health programs; improved relationships with governments; and a larger place for the African leader in the African church.

Our Congolese delegates expressed their great satisfaction with the conference. While they had known academically that the church is world-wide, yet to mingle with African and white Christians from many sections of Africa and from foreign lands, to sit in communion with them, to confer with them, to eat at the same table with them, gave a real insight into the meaning of an ecumenical church.

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

Memphis, Tennessee

ELDER BLAIR T. HUNT, *Pastor*

MRS. C. E. ROWAN, *Reporter*

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church of Memphis, Tennessee, was host to the churches observing World Community Day, Friday, November 1, 1946. A special program was prepared with speakers and choirs from various churches of the city. Among some of the noted speakers and their subjects were the following:

Promoting Machinery—Miss Helen Hurd
Centenary Methodist Church

Perfecting Methods—Mrs. Mary Murphy
Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church

The World Church, Providing Motivation.....Mrs. Jennie Broadnax
St. John Baptist Church

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.....Rev. A. D. Pinkney

Second Congregational Church

Music was furnished by Y.M.C.A. Choral Group and Metropolitan Baptist Church Choir.

After the program, all were invited to partake of refreshments and view Foreign Country exhibits.

Sunday, November 3rd, marked a big day at Mississippi Boulevard Church. The Bible School, under the leadership of Superintendent M. W. Bonner, had 132 in attendance and the offering was \$70.00. The 11 o'clock service was well attended also. Over 200 were present. Elder Hunt chose as his subject, "The Time Is Short."

The fourth Sunday in October was known as Elder Crawford's Day. Many fine tributes were paid Elder A. C. Crawford and he measured up to the qualifications set forth in 3rd chapter of Timothy. Elder Crawford is Assistant Pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Church.

High St. Christian Church News

By MARY W. MORTON

649 E. Main St., Mt. Sterling, Ky.

We are having a grand revival here. Rev. E. W. Daniels, Pastor of Vine St. Christian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, is the evangelist and he is bringing wonderful messages each night. Rev. Daniels is also President of the Tennessee State Convention.

We have completed renovating our church and installing new furnaces and we feel very proud of our beautiful church.

Our church is growing numerically, for five persons took membership with us Sunday, September 15th. On Sunday morning, an elderly lady, the mother of Mrs. Mary Dean, took membership with us. For a number of years she has been a faithful member of Prall St. Church, Lexington, but at present is making her home with her daughter. On Sunday evening, Mrs. India T. Davis, two nieces and nephew united with us. They were members of Stepstone Christian Church but are now residing in this city. Mrs. Davis has a wonderful influence over the lives of her nieces and nephews and is setting a good example before them by her Christian character.

Rev. Patterson has just returned from Mayfield where he closed out a successful revival for Rev. Hugh Hayes. Nine were added to the church, all adults.

District No. 6 Meeting of the Church Department, Bible Schools, Women's Missionary and Young People's Societies was held here October 5-6. We had a splendid meeting, both State and National workers were present.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Jones Street Christian Church Junior Choir



This picture was made on the 43rd Anniversary of the church. Those in the picture are, from left to right, front row: Edward Carter, Drexel Brown, Arizola Brown, Ruth Dickason, Edith White, Addlean Harris, Colonel Vaughn. Back row: Cleo Dickason, Dorothy Brogdon, Craft Carter, Jr., Mrs. C. C. Carter, Director, Charles Brogdon, Elaine Dickerson, Lena Jordan.

Music, As It Affects Human Life

N. J. Dickerson
Box 83, Bluefield, W. V.

Music has its charms, and by its charms men, women and children are made to laugh, love, dissipate, weep and fight. Our emotions are kindled or killed according to the variety of music we hear. We make—at least ought to make—music, and music in turn makes us. Men can be—and often are—made into kings or culprits by the type and quality of music they imbibe.

Music is truly a window of the inner recesses of the human heart. Through it we look out into a world

and see it, not as it is but it is ugly or beautiful according to the music emanating from our hearts. We frequently sing songs that make the world a gloomy place in which to live, and we sing songs that wipe away our gloom and tears—songs that brighten the world, make us happy, and those about us happy.

Through music people are able to look into our hearts, to read our minds, to discern our most precious and carefully guarded secrets. Men can be evaluated—judged, if you please—by the type and quality of music they make or the kind of songs they enjoy.

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Our Seaboard Leader Antioch Christian Church

Oliver Avenue and Lincoln Hi-Way
New Brunswick, N. J.



Rev. S. E. Tillman, Pastor

Highlights of His Life

He was born in Quitman, Ga., in 1890, the eldest son of George and Sally Elizabeth Tillman. He got his elementary school training in elementary training school in Somerville, Brooks County, Ga.

He became identified with the church at an early age. He was ordained to the office of deacon in the year of 1917. He married the daughter of one of the outstanding Disciple ministers, Elder W. B. Wilson. It was under him he finished his training as painter and interior decorator. He came to the East in the year 1922 and took a course in college. He then was permitted to attend the Union Theological Seminary. He made Bachelor of Divinity. He

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Music, As It Affects

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It has often and truthfully been said that Negroes are gifted singers. Nature was kind to them in giving them lungs, vocal cords, teeth, and lips peculiarly fitted for producing tones rich in quality, and discriminating ears to detect and weed out anything that in any way borders on discord. Too, she endowed them with a philosophy that enables them to forget, at least temporarily, burdens and trials, great and galore, which have always been unfair, and lift their voices in melodious song. For these gracious gifts let us praise our Maker from whom all blessings flow, and to whom all praises should ascend.

Chattel slaves could "Steel Away to Jesus," or impel a chariot from on high to "Swing Low" enough to lift them from their lowly and lonely habitat and carry them to a lofty, yes, a heavenly home. Songs—heartfelt and melodious songs—calmed their ill-gotten fears, erased their every doubt, and took their weary feet out of the miry clay and placed them on the rock of eternal ages.

Yes, Negroes have played a worthy part in creating their ample share of the world's music, but this is no time to stake our pride in a yesterday. We have produced, and are yet producing some of the world's best singers and composers, but this is no time to point with egotistic pride to a few gifted musicians. There is no time for bragging and boasting, for "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." There are yet worlds to conquer. We have so far wrought well. But where do we go from here?

Our churches would do well to make special effort to provide more and better music and have more people take part in making that music. Choirs are good, yes, we need more of them, but congregational singing still has a worthy place in a progressive church. It is good to listen to music but it is so much better to make some of it ourselves. "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING."

Seaboard Leader

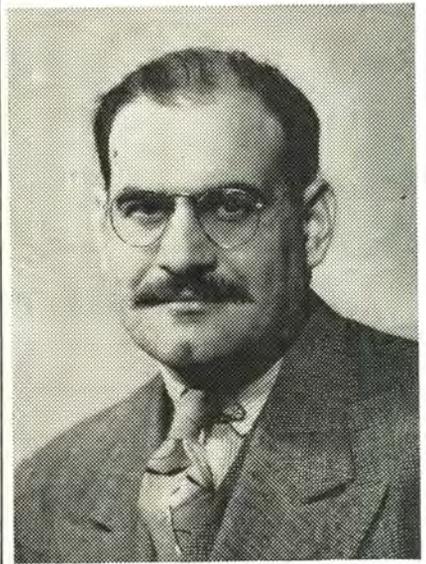
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was retained by the Seminary and for a few summers he was retained as a teacher of paint and chemicals at the Catskill Mountains, Kingston, N. Y. In 1929 he was ordained to the ministry. He then took a course

with N. Y. U. He served in the A. F. R. O. Christian Conference in the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania as state field secretary. He was assigned to New Brunswick, N. J., by the State Convention in the year of 1931, of which there was no congregation and no worthwhile church. During the years of 1934 and 1935 he founded and organized the Rescue Christian Mission.

This is a charitable institution and is incorporated in the State of New Jersey. During the five years, 1934 and 1935 his time was much devoted to the unfortunate people in the city in which he resided and in co-meeting with both races. Food and shelter was provided during these years of depression. Such clothing and fuel as could be obtained was supplied by him at no cost to the consumers. Physicians and medicine were given to many families through his efforts. He has succeeded in building a new church which is a concrete structure, with a membership of about 40 odd members. Total value of church and property is \$40,000.

The Rev. Hillman is now engaged in the church as pastor and is endeavoring to bring about a fluctuation of Christian Churches in New Jersey. Many ministers have told him there are enough churches but he says since there aren't enough saloons and pool-rooms (according to the desires of the public) he says there isn't enough Disciple Churches. Therefore, he is using every effort in his power to establish more Christian Churches in New Jersey. He was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace in the year 1937 and re-elected in 1943 and is the only colored magistrate in the City of New Brunswick. He owns and operates an employment agency according to the state laws of New Jersey. He also owns and operates a real estate and insurance agency in the City of New Brunswick and is doing everything in his power to promote the success of his people. He's a member of the Knights of Pythias in good standing, Bright Hope Lodge No. 36. He's a member of Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Superior Lodge No. 115, and also a member of Good Fellowship Lodge No. 53 of A. F. and A. M., and believes in a fair thing by all men and is ready and willing at every beck and call to serve his fellowman.



Hon. Simon A. Bahr

An interested friend of Rev. Tillman's program.

Tri-State Notes

R. Wesley Watson

J. E. Blair, of Warren, Ohio, is now pastoring Eighth Street Church, Kansas City, Kansas. S. S. Myers, national president, preached October 3. His choir sang. Installation services were held October 10. The writer preached and installed the new minister. The church seemed anxious to cooperate. Elder Blair is a man of much experience and an able New Testament Evangelist and has assured the church he will lead it into cooperating with every phase of the work. Let us pray for this great church under the leadership of its new minister.

Woodland Avenue observed its ground-breaking services, with Dr. Warren Crafton bringing the special address. They plan building as soon as material is available. W. H. Brown is still in Washburn and pastoring the church in Topeka, and reports things to be moving well. The church at Lawrence, Kansas, goes on well under leadership of W. S. Sims. They celebrated their first anniversary in their new church home. Elder James R. Williams and family of Chamois, Missouri, have been of much help to the work there.

Morgan Avenue Church, Parsons, Kansas, under leadership of G. Ellison Lakes, held its anniversary services with Elders Sims and Thomas, former members, preaching morning and night. John D. Zimmerman, secretary of Kansas, was the preacher for the afternoon service. It was a

high day with all. The writer was booked to have had fellowship but was unable to attend.

The district meeting of Missouri, No. 3, was held at New Haven, Missouri, with the writer as acting pastor in charge. R. L. Grove, president of the district, brought a good message. Much information and inspiration was enjoyed by all who were present. Elder Grey of St. Louis, Frank Coleman of Columbia and William Martin brought helpful messages. The theme was "The Resurgence of Christian Living." Mrs. Floyd Wilson of Fulton, Mo., state president, was also among the delegates. This church was destroyed by fire and at our State Board Meeting with William Martin, state president presiding, it was agreed to have the evangelist take over the work, and with their help, lead them into their new building. The delegation was well cared for. Elder Bradshaw and Walton were among those attending the board meeting.

Elder J. Hurd Cooper and Miss Nancy Thompson of Fulton, Missouri, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony in October. Elder W. S. Sims, of Lawrence, Kansas, performed the ceremony.

Elder J. P. Washington, one of the oldest pastors of Missouri and who has done a most creditable work at Jefferson City, Missouri, is not well and has been absent from his pulpit for more Sundays than he wished to be. He is some better at this writing. He has on a great building program. I ask the prayers of this brotherhood for him. His address is 1012 East Miller Street. Send this great preacher a card. Thanks!

The church at Hannibal, R. R. Walton, minister, held its annual home-coming, October 27. They continued to honor Elder Mike Hancock, the man who built the church, which is a fine idea. Very often, where so many ministers pastor, we never know the person building the church, but this is one church that keeps alive the name of the builder. It was a great service. The choir was at its best under the training of its minister with Brother Edward at the pipe organ and Brother Grigsby at the piano. Very special music was rendered by Mrs. Clara Allen, wife of a great elder who, too, has passed on, Elder Thomas Allen. Mrs. LaVerne Grant, our "Sweet Gospel Singer," also lifted us with

her fine music. Elder Walton, encouraged by a good mother who was present and served on committees and ever-urged on by a great church, is doing a fine work there and the entire town knows of the church, and of the Pleas of the disciples. Brethren, I feel greatly encouraged by the ministry of this fine man and of the many able men who serve our churches. The Plea is safe and being preached and souls are being added to the work. Hannibal had forty-seven additions last year. The good people of Hannibal are doing a fine part by their minister and supporting him while he attends school in Chicago, Illinois.

We visited New London and Vandalia churches where Elder D. W. Bradshaw pastors. He is doing a fine work and has quite a following of our young people. Elder Howard Wesley and wife, in company with Sister Clara Robinson, went with us to Frankford, Missouri, where we preached to the faithful church. E. K. Burton is the worthy minister. The work goes well with Elder Elmer Doolin and Sam Welch, aided by their very fine wives and our good teacher, Sister Bertha Toney, who is doing much in our city school teaching the children. Sister Livingston and Sister Sam Welch, always in the services of the Lord, did their part in making this one of the best services we have enjoyed with the Frandford group. This group, though small in number, yet strong in faith, supports all programs of the church.

At Vandalia, a very good crowd met us. The Junior Choir sang and quite a spiritual meeting was enjoyed by all. Sisters Palmer and Wilson vied with each other in caring for the worker. We tarried with the good people of Chamois, Missouri, preached for them and on Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock, observed the ordinance of baptism, baptizing three old men of the city. These men have always supported the church in every way but just kept putting off, but along with the many sermons preached to them during the years, the evangelist was able to also sow the word and as a result we observed baptism. Their ages were 72, 76, 81. "Surely the gospel is the power of God unto salvation." The work at Fulton is going forward under the leadership of Elder William Martin. We enjoyed the visit with him and his good people. At Columbia, we found the Second Church strong in spirit

and now preparing to put in new pews. Elder Frank Coleman, Jr., aided by his good wife, Sister Eva, has led that work well, and has paid off an indebtedness of the church. Elder Coleman is a product of S. C. I. and in a quite way, always preaches the "Old Jerusalem Gospel." He is quite a civic leader also. Sister Coleman teaches school and is always busy with church work.

We enjoyed a fine fellowship with the church at Madison, Missouri. It was a very rainy day but quite a few came out to hear the word of God. We have recommended to them, Elder Howard Wesley, who will visit and preach for them in December.

May Heaven's richest blessings rest upon the work and workers.

Gay Street Christian Church

Elder H. G. Fleming, Pastor

Mrs. H. E. Braden, Reporter

Sunday, November 3rd, marked another milestone in the progress of Gay Street Christian Church, under the efficient leadership of Elder H. G. Fleming.

Beginning with the first Sunday he preached a series of sermons on the Church, the subject being: first Sunday, "What My Church Can Do for Me"; second Sunday, "What Do I Owe My Church?" third Sunday, "Falling Away," and on the fourth Sunday, "The Church's Task."

Sunday, November 3rd, the pastor called the church together for the purpose of organizing the Laymen's League. An enthusiastic group was present at this meeting and manifested an intense interest in a city-wide evangelistic campaign. The League meets once each month and some layman of the church brings the message.

On the fourth Sunday in November, the members of the League went out in the vicinity of the church in companies of twos and made about fifty contacts and were gladly received. Dr. O. L. Hambrick will address the League in December.

All departments of the church are organized and making progress.

We are indeed happy over the prospects of the future of Gay Street, under the guiding hand of Christ our Lord and the leadership of our earnest, consecrated minister. We feel assured that we shall win the victory for Christ and the Church.

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"If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with the other." (1 John 1: 7.)

NOTICE!

All news must be in by seventh of each month.

A Resurgence of Christian Life

L. Ruth Patterson

September 1, 1946, the Brotherhood launched into a mighty Crusade for a Christian World. The first great emphasis of this Crusade is on the "Resurgence of Christian Life." This means, in the most simple terms, the rebirth of Christ in the lives of His people.

An effective resurgence of Christian life must begin in the life of the individual. Each individual must unite in an effort to make the true significance of Christianity real to every person in our society, regardless of race, creed or color. Our task hence, to make this Christian world, must be done together as Christians.

We have long sought methods and techniques for solving our problems of nationalities living and working together in a harmonious relationship. The answer to this problem is yet in the distant future, unless we, as Christians, are willing to go the last mile of the way. The example we have for us to live as Christians has been pointed out in the life of Christ.

As Disciples, we have done a great deal toward interpreting the teachings of Jesus on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, with respect for human personality. We are far from interpreting it in our lives as we live in our communities daily. Will Christians always be prone to lag behind in making the Christian Message a LIVING reality in our world?

Many opportunities present themselves for us to become acquainted with people of different skin colors, cultures, and customs. May we consider a few opportunities of fellowship? Worship and Communion before the altar should include all people. We have found that around Women's Council Luncheons there is another splendid opportunity to share the wider Christian Fellowship. Christ often ate with persons that He might come to know them better. Is it not possible to have other nationalities, as we hold week-end retreats or one-day conventions, share in the program? If the emphasis in the Crusade for a Christian World is to have any meaning in "The Resurgence of Christian Life," it must help cleanse our hearts and thus include the fellowship of all people. Unless we, as Christians, become tolerant to all people within our bound-

aries, we will fail our Christ and separate ourselves from the covenant, His promise.

The Passing of a Good Woman

By Mrs. J. N. Ervin

1643 Dunbar St., Knoxville 16, Tenn.

It is so natural that we fall asleep

Like tired children when the day
is done,

That I would question why the living
weep

When death has kissed the laugh-
ing lips of one.

We do not sigh when golden skies
have donned

The purple shadows and the gray
of night,

Because we know the morning lies
beyond,

And we must wait a little while
for light.

So when, grown weary with the care
and strife,

Our loved ones find in sleep, the
peace they crave,

We should not weep, but learn to
count this life

A prelude to the one beyond the
grave;

And thus be happy for them, not
distressed,

But lift our hearts with love to
God and smile,

And we anon, like tired ones will
rest

If we will hope and wait—a little
while.

—Ella Bently.

Mrs. Eleanor Dockery was born April 21, 1881, in Johnson City, Tennessee. She was educated in the city schools of Johnson City. In 1918 with her husband and children she moved to Hawkins, Texas, where she did her junior college work at Jarvis Christian College.

At the early age of 11 years she became identified with the Christian Church in her home town, and lived a consistent Christian. In her school days as well as in later life, she was always ready and willing to contribute of her time and talents to the program of the church. She was united in marriage to Mr. T. M. Dockery, December 23, 1902. On Thursday morning, November 13, 1946, at 2:15 a.m., she passed at her home in Hawkins, Texas. To mourn her passing, she leaves six children, Mrs. Ottie Glover, Mrs. Ione Porter, Amelius and William Nelson, all of Hawkins, Texas; James and John Isaac, of California, one step-son, Charles, of Morristown, Tenn., one

brother, John, of California, one sister, Cornelia, of Topeka, Kan., a number of nieces and nephews. In her passing, the home has been bereft of a kind and loving mother, and the community of a woman of the highest and noblest ideals. Yes, we find comfort in the belief that she is not dead—death is but an illusion; her mortal body sleeps, but her beautiful soul, the real self, has taken to another plane, and there we know with the poet she sings:

"When all is done, say not my day is o'er

And through the night I seek a dimmer shore,

Say rather, my day has just begun,
I seek the dawn and not the setting sun."

Mrs. Dockery was the sister of J. N. Ervin, the later president of Jarvis Christian College.

The friends and relatives who attended the funeral out of the state were: Dr. L. M. Ervin, a nephew, of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. J. N. Ervin, a sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller, sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Ervin, all of Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. Machall Wilson, a nephew, of Kansas City, Kan. Many friends of all sections of East Texas were present.

Funeral services were held in the Mary E. Ervin Chapel, Jarvis College, with Dean E. W. Rand as Master of Ceremonies, special tribute—Mrs. Dockery As a Mother, by Alonzo Smith. Special music was given by the College Choir and the Hooks High School, Hooks, Texas. Eulogy by Dr. P. C. Washington, president of Jarvis College, his subject, "A Good Woman."

As the setting sun began to die on the Western horizon, Mrs. Dockery who was so dear to us was laid to rest in the family lot beside her husband who departed this life June 8, 1940, in the college cemetery November 16, 1946.

Union Missionary Societies of Christian Churches in Nashville

Mrs. H. E. Braden, Reporter

The Society of Gay Street Christian Church was host to the Union Missionary meeting, at the home of Mrs. C. Ross Foster, 2401 Albion Street, Sunday, November 17, 1946. Mrs. Ethel Walker, president of the Gay Street Society, presided. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. Richard Petway, using the theme, "Building a New World," and after

a brief business session, Mrs. H. E. Braden presented the lesson for discussion, the subject, "The Christian and Race." The societies represented were the Gay Street and the Lea Avenue. Each one enjoyed the pleasant fellowship with each other.

Flashes From Piedmont District

Roanoke, Virginia

D. W. Heath, Reporting

FLASH—Martinsville, Virginia.

Did you not know that on September 29, 1946, the Piedmont and Tri-State conventions met at Martinsville, Virginia, in a one-day session and united, after having been separated over a period of twenty-five or thirty years. We hope that this will help to stimulate cooperativeness throughout our Brotherhood.

FLASH—Martinsville, Virginia.

Brother C. H. Webb, a graduate of Jarvis College and Butler University has been chosen as president of the Piedmont Tri-State Convention and has already called the board of the unified group together to set a program for the coming year. His admirers, which is the whole district, seem to think that he is going to make a very good commander and chief.

FLASH—Winston-Salem, N. C.

The board of the Piedmont Tri-State Convention was called to order by the president, Elder C. H. Webb, at the Christian Institute. He is a teacher of Homiletic there. The meeting was called October 26, 1946, at which time the Executive Board was organized and committees were appointed to unify the work of the former conventions. J. C. Harrison was elected as chairman, and D. W. Heath was elected as secretary of the board.

FLASH—Winston-Salem, N. C.

It was noticed in the board meeting that Elder R. L. Peters, who was chosen to be the national evangelist of the Break, constantly referred to the National Christian Convention as Our Great Convention that was held in New York. This shows a fine cooperative spirit on the part of great one-time Tri-State Convention leader.

FLASH—Roanoke, Virginia.

The Ninth Avenue Christian Church has voted to raise its total missionary givings as one body and some one please notify the National Convention Office, Unified Promotion, and the United Missionary Society to refrain from sending apportion-

ments by departments because it only serves to disturb our local setup.

FLASH—Reidsville, N. C.

'The Rev. M. L. Lambert has just closed a ten days' revival conducted by D. W. Heath of Roanoke, Va. The meeting was a great success and was well attended by all age levels. The catch was not very large but we are sure that the church has been greatly revived.

FLASH—Roanoke, Virginia.

Did you not know that the Ninth Avenue Christian Church, as the reports now stand, stands first in talent and third in giving at our National Convention, and on top of all of this, it raised over seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) for the new building they have just purchased with an accommodation of twenty-seven separate rooms and two auditoriums. We hope to do as much in the coming year as we have done in the past, and if we do, the church will be paid for. This goes to show what can be done through a cooperative effort.

FLASH—Nashville, Tennessee.

The Christian Plea is wanting more news, as well as subscribers, but be sure that your news is newsy.

Corinth Christian Church

President P. C. Washington, Pastor
Mrs. Almeta Henderson, Reporter
Kilgore, Texas

Since we are able helpers, together with God, I believe that we should be at peace among ourselves and let brotherly love continue.

We have a splendid Sunday school each Sunday and it is well attended. Pastor Washington brings an untiring message each second Sunday. He stresses it beautifully and makes our hearts burn within us. We are planning a Christmas program entitled, "White Gifts to the King."

Remember, we move forward and build the kingdom of God, but we must move together. We cannot afford to do less than our best. If we follow God, we will reach our goal.

Brother Aaron Rossum is leaving for a hospital treatment in Louisiana. Let us pray for his speedy recovery. The time has come where we need men of strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands, and stand together like men of God. We continue to ask that you pray for us.

Werhman Avenue Christian Church

Cincinnati, Ohio

Mrs. Lillian Barber, Reporter

We are glad to say that we are still laboring to win souls for Jesus. New members are still coming into our midst both by baptism and from Christian experience. Our minister, Rev. John L. Dickerson, expounds the scriptures so true and simple that a wayfaring man though he be a fool need not error. Our clubs especially our Eleazer and others made up of our young people, are planning to make Christmas merrier for us by bringing to us bigger and better programs this year. We are delighted to say that our stirring choir was invited to take part in the annual Song Fest rendered Sunday afternoon, November 17th, in Emery Auditorium, featuring some of the best choirs and outstanding music directors of our city. They not only received the honor, but brought to our church treasury \$36, which represented their 50 per cent of the ticket receipts sold by them. We feel very proud of them. Our officers are deeply engaged in making plans for our Mortgage Burning, which takes place in the near future. Bro. Albert Parks is home from Dayton where he was hospitalized for a number of weeks, but, sorry to say, he is still a very sick man, but we are still praying for his recovery, feeling that where there is life there is hope and God is still able to do all things. Well, we haven't a lot of news at this writing but we still believe in the little verse which says: There are noble hearts, There are loving souls, There are spirits brave and true. Then give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

Macedonia Christian Church

Oxmoor, Alabama

Rev. W. D. Johnson, Pastor

Cleveland Jackson, Reporter

"The Christian and Race—What More Can We Do?" The very fruitful discussion in the CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship) meeting November 24th derived from this subject. In previous meetings, the following topics from the general theme, "The Christian and Race," were discussed: Our Differences and Our Likenesses, Why These Conflicts.

Ample authoritative information pointing out the basic composition of such issues as prejudice, segregation, etc., and viewpoints on how

these conditions should be challenged was given from the publications, "Sense and Nonsense About Race," by Ethel J. Alpenfels, and "Know—Then Act," by Margaret McCulloch.

The comments given indicated that there is deep concern in each member's desire to see the organization develop to that stage wherein its functions will be very decisive in the task of making the world of tomorrow peaceful, just, beautiful and harmonious.

Let us hear from other Young People's groups.

Pine Hill Christian Church

Rev. T. A. Armstead, Pastor

Mrs. Lula Jardon, Reporter
Henderson, Texas

I thought the brotherhood would like to know something about one of the oldest churches in District No. 3. We are doing splendid work with Rev. T. A. Armstead as our pastor. The whole membership are in love with him. A good follower will make a good leader, we can tell this by our pastor. He is a God-sent man and can lead thousands of people in the right direction if they only follow.

Sunday, November 24, 1946, was a high day at our church. Sunday School open at 10 a.m. with Supt. Elder W. M. Cox, in charge. Men's Bible Class taught by Prof. W. A. Fuller, women's class taught by Sister Lula Jardon, Junior class and little children's class taught by Sister Ada Washington. Sunday School lesson reviewed by pastor, who enlightened us in many things. The spirit ran high both day and night. The pastor preached out of his soul from the subject, "Dominion Restored." The message was enjoyed by all. Our pastor is a real gospel preacher. If any one hungry for spiritual food come to hear him. He will feed you direct from the Holy Book, the Bible. Not with words from Mr. Webster or from the Encyclopedia, but where the common man can receive spiritual food. If you read in the Bible very carefully I think you will find these words from Paul to Timothy: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That a man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Sunday night the pastor preached a Thanksgiving sermon to the Missionary Society. "Faith in God and Faith in Yourself." The Pine Hill Church is well

organized with fourteen elders and deacons, fifteen with the pastor.

Pray that we will continue in Kingdom building for God.

Constitutional Christian Church

Kansas City, Kansas

F. R. Patton

These are but a few lines to let you know we are still on the firing line. Our church is moving along nicely. We are planning a rally for the fourth Sunday in December. The Missionary Society is working hard to bring in its twenty-five dollars; the church is to bring in twenty-five dollars and the Bible School is to bring in twenty-five dollars. Pray for our success in this struggle.

Sister L. Gray and Sister A. W. Davis are not leaving a stone unturned.

Yours for the great cause to the Christian Plea.

North Balton Street Christian Church

Jacksonville, Texas

Leola Cox

P. O. Box 236

North Balton Street Christian Church Sunday School opens at 9:45 every Sunday morning by Supt. E. D. Spencer. Each teacher is at his post. The C. Y. F. is doing fine with Sister Other Johnson, president. The C. Y. F. meets at five o'clock every Sunday afternoon.

The District Board meeting was well-supported by each church in the district. Brother E. D. Spencer is president and Brother Cecola Spencer is secretary. Money raised in the board was \$124.84. The next board meeting will be at Balton Street Christian Church.

Rev. P. C. Washington was at his post the third Sunday in July, after attending the convention in Houston. Brother Julius Henry was the delegate from North Balton Street Christian church to Houston. He also attended the state convention. The president of the District, Brother E. D. Spencer attended also.

Sister Margaret Cary had an operation on July 29. The daughter of Sister Robert Sparshel was reported to be resting fine.

Rev. P. C. Washington's text was, "Fight the good fight of faith." It was a wonderful sermon. Money raised was \$21.80.

Prayer meeting was conducted by Sister Opel Jones and Brother I. J. Spencer. Scripture reading was

three chapters from Revelation, 15-16 verse. Text, "Church isn't what it ought to be." Money raised was \$17.73.

Members of Balton Street Christian Church was invited to Tifer to render their service in spirituals with Rev. R. C. Page. Balton Street Christian Church has a wonderful singing choir with Mrs. Roxie Rol at the piano. She is doing all she can to put the program over. Everybody works with her nicely and that is what it takes, cooperation.

We lost one brother, who passed a few days ago. He was Brother Elmo Williams, who was a member of Pine Hill Christian Church. He moved to Jacksonville and was attending Balton Christian Church. We all loved him, but God loved him best.

Cross Street Christian Church

Mrs. O. B. Garner
Little Rock, Arkansas

Now that the conventions are over, we have settled down for another year's work. We are praying for another highly successful year's work throughout the brotherhood. Our church work is running along smoothly. Everyone seems to have taken on an air of enthusiasm. A revival which was conducted by Elder T. R. Moore was quite successful, two by primary obedience and two from other connections. Everyone was benefitted by this meeting.

The missionary society gave a beautiful tea at the home of Mrs. Daisy Dean, Sunday, October 20. The amount received was \$50.92. We are working hard to bring the Loving Cup to Arkansas.

We were one of the churches included in the ten per cent legion of the World Call. We were able to get twenty per cent of the membership to subscribe for the World Call. We are looking forward to a great time on Women's Day, December 1. Our speaker will be Mrs. Orene Cole, who is a home demonstration teacher in Arkansas. We plan to have an all woman's choir on that day.

The official board made a step forward at its last meeting by joining the Pension Fund. The pastor had joined previously.

The Thanksgiving Program went over in a big way. The children are ever eager to give service. The young matrons held service at the home for the aged, Sunday, October 7. The senior missionary society donates three and one-half hours of service to the orphan's home one

day each week. The usher board spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mattison, October 1. The junior choir was at its best in a recital on the fourth Sunday in October.

We solicit your prayers that we may build anew with Christ.

Arkansas News

Mrs. S. L. Bostick

These are but a few facts to our women. Please read Titus, second chapter, first and second verses. Speaking through the things that become sound doctrine, this says to the man of age, be sober and grave, which is serious to the teachings of those young men. Be temperate, sound in faith and charity, not a novelist. This means to welcome your sister, brother or minister to your pulpit or home. If we do, we will not be easily puffed up over our differences and so on.

The aged women are to do likewise that they be in behavior and become holy and not false accusers or drunkards, but teachers of good things. They must teach young women to be sober, to love their husbands, and to love their children; to be discreet and chaste keepers at home, also good and obedient to their own husbands, so that the word of God be not blasphemed. We aged women are held accountable to inform you.

Paul, the great evangelist of that age which we find in the New Testament doctrine said, "Let everything be done in decency and in order." If that be true, the women must change their style of dress. 1 Timothy, 9-10 verses says "In like manner that women adorn themselves in modest apparel." I am sure we all know what modesty means, so that you will not feel ashamed as you go on the street or sit on buses. Now, in some cases, women are not to take the power over the men but just keep quiet until they are asked—and, at other times, Paul tells us, to speak and teach the good things of Christ and humanity. The woman has the power to lift the man from the world if she will do as the Bible teaches her. It is my privilege to give the great women of our churches much honor as they go through this sinful world. But, there is a class that I can help send to that lake that burns with fire and brimstone, where most of them are going to make their homes.

I was very sorry that I could not attend the National Convention in

Brooklyn this year, but I hope that we can see great results from those who did attend.

Now, I will give you some of my knowledge and experience of the various convention, namely, Arkansas, 49; the White State Convention, 15; our International Convention, 15; our National Convention, 29. There were eleven conferences held at S. C. I. My husband and I paid our expense to and from to all but six with much pleasure and gratitude to see and to learn the work of the church more perfectly. We did not regret it. It was a pleasure. I am praying daily for the church to go forward.

We are always glad to have Rev. R. H. People stop by to see us whenever he can. I was also glad to have Rev. F. M. Mitchell, his wife, and two sisters from Los Angeles, California, stop by and visit us. He didn't forget to pray with me.

We are always delighted to have Elder Wesley Watson, our Tri-State evangelist, come to see us, twice a year. We pray God's blessings on him.

New Mt. Olive Christian Church

Rev. T. A. Armstead, Pastor
Mrs. Otha Dunn, Pastor
Henderson, Texas

The New Mount Olive Christian Church and its friends are thankful to God for their great leader, Rev. T. A. Armstead. He is a gospel preacher and is loved by everyone. Without him, the church would be lost. We, as Christians, are trying to make his stay happy and pray God will give him strength to deliver the spiritual food to his members and friends.

November 10, 1946, was a high day. The spirit of God was in every member. The pastor preached a soul-stirring sermon. He took his text from the third chapter of Exodus and the third verse. His subject was "Turning Aside to See the New Sight." Sunday night was a soul-stirring night. His text was taken from Matthew 28: 20. His subject was "The Dominion Restored." We wish that everyone could have heard him. We are still feasting on spiritual food. We know you can bear witness with us when we say he is a great minister and gospel preacher. Along with him is his wife, who is serving in any way she can to help him to be a success in life. She is always willing to go down with him in the building of God's Kingdom.



Thank You

We take this opportunity at the end of the year to look back with satisfaction at the events of 1946. It has been a great year for our churches everywhere, and therefore a great year for us. Orders for Sunday School material have broken all records during the year just closing. Thank you again for more and larger orders. We shall do our best to continue to merit your support.

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