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## ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION MONTH

### Individual Pledges and Special Gifts

Individuals who promised to give, pastors who made pledges in good faith for their churches, and state officers who felt their respective states would support them, represented a concern for the on-going work of the National Convention. Greater assurance for success can be realized when auxiliaries of our local churches and departments of our organized state conventions commit themselves to a portion of our \$10,000 budget.

Our picture of progress shows at this mid-point of our convention year that \$750 has been paid on individual pledges. This money received is only eleven percent of the total "solemn pledges" made on the convention floor in August. Only through kept commitments and paid pledges can the hope of our National work continue.

### Apportionments and Goals

This year it ought to be the aim of each church to raise his apportionment to the National Convention during March which is National Convention month. We distributed at the Indianapolis session of the National Christian Missionary Convention, goal sheets which listed the suggested goals to the National and Unified Promotion for every church in the brotherhood. In October a letter was sent from the Executive Secretary to every pastor stating again the goals for the individual church.

This informs each church of its responsibility to the National Convention and leaves the matter of response to them. The total goal of \$10,000 which the churches of our brotherhood must raise can be realized if we accept our share of the responsibility.

### General Suggestions for Observance of NCMC Month

The month of March has been designated as the National Christian Missionary Convention month. We hope that many of the churches will pay out their apportionment during this month and every church will strive to raise and report more than their National Convention goal.

1. Publicity in bulletins and special letters or cards to each member of the church.
2. Each organization should exhibit its part in the celebration of the month.
3. National Christian Missionary Convention MY GIFT envelopes should be used by all givers.
4. Special pledges should be taken and paid during the month.
5. Remittances should be made to Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Ave., Memphis, Tennessee.

# News Release

## JAMAICANS SENDS THANKS FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

By **MRS. LOUISE MOSELEY**  
 United Christian Missionary Society  
 222 So. Downey Ave.  
 Indianapolis 7, Ind.

Funds raised by churches of Disciples of Christ for relief and rehabilitation in Jamaica following the August hurricane are being sent immediately upon receipt to the Disciples Jamaica Mission. The United Christian Missionary Society, which is conducting the emergency relief drive, has had letters of thanks from the churches in Jamaica. These letters are addressed to Disciple missionary, Evert C. Millard, who handles distribution of food, used clothing and medicines to the storm victims. Excerpts from three of the letters follow:

"Rev. and Dear Sir: We, the officers and members of the Mount Zion Christian Church hereby kindly ask you to convey thanks to those Christian friends abroad who have kindly sent us their numerous gifts after the recent hurricane. We also wish you God's blessings . . ."

"Dear Sir: We, the members of the Providence Christian Church hereby express our sincere thanks and gratitude to you and the United Society for the very generous help we have received through you in our time of need. We are deeply thankful to you, sir, for the interest you have shown in us in our time of hardship . . ."

"Dear Sir: We, the members of the Chesterfield Christian Church hereby wish to express to you our deepest appreciation and gratitude for all the help we have received through your instrumentality. We ask that you convey our thanks to the Association of Christian Churches in America and let them know how much we have been comforted and encouraged in our hour of crisis . . . God Bless you."

### MRS. MARY POLLARD RETURNS

Mrs. Mary Pollard, a Disciple missionary to India from 1923 to 1928, is returning to that mission field under The United Christian Missionary Society. She plans to sail from New York shortly after the first of February, and will go at once to her new work in Takhatpur, M. P., India.

As Mary Hill, she served in the Bina Mission and later taught in Burgess Memorial Girls School at Bilaspur. In 1929 she married Mr. Arnold R. Pollard, a British government engineer who was stationed in Bilaspur. The Pollards continued to live in India until 1937. They went to Scot-

## SEMINARIANS VISIT RABBINIC SCHOOL



**INTERFAITH VISIT**—Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, America's only seminary of Reform Judaism, welcomes Dean Rembert E. Stokes and students from Payne Theological Seminary of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, O., to the campus of the Cincinnati school. The Christian seminarians toured the campus this month, visiting classes, lunching with rabbinic students in the dormitory and inspecting the Library, Museum and research center, American Jewish Archives. Standing, left to right, Dean Stokes and Dr. Glueck.

land 1938 and lived in Edinburgh until 1946 then came to the United States to make up residence in California. Mr. Pollard passed away in Dinuba, California in 1947.

Mrs. Pollard has served as state secretary of women's work of the Christian churches of Northern California since 1948.

### UNITED SOCIETY EMPLOYEES CITED FOR SERVICE

Sixty-nine persons who have been in the employ of the United Christian Missionary Society for more than five years were recognized in a chapel program at the Missions Building in Indianapolis November 20. Cited for longest terms of service in organized mission work were William H. Colsher, Miss Edith Eberle and Mrs. Edythe Wilson, who served for 35 years or more. Also recognized were 21 persons who have been with the Society for more than 20 years and 45 who have been with the organization for five years or more. This

was the first of such recognition programs to be conducted by the United Society honoring workers for terms of service.

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## Read Your Bible

# Bible School Appointment

A. C. STONE

Dear Superintendent:

I have been appointed by the Planning Commission to contact you in regards to your Sunday School appointment for the National Convention. At our committee meeting in December in Cincinnati, Ohio, we studied your church roll and found that ten cents from each member is more than enough to pay your National apportionment for the year. I would appreciate it if you will set up a finance com-

mittee in your local church for the purpose of collecting this ten cents from each member on your church roll, whether they attend church school or not.

The first report from your committee will be due February 15, 1952. The suggested roll for your school to the National Convention is unified budget and the goal for the youth group of your church is \$——. Enclosed you will find a quarterly report blank and a stamped self addressed envelope to Dr. J. E. Walker, National Convention trea-

sure. Please mail your report to Dr. Walker, 430 Linden Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. Report the amount of money you have collected by that time, even if it is only ten cents. A first report is very important and we shall expect it for the amount collected no matter how large or small.

I believe you can agree with me that we are making a mockery of Christian service when we will not support the fine program of Christian Education that our brotherhood provides. I know that you are one superintendent I can count on to secure your National apportionment. When we go to California in August we want to be able to hold our heads up with pride when the report from the department of Christian Education is read. May I express my appreciation for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,  
A. C. Stone  
1515 Ruth Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

*Now the church can help  
parents with babies!*

New materials your church has long needed! Inspirational messages, illustrated in color, for the minister, church home visitor or educational director to take (or mail) to parents every three months until the child is two years old. These four-page leaflets show the church's interest in the child's development and tell parents how to provide a spiritual atmosphere for their baby.



## Messages to Parents of Children Under 2

TEN LEAFLETS FOR PARENTS: *So You Have a Baby* (at birth), *Christian Homes Are Important* (for 1 mo.), *Of Course, You Love Your Baby* (3 mo.), *Your Child and God* (6 mo.), *Learning to Live Together* (9 mo.), *One Year Old* (12 mo.), *I Belong in My Family* (15 mo.), *Here a Little, There a Little* (18 mo.), *Your Child and the Church* (21 mo.), and *And the Child Grew* (24 mo.) . . . TWO BIRTHDAY CARDS for the church to send the child (at 1 yr. and 2 yrs.) . . . TIPS TO THE CHURCH WORKER for presenting the messages to parents . . . LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION RECORD . . . 10 MAILING ENVELOPES. Returnable sample available! \$1.50 per packet

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St. Louis 3, Mo.

## Boll Street Christian Church

Reported by  
LARUE ANDERSON, Secretary to  
Grand Pat on, T. W. PRATT

The Ursher Board of the Boll Street Christian Church renders a very useful service to the church.

The officers are as follows: President, Mr. Willie Lacy; vice president; Mr. Lewis Rosebough, secretary; Mrs. Emma Edkis, financial secretary; Mrs. Velma Jacy, treasurer; Mr. Lewis Rosebough, supervisor; Miss Betty Jean Dejournette, instructor, and Mr. Robert Davis; Sr.

Members: Mrs. Onelia Rogumoe, Mrs. Clara Barner, Mrs. Liddie Price, Mrs. Doris Hawley, Mrs. Catherine Hurdle, Mrs. Dottie Jones, Miss Virginia Cowan, Mrs. Aggie Williams, Mrs. Oddie Scott and Mr. Loyce Hawley.

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## Clark Street Christian Church News

**N. T. FUDGEN, Reporter**

The Clark St. Church is still progressing under the leadership of our new pastor Eld. T. R. Moore, who began his pastorate here Sept. 9. Installation services were held Oct. 16-21 with different churches appearing on the program, \$164.00 was raised. On Sunday afternoon we had as our guest speaker Rev. Sandlin of the Central Christian Church.

Our church has taken on new life and all services were well attended. On the first Sunday in December we had three additions, one by baptism. All auxiliaries are working under the slogan "The whole church at the whole task." Eld. Moore is not only pastoring Clark St., but is also making his ministry felt throughout the City.

The church has as its objective the remodeling of the parsonage at a cost of some \$1200.00. Eld. Moore has been chosen Dean of the Ministerial Alliance. We are happy to have Eld. Moore and his good wife, they have meant so much to the church. At our watch meeting service we baptized one and reclaimed one. The first Sunday in January an offering was taken for the parsonage repairing. We raised \$87.50. We have had eleven additions since Eld. Moore assumed this pastorate.

## Jarvis College Choir In Tulsa Concert

The Jarvis Christian College Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Eugenia Brown, was presented in a concert November 26, 1951, at the Carver Junior High School Auditorium, Tulsa, Okla., by the Pine Street Christian Church, where E. W. James is the minister. The choir gave an excellent performance before a large appreciative audience.

The students and teachers were guests in the homes of the church members and friends. They were ideal guests. Their department while in Tulsa spoke loudly for the training program of Jarvis College and the president, Dr. John B. Eubanks.

## Campbell Home Report

A good beginning has been made on the campaign for funds to restore the old home of Alexander Campbell at Bethany, W. Virginia. More than \$46,000.00 has been given in cash and pledges by individuals and churches.

A total of \$150,000.00 must be secured to do the work. \$50,000.00 of this amount is being set aside as endowment to help provide for perpetual care of the home. The

## United Promotion Announces National Essay Contest

Announcement of a national essay contest has been made by United Promotion. The theme of the contest is Christian Stewardship. Undergraduate students enrolled in church related colleges are eligible to compete.

The purpose of the contest is to stimulate interest in the broad field of Christian stewardship. For many years church leaders have recognized that one of the greatest needs of our church is a better understanding of the Christian philosophy of ownership and the stewardship of time, talents and money. It is expected that the essay contest will

The other brotherhood churches of Tulsa expressed a most cordial welcome to the Jarvis representatives. Jarvis College is indeed worthy of all our praise and support. The financial proceeds from the concert went to the aid of Jarvis Christian College and to the Building Fund of the Pine Street Christian Church.

Dr. Eubanks was guest speaker in the morning worship at the Pine Street Church on November 25 and the College Choir rendered special music.

project includes the hexagonal study of Alexander Campbell, the remaining timbers of the old Brush Run Church, the school building where the Campbell children learned to read and to write, the spring house and smoke house, walkway to cemetery and repairs on its walls, landscaping of grounds, as well as the old home itself with its 27 rooms.

Now let us finish the job! Every church should have a part in this significant project. If your church has not yet sent in an offering, then plan to do so between now and June 30. Set aside one Sunday as Campbell Home Day in your church.  
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be one means of creating interest among college students.

The contest is sponsored jointly by Unified Promotion and the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolences of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States. All entries from colleges of Disciples of Christ will be submitted to Unified Promotion. The manuscript judged best will then be entered in this interdenominational contest sponsored by the Joint Department.

Unified Promotion offers the following awards to students from colleges of Disciples of Christ submitting the manuscripts judged the best; First Award \$50. Second Award \$30. Third Award \$20. The winner of the Joint Department contest will receive an additional award of \$100. A special board of judges has been appointed by the Stewardship Committee of the Home and State Planning Council to judge the manuscripts.

Unified Promotion

Julian E. Stuart

Acting Director of  
Stewardship

## The Seven Steps: Doing Something For The Soul of Man

By J. E. BANKS  
Bluefield, W. Va.

IF we are to do anything for God and souls, it must be now. A little later it may be too late. There is no time to delay, we must work now for the night cometh when no man can work. Disciple making is primarily a Laymen's task. In the New Testament we read about Andrew, an ordinary fisherman, who is noted for his personal Evangelism. Laymen could do well to pattern after Andrew in winning souls to Christ.

To do this we must tell them how to get in the Church and how to stay there after they get in.

The Bible is the only source of information; if the Bible does reveal a plain way (Mark 16:16) man's part is and must be plain.

God's part may be deep and many times mysterious, we need not stumble, if what we are to do is plain.

Many people, young people especially, think that to become Christians means only to give up something, to make sacrifice. The fact is, that it is almost a matter of receiving benefits which we could not get from any other source.

### The First Step . . .

Man must hear God's word. Refusal or neglect to hear will not be sufficient excuse (Rom. 10:17)

### The Second Step . . .

Faith in Christ with the whole heart; Belief of God's Word about Christ (Heb. 11:16)

### The Third Step . . .

Repentance of sin against Christ. One might be sorry for, and repent of, the sin regarding some neighbor or an earthly father or brother, but God also asks for repentance of sin in regards of Christ (Acts 17:30). Repent-

## National Laymen's League Issues Bulletin

### BRETHREN:

Several weeks ago I listened to the scholarly and eminent Dr. Benjamin Mays, President of Morehouse College and a world figure in matters of religion. Dr. Mays talked to an assembled Baptist Convention on what was being done by his church in support of education. Space will not permit telling you all that was said but one thing was pointed out . . . "the churches that supported our schools immediately after the civil war were not wealthy churches nor were they as large as many of our present day churches. If it had not been for those churches, schools like Fisk University, Atlanta Baptist College (Morehouse), LeMoyne College, Clark, Hampton, Wilberforce and many others would never have been able to produce the Negro leadership that has existed for the past half century. Take the men and women who have been trained by these schools out of Negro life in this country and what would we have today. The point is, by comparison our churches of today are not doing what they

ance is a decision to accept God's way. Anyone can repent now if he will.

### The Fourth Step . . .

Open confession of Faith in Christ with the mouth before men (Rm. 10:10; Matt. 10:32)

### The Fifth Step . . .

Burial with Christ by Baptism (Acts 2:37, 38; Rom. 6:3, 4; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:27; Matt. 28:18-20)

### The Sixth Step . . .

The Christian Life. . . There is one book Acts, which tell how to become a Christian. There are twenty one books or letters, the Epistles, telling how to live the Christian life (Rom. 12; 2 Peter 1:5-11)

### The Seventh Step . . .

Continuing to the end (Rev. 2:10).

### Campbell Report (Cont.)

and ask for special gifts at the morning service. Include the loose offering. Free materials will be furnished for distribution.

Perhaps your church would prefer to put a definite amount in its budget for the Campbell Home. Such a pledge could be spread over this year and next.

Don't wait any longer. The Campaign must be finished this year. Write now for free materials or send your offering or pledge to:

The Campbell Home Committee  
Bethany, West Virginia

should toward education and this is dangerous". Education today needs the steady influence of the church more than ever before in the history of this country.

The Taylor Memorial Fellowship House Library Project is not a major effort in the support of education. It is merely a small effort on the part of the National Laymen's League to provide a library room for young ministerial students who live at the Taylor Memorial House and attend Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. Will you please put this project of raising \$2000 to furnish a library room in this house for these students before your congregation for honest consideration. Surely we can raise \$2000 through out our organization for this worthy purpose.

We are asking for an amount equivalent to fifty cents for each male member (adult) in your church. The following churches have reported on their initial efforts. ARE YOU WILLING TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE TO DO SOMETHING FOR EDUCATION IN YOUR CHURCH?

Send your money to Dr. J. E. Walker, National Treasurer Box 241, Memphis, Tennessee. Send a copy of your report (not money) to me at the undersigned address.

By J. T. Chandler, President  
1047 McDowell Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

# Cross Street Christian Church

Woman's Day Address by  
Mrs. O. B. Garner

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. Matt. 9:35.

## CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACTION

There have been many Biblical personalities who put faith into action. We shall mention just a few: First, Able's faith went into action when he offered unto God the proper kind of sacrifice. Abraham's faith was put into action when he obeyed God's call and went out into a country unknown to himself. Noah activated his faith when through all kinds of discouragements and ridicule, built the ark that resulted in the saving of a remnant of the human race. There are others too numerous to mention. Let us mention a few of the faithful women of our Bible. Ruth, because she dared to put her faith into action, became the ancestress of David the Psalmist and also of our Christ. Esther, the Jewish orphan, because of her great faith became the queen of Persia and later was instrumental in saving her people by the activation of her faith. The woman at Jacob's well, as the result of her meeting with Jesus put her faith into action and stirred up the town. Faith, coupled with paye ful action, will change things.

## FAITH IN ACTION

Since Christianity is by its very nature a missionary religion, the Christian has an inner compulsion to share his faith. The program of the church is, simply, Christian faith in action. Christian faith stimulates genuine love. Genuine love is followed by willing sacrifice. Real service! The purpose of the missionary program in other lands is that Jesus Christ might be made known to all people.

We must have the spirit of the woman at the well, who after meeting Jesus, cried, come see a man! The world needs to see! The world needs to see Jesus. Yes, Jesus taught, preached and healed. This is the great task of the church today. The peoples of this world have broken spirits, wounded and starved bodies and spiritually hungry souls. Added up, it clearly means that we as Christians, must put our faith into action. The great challenge to the disciples of

our day is, to increase our participation, and somehow, meet the increased cost of operation.

If we are to be true disciples, and if we are to be true to the message of our Lord, then we must maintain, enlarge and extend the services of the Kingdom of Christ, in the earth. The only way that the tragedy of this world can be met and subdued, our faith must be put into action. God intends that we put into our every day actions and practices the Christian ideals of brotherhood, love and sacrificial service to others. Jesus went into all the cities and preached taught and healed their sick.

## CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACTION

We must truly believe that all men are the children of God and therefore brothers one of another. One great man has said: "All tastes have the same taste." The C. W. F. has done great good in many parts of the world by eradication hopelessness and fear. The C. W. F. has done much to bring courage, love brotherhood and freedom to thousands. Many parts of our

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# Macedonia Christian Church

JEAN K. LAMB, Reporter

OKMOOR, Ala.

## "Home, School, and Community"

As we close our celebration of American Education Week, we are very happy to come before you to let you know some of our discussions.

We all have a home, school and community, and we should make them what they should be. A home means a place where a whole family lives. Father, mother, and children are found in most homes. They should love each other and live peacefully together. When mother and father disagree, the children disagree too, and this will make an unhappy home.

Our parents should keep peace among the other members of the family. In order to have a worthy home, parents should educate their children. We cannot be progressive if our parents fails to give us a good education. If we are going to be prepared for life, we must obtain the highest education accept an education, but parent education possible. Some children will should compel their children to go to school because a child doesn't know what is best for him. Parents should guide their children until they are

# Commission on Education

Dear Co-worker:

Enclosed you will find a letter from the representative of your area who was elected to serve on the Finance Committee of the Commission of Christian Education of the National Christian Missionary Convention. We feel sure that your school through your effort will respond to the challenge.

As you know our program has been expanded each year and we can only meet the expanding needs as the schools and youth groups respond to the call. We are confident that we can count on your support and we know that your school will be one among the group to send in its report each quarter. With every good wish to you as you carry on in your work.

Sincerely yours,

Lorenzo J. Evans, Dir. Religion

Bessie E. Chandler, 3rd Vice-Pres.

old enough to care for themselves.

We should all be proud of our school. We should work hard to make it the best in the country. We should keep our school clean and attractive. This will make other children want to come to it. We should try to have peace in our school as well as homes. We can get better lesson where there is love and peace.

Mother and father should participate in the PTA. Friends who don't have children should help those who do have children in in order to make a better school. Parents should visit the school and see what their children are doing. This makes children and teachers feel good and the children will do better work when their parents comes to see what their children are doing.

We all live in a community, and we can make our community a better place in which to live. Even though we are small, we can do many things to improve our community. We can help the sick, the poor, and the unfortunate. We can do many things for older people who need our assistance.

When we help others, some day someone will help us. We should all make our community attractive and we can do this by making our homes, yards, and other surrounding beautiful. We should love our homes, schools and communities, and we should be loyal to them.

## Cross St. Christian Church

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own country, as well as lands abroad, would be very dark without schools, hospitals, clinics, churches, and consecrated Christian workers.

Yes, without Christian Faith in Action. In our own state and country, the missionary spirit has aided in changing attitudes and removing aversions. From this missionary spirit many women have come forth with enlarged visions and deepened spiritual insight and real desire to help others to have a fuller, a more abundant life. Through the spirit of the Christian Women's Fellowship, recently, there sprang forth one of our own group with a burning desire to serve others. This person, Miss Hertzene Turner, is now serving in the blighted areas of Mexico. Christian Faith in Action.

May we as Christian women exercise this great law of love in our lives. Jesus went into all the cities and healed their sick and diseased. We, who are privileged and have the opportunities, must recognize our solemn obligation to serve others. A very weighty responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the C. W. F. and Y. G. M. God is depending upon us as Christian women to lift the church to a new spiritual height. Will you meet and accept the challenge? Will you put your Christian Faith into Action? He went into their synagogues and preached and taught. God wants us to have a spiritual awakening and a more acute awareness of Him and live accordingly.

All of us are distressed at the state of the world in which we live. The Spirit of Christ, in hearts of men everywhere, is the only cure for the ills of the world. Our faith must be put into action. A great moral and spiritual deficiency has resulted because too many of us have become worshippers of men and things; rather than worshippers of God. We must build up a faith in God that the strain and test of these times cannot shake. We must have faith in God that Christ and the authority of His message as the solution for all of the problems of humanity. We

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# Week of Compassion



In 1952 will the refugees in Palestine, European camps and Korea continue to exist in abject poverty, without adequate food, clothing or shelter, or will they discover that their Christian friends have not abandoned them?

Your answer to the tragic plight of these desperate people will be made through enthusiastic participation in your local church's observance of the Week of Compassion, February 17-24. The brotherhood goal of \$500,000 will be raised as members of our congregations, Sunday schools and



must accept and practice the scripture that says: "Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone." James 2:17. We must be used of God to spread His Kingdom. God must use our eyes, our ears, our feet, our hands, and our mouths. Our whole selves. The success of the Kingdom of God, in the earth, depends on both our having the proper faith and the expressing of that faith effectively in loving service to and for others. This must be the spirit of every Christian.

Jesus went into all their cities and into their Synagogues, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. May I close by quoting this poem:

"I heard Him Call  
Come Follow that was all  
My gold grew dim  
My heart went out to Him  
I arose and followed  
That was all  
Who would not follow  
If they heard Him Call?"

church organizations make generous and sacrificial contributions.

This year's Week of Compassion gifts will be distributed to provide aid to (1) refugees (like those illustrated) through the World and National Councils of Churches, (2) chaplains, men and women of the armed forces (some of whom are shown worshipping in the strawthatched chapel on the Parallel in Korea) and industrial defense workers, and (3) ecumenical agencies like the American Bible Society and the International Missionary Council for emergency services.

These urgent needs provide a strategic opportunity for continued brotherhood service. Generous gifts during the Week of Compassion will extend our ecumenical witness, strengthen weak churches and homeless Christians, and contribute positively to world understanding. If you care, you will share!

# State Board Meeting

MRS. ISABELL BATTS

First Vice-President of C. W. F.

## DEAR CO-WORKERS:

It would be an interesting experience for all of our missionary sisters across the state to attend one of our STATE BOARD meetings, and to meet each missionary sister, and especially our president, Mrs. T. R. Everett, who is trying very hard to make this the Banner Year for the C. W. F.

Oct. 27th, The State Board met at Pall St. in Lexington, Ky. Mrs. T. Everett, president of C. W. F., presided.

The State project for the first half of the year is to send money to the Taylor Memorial Home, Indianapolis, Ind.

The following plans were presented by our president:

1. That each local C. W. F. have a reporter to send news to the State paper monthly.
2. That all departments together purchase a mimeograph machine to be used at the convention.
3. That we continue the work of the key women.
4. That we continue the scholarship fund.
5. That each local society make a scrap book containing only the work done this year.

Mrs. Ella M. Alcorn was with us at

## Christian Education

L. J. EVANS, NAT'L DIR.

### DEAR CO-WORKERS:

As we face this year together I am sure that it holds many opportunities for service. I want to take this opportunity to express to all of you my personal appreciation for the very fine contribution made by you to the Christian Educational Program of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Last year was a very good year in many ways, increased attendance in young people's summer conferences, Chi-Rho Camps, character bond giving, superintendents retreats, state planning committee or commissions, national fall planning conference and our first commission meeting. This advance in our program was made possible by all of you. Whether you

## Women's National Project

By ANNABELLE JACKSON,  
National Director

### DEAR CO-WORKERS:

Many of you have already reached

this meeting. She served as president of the missionary society for a number of years. We were all very glad to see her.

We are asking all to pray for a successful year in our missionary work, for the harvest is indeed ripe, but the laborers are few. It is sincerely hoped that the women of the churches will accept these plans willingly and enthusiastically, and that they will try hard to follow plans that our president has given. Ever remember that mission and prayer go hand and hand, and without the "Saviour" and constant communion with Him no genuine missionary work can be done.

So, women of Kentucky, let us all rally to the cause and make this a Banner Year for the C. W. F., so that at its completion we shall all experience the feeling of satisfaction comes from the knowledge of a job WELL DONE.

served as a teacher in your local church, superintendent of the church school, adult youth advisor or sponsor, CYF president of your local group, state or district president of the church school department, served on a committee for planning your program or serving as the promoter for your state or area your contribution helped to make the work possible.

Even with all these achievements made, we face a new year with new opportunities for service. We cannot stop here, but as we look back over the last year and see the number of things we failed to do, it should serve only as a challenge for us to go forward.

The year 1951 has been one of the most thrilling years of my whole life, because of the privilege I have had to work with you. As we face this new year I have every reason to believe that 1952 will be an even better year because of the thousands of co-workers around the country like you. I want all of you to know that to work with you have been a source of joy for me and I look forward to another year of hard work together.

May this year for each of you be one of the best years of service for the building of the Kingdom of God. I shall be counting on your loyal support.

the goal that was suggested for you and others have not. In any case, let us not cease in our efforts to make the Kingdom real to all people.

Our National Project, The Taylor Memorial Fellowship House, is still under way. Even though the Project was supposed to have closed on December 31, we will be only too happy to accept any contribution you might have to offer after that date. The Taylor Memorial House was dedicated for the purpose of housing those students who are primarily interested in the Ministry and the Field of Christian Education.

When we realize the great need of Ministers in our brotherhood, that alone should serve as an incentive for us, as Christian Women, to act. Not Tomorrow but NOW. One verse of a Spiritual reads thus: "If you cannot sing like Angels, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the world of Jesus, Who died to save us all. Likewise we may not all be singers, we may not all be Preachers, but we can help others to tell the Message of Jesus through our financial contributions.

Especially as we approach the Christmas Holidays we should be reminded that there are those who need our help. This is the time when all hearts should rejoice at the thought of Christmas and the glorious occasion which it represents. People who are cold and hungry cannot do too much rejoicing.

Our thoughts go back to the City of David, to a little town called Bethlehem where the Savior of the world was born. Not in a mansion but in a stable. Who could have had a more humble birth? That is a thought to remember as we enter into this yuletide season.

Think of the Mission of Christ and the Commission he gave us, as followers. We cannot go to every corner of the world, but our dollars can help to send those who are prepared, to go.

If we are to make our Christmas Christian, as suggested in the Christian Woman's Fellowship programs, we must remember that: "The celebration of the birth of Christ has but little meaning apart from a continued allegiance to Him and practical application of Christainity. Christ has lived through the years in the hearts of men because He shared Himself. We can serve Christ best by sharing our knowledge of Him and our personalities with others."

We must work to the end that His goodness might reach all people in land.

**Read Your Bible Daily**

# The CHRISTIAN PLEA

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## THE ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR



SIXTY-TWO MINISTERS ACROSS THE BROTHERHOOD  
THESE LEADERS HAVE THE ANSWER

These and other pastors help carry the story of our National Convention program to people in the churches everywhere.

We must have the support of all the churches and fellowships if we are to make this phase of the work of the National Christian Missionary Convention significant.

The various services rendered to the National, state and local groups make strong channels of work in the following areas:

- Assist in organizing Christian Women's Fellowship groups.
- Provide literature for all age levels in missionary study.

—Promote Missions and Missionary Programs.

—Help in the selection and use of program materials.

—Serve in Youth Meets and Retreats.

—Make special calls to schools of missions, institutes and conventions.

—Promote the National Missionary Project.

—Publish Children's Work Fellowship Bulletin.

To this end we must strive toward the goal of enlisting every

church woman in a working unit of the Christian Women's Fellowship.

The years ahead of us in the area of Christian Education will increase in the demands of service. If we are to meet these demands, it means that our giving must be increased at least \$850.00 each year for the next ten years from our church schools and youth groups. This must be a minimum of our giving for the support of the National Convention program of Christian Education.

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# Our Editorial

We cannot agree with those who say "Corruption in the Federal Government will be the paramount issue in this year's political campaign." We are, however just as outraged as anyone else over the five per-centers, the income tax frauds and all of the other corrupt shinnanigans going on in Washington. In fact we deplore vice and corruption everywhere, in high places and in low places. But what so many do not seem to realize is that what is happening in Washington is merely a symptom, and before anything of a lasting nature can be done to correct the present state of affairs, we will have to get at the root of the trouble.

To throw the rascals out of Washington and other high places, will not cure the malady. It will bring only temporary relief. Because there are plenty more where they came from just waiting for the opportunity. The real trouble is that we are on the verge of a complete moral breakdown in our entire social order. The graft and corruption so prevalent in high school and college athletics, the wide spread attempt to defraud the Government out of income taxes, Commercialized gambling in every form, even the private Saturday night poker games that are carried on in some of our most respectable homes where large sums of money are won and lost, the mob violence in Cicero, Ill., and the bombing of homes and churches in Florida, the insidious brand of power politics that is being played by the Nations of the world, the disgraceful treatment of the natives by the Government of South Africa, and the almost equally as bad treatment of their subjects by other Colonial Powers, to say nothing of what is going on right under our noses in many sections of our own Country, especially in the south.

All of these things are a part and parcel of the overall Moral Breakdown in organized social life. And unless and until we get the core, we need not hope for much improvement anywhere. One of the causes for our present predicament is that too many people have attempted to establish a moral and

ethical concept separate and a part from personal consecration to God. We just can't expect people to be honest, just and kind if they are not Christians. Some may be, but we certainly have no right to expect Christian conduct out of un-Christian people, and we should not be surprised when they are not whether they are Democrats or Republicans, Disciples, Methodist or Baptist. Truth, honesty, Justice and Love are Christian Attributes and they know no lines of demarkation, Political, National nor Racial.

We do not believe 15 million loyal American citizens of color are going to be hoodwinked into believing that the most important issue confronting the American people is "who got the mink coat or the biggest bribe for fixing some body's income tax report." At least not until some of the "Bright and shining examples of moral integrity" do something about Cicero and Miami. And anyone who feels that he can detract that "15 million" from its struggle for equal rights and privileges as American citizens by yelling "stop thief" is going to be sadly disappointed. Of course we too are mad about someone stealing our tax money, even though we are not in the upper brackets.

We have to scuffle much harder for the few nickels we pay and have a whole lot less left afterward than a lot of others who are yelling the loudest. But if we were permitted to paraphrase Shakespeare or was it (some poor soul that was being oppressed because of his race or color) "He who steals my purse, steals but trash. It were mine, his and a thousand others. But he who robs me of those basic principles of my very existence, Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, takes that which does not make him richer, but makes me poorer indeed. And fighting mad." To us the issue is TRUTH, HONESTY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC and SOCIAL JUSTICE, THE BROTHERHOOD of MAN and WORLD PEACE.

**Read Your Bible**

## Things Hoped For

MISS ANNA BELLE JACKSON

Director Missionary  
Organization Education

My Dear Co-workers:

Over half of our missionary year has past. As we think of our missionary theme, "The Assurance of Things hoped for," we can not help but to be made aware of the thousands of people who are hoping for abundant life. Life that can only be made possible as we share in the total program of mission. I am sure that all of us will want to re-dedicate ourselves anew to make possible the "things hoped for," for those who have not been able to hear the good news.

Certainly this program of world wide missions can not be carried out without your wholehearted support. We need your moral, spiritual and above all, your financial strength in this task. Not with pennies, not with dimes, but with dollars.

Your suggested goals as achieved is an expression of your faith. This is a job that we all must do, if the things hoped for, are to be realized. Others will be able to know this assurance only as your giving makes it possible.

I know you will want to get your contribution in on the earliest possible date, before June 30 of this year.

You have my most earnest prayers that you might reach your goal.

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# Virginia State College Choir Gives Concert At Loudon Ave.

ROANOKE, VA,

Roanoke was graced with the finest Collegiate Musical February 8, in a long, long while. The proficiency of both conductor and choir was superb and kept the listeners constantly on the very edge of their seats. Conductor Robert A. Henry showed very expert ability in bringing out great volume and tones from the choir with very little movement of hands or body.

The affair was well attended by all groups of people who practically filled the auditorium. All seemed to have enjoyed it and went away startled at the performance of the group.

The choir rendered, with great efficiency, great numbers such as Christiansen's "Beautiful Savior" and the Norwegian "Echo Song" by Aschenbrenner, both of which acclaimed all of the people attention.

The pastor and officials of the church wish to thank the members and many friends who helped to make the concert one to be long remembered.

# Centennial Christian Highlights

BETTY R. CARRINGTON  
Reporter

ST. LOUIS, MO,

Centennial's January calendar was filled with many events. The most outstanding was the Annual Musical Classic, Jan. 27, sponsored by the Usher Board. Professional talent and our own Young People's Choir helped make it an outstanding event.

Rev. J. C. Brooks, student Butler University was our guest speaker

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# Women's Project For Taylor Memorial Fellowship House

By MISS JACKSON

Dear Co-workers:

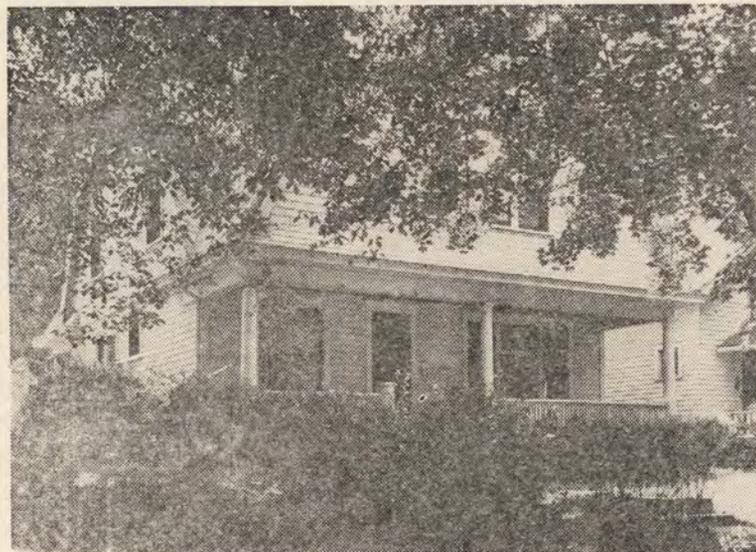
Since our convention in August you have been reading about the National project sponsored by the Missionary Organizations-Education Department of the National Christian Missionary Convention, THE TAYLOR MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUSE in Indianapolis, Indiana. You have made a grand showing thus far, and I know that you will be very happy to read the names of the contributing societies.

These are the contributions received as gifts for the House:

Little Bethlehem, Leaksville, North Carolina .....	\$5.00
Summit Avenue Church, Dayton, Ohio .....	25.00
First Christian, Concord, North Carolina .....	2.00
Mississippi Boulevard, Memphis Tennessee .....	10.00
Centennial, St. Louis, Missouri .....	15.00
Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois .....	25.00
Elm Street Christian, Jefferson City, Missouri .....	10.00
Second Christian, Columbia, Missouri .....	5.00
Second Christian, Fulton, Missouri .....	5.00
First Christian, Reidsville, North Carolina .....	25.00
Boll Street Christian, Dallas, Texas .....	25.00
South Side Christian Church Chicago, Illinois	
5 bath towels	
5 hand towels	
2 guest towel	
4 wash cloths	
9 single sheets	
11 pillowcases	
3 tea towels	

May I take this opportunity to thank each organization for participating and responding commendably to this worthy project. It is wonderful to know that YOU have had a share in preparing young men for the call of the ministry. Surely the call is great and we can not do too much to see that others are trained for this most needed task.

"God be merciful unto you and bless you and cause His face to shine upon you, that His way may be known upon earth, His saving health among all nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.



THE TAYLOR MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUSE, Indianapolis, Ind.

## Fellowship House Library Project

M. S. J. Chandler,  
Memphis, Tenn.  
Dear Bro. Chandler,

I read your report of churches reporting on the Library Project for the Taylor Memorial Fellowship House. As the Minister of Gay-Lea Fellowship, I want you to know I have made up my mind to see that Gay-Lea gives more than \$4.00. You can look for more money from our church this month.

I am yours for the Kingdom of God,  
Lawrence E. Hall

## Easter Offering



EVERY CHURCH SHOULD RECEIVE A SPECIAL OFFERING ON EASTER.

Many people are anxiously awaiting the sharing of our Christian folks on Easter Sunday.

There are over 127 aged ministers and missionaries, or their widows, depending on checks from Ministerial Relief for food and shelter. Many now receive less than \$50 a month, and this is their only means of support! There are thousands of underprivileged persons, mostly members of minority groups, served by our institutional missions, where they receive Christian nurture and training. Children almost beyond counting, living in scores of new communities, await the organization of Sunday Schools and the building of new churches.

These are but a few of the needs which should be met through our concern and generosity at the Easter season. All offerings sent to the cooperating causes, or Unified Pro-

motion, is credited as regular missionary offering. Helpful materials, including coin boxes, envelopes, explanatory leaflets, teachers manuals etc. are available free to all churches, and may be obtained either through the state office or direct from Unified Promotion Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

### NOTICE

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

Remember That The 15th  
Of Each Month We Go  
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So Send Your News Early.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

978 Mississippi Boulevard — Memphis 6, Tennessee

JANUARY 1, 1950 to DECEMBER 31, 1951

### INCOME

Jan. 1—Cash in Bank - Bro't Forward .....	\$18,021.52
January .....	577.54
February .....	508.43
March .....	638.25
April .....	2,262.07
May .....	5,175.15
June .....	514.37
July .....	571.87
August .....	547.18
September .....	639.13
October .....	3,034.66
November .....	1,055.27
December .....	553.35
Interest on Savings Accounts .....	68.54

Income 1951 .....	16,145.82
<b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$34,167.34</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Pastor's Salary .....	\$ 1,500.00
Financial Secretary's Salary .....	90.00
Custodian's Salary & Supplies .....	674.55
Music .....	508.00
Donations — Visiting Ministers .....	153.55
Pension Fund .....	117.00
Utilities .....	617.29
National Christian Missionary Convention .....	500.00
State and National Convention Fees .....	20.00
Pastor's Christmas Gift .....	252.00
Bulletins, Office Supplies and Printing .....	354.90
Repairs .....	437.02
Junior Choir Robes and Stoles .....	172.80
Communion Supplies .....	181.33
Evangelism .....	290.70
Guest Speaker Woman's Day .....	90.00

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# Calling Preachers

Eld. T. R. EVERETTE  
KENTUCKY

Dr. Luke says "For as much as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us." I do not think it amiss to write upon some of the things that are believed and practiced among us.

First, I must say that the idea of God calling a man to preach—I feel that this phrase or idea has been overworked, or misunderstood. Paul wrote Romans 11:29, "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." This scripture does not refer to the calling of one into the ministry but the apostle is dealing with two nationalities, the Jew and the Gentile. He's bringing them into the one branch, the Church.

I am using "calling" to explain a common phrase that is much misimplied. The most of us have been taught or brought up to believe that God calls men to the ministry in a mysterious way, or rather one must have some premonition or mystical operation must present itself to one before he really is sure of his call. All such belief is not in harmony with the teachings of God's word.

The scriptures say: Matthew 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." This is the only call that God makes. The man or woman who really has repented their sins and have obeyed the Master in all of his requirements for discipleship, is as surely called as was Moses when God spoke to him at Horeb out of the burning bush. The call comes when ever anyone looks out on the field, sees it white unto harvest, and realizes the need of works and is so deeply concerned about the matter that they want to do something about it and are not satisfied until they see something being done. Like the women that were first at the sepulcher. They were early there but there was some hinderance. They said "Who will roll away the stone?"

They pushed on and behold the stone had been removed, and a messenger sat thereon and talked with them and consoled them and said for them to "go on your way and tell his disciples that He goeth before you

into Galilee." Such is the call today if you believe that He has risen from the dead. Go tell the story in love and persuasion, and God will take care of the rest.

## Delegates To CYF Commission

Dear Co-worker:

SPOAP of the International CYF has been changed to allow one young person from each convention area to attend the Commission. Previously we

were allowed twelve delegates and they were elected at the National Convention, in its annual session, by the young people in attendance. In many instances the person elected did not represent the thinking of the people of the state. Therefore, since each convention will be allowed one person, it will be the responsibility of that state to elect its own representative to the commission.

I should think that the person should be an active young person in the state and local church program, and should be one who knows the youth work and of the CYF age from sixteen to twenty-four. This person should be selected as soon as possible and send the name and address to this office.

If you fail to elect your representative, then your state will not be re-

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### A new study of the Christian woman and her money . . . prob- lems she faces



A new book facing problems arising from the fact that women own, control and spend a large portion of the nation's wealth.

This study deals with handling money . . . explaining the what and why of giving . . . parceling out one's gifts to many sources . . . giving money and time to further Christ's realm . . . making a Christian will . . . holding rummage sales and church dinners to make money . . . helping out one's family. \$1.00

## Financing Faith

BY HARRIET HARMON DEXTER

Write for descriptions of other study courses for young people and adults to meet every need: Bible study, Christian friendship, loyalty, developing personality, Christian brotherhood, marriage, the tenets of your faith, etc.

For Christian Women's Fellowship groups or Sunday morning classes . . .

**CHRISTIAN BOARD of  
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## Race Relations Day Observed At Loudon Ave.

Sunday, February 10, proved to be a very high day for the Loudon Avenue Christian Church. The morning worship was highlighted with a celebration of Boy Scout Sunday, having many Scouts and Cubs represented in the service. Both groups took part in the morning's worship by repeating their oath and saluting the two newly purchased flags as the organist played a patriotic hymn. The audience stood during the ceremony. The message for the morning was centered around Character Building Organizations.

Perhaps the highest point of the day was when a big Trailway Bus arrived from Lynchburg, Va., full of students and officials from Lynchburg College, at 2:30 p.m. for a Race Relation worship service. The services got underway at 3:00 p.m. and was greatly pointed up with

both music, coming from the College Choir, and a message, coming from Dr. Ovrille Wake, president of Lynchburg College. Dr. Wake spoke on the subject, "The Compassionate Christ."

The message brought by Dr. Wake was very pointed in that it brought out the fact that Christ was compassionate toward all groups, especially when they had the wrong concept of life.

Dr. Wake's brother, Mr. Author Wake, was the conductor of the Touring Choir and showed quite a bit of efficiency in having the Choir present such numbers as Bach's "New Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" and "The Omnipotence" by Schubert.

D. W. HEATH, Minister

## Delegates

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presented in the International CYF planning meeting. As you know this is a very important meeting when approximately two-hundred-fifty young people of our brotherhood meet to plan the total program emphases for youth.

This year's meeting will be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana during the month of August. The National office will assist your representative as we have done before. I am not sure as yet to what extent this will be done. Will you let me hear from you at once?

Sincerely,

Lorenzo J. Evans,

Director of Religious Education

## Centennial

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on Jan. 27 the beginning of Youth Week. He brought greetings from Preston-Taylor Home and an inspiring message.

On February 10 Centennial celebrated Race Relations - Boy Scout Sunday by exchanging pulpits with Rev. Thomas Underwood of Compton Heights Christian Church (one of the largest white churches in the city). He brought with him Mrs. E. Boaz, who favored us with a beautiful solo. Approximately fifty Boy Scouts of the near by schools worshipped with us on the same Sunday.

The CYF will send \$25.00 towards the CWFF.

Mrs. Fox was the guest speaker for the Christian Women's Fellowship at Union Avenue Christian Church on February 13. She spoke about the Southern Christian Institute.

Our pastor attended the Bi-Annual Conference of the National Council of Christian Churches of America, which was held in Columbus, Ohio. He represented the ministerial department. Mrs. Oneida Reed also attended, representing the Children's Division.

Our Youth also participated in the "Call" to United Christian Youth Movement. An interracial Youth Rally at Scottish Rite Cathedral on February 3. Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University of Washington, D. C., was the guest speaker.

## Read Your Bible

"He That Soweth Sparingly Shall Reap Also Sparingly"

—II Cor. 9:6



**PLANT** now. The good and bountiful yield of Pension Plan benefits depends upon participation. To reap one must sow. To harvest one must plant.

**SEED** required. Some benefits can be secured when the minister pays only his 2½% dues. However, more benefits are to be reaped by the church paying 8% dues and the minister paying his 2½% dues as both enroll in the Pension Plan. Dues are these percentages of the monthly salary.

**REAP** when death, disability or old age comes. Reap for the church the benefits of a fellowship with a strengthened and continuing ministry. Reap the spiritual benefits of fulfillment of the scriptural plan of ministerial support. Reap the harvest of a free and unencumbered ministry - released from embarrassment and fear of life's eventualities.

## Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ

800 Test Building

Indianapolis 4, Indiana

# Woman's Day At Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

ELDER BLAIR T. HUNT, Pastor  
MRS. C. E. ROWAN, Reporter

## MISSIONS

As I see it, this is what missions mean  
It is for the young and old I would deem;

No age limit in service for others  
In the sight of God all men are brothers.

Missions consist of worship and stewardship

Evangelism comes into the kinship  
Christian Education, part of the plan,  
Linked together mean much in the life of man.

Jesus Christ said "Go ye into all the world"

For those who know not, His banner unfurl;

When we do missions, we accept His call,

A plan extended to one and to all.

The above poem composed by "Yours Truly" appeared in the church bulletin December 9, 1951, when the Christian Women's Fellowship observed Woman's Day with Mrs. McEwen Williams as guest speaker. Mrs. Williams teaches at Booker Washington High School, of which our own Elder Blair T. Hunt is principal, and is the wife of Rev. A. McEwen Williams, St. John Baptist Church minister. Mrs. T. R. McLemore, faculty member of LeMoyne College, presented the guest speaker.

Both Mrs. Williams and Mrs. McLemore are active in church and civic affairs. Mrs. Williams chose as her subject "The Christian Woman Goes Shopping"—a unique subject treated in a fine manner. Excerpts from her address follow: "Perhaps all of us should go shopping. What will we shop for? I am completely out of self-respect and tolerance as I should have been. I will look on the rack for tolerance; get samples of peace; we are little short of that and cannot have too much on hand.

"I've got to match patience. I want a garment of long suffering. Must have every day garments of goodness, appreciation and love. Must have sense of appreciation mended—it has grown very, very thin. Get a bolt of faith; it is essential in our home, business, professional and social life."

Sunday night, Elder Harold G. Bundy, Evangelist of the State of Tennessee,

preached a soul stirring sermon. The Bible School, with Prof. J. A. Swayze as superintendent, ended its annual Fall Drive. The Drive was a success numerically and financially. Money raised during this period was \$470.00.

Elder E. K. Burton of Madison, Missouri, was Evangelist for Revival services in October. The old time religion that served our fathers and mothers was advocated by Elder Burton. The Christians were greatly revived, seven (7) converts baptized in addition to fellowships from other communions.

The Missionary Society, under the leadership of Mrs. Louvenia Moore, changed name to Christian Women's Fellowship at the October meeting. Mr. George Parker was the host and served a delectable supper. You see, the men are still with us and have pledged their support for the future, even though the name of the Society is "Christian Women's Fellowship." The Brethren have met with the Society and supported it through the years. We do thank them for their loyal support.

Our new sanctuary is going up by leaps and bounds and we hope to be able to worship in it by May.

Mrs. J. E. Walker was guest speaker for Woman's Day December 9, 1951 at the Romine Christian Church in Dallas, Texas and at the East Annie Christian Church at Forth Worth Texas, for night service. We are sure she bought them a worthwhile message from her storehouse of knowledge.

Recent death of church members: Elder Albert W. Clark, Mr. Paul Malone and Mrs. Johnnie Washington.

The newly organized church clubs made their initial financial report the fourth Sunday in October. The Rose of Sharon—Miss M. Hollingsworth, president, \$115.00; The Four Seasons, Mrs. Hattie Lawrence, president, 298.56; The Fidelity Club, Mrs. C. E. Rowan, president, 412.00. The clubs will furnish the new sanctuary with pews.

The Laymen's League will furnish the pulpit furniture. Mr. J. T. Chandler is National President of Laymen's League. The Laymen's League observed National Laymen's Sunday, October 21, 1951. Attorney B. L. Hooks was guest speaker. His subject was "WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING"?

The Junior Service Club rendered a

# CYF PRESIDENT ASKS SUPPORT

WILLIETTA A. SCHLEY

Dear Co-workers:

A part of our convention year has past but the important part is the part that yet lies ahead of us. Let us, individually and collectively, seek to make it meaningful in Christian service.

The work of our youth department has not received the support that it warrants as a vital program of our Brotherhood program. Actually it has hardly been self supporting. Reasons for this situation might be attributed to many factors. But the more important than any other is the missing link between the National planning and the response of the local churches.

Realizing the fact that our CYF treasury is extremely low, that we might help support ourselves as an organization of the National Convention, we are asking each CYF group to send to the National Convention Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, your suggested goal. In the event that there is not CYF group functioning in your church, we then appeal to the church to make the contribution of \$10.00 so that the youth program may continue to grow and grow stronger.

This must be done as soon as possible so the treasurer may report your contribution in his report to the Board of Trustees.

Pre-Thanksgiving program Sunday night, November 18, 1951. Mrs. Laura Cade had charge of the program.

"Yours Truly" was inspired to write the following poem:

## The Falling Leaves

The leaves are falling from the trees  
They fall on the hallowed ground  
There's beauty in each burnished petal  
Scattered hither, they fully abound.  
In the Fall the trees shed their armor  
Through the winter months they lie concealed

In the Spring their dresses of greenery

Stand out apart—God's power revealed.

Lovely manifestations as these  
Come as a reminder of His love,  
We can acknowledge them as such  
When we commune with our Lord above.

# The Assurance Of Things To Come

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**Services:**

- Leadership Training in Local Church
- Conferences with Committees on Christian Education
- Institutes and Seminars
- Young People's Summer Conferences
- Youth Planning Conference
- World Fellowship Youth Meets
- Laboratory Schools
- Promoting Literature and Program Resource
- Children's Workers Fellowship Bulletin
- Superintendent's Retreats
- State Committee on Christian Education
- Youth Oratorical Contest
- Training Intermediate Leaders
- Youth Week

**Program and Materials:**

- Christian Education for all age levels
- Church school enlargement 10% increase per year
- Commission on Christian Education
- Functional Committee—Fall Planning Conference
- Chi Rho Fellowship Camp for Intermediates
- Bethany Graded Lessons—Intermediates and Seniors
- Bethany Electives - Post High and Older Young People
- P. M. Pack for Intermediates Fellowship Quarterly—Seniors
- Mission study material—Intermediate and Seniors
- World Fellowship Youth Meet material
- CYF Conference Curriculum
- Chi Rho Handbook for Adult Leaders of Intermediates
- CYF Manual for Seniors and Adults
- Advisers (Worship, Study, Recreation, Enlistment)
- CYF Handbook
- Vision, Front Rank, Bethany Church School Guide
- The National Christian Missionary Convention is better organized today than ever before to carry out the ever increasing number of vital functions which our Brotherhood demands. The Department of

Church Development and Evangelism is only one area in which careful and thorough planning may be transformed into effective service when adequate funds are available from all the churches in every state. Our department gives assistance both orally and actively in several phases of church life including:

- Planning and promoting a National Program of evangelism.
- Local church program planning.
- Enlisting and training local church officers.
- Ministerial recruitment.

- Establishment of new churches.
- National planning and study conferences.
- Interfaith and intercultural cooperation.
- District and State Conventions.
- Institutes and Seminars.
- Requested services to pastors and church leaders.

This will mean a budget increase of \$500 per year until 1960. The extensiveness and thoroughness of our program outreach will of course depend on how securely the churches support the proposed budget.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Construction of New Sanctuary .....	25,000.00
NAACP .....	28.40
Shelby County T. B. Society .....	10.00
Miscellaneous .....	95.03
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BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1951 .....	31,092.57
	3,074.77
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GRAND TOTAL .....	\$34,167.34

## REPORT OF ALL DEPARTMENTS INCOME

Church .....	\$34,167.34
Bible School .....	1,529.43
Missionary Society .....	246.69
Sunshine Fund .....	361.87
Christian Youth Fellowship .....	111.02
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TOTAL INCOME .....	36,416.35

## DISBURSEMENTS

Church .....	\$31,092.57
Bible School .....	957.88
Missionary Society .....	243.24
Sunshine Fund .....	301.28
Christian Youth Fellowship .....	79.00
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$32,673.97
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1951 .....	3,742.33
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	36,416.35

## MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

By Baptism .....	14
From Other Christian Churches .....	4
From Other Communions .....	11
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	29
Loss by Death .....	4

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## **YOU PROMISED**

**YOU ENDORSED The Budget - \$33,200.00**

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**THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR PROMISE IS**

**OUR ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR**

**DURING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MONTH**

# **MARCH, 1952**

# Our Editorial

Congratulation to Eld. R. L. Jordan, Pastor of the United Christian Church of Detroit. Only a few men in the history of our Brotherhood has done a better job in building a Christian church than he. From a beginning of five in October, 1936 to more than 350 in 1952, is no mean accomplishment. Likewise the officers and members are to be congratulated. For we all know that no leader can accomplish great things without the loyalty and cooperation of those whom he leads. There

must have been a minimum of friction and a large measure of peace and harmony.

We sincerely hope the next 15 years will be as fruitful, and that Eld. Jordan and his family will be blessed for their labors and sacrifices. Eld. Jordan is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention, and a former president of the Bible School Department of the National Convention.

## Our Readers Say

Editor of Christian Plea:

On reading the Editorial in a former issue of The Plea I took note of what the good lady thought of ordaining men to the ministry that had formal training as so well, it's been said that the lady may have a point there. But if one will turn to Acts 4:13, he will find that Peter and John were ignorant and unlearned men. We don't have any ministers today with all their education that supercede the apostles. If education is the preparation in question here, of course, the apostles were prepared. But who or what prepared them? What did you do, Jesus, to prepare these men? I chose them out of the world and went over the country teaching the people the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven. Then just prior to my ascension I told them in Luke 1:8 that they would receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. I'm just wondering if 1/4 of the present-day ministers have the above preparation. This Holy Spirit preparation is the kind that's going to take us up the road. The most good that educating preparation will do us is to prepare us for something in this world. But it won't do to carry up before that Sacred Judge. Don't get me wrong right here. I believe in education, but I don't believe in it to the extent that it will prepare one or one especially needs it to prepare him for the ministry. One among the best ministers that I have ever known in the 56 years of my christian life was a man that had just a rural school learning and none too much of

that. Since our ministry is in reality at a low ebb, I would love to hear from some of the Brethren on this subject. It's very important, Brother ministers.

Yours in Christ

## UFU Appeal

RUBY RAMSEY, Pres.

Dear Ministers, Presidents, Officers and Members:

We are approaching our National Convention, and there is a lot of work to be done. We are making this appeal to all ministers and ushers boards to fully organize your groups and work out programs to raise - your National Convention goal.

The financial goal for the Ushers' Fellowship is \$250.00. Each local board is asked to raise its goal of \$30.00 per year. We are urging each board to try to complete its goal not later than April 18th and send it to the National Convention treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Ave., Memphis 1, Tenn., not later than April 30th.

We did not reach our goal last year, so fellow-workers help us to do so this year.

Our National project for 1952 is The Christian Plea. Every usher's pledge is to subscribe for the Plea this year if you have not already done so. You will hear more about this project at a later date.

We are looking forward to seeing every usher in Los Angeles, California, in August of this year.

Very truly yours,

Ruby Ramsey, Pres.  
Elma M. Dupree, Sect.

## Maple Street

The Maple Street Christian Church at Lockland, Ohio is really making progress under the leadership of their new pastor, Robert L. Brown, and his wonderful wife, Vera Mae Brown.

Since the arrival of Rev. Brown to Lockland, there have been ten additions to the church. The attendance and finances have increased greatly. Services are held twice per Sunday and prayer service on Wednesday evenings. A well-rounded church program is being carried out.

Rev. Brown and family have very recently moved into the parsonage which is a few doors from the church. Plans are being formulated for the remodeling of the church building in the early Spring.

Mrs. Brown has organized a Junior Choir which is really doing nicely and adding much to the church transferred his membership from services. Mr. Elliot, who recently Covington to Lockland, purchased some material and his daughter-in-law made some beautiful robes for the Juniors.

The people have been wonderful and have taken a lot of interest in their pastor and his family. Seemingly, the people have a mind to work. The spirit of Jesus seems to be there and they should really grow and grow for Jesus "in the valley."

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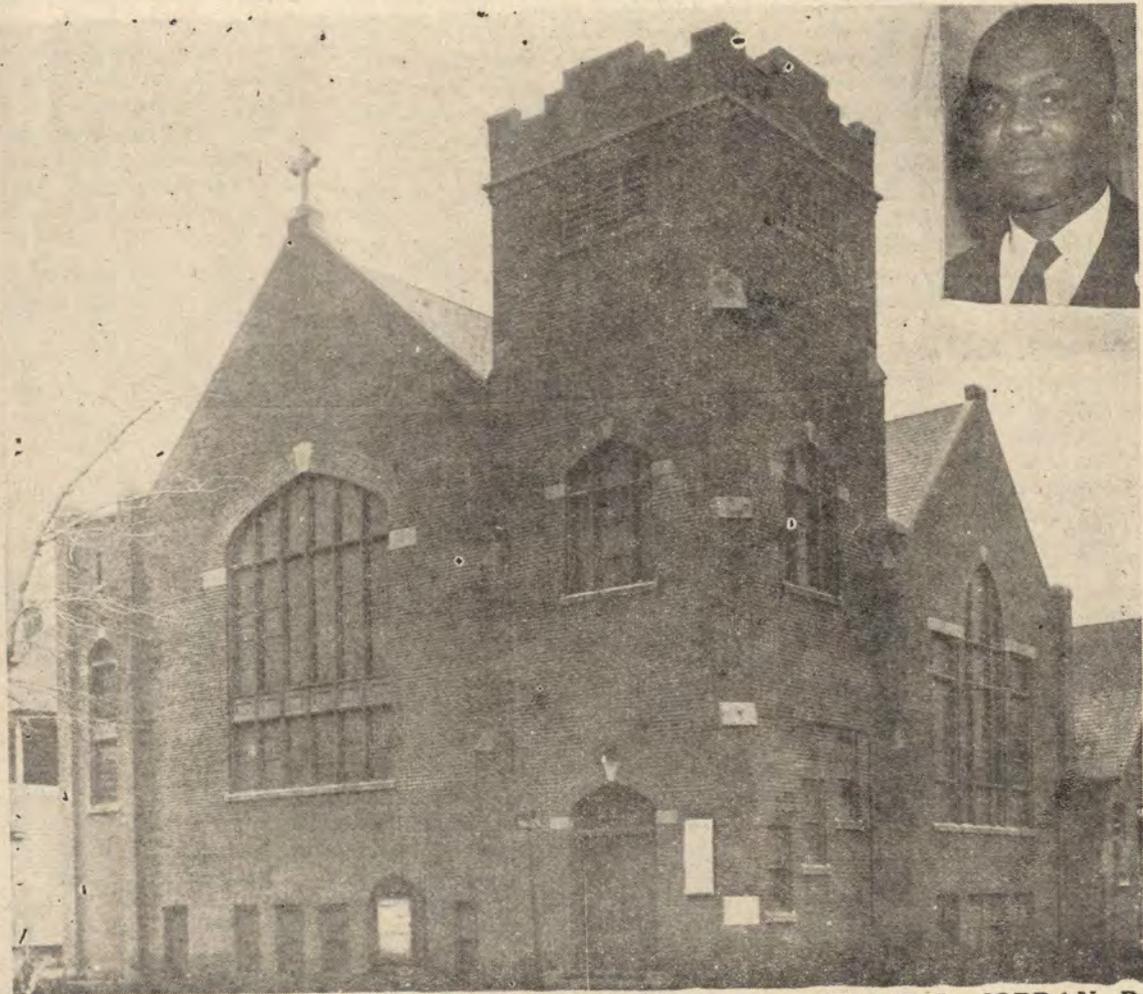
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# Detroit United Christian 15th Anniversary



UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Detroit, Mich, Inset — REV. R. L. JORDAN, Pastor

United Christian Church commemorated 15 years of organizational life, and 15 years of the Pastorate of R. L. Jordan Feb. 17 - 29th. This congregation was organized by R. L. Jordan Feb. 28, 1937 with 20 persons. It has a membership of more than 350. From a budget of \$150.00 annually today its budget is more than \$8,000.00.

Ministers of various Church bodies participated nightly in the two weeks celebration. Sunday, 11 a.m. Feb. 24 - Dr. Willard M. Wickzier, Executive Sec. of the Home Missions Dept. of United Christian Missionary Society, preached the Anniversary Sermon. For several years the Home Missions Dept. supported this congregation.

The celebration closed Friday evening 7 p.m., with its 15th. Annual Banquet. More than 200 persons filled the beautifully decorated dining room to capacity. Mem-

bers of Central Woodward Christian Church, Bethany Christian Church and the North Western Christian Church were in attendance. Rev. Louis O. Mink, gave the Invocation and Benediction. The Principal Address was delivered by the Hon. John B. Martin Jr. of Grand Rapids, Mich., Auditor General of the State of Michigan.

This congregation has 28 unit groups within its organizational framework. Mr. Jordan, organizer and church pastor for 15 years, was given a purse of \$200.00 in recognition of his years of service. Mrs. Jordan was presented an orchid as a token of affection from the Employed Women's Club of the Church. More than \$1000.00 was raised during the two weeks celebration. 1939 - the congregation purchased its first building for \$3500.00, 1947 its present church home was purchased at a cost of \$40,000.00

Anniversary Committee — Chairman, Mr. Victor L. Hicks, Co-Chairman, Mr. John L. Johnson; Mr. Graham Q. Daniels, Mr. Ulysses S. Harvey, Mrs. Woodie Mae Hardy, Mrs. Mable Anderson, Mr. Narry K. Bradley, Mr. Sidney Montgomery, Mrs. B. Ruth Cotter, Mrs. Daisy Gregory, Mrs. Willa Mae Johnson, Mr. Benjamin Strickland, Mrs. Ether Barksdale, Mrs. Sadie L. Neal, Mrs. Luvane McCord, Mrs. Ione Bradley, Mrs. Anna Bell, Mr. Keller Moore, Mrs. Acyclean Ruth-erford, Mr. Howard Jones and Mr. William J. Washington.

Mrs. A. E. Willis, Reporter  
R. L. Jordan, Minister

**Read Your Bible**

# News From CYF President

Dear Co-workers: If it were not for the change of the quarter, I'm afraid I would not get to drop you these few lines. Very little news has come to me about how you are getting along in your C. Y. F. meetings, either locally or on state level.

The Jarvis College C. Y. F. presented the skit, "Why Missionaries" over station JCC which turned out to be very effective. They used it as an introduction to the observance of Youth Week.

Once in a while Ken and I together get the ball to rolling around here. I wish all of you could be in our C. Y. F. meeting. Clear water doesn't run smooth. Charles "Ceastos" Mills, one of our national youth work director, (you remember he and Al Pennybocker from our convention?) was here a few weeks ago. He showed us a movie, "Report From Mexico." I hope all of you get the chance to see this.

I wonder if our male sponsor is still suffering from the Missouri flood. We haven't heard from him. Also our Missouri state president must be frozen in. But the cold weather in Indianapolis doesn't worry the C. Y. F. members there. They have elected new officers. Eddie Loe Evans is the president. I think we will go back to Indianapolis for the convention again. Ken and I were up during the Christmas holidays. Very little can be said about Oklahoma, California, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, Michigan, and Ohio because something seems to happen to the mail between those states and 222 South Downey. Mrs. Ada Thompson, one of our adult advisors, has been ill; therefore, unable to correspond. Can we forget how adorable she was at the commission and convention last year? Let's flood 4101 Byran, Indianapolis, Indiana with letters of cheerfulness. Have Floyd Osburn and Gene Mosley been drafted? We can't hear from them but we certainly have some fine representation of their work on our campus. When you see Gene and Floyd, tell them they are holding up progress. Sometimes I wonder about Mrs. Edith Bristowe. Does she know that William Edwards is here from Kentucky? He proved that he had been in C. Y. F. meetings by taking the leading role (shortly after he came

to the campus) in the skit, "Why Missionaries." Louise Harris our national secretary writes that work in her district is going fine. She said new members have been added, new planning has been done, therefore, with her being president we have no doubts of Christian-like progress. Let's say luck to "Luc." Just one question, how well are you able to use the Fellowship handbook which outlines the C. Y. F. program for each Sunday? Those of you who are in small churches and rural areas, does this fit you or is it too large? I have been a bit worried about this thing. Let me hear from you soon.

Please don't fail to send someone to commission and convention this year. Great things are planned at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, August 18th and I dare mention the wholesome fellowship planned for the convention which will be held at Los Angeles, California. Strange things happen everyday. This year the commission and Convention meet on the same date in two extreme places, so your prexy, being Christ-like, plant to form a miracle on August 17. I'll just fall to pieces so that I might be both places at one time. Hoping this will be a reminder to those I haven't heard from and an answer to those I have heard from. I'll look forward to seeing you, partly in Indiana and California. Your C. Y. F. Prexy, Willietta Schley.

## Lincoln Avenue Christian Church

### YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The Lincoln Avenue Church is moving forward under the leadership of H. Earl Jackson, who has been our pastor for 14 months. The following accomplishments have been made:

- Twenty-four additions,
- Paying of church building debt.
- Financial system reorganized.
- Church cleaned and decorated.

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## Louisa County, Va.

Elder B. A. Douglass came to us in June, 1950. Under his leadership we have built a new brick church, one of the best in Louisa County. The membership has increased. We have had one of the most successful year's work in the history of the church. The Lord is blessing the work in a wonderful way.

The church was dedicated Sunday, May 12, 1952, closing with a Building Fund Rally of \$825.

Elder Douglass completed his theological work at the Hoods Theological Seminary, Salisbury, North Carolina. Elder Douglass is trustee of The Winston-Salem Bible College, Winston-Salem, N. C. He is vice-president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Concord.

Elder Douglass returned to Concord recently from a meeting of the Christian Missionary Fellowship in Michigan and Ohio. He visited in these two states a number of churches in interest of the Winston-Salem Bible College.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith spent the holidays in Reidsville with their parents and friends. Mr. Smith is the son of Mrs. Lula Smith. He is a student at Butler University School of Religion, Indianapolis, Indiana. While here he was ordained an elder. The ordination service was performed by his pastor, Elder M. L. Lambeth and Elder W. H. Brown, pastor of Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. Officers and members of the various churches in the city were present to witness the occasion. After the ordination Elder Smith preached his first sermon. The message was so inspiring he received invitations to speak at other churches. He had time to fill one engagement. He accepted the one from Mt. Hermon Holiness Church, weather the church was filled and Elder Dingle, pastor. In spite of the the meeting was a success both spiritual and financial.

Mrs. Smith is matron at the Preston Taylor Memorial Fellowship Home. This home is the property of the National Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ. Mrs. Smith will enter Indiana State Business College where she will finish her business course.

# Lincoln Avenue

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Pool built.

The Bible School, under the leadership of Mrs. W. J. Ayers, is doing a good job. Our attendance for the year increased from 1960 to 2196. The offering average \$5.25 per Sunday.

Our CYF is going forward under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Rainey. Joan Lytle attended the International CE meet in Grand Rapids last year because our CYF had the highest number of points in a contest conducted by the Lookout. Brownlee Bell attended Youth Meet at Girard, Ohio, Feb. 15-17. We plan to send some of our young people to Youth Conference at Camp Christian this summer.

The pastor is conducting two study groups: Church Doctrine on Wednesdays and The Church Board at Work.

Elder W. J. Ayers teaches "New Training Service" each Lord's Day at the Sunday School hour and also the "Church and Its Program" to a group of CWF.

Mrs. H. E. Jackson teaches "Beginning at Jerusalem" in the Missionary Group of the CWF.

The Missionary Committee is doing a fine piece of work in promoting a better missionary spirit in the church. They have sent several "CARE" packages to Korea and Europe; sent relief to Jamaica; have given over \$72.00 in local help. The church contributed \$100.00 to Third Christian, Warren, O., on its Building Fund. They also have sent money to UCMS.

The 90-9 Club of CMF are not moving fast, but are on the move. They contributed money for the redecoration of Bible School Department and kitchen and did much of the work.

Elder Jackson, by his strong doctrine sermons, has helped all of us to see the real purpose of the church more clearly, that we are to grow to be like Christ if we are to have a strong church.

We will celebrate our 26th Anniversary this year. We have not yet reached the hundred mark in membership; we have 11 more to win for Jesus.

Our next objective is a revival for the winning of souls. And to raise \$2000.00 for painting the church on the outside this summer.

We ask that the Brotherhood pray that each of us may have within us the Spirit of Christ as we go forward to build His Kingdom.

ALINE LANE, Reporter

# Three-Mile Creek

## Report from the Three Mile Creek Christian Church and Bible School.

We are thankful to say that we are getting along fine and the work here is improving this year. We have Sunday School every Sunday. We are trying to get our people interested in the work of our good Master for if we work in the Light as He is in the Light we have fellowship and the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin, John 11:7. Get ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, Mark 16:15. O love the Lord all ye His saints for the Lord persecuteth the unfaithful and plentifully rewardeth the prosycider. We are living in a day when men are so willing to try to cover up or get by. Many scandals

are coming to light today which men have made effort to keep in the darkness. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. If there ever was a time we should live for Him who died on the cross for our sin it is now. Let us be true one to another and don't carry falseness under our hat for if we say we love Christ and hate our fellowman Christ says we are a liar. We should know no man save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

We had a very fine service on the 1st Lord's Day. Elder A. L. Kinna preached a wonderful sermon. Our pastor was not present. He was in an auto accident and was unable to be with us. We beg the prayers of the Brotherhood that our work here in South Carolina will continue to grow.

## Wholesome leisure reading for Christian families . . .



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Develop strong, positive Christian family life by urging adults in your church to include HEARTHSTONE in their regular leisure reading. This 52-page monthly magazine offers the best in clean fiction, child guidance, homemakers' tips, aids to family worship, family counseling, human interest features, puzzles and games . . . enriched with lots of pictures and color. All the variety of content and appeal families could possibly want! Sell copies!

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## The Importance Of The Easter Offering



Every Sunday School and Church in the brotherhood is asked to receive a special offering on Easter Sunday for the support of the Christian work of causes cooperating through Unified Promotion.

Sharing in the Easter offering are such causes as Home (American) Mission, Ministerial Relief, Christian Unity and Church Extension. These are causes whose work reach into every local community. Included in the work of Home Missions are Evangelism, Church Development and Mission Churches throughout the United States and Canada.

Also given support are our six Institutional Missions, including All Peoples Center, Hazel Green Academy, Jarvis College, Southern Christian Institute, Mexican Christian Institute and Yakima Indian Mission.

Social Welfare provides avenues of service through which minority groups and needy persons are benefited. Special services are given to migrant workers and war refugees.

Last year many new congregations were assisted through grant loans in procuring lots and building new churches. A portion of the Easter offering provides such funds, which are administered by the Board of Church Extension.

One of the greatest needs which is met, in part through the Easter offering, is that of our aged ministers and missionaries. Over 800 of these "veterans of the cross" look to Ministerial Relief for supplementary checks to provide food and shelter in their sunset days.

Sunday School superintendents and pastors should order at once the free

# AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MINISTERS' WIVES

Dear Ministers' Wives:

This is the first time I've had the opportunity to greet you since last August at the Convention. It was delightful to renew friendships and to see all of the "wives" take such a personal interest in the program of the Fellowship. May I express to each of you my very deep appreciation for your presence and for your splendid cooperation in helping to raise our Scholarship money. The states made a fine showing. The following is the Report by States:

Ohio .....	\$50.00
Kentucky .....	35.00
Indiana .....	35.00
Mississippi .....	29.00
Kansas .....	25.00
Alabama .....	17.00
Missouri .....	10.00
Eastern Seaboard .....	7.00

Bradley, Frank B. ....	Howard ..	Adv. Junior .....	\$100.00
Edwards, Wm. Thomas ....	Jarvis ..	Freshman .....	25.00
	(2nd sem.)	(2nd sem.)	
Keyes, Nina M. ....	Shaw ..	Junior .....	100.00
Lyle, Ekron V., Jr. ....	Butler ..	Sophomore .....	50.00
Melvin, James Lee ....	S. C. I. ..	Freshman .....	50.00
Newborn, Ernest J. ....	Howard ..	1st Grad. ....	100.00
Patton, Louise ....	Ky. State Co. ..	Freshman .....	50.00
Sirls, Mildred .....	Butler ..	1st Grad. ....	50.00
	(2nd sem.)	(2nd sem.)	
Walker, Claude .....	Butler ..	Freshman .....	50.00
Williams, Robbie Lee ....	Jarvis ..	Sophomore .....	50.00

We have done well this year. Let us do better next year. Our goal is three \$100 scholarships! If every state does what it can WE WILL REACH OUR GOAL. Hop-

Tennessee .....	5.00
Arkansas .....	2.00
Michigan .....	1.00

Our hearty congratulations go to Ohio, the winning state! Honorable mention goes to Kentucky and Indiana who tied for second place. Of course, you see that Mississippi, the winning state in 1950, was not far behind. I am sure Ohio will be out for the "Queen" again this summer. Some of us **must beat her!** Will it be you? Who will bring to Los Angeles next August the "Queen of the Ministers' Wives" I can assure you that Indiana will be in the race. Can you say as much for your state?

The Scholarship Committee reports that the following students received scholarship aid during the school year 1951-52, \$200.00 of which was contributed through the Ministers' Wives Fellowship:

ing to see you in California next August.

Mrs. R. H. Peoples, President  
Ministers' Wives Fellowship  
of the National Christian  
Missionary Convention

## West Kentucky Vocational School

PADUCAH, Ky.

West Kentucky Vocational Training School is entering its fourth week of work since the return from the holidays.

All Western Kentucky is highly elat-

supplies for the promotion of the offering. Send the order to either the state office or to United Promotion, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

ed over the recommended increase in the appropriation to the school. The Institute is very grateful to all citizens and organizations that were instrumental in helping President Timberlake get the Budgetary request before the Commission.

President Timberlake is to be very highly commended for the wonderful things he has been able to accomplish at the school, and for the very faithful friends he has been able to make for it.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Christian Youth Fellowship, with Barbara Williams of Oxford, (Continued on Page 8)

# "ONE DAY WITH GOD"

*(A Miniature Ashram)*

Indiana Ave. Christian Church, Chicago

**Sunday, Feb. 24, 1952 - 8 to 8**

I call this "One Day With God" a miniature Ashram, because an Ashram is: when people of all races meet and enjoy worshipping, living, eating, sleeping, working and playing together without any thought of race, creed or nationality.

"Because I feel the urgent need of greater spiritual growth and strength; because I have a strong desire to be a better member of the church, a more devoted Disciple of Jesus Christ and a Christian witness for my Lord" . . . I attended the "One Day With God" services. In other words, I wanted to get a foretaste of how living in Heaven would be. I had looked forward with great anticipation to attending and participating in these services, so there's little or no wonder that upon entering the Sanctuary at 7:30 a.m., I felt the presence of God within and about me.

At 7:45 a.m. the beautiful strains of organ and piano put us in a more worshipful attitude. The hour of 8 a.m. found the worshipers ready to participate in singing praises and offering thanks to God for His wonderful blessings. There were many interesting and inspiring testimonies. We addressed each other as brothers and sisters. There were no reverends, doctors, lawyers, surnames nor any other titles because in heaven everyone will be on equal basis as brothers and sisters in Christ. To me it was a beautiful sight to see the worshipers at various times during the early morning entering the Sanctuary. It seemed that everyone was of the same mind.

After a brief intermission the Bible School at 9:20 continued with the teaching and singing of God's word.

From Bible School we entered into the regular Sunday morning worship at 10:45 with moments of silent meditation as the organ, piano and violin thrilled us with soft music which was soothing to the soul, followed by the silent processional of choirs. After the call to worship, there was full participa-

tion of choirs and congregation in the singing of beautiful hymns and prayers.

The Call to Commune:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

After listening to the call to commune . . . we realized how important it is to be Disciples of Christ. The singing of the choirs filled our hearts with great joy and inspiration.

The morning sermon on "GIVE GOD FIRST PLACE" supplied our hungry souls with food for thought. "If we will only give God first place in our lives, He will provide the right answer to all our problems, whether they be great or small." After the message seven young people answered the call.

After our minds had been fed on God's Word, we were now ready to receive food for our bodies. Thus, we recessed to the Community Rooms where a delicious turkey dinner was served. Before partaking of this feast our voices were raised in song to: "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW." The fellowship during this period was heavenly. It seemed that we were as one big happy family.

After dinner and visitations, we again entered the Sanctuary for the afternoon service at 2:41. During the silent meditation the soft music of organ and piano again set a worshipful background, after which we all joined in the song service, and to me it seemed that each worshiper sang with a new understanding. There were many interesting speakers telling of their personal experiences that seemed beyond the understanding of the human heart, but by having implicit faith in the Great Creator, they knew that in some way all things would be made right, and they were. We should realize that the presence of Christ is with-

## A Message To Church School Workers

L. J. EVANS, Director

Dear Church School Workers:

You will want to be keeping a record of the work done in your church school during this last year. It is only as we keep our records and check them against the old ones, can we really measure our progress?

The Achievement Chart report will be sent to each local superintendent the last of June or not later than the first of July and he will be expected to fill it out and return to the national office not later than the last of July.

The superintendent should call together all of his workers and fill out this report jointly. As you already know it is on the basis of this report that the plaque from the Department of Christian Education of the National Convention is awarded to the school of the year, during the convention session. Your report is to be in the office by the last of July in order to give the committee time to study them and make its recommendations.

Every superintendent in the brotherhood should fill out this report and mail it in not only with the idea of winning the plaque, but because it will give you an opportunity to see the progress made by your own school during the year. The superintendent that develops the habit of keeping records with more than likely be the superintendent that will develop a school that Reaches, Teaches, Wins, Enlists and Trains.

What kind of school will yours be? You have the answer. I want to wish you a most successful year in your work.

in and about us at all times. We must let "GO" and let "GOD." I know from my personal experience that we need never feel alone or apart from Him. Our consciousness of His presence lifts us above every sense of grief and depression. He gives us courage and strengthens our faith to meet any kind of experience that may arise in our lives. With these interesting testimonies and the singing of many favorite songs and hymns, these afternoon services were

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# News of Interest from TEXAS Vocational School

By MRS. MAUDE DAVIS

Due to illness my report is somewhat late concerning our District Board, however I have a number of things to report in general. I will just report a few of the happenings among the Brotherhood here in Texas.

First—I was guest speaker Dec. 2, on Woman's Day at Boll St. Christian Church, Dallas Texas, in the evening. Mrs. Lenord Brown was guest speaker in the eleven o'clock service.

It was a great day, and meant a great deal to me as I sat in the morning service and listen to a little girl speak, whom I had known just a few years back as Alva Shackelford. I could not but feel deep down in my heart "look what God has wrought." Here is the flame of the Lord's kindling of Boll St. which is bearing the torch of The Missionary Society, which has been lighted from the Holy Altar at Jarvis Christian College.

I am sure the worthy and able pastor Elder M. C. Dickson, Mrs. McKinney, the choir directress of Boll St.; P. of. T. W. Pratt and the members of that Great Church who gave help to this young woman while she was in Jarvis College hearts must have burned while she delivered her great and timely message.

Does it pay to help these young people in school? Alva Shackelford Brown is your answer. She has served as a field secretary of the United Missionary. She is now the wife of one of our young ministers, she conducts the Day Nursery School in Fort Worth, where her husband pastors. She is the devoted mother of two darling little boys who may become ministers some day.

They both are former students of Jarvis College. They have a great opportunity to build a great church in Fort Worth. May they work and never tire for the Master. May they both be as shining stars in His Kingdom here on earth.

Miss S. P. Walker is doing a great job as president of The Christian Women's Fellowship. Boll St. is a great church with a great preacher and with all her talent should be the biggest church in Dallas.

I have been watching the Plea to

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see the report of B. O. Patton's gift. Bro. Patton who served as elder of Boll St. Church for a number of years and passed during the National Convention which was held in Indianapolis last August.

He left in his will five hundred dollars as a departing gift to his church for a building fund. I am sorry I had to report this instead of some of the members. When will we as Disciples be as glad to report GOOD NEWS as we are to stigmatize our preacher? Lord help us to see the good that is in one another and BROADCAST IT, thus help to brighten the world.

The Tri State Evangelist in the person of Bro. J. Wesley Watson visited the State of Texas, preached in a number of churches on "The Back to the Book." We all were so happy to have such a distinguish leader, he was the guest in our home for several days. A great preacher, may he live long and visit us again in the near future.

## 'ONE DAY WITH GOD'

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among the most inspiring I have ever witnessed. The members and friends present voted unanimously to hold similar services next year.

During intermission between afternoon and evening services we enjoyed a most tasteful supper and more visitations with our brothers and sisters. At this period no one appeared to be impatient or restless, but we were looking forward to the closing service of the day with as much anticipation as we were for the first service.

The closing service began at 5:45 p.m. with more organ and piano music and silent meditation, followed by the processional of choirs. There was a most impressive worship service with participation of choirs and congregation. Our hearts rejoiced with the great messages of the evening. The spontaneous prayers and testimonies of this closing service of the day as well as the first created a new and unusual spiritual experience for those who were present. These services were well attended and enjoyed by all. OUR FIRST "ONE DAY WITH GOD" WAS A GLORIOUS SUCCESS.

Lucille Ramsey Watson, Reporter  
Richard H. Davi, Pastor

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Ohio, as president, is quite influential on the campus. Through its Service and Social Act on Committee, of which John Wesley Johnson, of Lexington, is chairman, it has performed the following services:

Presented purse to Dr. D. H. Anderson, President Emeritus of West Kentucky Industrial College, and also to Mrs. Herbert West, wife of the Auto Mechanics Instructor, who has been ill for several months. The group sold Christmas seals for the benefit of the McCracken County TB Association, and is now sponsoring the "March of Dimes" drive on the campus.

Among the future plans are the conducting of open forums, dealing with various subjects of interest to the student body. The forums will be conducted in the dining hall every other Sunday. The group is participating in the United Christian Youth Movement and formed a part of the 550 Paducah Young People which publicly dedicated themselves to Christ at the Grace Episcopal Church, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. The West Kentucky Chorus, under the direction of Miss Luella E. Williams, furnished the musical attraction for the service.

### THE WEST KENTUCKY LIONS

The West Kentucky Lions, under the coaching of Mr. Charles Whitcomb, have played ten games this season. Three with Brookport, Ill., two with Madisonville High School, one with Murray High School, one with Lincoln High School, one with Hickman High School, and two with Russellville High School.

The Lions have won five games and lost five.

### PRESIDENT TIMBERLAKE SPEAKS

President Timberlake is very much in demand as a speaker. Among the speaking engagements that he filled recently were at the morning service of the Washington St. Baptist Church, during the absence of the Pastor, and at the chapel exercise at the Lincoln High School. He is scheduled to speak at one of the services of the celebration of the 98th Anniversary of the Washington Street Baptist Church.

### NOTICE

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# The CHRISTIAN PLEA

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## Convention Date Is Changed

TO: ALL Members and Friends of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Dear Co-workers:

The 36th Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention will meet in Los Angeles, California, with the Avalon Christian Church, 4272 Avalon Boulevard, August 11-17, 1952, Rev. B. C. Duke, host pastor. The registration fee is \$17.00. You will note that these dates are early in August and will enable you to use August for your convention trip to the west coast.

Special railroad transportation is to be made available for convention delegates. Please inform your congregations and groups of these dates so all will know the time, place and registration fee for this great National meeting on the seaport of southwest California.

Dates: August 11-17, 1952.

Place: Avalon Christian Church, Los Angeles, California.

Registration Fee: \$17.00

Theme: The Christian Church In a Changing World.

Sincerely,

Blair T. Hunt, President

## Delegates To Be Given Special Rates

By M. F. MITCHELL

As Secretary of National Transportation, I am not leaving a stone uncovered to give to each delegate the lowest possible rates on the trains to and from Los Angeles when we will be honored locally to be hosts. The Ministers will have an incentive for a pass on our proposed chartered trains — every 30 delegates, the railroad has made the following commitments: Clergy passenger will be honored with a pass. I know you will be working hard to be a recipient of this courtesy. The passengers on our chartered cars will not necessarily be confined to our own delegates, you may solicit others to come.

We propose to have a chartered train for every section of the country; for example, a chartered train from the Atlantic Sea Board which will accommodate the New England States; one at Memphis, Tennessee; one at Dallas, Texas; one at Detroit; one at Saint Louis; and one at Kansas City and Chicago. Watch the Plea for rates in gen-

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## Announce Dates For Christian Family Week Observance

Members of 29 Protestant and Orthodox church bodies which cooperate in the National Council of Churches will observe Christian Family Week, May 4-11. Materials to aid in this observance have been sent to pastors and correspondents of more than 4,500 churches of Disciples of Christ from the department of religious education of The United Christian Missionary Society.

Theme of the 1952 Christian Family Week is "Brotherhood Begins at Home." A statement drawn up by the National Council's Joint Department of Family Life points to this theme as "both a challenge and an opportunity to strengthen the homes of America."

"Such undergirding was never more urgently needed," the statement continues. "In our country one million homes are broken annually by death, desertion or divorce. The demands of the world crisis cause members of additional thousands of families to live separated from each other by many miles. The pressure of living costs and housing difficulties impose severe strains upon family relations.

"Multitudes of people, frustrated, disillusioned, or confused have ceased to hope for any fundamental brotherhood among men and have become reconciled instead to unbrotherly attitudes and behavior. Yet, written into the very soul of

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# Our Editorial

In an article in the March issue of the Christian Century by Rev. John R. Wilkins on the subject, "Three days in the Pentagon," Rev. Wilkins states that he participated with 78 clergymen, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish in an "orientation conference for religious leaders" held in the Pentagon Building in Washington January 15, 16, and 17th.

Space will not permit us to re-print much that Rev. Wilkins had to say as a reporter and commentator. We can only suggest that those who have not read it do so and those who have read it, read it again, thoughtfully and prayerfully. However, we cannot escape the conclusion that this "orientation conference for religious leaders," is the boldest, if not the first, attempt of our own Government to dictate to the Church what its position and conduct should be in the present world crisis. While we believe that Rev. Wilkins leaned over backwards trying to be fair to the Pentagon and at the same time not compromise his convictions, yet it is difficult for us to see how the 78 "Distinguished Divines" could have gone through that experience without a feeling of deep resentment for the whole "orientation" idea, and those who fathered it.

It seems to us that the Church has come to a sorry state when the military leaders and politicians can tell it what it ought not to do. Among the "danger signals" mentioned by Rev. Wilkins was the statement made by an acting chaplain that "Brotherhood has no place in New Testament teaching." That "as far as the idea of brotherhood is concerned, that is a carryover from stoic philosophy and has no place in New Testament teaching." The writer has always been bitterly opposed to ministers being chaplains. Not that we object to young men in the Armed Services having spiritual guidance, but because we object to the state dominating the ministry and saying what they should preach and should not preach. We are not surprised at what happened at the "orientation conference" at the Pentagon. We believe the Church "sold out" to the state when it let the Government put preachers on its pay roll and dress them in uniforms instead of clerical vestments and called them chaplains instead of preachers.

The Plea believes every citizen has an obligation to support and defend his country, even in the Armed Services, even if he is a Christian. But only as a citizen and not as a Christian. As Christians we have but one obligation that is "To fear God and keep His commandments, that is the whole duty of man to his God." The Church must preach love, goodness, peace, kindness, forgiveness, brotherhood, and "goodwill toward all mankind." The Church must never condone war or attempt to justify the taking of human life whether it's classified as murder or homicide and it's up to every individual Christian to let his own conscience decide when there is conflict between what the state demands and what the Church teaches.

## Youth and The CALL

What in the world are we going to do with all of them? The CYFers, the Disciple young people who have

answered The Call. You are probably thinking that this is a strange thing to be writing to you, a pastor of a local church—asking what are you going to do with young people have answered a Call to United Christian Youth Action. But this letter is not out of place. Young people have answered this Call of Christ not only to

work in projects of united action but to participate more loyally in the total program of their church. This because without the young person aspect of The Call must not be lost working whole-heartedly in his church, his deepened commitment can count for nothing.

"But if he has made this commitment to a deepened loyalty to his own church, why do you bother me about it," You may ask. The guiding hand of an adult and especially of a pastor for a young person seeking to know his God better through his church is always a problem raised in the minds of young people when the task of increasing one's loyalty to his church which is a rather intangible and abstract term, is placed before him. And that question is—How do I do it? This is where you as a pastor can lend your guiding hand and help to show your young people the way. We feel that after The Call on February 3, there will be many young people searching for the answer to this problem.

There are some definite steps to help them which you can take right away.

1. Secure from your local Call Committee a list of Disciple young people who answered The Call.
2. Meet with these young people and discuss with them the positive steps they can take in deepening their commitment to Christ and His Church.

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# Jamaica Rebuilding Started

James Sugioka, national director of construction and maintenance for The United Christian Missionary Society arrived in Jamaica, British West Indies Feb. 6 and at once undertook preliminary work on rebuilding mission properties which were destroyed in the August, 1951 hurricane. His first reports indicate that critical shortage of tools, materials and skilled labor on the island are making the task a slow and difficult one.

Construction will be carried forward this year on three churches, three parsonages, an open air meeting house and one school building. Repairs are being made on other

damaged buildings. However, this work also moves slowly, Mr. Sugioka reports, due to lack of equipment and material. He found workers painting walls with rags because they had no brushes. There were few paint brushes in the shops and new brushes shipped in from the United States are assessed a high duty in addition to the original purchase price.

As of Feb. 15 the Jamaica Hurricane Relief and Rehabilitation Fund being raised by the United Society amounted to \$85,000, which was some \$65,000 short of the total sought to carry on relief and recon-

struction work through the Disciples of Christ Jamaica Mission. Used clothing for Jamaican hurricane victims should be sent through Church World Service depositories.

## Board of Church Extension Meet

The members of the Board of Church Extension of Disciples of Christ held their annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 31, 1952.

Mr. Oreon E. Scott of St. Louis, Missouri and Mr. H. C. Gemmer of Indianapolis, Indiana were elected to serve as president and Vice President, respectively, throughout the coming year.

Financial reports approved by the members reveal that gross assets of the Board have climbed to \$5,926,063.69. Net assets above liabilities increased by \$296,120.41 reaching a new high of \$3,725,064.81 as of the end of the year.

During 1951, conventional loans were made to 128 churches in the sum of \$1,585,375.65. As of December 31, 1951, \$1,682,347.83 in additional loan commitments was outstanding in favor of 112 churches.

Of unusual interest was the fact that, of the 657 loans outstanding, only two were as much as three months delinquent in their loan payments.

Mr. William T. Percy, Executive Secretary, reported that the financing of buildings for new mission churches was to be an increasingly important emphasis throughout the coming year.

## Two From UCMS To Go To Conv.

Miss Jessie M. Trout, vice president of The United Christian Missionary Society and Spencer P. Austin, executive secretary of the Society's department of resources will appear on the program of the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 5-10.

Miss Trout will speak on "An Enlarging Fellowship of Christian Women" and will conduct a symposium in the convention women's session. Mr. Austin will be heard in an address on evangelism and will hold informal conferences with groups from churches in Australia and New Zealand. Both will visit missions sponsored by the United Society in Asia.



**"whatever a man sows... he will also reap"**

Take heed to these words of the Apostle Paul! As you go about expounding Christ's teachings, carefully sow the purest seeds in order to reap the results you expect. Your membership in the church of the Disciples of Christ indicates your belief in their program. The most dependable seeds you can buy for interpreting the Bible to each age level and explaining the tenets and work of the Disciples of Christ are found in the lesson materials of your brotherhood publishing house. Use BETHANY lesson materials exclusively in your church school—the only GRADED lessons and UNIFORM lessons planned by and for the Disciples of Christ. Write for free catalogs of supplies and for samples of materials!

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## Filipino Youth Give for Jamaica

The Northwest Luzon Christian Youth Fellowship, which centers in Laoag, Ilocos Norte, the Philippines, recently sent to the United Christian Missionary Society an offering for Jamaica Relief and Rehabilitation. The gift of 34 pesos was sent by Wilfrida Pascua, teen-age president of the CYF groups in Northwest Luzon. Churches in India and four Latin American countries also have joined with American churches in making contributions for Jamaica relief.

The emergency fund being raised by the United Society for hurricane relief and reconstruction in Jamaica amounted to \$75,000 as of the first of February. The Jamaica Mission reports that sufficient used clothing have been received to care for storm victims in the churches of Disciples of Christ, but lack of funds for the church building program is now the major problem.

Another \$75,000 is needed to rebuild the churches and complete major repairs on mission properties damaged in the August, 1951 hurricane.

## Youth To Visit Missions in Mexico

A visit to Mexico and the mission work carried on their by Disciples of Christ is being arranged for the summer of 1952 by the youth work office of The United Christian Missionary Society. Open to boys and girls who have completed their sophomore year in senior high school, the tour will be conducted June 23 to July 13.

One of the unique features of the Christian Youth Fellowship tour will be two full days of work on mission property in Aguascalientes. Visiting youth from the United States will share in the work project with young people from the church and social center in Aguascalientes.

The CYF Mexico Tour will include a day at Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas and mission work will be visited in San Luis Potosi, Aguascalientes, Pabellon, Los Haro and Mexico City, Mexico. Information on the tour can be secured from Charles C. Mills, 222 So. Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

# Twenty Seven Bible Schools Make Convention Donations

Dear Co-workers:

Listed below you will find the Bible Schools and Youth Groups that have paid all or a part of their financial goal to the National Convention as of March 27, 1952. This information is based on our treasurer's report Dr. J. E. Walker. Each school received a report blank and you was asked to fill it in and send it to Dr. Walker with at least part of your financial goal. You should receive within a few days if you haven't already another letter and report blank asking that you fill out and mail to the treasurers office 480 Linden Ave. Memphis, Tenn. not later than May 15. This is an opportunity for those schools that have paid a part of their financial goals to complete them and those schools that have not paid anything this gives you a chance to share in the support of the program. Friends it is important that your school reach its goal. Our whole Program is based upon our faith in you and your school supporting the work financially. Every time your school fail to reach its goal it simply means that the work has to be curtailed just that much. There is not a school that can't reach its financial goal if it really want to. As you look at the record can we as God's stewards feel proud of what we have done? Let us remember that all we possess belong to God. Are we being honest with God? You have the answer. I still have faith in you because I believe you love the cause. Will you see that your school is listed in the next financial report. If your heart is in the work your treasurer will be there also.

### BIBLE SCHOOLS

#### DECEMBER:

1. Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church Bible School .....\$100.00

#### JANUARY:

2. South Side Christian Church Bible School - Chicago ..... 25.00
3. Indiana Ave. Christian Church Bible School - Chicago .... 25.00
4. High St. Christian Church Bible School - Mt. Sterling, Ky. .. 25.00
5. Second Christian Church Bible School - Vandalia, Mo. .... 10.00

#### FEBRUARY:

6. W. Paseo Christian Church Bible School - K. C., Mo. .... 30.00
7. Fairview Christian Church Bible School - Sharpsburg, Ky. .. 17.50
8. Pine Street Christian Church Bible School - Tulsa, Okla. .. 7.50
9. Little Rock Christian Church Bible School - Brookport, Ill. .. 5.00
10. Eleventh St. Christian Church Bible School - Birmingham, Ala. 17.00
11. Maple St. Christian Church Bible School - Lockland, Ohio .. 7.50
12. Rogersville Christian Church Bible School - Rogersville, Tenn. 10.00
13. Clark St. Christian Church Bible School - Greenville, Texas 12.50
14. Second Christian Church Bible School - Rockford, Ill. .... 5.00
15. Eighth Christian Church Bible School - K. C., Kans. .... 10.00
16. Wehrman Avenue Christian Church Bible School - Cincinnati 15.00
17. Christian Lords Day Church School - London, Ky. .... 5.00
18. Snow Hill Christian Church Bible School - Mt. Willing, Ala... 3.00
19. Institutional Christian Church Bible School - K. C., Kans. .. 4.50
20. Mt. Olivet Christian Church Bible School - Baltimore, Md. 5.00

21. E. 2nd Christian Church Bible School - Lexington, Ky. . .	12.50
<b>MARCH:</b>	
22. Second Christian Church Bible School - Fulton, Mo. . . . .	15.00
23. Centennial Christian Church Bible School - St. Louis, Mo.	16.25
24. Cross St. Christian Church Bible School - Little Rock, Ark.	12.50
25. Fair St. Christian Church Bible School - Springfield, Ohio	6.00
26. East 6th St. Christian Church Bible School - Oklahoma City	100.00
27. Second Christian Church Bible School - Indianapolis. . . . .	50.00

\$551.75

<b>REGISTRATION FEES - CYF - Christian Endeavors - Usher Boards</b>	
Sept. CYF - 2nd Christian Church - Fulton, Missouri . . . . .	10.00
Jan. CYF - 2nd Christian Church - Vandalia, Missouri . . . . .	3.00
Feb. CYF - 11th Street Christian Church - Birmingham, Ala. . . . .	15.00
CYF - Fairview Christian Church - Sharpsburg, Ky. . . . .	5.00
CYF - Indiana Avenue Christian Church - Chicago, Ill. . . . .	10.00

## Offerings To Unified Promotion

OFFERINGS STATE	GOAL	AMOUNT		BALANCE
		Paid		Due
Alabama . . . . .	\$ 134.00	\$ 50.25		\$ 84.00
Arkansas . . . . .	248.00	88.50		159.50
California . . . . .	539.00	157.47		381.53
District of Columbia . . . . .	104.00	35.00		69.00
Florida . . . . .	14.00			14.00
Georgia . . . . .	34.00			34.00
Illinois . . . . .	1005.00	240.00		765.00
Indiana . . . . .	401.00	148.80		252.00
Kansas . . . . .	178.00	27.50		150.00
Kentucky . . . . .	780.00	208.00		572.00
Maryland . . . . .	159.00	52.08		95.94
Michigan . . . . .	100.00			100.00
Mississippi . . . . .	556.00	147.78		408.22
Missouri . . . . .	384.00	89.88		294.12
New Jersey . . . . .	7.50			7.50
North Carolina . . . . .	412.00	98.00		314.00
Ohio . . . . .	496.00	59.60		436.40
Oklahoma . . . . .	181.00	120.00		60.50
Pennsylvania . . . . .	5.00	8.00		
South Carolina . . . . .	24.00			24.00
Tennessee . . . . .	526.00	142.00		374.00
Texas . . . . .	650.00	233.65		416.35
Virginia . . . . .	286.00	45.00		241.00
West Virginia . . . . .	13.00	9.00		4.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7236.50</b>	<b>\$2427.19</b>		<b>\$4709.31</b>

This record shows remittances received from missionary groups in the local churches to Unified Promotion during the period September, 1951 through February, 1952. These figures do not include the special gift money, nor designated money for a specific cause. If we are to reach our goal before June 30th of this year, we must put our shoulders to the wheel now because these last three months will soon pass. It can't be done? Not unless you do your part as a Christian Women's Fellowship Group, Ladies Council or Missionary Organization, to see that your society does it's share in reaching the state goal. Other people are depending upon you for the assurance of things hoped for and this can only be done through your financial contributions. Can they depend on you? Check now to see if your group has done it's share to make these things that are hoped for become a reality.

## New Plans For Summer Programs

A new plan for unifying administration of young peoples summer conferences and intermediate camps was initiated in a meeting of conference directors, early this year at Fort Worth, Tex. Around 180 men and women who direct summer camps and conferences in 34 states or areas attended the meeting which was sponsored by the youth work office of The United Christian Missionary Society.

The Fort Worth meeting marked the continuation of the conference dean system which has been in operation since the conference movement was launched in the early 1920's. In the summer of 1952, full administrative responsibility for camps and conferences will be carried by local directors.

Training and guidance formerly offered to a small group of deans will now be provided to a larger number of local pastors and lay people serving as conference directors.

## Plan Audio-Visual Workshops

Workshops designed to help pastors and lay workers improve their use of movies, filmstrips and recordings in church programs will be held in eight centers across the nation during the coming year.

The department of audio-visual services of The United Christian Missionary Society is participating in several of the annual workshops, which are being sponsored for the second year by the National Council of Churches in cooperation with local and state church councils.

Detailed information on the workshops can be secured from state directors of religious education. The meetings are scheduled as follows: Midwest Region, April 14-18, Bloomington, Ind.; Southeast Region, May 5-9, Atlanta, Ga.; New England Region, July 15-24, East Northfield, Mass.; Southwest Region, July 14-18, Georgetown, Tex.; Pacific Southwest Region, August 4-8 (tentative), Redlands, Calif.; Rocky Mountain Region, August 18-22, Pueblo, Colo.; Mid-Atlantic Region, August 3-8, Spruce Creek, Penna.; and Pacific Northwest Region, October 27-31, Seattle, Wash.

# Youth Choir of Jones St. Church

BLUEFIELD, W. VA.



On the above photograph the young people are, front row, left to right: GWENDOLYN GRAY, choir president, Bluefield State College student, Delta soror, Piedmont Youth conferee; SYLVIA REDD, Assistant secretary, Genoa Y-Teen and our youngest member; ESTELLA SHIELDS, Park Central High Glee club; ARZOLA BROWN, choir treasurer, College student, Alpha Kappa Alpha soror, Conference graduate, Chi Rho Camp Instructor; CLEO DICKERSON, Bible School teacher, College student, Delta soror, past president of Piedmont Youth Conference; MARY ALICE REDD, Park Central High Glee Club, Ensemble and Band, conference graduate; ORETHA JOHNSON, Bluefield State graduate, Conference graduate and instructor; AZELL BROWN, Christian Endeavor Society secretary, Park Central Glee club, Ensemble and Cheer Leader Piedmont Conferee; THELMA DICKERSON, Park Central Glee club, Christian Endeavor treasurer; Back row: CORA MAE CARTER, graduate Piedmont Christian Institute, A. B. West Virginia State, B. S. Bluefield State, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Co-president Willing Workers Club, Choir director and sponsor Youth Work and Children's choir, Instructor Workshop and Music Piedmont Conference; EDWARD CARTER, Chairman Junior Deacons' Board, past president Piedmont Conference, Choir secretary, Park Central senior, Basketball team; EUGENE SHIELDS, Park Central senior; PHILLIP GREENE, Conferee, Bible School teacher; THADDEUS REDD, West Virginia State student, past president Christian Endeavor, past president-elect Piedmont conference; CRAFT C. CARTER, JR., past president and graduate Piedmont Conference, Alpha Phi Alpha, Capital University School of Music, Columbus, Ohio,

representative of Piedmont district youth at International CYF Commissions in Champaign, Illinois 1949 and at Camp La Foret, Colorado Springs, Colo. 1950. EARL HENJKE, Bluefield State College Glee Club and Quintet, Alpha Phi Alpha; SYLVESTER REDD, Genoa-PC Band, Glee Club and Basketball, vice-president Junior Deacon Board, Conferee. Not shown on the photograph are regular choir members Virginia H. Jeffries, Ruth Dickerson Taylor, and Adlean Harris, College and conference graduate and at present residing in Ohio.

Se'don does one find such a concentration of active, talented, consecrated youth in a small church of less than seventy-five active members and with a non-resident pastor (serving twice monthly). This choir has been together nearly ten years and has rendered service in all local colored and several white churches. It has also traveled to Roanoke and Martinsville, Va. and Winston-Salem, N. C. to sing.

## Negroes In The Majors

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The important role of Negro players in the major leagues, since Jackie Robinson broke in with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, is emphasized in an exclusive story in the February 6 issue of The Sporting News.

Constituting the first over-all appraisal of the part taken by Negro performers in determining the outcome of the pennant races, the copyrighted story pointed out:

(1.) No major league club using Negro players as regulars throughout an entire season has ever finished out of the first division. Four of them — the Dodgers in 1947 and 1949, the Cleveland Indians in 1948 and the New York Giants in 1951—won pennants.

(2.) Only five teams in the majors used Negro players all last season—and all five clubs finished in the first division. Eleven teams did not use them all season—and only three of these teams gained first-division berths. The story said, "It looks as though second-division clubs have something to ponder."

(3.) When the vote for the most Valuable Player was taken last fall, (Continued on Page 8)

## Delegates Given Special...

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eral. I know you will cooperate with us in boosting delegates, Etc.

Please answer this letter immediately. We are open for suggestions. One more suggestion, may I request you to arrange to bring your State Convention the first week in August. This suggestion was made to our Executive Secretary, Dr. Dickson, because it would be far better for us to entertain the convention the second week in August.

We are working hand in hand with the National Federation of Women's Club in regards to housing our delegates. The local Committee of the Women's Committee will turn over to us their housing opportunities. In other words, when they approach people to house the delegates, they will make an appeal for two weeks which will include our delegates. As to general rates, etc., will inform you through the Christian Plea.

# Jarvis College Given 4-Year Recognition

By WM. BENNETT

Jarvis Christian College is now fully approved as a four-year liberal arts college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Jarvis was approved at the annual meeting of the Association which was held in St. Petersburg, Florida last December.

Dr. John B. Eubanks, President of Jarvis, recently received official notification of the action of the Southern Association.

The approval of Jarvis College by the Southern Association is attributed to three important factors.

(1) The dynamic and forceful leadership of President Eubanks, the Board of Trustees and the United Christian Missionary Society; (2) A cooperative and an interested faculty; and (3) a philosophy of and a program in education which are consistent and practical.

Dr. Eubanks assumed the administrative responsibilities of Jarvis in the summer of 1949. To him accreditation was a "must." The Board of Trustees and the United Christian Missionary Society were induced to follow his suggestions of increasing the faculty, improving the physical plant, raising salaries, and reorganizing the college curriculum.

New faculty people were added in music, art, and social sciences, and in the library. Three faculty persons were added to the Home Economics Department and the English Department was strengthened this term. In all, some 15 new persons were added to the college faculty and staff during the last two years.

The curriculum was changed from a traditional four-year liberal arts course. Instead a two-year integrated program in general education which permits tapering off into special fields of knowledge during the last two years has been instituted. General education, which is required of all first and second year students, is administered through three divisions: The Division of Humanities and Communication; The Division of Biological and Physical Sciences; and The Division of the Social Sciences. General Education at Jarvis is designed to show the student the interrelatedness of knowledge: to acquaint him with the basic principles undergirding society and the universe; to show him how man has worked with God,

nature, ideas, and with himself in the progression of total development; and to develop in him the ability and the desire to communicate his knowledge, beliefs and ideas to his fellowman so that they may live together harmoniously.

In connection with the program in General Education Jarvis has added a two-year terminal program in Vocational Education. Courses are offered in Home Economics, Business Education and in Agriculture, leading to the Associate of the Arts degree. Students who enter the terminal program must also take the survey courses in general education. The purpose of these courses is to meet the needs of those students who, for various reasons, find it impossible to take a four-year college program. Non-credit courses in homemaking are offered by the Department of Home Economics for the housewives in the local community.

The Physical improvement include the enlargement of the College Library so that it will seat two-thirds of the students at the same time and house up to 20,000 volumes. Five new homes for faculty members were built during the last two years. The dining hall was completely refurbished and the women's dormitory is being completely renovated. New fluorescent lights have been installed throughout the academic building and the dining hall. In addition, to these improvements, a much needed commons building has been added which houses faculty offices, classrooms, and men's lounge.

The student organizations are considered co-curricula activities. They are so organized that they supplement the formal classroom offerings. Students participate in the formulation of College policy through membership on all administrative committees.

In showing the students how to make a living, Jarvis produced and preserved over 18,000 cans of food; 100 bushels of sweet potatoes; two tons of watermelons; 1,000 pounds of cantaloupes; 600 fryers, and some a ton of pork and beef, and some forty turkeys on the college farm in 1951. Students in agriculture get first hand practice in helping with poultry, hogs, cattle, and the gardening. In addition to the hundreds of dozens of eggs produced last

## GIFTS FOR TAYLOR MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUSE

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- Second Christian, Indianapolis, Ind. Area No. 10 Washing Machine, Refrigerator

## Christian Family Week Observance

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man is a longing which can be satisfied only in the family of God . . . Today, then, upon us in the Christian churches of America there rests a clear responsibility. We must encourage and strengthen every home to achieve its noblest spiritual possibilities . . . Churches have the responsibility of leading families in their observance of Family Week so that Christian brotherhood will be increased."

year, five hundred hens for laying purposes were grown.

The farm program for 1952 includes the raising of castor beans, broomstraw grass, and fifty acres of garden crops. More than the five tons of feed raised last year is expected in 1952. An orchard of peach, pear, and fig trees and grape vines has been planted this winter. The plants are two-years old and should go into production.

Students are able to practice making a life through helping others. This year the General I class has organized a chapter of the American Association of United Nations Club. They have selected as their chief project this year the helping of peoples abroad. To do this, the students requested and were granted one acre of good farm land on which they will grow food. This food will be sent to CARE to be distributed abroad. The club will select seeds, plant, and work the acre and will harvest and prepare the food for shipment under faculty guidance.

All of the activities and programs at Jarvis are designed to do two things: (1) To teach the student how to make a living, and (2) to teach him how to make a life.

# Negroes In Majors

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three of the first six men in the balloting were Negroes. Roy Campanella of the Dodgers was first, Monte Irvin of the Giants, second, and Robinson, who had previously won in 1949, was sixth. In the American League's MVP voting, Orestes Minoso of the Chicago White Sox was fourth.

(4.) Negro players came close to sweeping the baseball writers' Rookie of the Year awards. Willie Mays of the Giants won in the National League. In the American, Minoso was edged out by Gil McDougald of the Yankees by two votes, but he was named Rookie of the Year by The Sporting News, a selection that won wide support.

The Sporting News, which devoted two pages to stories on the general theme that Negroes are strengthening their position in Organized Ball, noted that the Texas League may have Negro players this year, and it also is possible that at least three clubs in the Florida International League will have Negroes in their lineups.

Perhaps the greatest baseball figure of all time, Ty Cobb, a native of Georgia, was quoted as saying that he had no prejudice whatever against the use of Negroes in any sport. "Anyone who qualified as a gentleman," Cobb said, "is qualified anywhere, regardless of his color."

# CYF Executive Group Meet

Plans for the 1952 International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission meeting were outlined by the Commission executive committee in Indianapolis, Dec. 27-31.

Albert Pennybacker, Chattanooga, Tenn., Commission president, led the meeting which was attended by Margaret Ann Humbert, Miles, Ohio, associate president, Howard C. Smith, Blue Island, Ill., secretary, Goodwin Moore, Ayden, N. C., David Murphy, Denver, Colo., Larry Kinnamon, Bloomfield, Ia., Janet Marshall, Port Orchard, Wash., Kenneth Henry, Palestine, Tex., Bruce Poundstone, Lexington, Ky., Willietta Schley, Knoxville, Tenn., and Jim

Lemon, West Lorne, Ont., Canada.

The 1952 CYF Commission meeting was tentatively scheduled for Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., in August, prior to the Quadrennial Christian Youth Conference, an interdenominational meeting also scheduled for Purdue. In the executive meeting, committee chairmen reviewed projects in worship, study, service, enlistment and recreation which they will present for discussion and further planning at the Commission meeting in the summer.

Russell F. Harrison, national director of your work commented that the executive committee took a significant step toward channeling inter-fellowship work with youth of other communions through local CYF committees.

**NOTICE**

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# District Six of Texas Progresses

By MRS. MAUDE DAVIS

Our District Board No. 6 convened in Austin, Dec. 30, 1951 at the 12th St. Christian Church. We had a great meeting not so well attended, due to the fact many of the members were off on their holiday vacations.

It was outstanding from several reasons. The first one was the District Board meeting that most all the churches sensed the responsibility of helping finance the youths who are in Jarvis Christian College from District Six.

That alone was a great inspiration to me. I believe in sharing, I dislike to see one church or any individual try to be the "whole show." Jesus taught unity of spirit, unity of purpose and above all unity of Brotherhood. In the 17th Chapter of John, He prayed that we might be ONE. He has no respect for a "show off."

For He no respector of persons, there is no black nor white, no rich or poor, intellectual or ignorant,

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### CONVENTION DATES

June 12-15	Eastern Seaboard—Good Hope Church, York, Penn.
July 7-13	Texas—Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins
July 10-13	Kansas—Kansas Technical Institute, Topeka
July 22-27	Kentucky—Maple Street Christian Church, Nicholasville
July 22-27	Missouri—Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis
July 21-27	Tennessee—East Vine Christian Church, Knoxville
July 24-27	Oklahoma—Shepherd Street, Chickasha
July 29-Aug. 3	Ohio—Cherry Avenue Church of Christ, Canton
Aug. 6-9	Mississippi—College Addition Church, Jackson
Aug. 6-10	Piedmont—First Christian Church, Concord
Oct. 9-12	South Carolina—Antioch Church, Varnville
October	Alabama, Georgia—Goldsboro Raleigh District Assembly
November 7	Dunn & Wilmington Dist.—St. Mark Church, Dunn, N.C.

### YOUNG PEOPLES SUMMER CONFERENCE

June 8-14	Goldsboro Christian Institute, Goldsboro, N. C.
June 15-21	Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky (Central Conference)
June 22-28	Bonner Springs, Kansas (Midwest Conference)
June 29-July 5	Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas (Southwest)
July 20-26	Calhoun, Alabama (Alabama Conference)
July 27-Aug. 2	Winston Salem Teachers College, Winson-Salem North Carolina (Piedmont Conference)
September	Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi (Magnolia)

### PROGRAM of the THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

National Christian Missionary Convention — Disciples of Christ  
Theme: "The Christian Church in a Changing World"

#### Monday, August 11

10:00 a.m. National Board Meeting

12:00 M Lunch

2:00 p.m. Recommendations Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m. Dinner

#### Monday Evening

7:30 p.m. Opening Declaration — Blair T. Hunt, President  
Welcome Program — Avalon Blvd. Christian Church, B. C. Duke, Presiding

8:45 p.m. Annual Address — Blair T. Hunt, President  
Offering, Announcements, Benediction

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## A LITTLE DEMOCRACY PLEASE

Dr. Donald Beatty, of the Ohio Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, revealed some shocking facts the other day at a C.I.O. Conference on Human Rights. He reported that "with the exception of some eleven offices located in communities where fair employment practice laws have been adopted and where no discriminatory requests for workers are accepted, the proportion of employment agency requests for "white workers only" for full-time jobs ranges from 30% to above 90%."

And in the capital city of Columbus, said Dr. Beatty "it is closer to 90%." In other words, nine out of every ten job openings in the Columbus area are restricted to white workers.

And some of the politicians are saying that civil rights present no serious issue to the people of Ohio and America.

## SMITH CHILDREN TO TOUR

The Smith Children's Quartette, from Lexington, Kentucky, will begin their Annual Tour in July which will carry them across the country into California to join that great host of Disciples for the National Convention to be held in Los Angeles in August.

This group of children singers are well prepared and highly recommended by the presidents of the National Convention and the United Society. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Smith, members of the East 2nd St. Christian Church, Lexington, Ky., where Mr. Smith is a deacon. The children are all baptized believers in Jesus Christ and are said to be the youngest quartette on the road. They can be contacted by writing to Mrs. Jasper Smith, 429 Washington Terrace, Lexington, Ky., for any details or further information.

## WHAT LADIES WEAR

Dear Editor, Christian Plea:

One of our lovely ministers wives wrote the undersigned for suggestions as to what the ladies should wear. I think it is a wise request. By letter, I have already conveyed the desired information. This good minister's wife suggested to me that others may desire similar information.

Permit me therefore to make the following suggestion. During the day, you may wear your usual summer clothes, but at the turn of the afternoon, dress suit will feel comfortable. For the use of evening services, top coat and furs will not be uncomfortable.

We are not leaving a stone unturned to make our lovely delegates happy. Any question you desire to ask, drop a postal card or letter to 3309 Hooper Avenue, Los Angeles 11, Calif., and you may be assured of an answer.

Fraternally yours,  
M. Frederick Mitchell

## TRANSPORTATION TO CALIFORNIA

Editor of Christian Plea  
%Elder L. L. Dickerson  
Dear Sir:

Please reserve space to convey to the Brotherhood the following information regarding transportation to the National Convention which will be in Los Angeles, California, August 11-17. First, I want to ask the cooperation of the Pastors and state Evangelists in all the states! Namely, assemble names of delegates expecting to attend the convention. Keep in mind about thirty delegates, an Evangelist or any ordained Minister will get free transportation. For the benefit of chartered trains, we should have this information before June.

We propose to charter trains from a given point in the Atlantic Sea Board which will accomodate the New England states: One in Memphis, Tennessee; one in Dallas, Texas; one in Chicago, Illinois; one in Detroit, Michigan; one in St. Louis, Missouri; and one in Kansas City, Missouri. As to rates, I am sending one presented to me by the railroad company, to and from Los Angeles.

Brethren, do cooperate with us in this manner. Each city, town, village and local district begin now and mobilize delegates in order that the Railroad Company might have time to arrange the lowest possible rates. We wish to further state that Los Angeles is getting ready to have as her guests the finest group of people this side of Paradise. Locally, we shall endeavor to treat you with the best, the lowest possible rates; food, lodging, and transportation. We will not let you down, but please answer my letters. We would like to have at least four mats from our Pastors and Evangelists. Please send them at once and write your names on the back.

Fraternally yours,  
M. Frederick Mitchell

**PROGRAM**

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**Tuesday, August 12**

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast  
Blair T. Hunt, Presiding
- 8:30 a.m. Worship—E. L. Griffin
- 9:00 a.m. Guidance for the day—  
Blair T. Hunt and Emmett J. Dickson
- 9:15 a.m. Educational Conferences
- 11:20 a.m. Devotions and Sermon  
—G. A. Frazier
- 12:00 M Benediction
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch  
Blair T. Hunt, Presiding
- 2:30 p.m. General Business  
Reports, Committee Appointments  
National Board and National Officers
- 3:50 p.m. Music
- 4:00 p.m. Report on Evangelism  
—C. H. Webb
- 4:20 p.m. Christian Plea, Christian  
Evangelist, World Call  
Report of State Presidents  
(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kansas)
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner  
Blair T. Hunt, Presiding

**Tuesday Evening**

- 7:30 p.m. Devotions  
Sermon—P. C. Washington  
State Rally—Dr. J. E. Walker  
Announcements,  
Benediction

**Wednesday, August 13**

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast  
L. L. Dickerson,  
Presiding
- 8:30 a.m. Worship—L. B. Facen
- 9:00 a.m. Guidance for the day
- 9:15 a.m. Educat'n'l Conference
- 11:20 a.m. Devotions  
Sermon—W. K. Fox
- 12:00 M Adjournment
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch  
J. T. Chandler,  
Presiding
- 2:30 p.m. Laymen's League

4:00 p.m. State Presidents Reports  
(Ohio, Kentucky, Miss., Mo., Okla.)

- 4:30 p.m. Business
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner  
L. L. Dickerson,  
Presiding
- 7:30 p.m. Devotions
- 8:00 p.m. Sermon—R. L. Jordan  
Offering, Announcements and  
Benediction
- 9:00 p.m. Ministers' Wives Program

**Thursday, August 14**

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast  
Mrs. C. C. Mosley,  
Presiding
- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Dora Gaston
- 9:00 a.m. Guidance for the day
- 9:15 a.m. Educational Conference
- 11:20 a.m. Devotions  
Sermon—C. J. Hinson
- 12:00 M Adjournment
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch  
Mrs. C. C. Mosley,  
Presiding
- 2:30 p.m. Staff Report—Miss  
Anna Belle Jackson  
Greetings and Recognition of  
State Presidents  
Greetings from 1st Vice  
President of Northern California  
Reports of State Presidents  
(S. C., Piedmont, Eastern North  
Carolina Districts, Tennessee,  
Texas, Eastern Seaboard)
- 4:20 p.m. Report of Committee on  
Social Issues — J. F. Whitfield
- 4:45 p.m. General Business
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- Thursday Evening**  
Mrs. C. C. Mosley, Presiding
- 7:30 p.m. Historical Review —  
Christian Women's Fellowship  
Presentation of National  
Project "Jamaica Funds"—Mrs. Lenora  
Rolla

Acceptance  
Presentation of Loving  
Cup  
Offering—Mrs. Carnella  
J. Barnes  
An'c'm'ts, Benediction

**Friday, August 15**

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast—Miss Bessie  
E. Chandler, Presiding
- 8:30 a.m. Worship—Leonard  
Brown
- 9:00 a.m. Guidance for the day
- 9:15 a.m. Educational Conference
- 11:20 a.m. Devotion  
Sermon—D. L. Kinard
- 12:00 M Adjournment
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch—Miss Willietta  
Schley, Presiding
- 2:00 p.m. Song and Prayer  
Staff Report—Lorenzo  
J. Evans
- 2:15 p.m. Bible School Hour  
Recognition of State Superintendents  
Address—George Oliver  
Taylor
- 3:00 p.m. Usher's Fellowship—  
Ruby Ramsey
- 4:30 p.m. Eastern North Carolina  
Districts  
General Business
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner

**Friday Evening**

- Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Presiding
- 7:30 p.m. Devotions  
Inspirational Address—  
Mrs. Carnella J. Barnes  
Oratorical Contest
- 9:30 p.m. Jarvis Christian College  
and Southern Christian  
Institute Alumni Reception

**Saturday, August 16**

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast—Blair T.  
Hunt, Presiding
- 8:30 a.m. Devotions  
Business
- 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service —  
Rev. R. L. LaTouche
- 12:00 M Adjournment
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch

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## KENNETH HENRY SELECTED DELEGATE TO INDIA

Hawkins, Texas. April 22, 1952. Kenneth E. Henry, Freshman at Jarvis Christian College, has been selected to represent the youth of the Disciples of Christ at the World Conference of Protestant Youth in Travencore, India beginning in December of this year.

The World Conference of Protestant Youth is made up of protestant denominations throughout the world. Mr. Henry, representing the Disciples of Christ, is one of thirty Americans chosen to represent the United Christian Youth Movement in the United States and Canada.

Kenneth has served three years on the executive committee of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission. He will serve as chairman of the Recreation Committee when the commission meets at Purdue University in August this year. As a member of this group, Kenneth attended the world convention on Christian Education at Toronto, Canada in 1950. He was elected to the council of the United Christian Youth Movement Southern Regional Conference which met at Lake Brownwood, Texas last year. As president of the Texas Christian Missionary Convention CYF Department, he has been engaged in various youth activities for several years.

Entering Jarvis Christian College as a Freshman last September, Kenneth has been outstanding both in academic and co-curricular activities. He is president of the freshman class; he sings in the college choir, is on the debating team, plays football, and is an active member of the YMCA and other student organizations. While participating in the co-curricular activities, Kenneth has maintained

a scholastic average which has warranted his being placed on the Dean's Honor List both quarters this term.

Kenneth feels that the training which he receives at Jarvis under the general education program is preparing him to analyze any problematic situation which may arise. He feels that he should be able to isolate points of interest and points of contention and to find remedies where they are needed.

The delegates tentatively are scheduled to leave New York via the Sarah Marquis Traveling lines in late October. The trip will take them to points in Europe and Asia as they approach Travencore, India.

After the conference, Mr. Henry will join other delegates on international protestant service teams and will visit mission stations throughout Asia. The confrerees are expected to return to the United States in April 1953.

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#### AFTERNOON OUTING

##### Saturday Evening

7:30 p.m. Youth Rally—Willietta Schley, Presiding

##### Sunday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
Blair T. Hunt, Presiding

9:15 a.m. Church School — Miss Bessie E. Chandler and Mrs. Wylma Windsor

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
Sermon—Blair T. Hunt  
Communion

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION

Los Angeles

August 11-18

## JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SUMMER SCHOOL

Hawkins, Texas. April 22, 1952. Summer School begins at Jarvis Christian College on June 3, 1952. For the twelfth year Jarvis offers a solution to the problems confronting veteran teachers, prospective teachers and first year students and others who feel the urge to continue their studies through the summer months.

A program of studies designed to meet the needs of the in-service teacher in meeting the certification requirements of the minimum Foundation Education Bill and at the same time increase the individual competence and skill of the teachers will be provided.

Jarvis, recently accepted as a member of the Texas Association of Colleges, will retain its regular faculty to teach during the summer session. This faculty is representative of the best universities of America. Their grasp of the problems facing Education in America today is astounding.

Summer session will consist of two terms extending over a period of twelve weeks. Students may enroll for one or two terms. Classes will meet five days each week. Beginning June 3 classes will end July 16 for the first term and on August 22 for the second term.

The total cost is approximately \$89, for each term.

Courses will be offered in Art Education, Music Education, Handicraft, Elementary and Secondary Education, Library Science, Home Economics and the general academic subjects.

Jarvis has work opportunities for fifty men this summer. Through these work opportunities students may earn as much as \$200 toward their college expense for the 1952-1953 term. Any interested student should write the president of the college.



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### ENJOYING THE BIBLE AT HOME

By Anna Laura Gebhard. Suggestions for giving the Bible a voice in the home, telling stories from the Bible to children, exploring the new translations, seeking guidance from the Bible for family needs, and making the Bible live through family activities and games. There is a chapter explaining home resources that will help families enjoy the Bible more and a chapter on church resources. Particularly valuable is the chart showing the level of Bible understanding for children and youth from 1 to 17 years old and for adults, together with a listing of portions of the Bible meaningful to each age, suggested Scripture to memorize, activities, and resources that help. 50 cents

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J. J. Hawkins

In his Chapel message on April 9, 1952, President Long reminded us that the first Christian College had Jesus as the teacher and the Disciples as learners. Among the later events which proved that they learned well their lessons, he told of the time when Peter and John shared with the lame man at the gate when Peter said, "Silver and gold have we none but such as we have give we unto thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Then our President recounted the difficulties which Church Colleges have had since that time and the present dangers which have closed many and threaten to close many more. He insisted that recent decisions of the Supreme Court and other evidence of the encroachment of government upon education threaten not only our Church Colleges but all private enterprise. He said that if we want to save democracy and Christianity we must give all-out support to our Church Colleges in the spirit of those early Disciples who said, "Such as we have give we unto thee in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth." Then he recounted a number of ways we might help our own Alma Mater even if we had no silver nor gold, principally by living lives worthy of the rich things that Southern Christian has made possible to us and by influencing others to help us to secure some of the things we need to make our work here more effective.

It is in that spirit that we who make up the Alumni of S.C.I. are securing funds to make possible a gymnasium on our campus. We have no auditorium which will hold our entire student body, to say nothing of the host of friends who want to attend programs on our campus. We have no place

## THE PENSION PLAN

Our brotherhood has a plan whereby **every minister may provide** income for old age and protection for his wife and minor children in the event of his death or total and permanent disability.

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Cleveland	156.60	111.85	92.99	67.01
Chicago	126.45	90.15	77.61	55.44
Albany, Ga.	145.30	110.15	84.29	60.21
Memphis, Tennessee	116.95	89.35	83.26	59.47
St. Louis	119.65	85.55	71.18	50.84
Kansas City, Mo.	103.35	75.65	61.55	43.97
Atlanta, Ga.	143.90	108.75	84.29	60.21
Denver, Colo.	80.65	60.60	47.78	34.13
Jacksonville, Fla.	157.20	118.70	87.35	62.39

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where we can conduct an adequate physical education program for our students. During this present school year we were able to play only one basketball game on our campus. The other times we had to rent a gym in Vicksburg when we played visiting teams. In spite of this our team won the Conference Championship, but our stu-

dents and community were unable to enjoy the games. We need an auditorium-gymnasium desperately and we Alumni are out to share what we can and to get others to do likewise.

We know there are many such calls upon you for such support, but we know of your concern for

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## FROM THE MAGNOLIA STATE

I. C. Franklin, Port Gibson, Miss.

Dear readers of the Plea: I enjoy reading the Plea, and to hear from the many writers, there are not many writers now, those older ones have passed off, and the younger ones do not do much writing. I miss the writing of Elder C. H. Dickersons, and many others, glad to read the article from Elder T. R. Everett, of Kentucky, one of the first to attend the first National Convention, as I think of the beginning of our National Convention, my mind refers to so few now living that were at the beginning of the National Convention there are a very few left to tell the story of the beginning.

Here in the Magnolia state we are trying to keep alive the story of the Old Rugged Cross the best we can, altho the ministers are very few in this state, the Lord has called three of our ministers from labor to reward during the past year, and this year, in the persons of Elders G. W. Walls, N. R. Trevillian and J. J. Thaxter, all were aged ministers their passing leaves me the oldest ordained minister in the state.

Elder Walls served the Mound Bayou District as District Evangelist for more than twenty years.

Elder N. R. Trevillian was Vice President for the state for more than twenty five years, then he served as president for seven or eight years, he pastored one church (Rose Hill) for thirty five years, this you know, is unusual for our people, so many of our congregation just keep a minister two or three years.

Elder Thaxter served as District evangelist for the No. Two District some fifteen or more years.

The Lord has called a number of our good women from labour to reward. Mrs. Sisie Winn of the Christian church, sister Winn was

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## Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

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

I shall attempt to give you a Summary of Church news for the first three months 1952. The new year started out just right with 120 enrolled in Bible School the first Sunday. There were approximately 170 people at the 11 o'clock service. Mrs. Ambrie Brown, one of the devout christian women at Miss. Blv'd. Christian Church, is the leader for Prayer Meeting services. At the first meeting of the new year, Sister Brown made this challenge to those present, "Let Us Get In Step And Be Wrapped Up In Love As We Begin A New Year."

Forum Hour was observed by the Christian Youth Circle, Sunday night, Jan. 27, 1952. The subject, "What Is Right And Wrong To Do On Sundays" was ably discussed by the youngsters. The Youth conducted special services at the 11 o'clock service. Miss Elna Jean Briggs is president of the Circle and Mesdames Lucille Woods, Louvenia Moore and Katie Yarbrough are Supervisors.

Bros. C. W. Winn and James T. Chandler were ordained Elders and Bros. Charles Bonhart and W. R. Pegues were ordained Deacons by Elder Blair T. Hunt in a very impressive ceremony at the 11 o'clock service Jan. 20, 1952.

The Laymen's League honored Dr. J. E. Walker the first Sunday in March at their monthly breakfast, March being Dr. Walker's birth month. The kindergarten school of Miss. Blv'd. Christian Ch. taught by Mrs. Laura Cade, presented Mrs. J. E. Walker with an orchid corsage and Dr. J. E. Walker with a carnation boutonniere. There were about 50 people present at the breakfast. The men were permitted to bring their wives and sweethearts to this spe-

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## MINISTERS' WIVES FELLOWSHIP

The Ministers' Wives Fellowship of the National Convention is presenting Miss Winifred Perpener, an advanced student of music and a candidate for graduation from Jarvis Christian College this June, in recital in Los Angeles, California, Sunday afternoon, August 10, 1952 at 4 o'clock. Your donation of \$1.00 given to any member of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship enables you to contribute directly toward the support of our annual Scholarship Fund. Miss Perpener plans to enter Drake University in September to begin graduate study in her chosen field. We hope to raise our scholarship money prior to this recital in order to avoid soliciting donations at the convention.

Ministers' Wives: This is your opportunity to make YOUR state win in the contest. All monies sent in from your state will be credited to that state in the contest. Order cards are coming in rapidly for tickets. Have you mailed your order card? DO IT TODAY! The more tickets you sell, the better chance your state has for winning!

Make all checks and money orders payable to The Ministers' Wives Fellowship and mail them to me at the following addresses:

On or before July 7, 1952:

Mrs. R. H. Peoples  
2700 North Capitol Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

After July 7, 1952:

%Mrs. Carnella J. Barnes  
Avalon Community Center  
4272 Avalon Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California

"Finish the moment, make each step the journey's end." Emerson.

"Not achievement, and not sorrow,  
is Man's destined end or way  
But to live that each tomorrow,  
Finds us further than today.

## SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

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the total cause of our Master and believe you will want to have a share in this worthy project. We believe, too, that you will agree that the noteworthy contribution which Southern Christian has made through these seventy-six years of its history merits full support from all who want to hasten the coming of the Kingdom. Please call this project to the attention of your people and encourage their generous giving toward it. We have a large book called THE BOOK OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAMES, in which we are recording the name, address and contribution of all who give \$1.00 or more. These names will be recorded alphabetically. We hope there will be such names recorded from your church and that we can announce soon through our church papers that this project of our Alumni was a complete success.

**THE LAST CALL for Your apportionment to the National Convention. Send to Dr. Walker, National Treasurer before July 31st. Address, 430 Linden St., Memphis, Tennessee.**

‘‘LEST WE FORGET’’



ELD. H. L. HEROD  
Founder of National Convention

## FROM THE MAGNOLIA STATE

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one of Mrs. Rosie Page Welch's aunts, she was loved by all who knew her.

Mrs. Janie Green, the wife of Bro. Joseph Green was buried March 24. She was a great woman, she was one of those good women Solomon speaks of, she was loved by all who knew her.

The work in the state is not progressing as fast as we hoped it would progress, but we can say thanks to God it is not dead, the majority of our ministers are young, and they are to serve their present age, they may not do as the older minister have done, they should do more, and will do more if they have the Master's Cause at heart.

It is a sure thing, one can wear a shoe if it is too large for his foot or if it is too small for his foot, if it is too large for the foot he can wrap something around the foot and make it fit, if the shoe is too small for the foot, he can cut the shoe, this is done so often with leaders, they get jobs too large for them, and they have to do a deal of wrapping something around themselves to fit the job, and on the other hand they get jobs too small and they have to cut to fit the job.

One thing I would like to know is this: Will the National Convention be held this year in Los Angeles, California?

I would be glad to have some articles from our state President, the vice President, the secretary and the state Evangelist, all of them are fine men, but will not write about the work. Then too we never hear a word from our Bible School officers. I wonder if they get the Plea?

This leaves me so I can go about, but not well, may the Lord bless and keep you all, until we meet where the wicked will cease to trouble us, and the weary be at rest.

## MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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cial breakfast. Many fine tributes were paid Dr. Walker at the breakfast.

The church presented Elder B. T. Hunt with a Scroll for his thirty (30) years service as pastor. The pastor was also presented two baskets of beautiful flowers, one from the church, the other from Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker. The church has never regretted their selection of Elder Blair T. Hunt as pastor 30 years ago. Elder Hunt has shown himself to be a conscientious christian gentleman, serving wherever needed in causes contributing to the upbuilding of good citizens. Our wish is that he could be with us 30 years more.

The men observed Men's Day the 2nd Sunday in March. Lt. Geo. W. Lee was guest speaker. Amount of money raised — five thousand five hundred eighty five dollars (5,585.00). Dr. J. E. Walker gave \$2,000.00 of this amount.

‘‘LEST WE FORGET’’



ELD. PRESTON TAYLOR  
Founder of National Convention

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Host Pastor



ELD. B. T. HUNT  
Pres. Nat'l Convention



MRS. C. C. MOSLEY  
4th Vice Pres., Nat'l Convention

## THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

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

Unto the Churches of the Brotherhood.

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

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

May I repeat a few things that last year were warming to the heart of each Disciple of Christ, they remain true this year.

### Chapter I

Good news of success Youth Conferences. May the work with your

youth blossom into a beautiful fullness. The youth of today determines the Church of the future. Brother Lorenzo J. Evans, you are doing a great work.

### Chapter II

Evangelism has produced an increased Church membership — great work Brother Charles Webb and preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Preach on until the good news shall cover the land as the waters cover the deep.

### Chapter III

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

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## JONES ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Bluefield, W. Va., Mr. J. E. Banks, Reporter.

We are very happy to report the good news of having presented the outstanding musical genius, Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, in a recital, which was held at the Appalachian Assembly Room in April.

Mrs. Page, a Mezzo-Soprano, was accompanied by Mrs. L. L. Spencer, a music teacher at Bluefield State College. She sang to an overflowing audience of both white and colored, holding them spellbound

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## The Christian Plea

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## Ministers' Wives

### Coronation



Ministers' wives coronation of Mrs. Vera Pearson of Warren, Ohio, as queen of Ministers' wives, at the 1951 convention, Indianapolis.

## THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

There were many fine things about the International Convention which was held in Chicago in May. We cannot mention them all, but we do want to refer briefly to a few that was of particular interest to our own people. At the Cincinnati Convention, Eld. R. H. Peoples submitted a resolution calling upon the christian churches throughout our Brotherhood to drop the color-line and accept people into their memberships without regard to race or color.

This resolution came up for final action at the Chicago Convention, and was adopted. Of course we all know that all christian churches are not going to admit Negroes even though the International Convention passed that resolution. Our Conventions do not have any authority over the local church, and no desire nor means of forcing a local church to comply with any Convention adopted resolution.

And as long as there is prejudice in the hearts of men and women who claim to be christian, there will be discrimination and segregation in religious institutions even the church that wears the name of Christ. But it was a noble thing for those who claim to be the Disciples of Jesus Christ to say to themselves and to the world that the Church of Christ should be free from prejudice and discrimination.

We realize that it took a great deal of courage to do this. Yes sir, believe it or not, it took a great deal of courage for those who represented people who believe in our American pattern of segregation and discrimination, to say that it should be abolished. But they did it. And we are proud of the fact that we are a part of a Brotherhood that is trying very hard to be what our name implies.

Another significant action of the International Convention was the adoption, (over strong opposition) of a resolution to indorse "Federal Aid to Education" under strict government supervision to guarantee against discrimination in the use of these funds by the several states. We believe these actions to be significant because they indicate very clearly the trend of thinking among the Disciples on those questions where race or color is involved.

Its true we have a long way to go yet, but it is encouraging to know that we are at least "ON The Way."

## WE VOTE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

When you read this both of the political parties, no doubt will have met and nominated their candidates for president and stated in their platforms what they consider the most important issues facing the American people today, and just what they propose to do about them. We confess that there are many vital issues any one of which might decide not only the fate of our Nation but our entire civilization. But regardless to what the Republicans or Democrats may declare to be the most important, to us the eleven million nine hundred and eighty two thousand four hundred and twenty two other American citizens of color, the most important issue in America to-day is whether or not all of its citizens will enjoy equal rights and privileges as guaranteed by the Constitution, regardless to race or color. We believe that is the most important issue because we are convinced that there will not be and cannot be any peace in America or anywhere else until all men accept the principle that "All men were

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**THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS**

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**Chapter IV**

Our brotherhood is awake as never before to the dire need of recruits for the ministry. A part of the answer to the question: "How may we recruit for the ministry?" An adequate scholarship fund. It may appear each time one of our great leaders dies—we set up, in the name only, a scholarship fund, e. g. Irwin, Herod, Moss, and it is soon interred with their mortal remains. Thanks for the stimulating cry: "We need ministers."

**Chapter V**

Originally we were a rural people but exoduses have almost made us an Urban people, hence our rural churches are suffering. Recipe pastoral unities. Let three or four rural churches get together and take a minister and support that minister.

There are many of our large cities without an organized congregation. So many things ought to be done — if you and I would give the money. And now the final chapter, a long chapter, subject: ' ' M O N E Y ' '

**Chapter VI****Money, Money, Money**

The various agencies are doing their part, keeping their sacred promises. They have great confidence in our National Convention staff; they have confidence in you. But each disciple, each Church, each district, each State Convention must ask "Am I doing (not my bit) my best?" "If everybody were just like me and mine, what kind of a Convention would my Convention be?" "How would our staff live, how would evangelism and missions fare?"

Hasten and get your name with its gift on the National Treasurer's sheet, I mean the printed report which our treasurer gives at the Convention. This report goes to the printer after the last week in July. So hurry, send your your gifts.

Let individuals, churches, conventions et al increase their giving. Let us all lay by in store (send to the National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee) as God has prospered that there be no financial dearth in our National Convention in Los Angeles — August 11-16, 1952. We are thankful to God for the executive leadership of Brother Emmett J. Dickson. His very soul glitters with bigness. Many a business concern would count itself blessed to have Mrs. Marjorie E. Parker, too they would double her salary. Brother L. L. Dickerson has done a most difficult task keeping alive our Christian Plea. Jarvis and S.C.I. are two bright spots in year's life of our brotherhood.

Wish I could call you each by name and clasp your hand. If God be willing, I'll see you and Brothers Dukes and Mitchell with all the people in Los Angeles — August 11th.

Your servant in Christ,  
Blair T. Hunt, President

Those who try to do something and fail, are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

**EPITAPH:**

Here lies the body of John Day  
He died disputing the right-o-way  
John was right as he went along  
But he's just as dead as if he'd  
been wrong.

**CORRECTION**

Through an oversight the report of the state of Texas for the Contest sponsored by the Ministers' Wives last year was omitted in the listing in the March issue of the PLEA. The following is the report for Texas sent in by Sister O. Zollar, Corresponding Secretary of that organization:

Mrs. Lloyd Brown, Bay City \$1.00  
Mrs. E. W. Henry, Palestine 1.00  
Mrs. O. Zollar, Houston 1.00

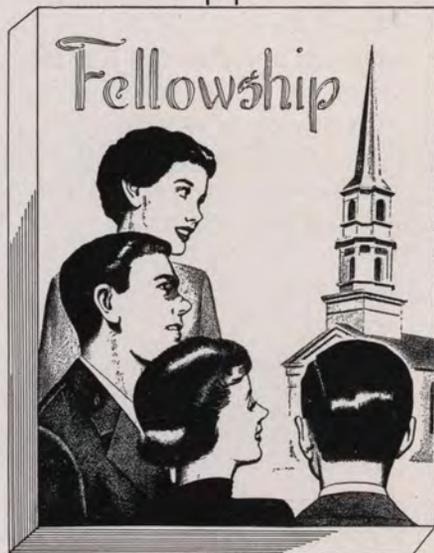
**NATIONAL OFFICERS**

The National Convention is going to lose a good president this year because of an unwise provision of our constitution that prevents a man from serving more than two years. Eld. Blair T. Hunt our president for the past two years has served in a most excellent and dignified manner. The Office did him great honor, and he in turn gave to it dignity and prestige. Our National Convention is fortunate in that every man that has served this great Office has done so with distinction. The usefulness of some was limited by this same provision.

No organization or Institution can expect to go far or accomplish very much without capable leadership. Men (or Women) of intelligence, vision, courage and industry. Preston Taylor, Henry Herod, B. C. Calvert, L. H. Crawford, President Ervin, R. Wesley Watson, W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, S. S. Myers, R. H. Davis, Blair T. Hunt. We certainly owe a lot to these stalwart servants of our Brotherhood. Not only for the services they rendered as president of our National Convention, but also for the great work they have done in their respective fields of labor.

Nor should we forget those who have served so faithfully as heads of the various departments. Mesdames, Alphin, Taylor, Martin, Hancock, Herod, Garrett, Mosley, of the Woman's Department and Prof. Pratt, Eld. Walton, Eld. Jordan, Miss Chandler, Eld. Henry of the Bible School Department, Bragg and Chandler of the Men's Department and a host of others, some secretaries, treasurers and just plain workers who have made our convention the power and influence that it is in our Brotherhood life. May those who follow in their footsteps guard zealously this glorious heritage.

## New CYF programs for evening use . . .



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A dream has really come true for thousands upon thousands of CYF leaders and counselors! After two years of conferring with local youth workers, seeking top-flight writers and pre-testing ideas, a wonderful new program planning guide is now ready for Christian Youth Fellowship groups to begin using this Fall. In one handy 8½" x 11" book with tear-out pages are complete plans for 49 lively meetings and a CYF installation service.

### FELLOWSHIP Annual

Yes, FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL rings the bell: explicit directions for the youth leader and for the counselor for each meeting in the year . . . suggested resource materials . . . four pages of program plans for each meeting, which can easily be used for any length meeting the group desires . . . closing worship suggestions . . . a brief description of each unit in the "Table of Contents" . . . more and better illustrations . . . two-column, easy-to-read print.

Some sessions call for the social drama technique, some for discussion, some for reports, others describe projects to develop, while still others give directions for dramatic presentations. Order a returnable copy!

## TIMELY HINTS FOR DELEGATES TO CALIFORNIA

Looking forward to time well spent in Los Angeles at the NCMC is just what Avalon and the sister churches are planning beginning August 11 to 17th.

It may not be necessary to replenish that wardrobe for Los Angeles as everything you wear will be new to us. After 4 p.m. you must have a top coat, jacket or etc., since the breezes from the Pacific are a bit chilly. Our days have appeared a bit warm but if I were you, play safe and bring that fall or spring suit.

If possible to the tourist, try and make motel reservations ahead since there will be many vacationists on the road. However attempts can be made without reservations for a good night's sleep.

Remember the need for good tires and the cars checked, may be well to watch that battery while on the road. The roads are fine and a cross-country trip can be most enjoyable.

Los Angeles this year became THE Convention city. Send in those Pre-Registrations as of NOW or before August 1st. This is a MUST. "WE'LL BE SEEING YOU."

Edgar Hampton, Conv. Chr.  
Rev. Baxter Carroll Duke,  
Host Minister  
Geraldine Lackey,  
Registrations  
Marjorie Giles, Pub. Chr.

## WE VOTE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS (Continued from Page Two)

created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights."

The Republican party nor any other party will ever succeed in getting the Negro vote until it takes a courageous stand on this issue. Most Negroes no doubt would rather be Republicans than anything else, for sentimental reasons if for no other. It is the Party of Lincoln the great Emancipator whom all Negroes revere. It is the party of our Fathers, founded upon the principles of Liberty and Justice for all. But when it forsook those principles, Negroes had no other alternative but to forsake it. Our Candidate this year is "Mr. Civil Rights." Whoever is for that, that's who we are for. Everything else will have to take second place in the line of important issues.

## GREENWOOD CEMETERY

By L. L. Dickerson  
Sec. Property Mgmt. Committee

Eld. Preston Taylor, Founder of the National Convention, willed his entire estate to the National Convention. Greenwood Cemetery of Nashville Tenn., is a part of this Estate. Since the Death of his widow, Mrs. Ida Taylor the National Convention has had direct control of this estate, and through its Trustees has endeavored to operate it in compliance with the terms of Eld. Taylor's will. A few months ago the Property Management Committee of the Trustees of the National Convention received from Mr. M. R. Eppse, the Manager of the Taylor Estate a proposition to conduct a sales promotion project. He submitted to the Trustees through the Property Management Committee a proposed Contract, between the National Convention and Mr. Eppse, which in substance provided that he be given the right to sell lots and graves in the Greenwood Cemetery upon a commission basis. The Contract also specified that Mr. Eppse would employ a Sales Manager and Salesmen, that the salesmen would be trained and properly equipped and paid by Mr. Eppse. That Mr. Eppse would receive a Commission of 50% on all sales and that the contract would run ten years.

There has been some considerable opposition to this proposition. A great many questions have arisen. 1st some say that the commission of 50% is too high. The property Management Committee gave serious consideration to this point and decided that in consideration of the amount of time, effort and expenses involved to carry on a successful sales promotion campaign, that 50% was not unreasonable. 2nd Some seem to think that the National Con-

vention would loose control of the Cemetery under this contract. That is not true. One provision of the contract states specifically "The Trustees will have general supervision of the policies pertaining to the operation of the cemetery—and that any changes in the operation of the cemetery must have the approval of the parties hereto as represented by the Manager and the Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention." 3rd objection has been raised on the grounds that the eight years the contract is to run is too long. When we consider the fact that selling burial lots to Negroes in advance on a large scale as this proposition proposes, is something more or less new and those who launch out on such an endeavor are Pioneers. Therefore the project proves successful they should be given some protection of the business they will have established.

The Property Management Committee gave careful consideration over an extended period of time to every angle of this entire proposition. The committee secured the counsel and advice of its attorneys, and finally concluded that the proposition has merit and should be given a trial. Now there are a few things that our people should know about Greenwood Cemetery. 1st the Cemetery is not producing what it should and could produce. 2nd unless we take certain steps to remedy this situation we might find ourselves in a few years with a white elephant on our hands. 3rd the upkeep on the Cemetery is high and additional revenue from some such source is absolutely imperative. 4th there is no kind of a proposition to increase the revenue from the cemetery that will be absolutely fool proof against all risks. We can not blame anyone for being cautious or even apprehensive at times, in matters concerning the Taylor Estate. We were given that property as a

trust. The responsibility for using it wisely and in keeping with the terms of Eld. Taylor's will is great. We must not betray the trust that has been placed in us. At the same time we must be courageous enough to do what the situation demands in keeping good business practices. All of us have not had the experience of managing business enterprises, especially cemeteries. Therefore we must depend to a large extent upon the advice of those who are supposed to be expert in this particular field.

## ELD. CAMPBELL AT ROCKFORD

Eld. William E. Campbell, who was recently called to the Second Christian Church at Rockford, Illinois, has instituted a new plan for the future education of the children of the congregation. Saving accounts have been opened for seventeen members of the church ranging in age from 5 months to 11 years. Initial deposits in the Christmas Savings type plan were all made from the pastors personal funds. Accounts then are turned over to some relative, church member or friend who is charged with the responsibility of seeing that regular deposits are made in the child's name. At the end of the year funds are to be transferred to individual trust funds earmarked for education.

The idea of the plan was born as an aftermath of a talk concerning the need for educated and trained youths before the congregation by Dr. E. G. Roberts, local physician and member of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations.

Impressed by the lack of college trained men and women as described by Dr. Roberts, Eld. Campbell and his congregation realized

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## Copy of Proposed Contract between Mr. Eppse and Nat'l Convention

(Editor's Note: In view of the wide spread interest in the proposed contract between Prof. Eppse and the National Convention for the sale of burial rights in Greenwood Cemetery, we feel it to be advisable to make available to our readers the full text of the agreement.)

This CONTRACT entered into by and between the NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION, a Tennessee corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "OWNER" and DR. MERL R. EPPSE, hereinafter referred to as "MANAGER".

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the OWNER hereinafter designated owns and operates a cemetery for the burial of human beings located in Davidson County, Tennessee, adjacent to the Lebanon Pike and also owns land adjacent to the Elm Hill Pike and the portion of the property now operated as a cemetery is known as Greenwood Cemetery; and,

WHEREAS, the OWNER desires to employ Dr. Merl R. Eppse as the MANAGER of said cemetery and he is hereinafter referred to as the MANAGER.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties:

(1) The MANAGER will devote a sufficient amount of time to the operation of the cemetery to properly and efficiently manage same and in addition to the duties usually performed by a General Manager, he shall have the privilege of fixing the forms of contracts to be used in the sales of burial rights and he shall in his discretion plot the areas available for subdivision into lots in such a manner as to make same more desirable to the

public and at the same time afford the greatest number of burial spaces consistent with accepted landscape principles prevailing in modern cemeteries. Subject to the MANAGER first securing the mutual consent of the OWNER or the designated agent of the OWNER, the said MANAGER shall have the right to fix the price and terms of burial lots and the same shall be maintained at uniform prices according to the location, size and other conditions controlling the desirability of burial spaces in portions of the cemetery.

(2) The OWNER in event burial rights are sold on contracts permitting a cash payment and thereafter monthly payments shall have the right to declare a contract as cancelled on account of the delinquency of the purchaser but the OWNER may delegate this right to the MANAGER.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the services to be rendered by the MANAGER the MANAGER will receive 50% of the gross sales of burial rights, monuments, markers, etc. He shall not receive any portion of the amount payable to the cemetery for the opening of graves.

The MANAGER may solicit funds to beautify or maintain the cemetery. Out of the funds solicited for this purpose, the MANAGER shall receive 50% of any such funds solicited by him. The other 50% of such funds solicited by the MANAGER shall be used, by mutual consent of the OWNER and MANAGER, to beautify and maintain the cemetery. The MANAGER shall pay all expenses incidental to such solicitation and accumulation of said funds.

The amount to be paid to the MANAGER contemplates sales of plots or lots, monuments, markers and all income from such sources only.

Out of the 50% of all income to be received from sales or burial rights, the OWNER agrees to set aside 15% for a perpetual care fund, as required by the statutes of Tennessee Section 4181, Williams Tennessee Code. The OWNER agrees to use a portion of the 50% received from the sales of burial rights for the development of the cemetery.

Contracts and printed matter usually used in office records and office equipment are to be furnished by the OWNER. Also there shall be employed by the OWNER a superintendent and a bookkeeper and such other personnel as may be necessary in order to maintain the cemetery and open graves and perform the usual labor incident to the operation and maintenance of a cemetery.

The MANAGER shall out of the 50% of the gross collections of the cemetery paid to him furnish sales contracts, sales kits, promotion literature and he shall also out of the money received by him pay a sales manager and salesman and in view of the fact that the above personnel will be paid by the MANAGER it is understood that out of all moneys received from the sales of burial rights or from other sources that the MANAGER shall receive all of the cash payment and the subsequent installment payments until he shall have received 50% of the amount due.

It is further understood that for and in consideration of the MANAGER executing this contract that the OWNER is paying to him as of the date of this contract the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$2500.00) DOLLARS and the MANAGER will out of the above payment remodel his office on the grounds of the cemetery and also will out of said moneys pay necessary expenses incidental

to modernizing the cemetery and will pay to H. RAYMOND LIGON for advice and services the sum of ONE THOUSAND (\$1000.00) DOLLARS.

It is understood and agreed that this contract shall continue for a period of eight years from the date hereof and Dr. MERL R. EPPSE shall have the right to renew the contract upon the same terms and conditions provided the business of the cemetery is being operated at a reasonable profit during the last twenty-four (24) months prior to the expiration of this contract, subject to the approval and determination of the OWNER.

It is understood that the MANAGER will seek the advice, counsel and guidance of persons competent to advise in the management of the cemetery and the expenses incident to obtaining said advice will be paid by the MANAGER and also the OWNER agrees that the perpetual care fund will be deposited in such bank or banks as may be designated by the OWNER but same will be invested and the investments will be held in trust in an institution to be designated by the OWNER, and the OWNER agrees to designate a committee of three or more persons in Tennessee, with full authority to make investments to be deposited with the designated Trustee. It is understood that the income from such trust fund (Perpetual Care Fund) will be used exclusively for the maintenance of the cemetery.

All funds derived from the opening of graves and belonging to the OWNER shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds or funds derived from other sources. All obligations pertaining to the current operation of the cemetery, such as maintenance, personnel and equipment, etc., will be paid by the OWNER. The MANAGER agrees to maintain and keep a set of books reflecting the profits and losses of the operation and to sub-

mit annually to the OWNER a complete certified auditors report, on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, of each year.

The MANAGER herein designated shall have only the specific authority herein given to him and shall be subject to the authority herein given to the Trustees and the Trustees will have general supervision of the policies pertaining to the operation of the cemetery and the Trustees by entering into this contract will not be considered as having surrendered complete control of the management to the MANAGER herein named.

It is especially provided and mutually agreed that any changes in the general operation of the cemetery must have the approval of the parties hereto as represented by the MANAGER and the Trustees of the NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

The OWNER has caused this contract to be executed by its duly authorized officers on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 195\_\_\_\_, and as evidence of his agreement to all of the terms hereof the said DR. MERL R. EPPSE has likewise executed this contract on the day and date as indicated.

#### **ELD. CAMPBELL at ROCKFORD**

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that the lack of finances was one of the major factors in the picture and decided upon this plan as one means of helping alleviate the situation in the future. The Second Christian Church has had 29 additions since Eld. Campbell began his pastorate less than a year ago. Each Sunday the small building is filled to capacity and a new spirit and enthusiasm seems to have enveloped the members. Eld. Campbell is the son of the late and beloved Eld. Stafford Campbell of Kentucky and has served churches in Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, Cleveland Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind.

## **A Recommendation to the National Christian Missionary Convention**

### **RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS the National Christian Missionary Convention, as compared to contemporary national church bodies, is comparatively young, and

WHEREAS it has been and is now the aim of the National Christian Missionary Convention to build up as large a constituency as possible, and

WHEREAS that in recent years this aim has been in a large measure achieved by convening the convention in areas easily accessible to the large majority of our churches, and

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate the California churches with a National Convention session for at least one time in our national history, we have placed ourselves in the position of arresting this growth and expansion which are major objectives of the convention, and

WHEREAS this gesture to answer the Macedonian cry of our California churches tends to jeopardize the unbroken success of the present administration of the National Christian Missionary Convention, and

WHEREAS it was evident that this gesture was made by the administration in order to show its impartiality and goodwill toward all regardless of what might happen to its own fortunes as an administrative staff, and

Whereas this particular administration was pledged a successful end as well as a great beginning by the National Christian Missionary Convention;

### **BE IT RESOLVED:**

I. That this convention in session in Los Angeles, California, defer

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**A RECOMMENDATION**

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the election of all executive officers of the National Christian Missionary Convention whose term of office is now limited to two years until such time and occasion as will permit the convention to study and act upon a constitutional amendment, now pending, extending the two year term of office to three years retroactive to 1950 National Convention in Memphis, Tenn.

The enactment of this resolution would give the present officers an opportunity to end their administration duties under favorable conditions, and would thereby give the new officers of 1953 a good start toward success.

Very sincerely yours,  
J. F. Whitfield

## An Amendment to the National Christian Missionary Convention Constitution

WHEREAS for the reasons given by the undersigned in a special resolution to the National Christian Missionary Convention meeting in Los Angeles, California, the following amendment to the constitution is offered:

**ARTICLE VII.****OFFICERS:**

Section I. The officers shall be elected annually, except in case of some overriding reason for not doing so, and the tenure of office for President and Vice-President shall not exceed three years in succession and no president or vice-president shall succeed himself without 3 years intervening. (3 yrs). This does not mean that these officers must serve (three years), before a change can be made, except for some overriding reason given by a member of the convention at least thirty days be-

fore the close of the convention, and provided that such overriding reason is given in writing and that it is placed before the convention in the form of a recommendation by the recommendation committee to be voted on by the convention. The Recording Secretary, assistant recording secretaries, parliamentary and Treasurer are not subject to this three year tenure of service. The election of officers shall be by members of the convention in annual session.

Signed: J. F. Whitfield, member of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Date: July 10, 1952.

**JONES ST. CHRISTIAN NEWS**

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with her varied renditions of superb quality.

We went beyond our goal and on the following Sunday, our three month's Building Fund Rally ended with five hundred and seven dollars, (\$507.00).

We are greatly indebted to the following for their loyal support; The First Christian Church of Bluefield, W. Va., Rev. Mays, Pastor, the Christian Churches of Princeton, W. Va. and Bluefield, Va., the Rev. John (Jack) Johnson, Pastor of the Richlands First Christian Church. All of the above mentioned are our white brethren, and the greater part of our audience was made up of our white friends from far and near.

We are also grateful to Miss Minnie Weaver, who is president of the white Y.W.C.A. of this city. And to our own Prof. John F. Banks the President of Christianburg Industrial Institute, along with many other outstanding men and women. We thank and praise God for this fine christian character.

Faithfully Submitted,  
The Planning and entertaining  
Committee,

**I N M E M O R I A M**

Eld. N. R. Trevillion was born September 5, 1874 on the Strogg Plantation near Port Gibson, Miss. He became a member of the Pine Grove Christian Church in 1895. He was married to Miss Louise Watson the same year. To this union two children were born. He was ordained to the Christian Ministry in 1908. He served in every capacity in the church from the pew to the pulpit. He was secretary of the Sunday School Convention, and Vice president and President of the Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention and a member of the State Board. He was also a loyal member and supporter of the National Convention, loved and respected by all who knew him. He departed this life in December 1951. May he forever live in the hearts of those he served.

(submitted by the Miss. State Convention, E. L. Griffin, Pres.)

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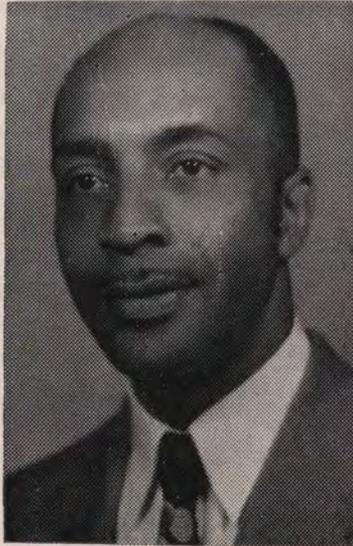
August, 1952

## THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION

The 36th Annual National Christian Missionary Convention of the Christian Church met in Los Angeles, Cal., August 11-18, The Avalon Christian Church, Eld. B. C. Duke pastor as host. The Avalon Church was assisted by the several other churches and pastors of Los Angeles. In many ways this convention was one of the best in the 36 year history of our National convention. Several hundred delegates and visitors from 16 states, some traveling more than 3000 miles were in attendance. The entertainment was fine in every way. Eld. Duke the Pastor, Mr. Edgar Hampton of the Avalon Church, the general chairman and Eld. M. Fredrick Mitchell pastor of Cosmopolitan church and a host of others spared no pains in making the delegates comfortable and happy. The program was excellent. The General Theme of the Convention, "The Christian Church in a changing world," was well treated by all of the speakers. Every participant on the program seemed to be at his or her best.

Eld. Blair T. Hunt, the president conducted the entire convention in a most capable and efficient manner. Two of the highlights of the convention was the Presidents annual address on the opening night and his sermon on Sunday morning at the close of the conven-

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L. L. DICKERSON

### L. L. DICKERSON PRESIDENT

Eld. L. L. Dickerson, Pastor of the Monroe Ave. Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio, was elected President of the National Convention of the Christian Church at its 36 Annual Session held in Los Angeles Cal., August 11-18.

Eld. Dickerson has been pastor of the Monroe Ave. Church for 8 years. Before coming to Columbus he was pastor of the Robbin St. Christian Church of Covington, Ky., and served 5 years as president of the Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention.

Eld. Dickerson served 8 years as General Secretary, 4 years as Editor of the Christian Plea, the official Organ of the National Christian Missionary Convention,

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MRS. B. A. HOLMES  
2nd Vice President  
Head of Women's Dept.

### DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church of Memphis Tenn., will dedicate its new sanctuary the 3rd Sunday in September. This addition to the present building was made at a cost of \$100,000.00. With this new addition the Mississippi Boulevard church will have one of the finest houses of worship in our brotherhood. The Christian Plea extends to the pastor, Eld. Blair T. Hunt, and the Officers and Members of the Mississippi Boulevard church sincere congratulations for this outstanding achievement. Eld. Hunt has served as pastor of the church for more than 30 years, and recently completed a term of two years as president of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

## S. C. I. LOOSES ITS RATING

Negro Disciples everywhere deeply regret the announcement that the Southern Christian Institute of Edwards Miss. has lost its rating in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This is a tremendous blow to S. C. I. and also to the thousands of our people who are proud of S. C. I.'s record. We do not have all of the facts and therefore will not attempt to place responsibility for this most unfortunate occurrence. We do hope however that those who are responsible will take the necessary steps to correct this situation as soon as possible.

It is extremely unfortunate for Negroes that our white breatheran have not seen the wisdom nor the urgency of developing a realistic and aggressive program for promoting the Restoration Movement among Negroes here in America. We realize that much has been done for which we are grateful, but even the much, has only been a drop in the bucket. It is also true that we Negro Disciples can do a lot more to help ourselves. The progress that our National Convention has made in the last decade seems to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that we can and will do more to help ourselves. But while we are developing this "spirit of cooperation and sense of responsibility" among our people we need additional help from our white breatheran. To a large extent our churches have been traditional "ruggedly individualistic." It will take a little time to teach stewardship and cooperation. But progress along this line is being made. We sincerely hope that some of the rumors of the cause for S. C. I. losing its rating will be proved to be untrue. If qualified teachers is S. C. I.'s problem, all we have to say is this, there are dozens of Negro Disciple teachers in other Class A Schools, why not in S. C. I.

## NEGRO CHURCHES

According to the Pittsburgh Courier

"A recent survey made by Drew Theological Seminary of Madison, N. J. showed some very interesting but not too pleasant facts about Negro churches. Out of 13,888 Negro families interviewed 47.3 families had no call from a minister during the past twelve months. Of 570 churches studied there were seven per county without song books or hymnals of any kind. That 43 per cent of the pastors had never gotten beyond the eighth grade, and 58 per cent had never gone beyond high school. Over three fourths of the ministers, 78 per cent, had to engage in some occupation other than preaching to support their families. Their average salaries from churches was 768 dollars per year."

We do not know what percentage of the churches surveyed were Christian churches. But we

do know that many of our churches would fit this description of Negro churches most accurately. However we do believe that the Negro Christian church has made more progress in the last 25 years toward a trained ministry, adequate salaries for its ministers and adequate houses of worship, than perhaps any other religious body. We do not mean that we have solved any of these perplexing problems, we merely say we have made progress. Its true we have a long way to go yet, but we should not lose sight of how far we have come. Unfortunately too many of our better churches are still in the rut on this matter of ministerial support. They offer no encouragement to the smaller churches to do better, nor inducement to young men to enter the ministry. Too many of our most competent ministers have failed to lead their people forward as rapidly as the circumstances demand.

## The Christian Plea

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Eld. E. J. Dickson, Ex-Sec.

L. L. Dickerson, Editor

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## THE PREACHER PROBLEM

Why not stop kidding ourselves. If you need a preacher, and you are willing to support him, contact the Christian Plea. We may not have enough to meet all the needs, but we do know of several young men who want to pastor. The Plea can recommend them too. But we cannot ask a man with a family to accept a church for the same salary the church was paying back in 1930. The men we have in mind are willing to make a sacrifice. They are not asking for big salaries, but they do want some degree of security for their families. Is that asking too much? Suppose its your son or your daughter thats married to a preacher. DOES YOUR CHURCH WANT A PREACHER ?

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

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tion. Both messages were timely, thought provoking and inspiring. The financial reports were very good. A larger number of churches reported this year than ever before. One of the most striking things about the Los Angeles convention was the notable progress that has been made in the last ten years. The attendance has trippled and the financial support has increased 800 per cent. A fine spirit of fellowship and goodwill characterized the convention from beginning to end. The convention voted to hold the 37th session in Roanoke Va. August 1953, with the Loudon Ave Christian Church as host. It is expected that the 1953 convention will exceed all previous records in attendance, finance and the spirit of cooperation and goodwill. The following persons were elected as officers for this conventional year.

President—L. L. Dickerson, Ohio  
 1st Vice-Pres.—M. F. Mitchell, Cal.  
 2nd Vice-Pres.—Berniece A. Holmes, Okla.  
 3rd Vice-Pres.—Edith Bristow, Kentucky  
 4th Vice-Pres.—Gene Mosley, Mississippi  
 Secretary—R. L. Saunders, Kans.  
 1st Ass't Sec'y—Marcetta Smith, Ohio  
 2nd Ass't Sec'y—Oseola Dawson, Kentucky  
 3rd Ass't Sec'y—Mary Easter Jackson, Ala.  
 Treasurer—Dr. J. E. Walker, Tenn.

## Board Members:

W. K. Fox, Missouri  
 H. J. Penn, Va.  
 B. F. Flemming, Arkansas  
 L. F. Sledge, Tenn.  
 D. L. Jackson, Miss.  
 Eli Wilbert, Ohio  
 Peter Washington, Calif.  
 A. J. Jeffries, Ala.

## Youth Sponsors:

Paul Sims, Kansas  
 Laveria Henry, Calif.

## Laymen's League (Christian Men's Fellowship):

A. B. Thomas, Ohio, President  
 R. L. Groves, Missouri, V-Pres.  
 Edward Owens, Ohio, Secretary  
 E. M. Barrett, Oklahoma, Assistant Secretary

## Minister's Wives' Fellowship:

Mrs. W. K. Fox, Mo., President  
 Mrs. Thomas Courts, Michigan, Vice-President  
 Mrs. C. H. Webb, Indiana, Recording Secretary  
 Mrs. L. L. Dickerson, Ohio, Financial Secretary  
 Mrs. Vera Pierson, Ohio, Treas.  
 Mrs. A. W. Davis, Kansas, Chaplain  
 Mrs. R. L. Saunders, Kansas, Pianist

## Minister's Fellowship:

F. T. Floyd, President  
 John Compton, Jr., Vice-Pres.  
 L. F. Sledge, Secretary  
 Thomas Courts, Assistant Sec'y

## Usher's Fellowship Union:

Ruby Ramsey, Illinois, President  
 Nellie M. Hinson, Alabama, 1st Vice-President  
 John Anthony, Virginia, 2nd Vice-President  
 Emily Robinson, Kentucky, Secretary  
 Sadie D. James, Mississippi, Assistant Secretary

SUMMARY OF  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
AUG. 1951—JULY 1952

## RECEIPTS:

Received at Indianapolis  
 Convention ----- \$ 4,068.17  
 From Churches  
   (Sept. to July) ----- 2,297.61  
 From Bible Schools --- 1,126.03  
 From Missionary Societies 153.50  
 From C.Y.F. ----- 97.50  
 From Usher Boards ---- 92.00  
 From State Conventions 60.65  
 From Individuals ----- 1,534.66  
 From The Taylor Estate 2,000.00  
 From Crusade Fund --- 1,000.00  
 From U.C.M.S. ----- 13,083.30  
 From National Benevolent Ass'n ----- 750.00  
 From Pension Fund --- 600.00  
 From Board of Church Extension ----- 600.00  
 From Christian Board of Publication ----- 2,000.00  
 Total Receipts from Aug.

1951—July 1952 --- \$ 30,550.76

It is extremely gratifying to those who have followed the convention through the years to note that in the last 10 years the giving of the churches and individuals to the support of the Convention has increased 800 per cent, and the attendance has increased nearly 400 per cent. Of the \$30,550.76 received by the National Convention in 1951-52, \$10,517.46 came directly from Negro Churches and Individuals. This does not include the several thousand dollars our churches gave to Unified Promotion, and several thousand dollars more that they gave to support some 15 state conventions.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION  
Indianapolis, Indiana

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the National Christian Missionary Convention, Indianapolis,

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## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

516-519 K of P Building,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

July 19, 1952

To the National Christian Missionary  
Convention

Care of: Mr. Emmett J. Dickson,  
Executive Secretary

Dear Brethren:

Please accept our Christian greetings and best wishes for a most successful Assembly of your Convention in Los Angeles. How we wish that it might be possible for us to share at least part of this experience with you. However, I will be on my way to Australia attending the World Convention in Melbourne.

It was our pleasure to have your esteemed Executive Secretary appear on the program at Chicago last May with Greetings from your Convention. He made a splendid statement and his appearance this year was most timely inasmuch as the application of your Convention for membership in the International Convention was received and placed on file at this time.

Perhaps it would be of interest to you to know that your proposed application will have the happy effect of preserving your own organizational integrity, which we are sure is very precious to you, and at the same time provide a means of fellowship and reporting status which will make you in fact a real part of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ as an organization. This is the same relationship sustained by The United Christian Missionary Society, The Pension Fund, The National Evangelistic Association, and others.

As individuals you have always been entitled to membership in the Annual Assembly of the Interna-

tional Convention upon the simple conditions of attendance and payment of the registration fee. This arrangement applies to individual members of the other fifteen cooperating units with the Convention. Therefore, upon your admission to membership in the Convention next July your individual status will in nowise be altered.

It is our hope that through negotiations, ways and means may be developed by which the National Christian Missionary Convention through its State Conventions, may find some equitable representation on the Committee on Recommendations. Such representation has already been considered and we feel confident that the said representation can be easily worked out through mutual conference. In fact, it is greatly to be desired.

In behalf of the International Convention I wish to express my appreciation for your spirit of patience and understanding with regard to some of the delicate situations which have arisen, through no fault of ours, in entertaining cities. Please be assured that the International Convention officers and management have earnestly striven to secure Christian arrangements in all entertaining cities. We have been grieved over the necessity of even attempting to secure such Christian arrangements, but we pledge to you that we shall continue in every situation where necessary to secure the best possible arrangements under existing conditions. We take some satisfaction over the fact that definite progress has been made, but we are not yet satisfied.

We extend a hearty invitation to all members of the National Christian Missionary Convention to be present at and participate in the Portland Assembly, July 4-9, 1953. No effort will be spared in making this Convention inclusive.

We know that you have many important items before you for

consideration in your Los Angeles Convention. The International Convention will be glad to receive any fraternal communication from you or any recommendations for better administration of the International Convention.

With our sincere greetings, I am

Cordially,

Gaines M. Cook  
Executive Secretary  
International Convention of  
Disciples of Christ

## REPORT, CHRISTIAN PLEA

L. L. DICKERSON, Editor

Mr. President and members of the National Board of the National Christian Missionary Convention:

Please allow me to submit this report for the Christian Plea. Four years ago I was elected Editor of the Plea. While I have done my best to give to our Brotherhood the kind of journal it should have, one that would not only carry news items from the various churches but a paper that would also interpret to some degree the hopes and aims and aspirations of some 60,000 Negro Disciples. A medium through which we could speak to our Brotherhood at large and the world in general. "A journalistic platform" that would permit one and all who so desired to express themselves on all questions and issues of interest to our people.

I confess that the high hopes of four years ago have not been realized. While we have not missed an issue of the Plea during these four years, a great many issues have been late and hardly any of them have been of the high journalistic quality that we desired and the Brotherhood deserves. While I certainly do not want to put myself in the position of offering alibis for my failure to do a good

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## REPORT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

Truly we are living in a changing world. Never before in the history of the world has mankind stood face to face with so many critical issues, anyone of which may determine the future of our civilization for the next thousand years, or even decide the ultimate destiny of the human race. Never before in the history of mankind has there been so many radical changes in the moral, spiritual, social and economic thinking and acting as in the past century.

In the midst of this turmoil and confusion doubt and fear, weakness and strength, ignorance and intelligence, stands the church of Jesus Christ, with its God given responsibility preserving all of those moral and spiritual values that time and experiences have proven to be both sacred and inspiring.

It is the inescapable duty of the church to be the keeper of men's conscience, and to continually point the way to peace, justice, mercy and good will among all men.

The issues of the present day are many and varied; world peace, human rights, social justice, economic security and moral integrity. The church of Jesus Christ is basically, essentially and unalterably opposed to war. We believe that all wars are useless and senseless to contrary to the teachings and the spirit of Jesus, and that the church shall mobilize all of its resources to bring about peace and good-will among all men. We urge the members of our church to work and pray for a just and lasting peace.

**Human Rights** — One is your master even God and all men; out of one blood God made all men dwell upon the face of the earth. All men are created free, equal, and are endowed with certain inalienable rights. These immortal

pronouncements constitute the basic principles upon which the whole program of human rights must rest. We believe that the question of human rights is the foremost and most critical issue facing the world in general and our own country in particular. Discrimination, prejudice, segregation, social, political and economic injustices against millions of loyal American citizens because of race or color as practical in America, repudiates and nullifies every great principle and ideal upon which this government is founded.

The establishment of fellowship churches and all peoples church is a splendid gesture and example of what should be, but they are a poor excuse for the Christian church's failure to practice its basic doctrine, "The Divine Fatherhood of God and the universal Brotherhood of man." We believe in tolerance, but we know that that too is a poor substitute for brotherly love.

We reaffirm our wholehearted support of the president's civil rights program and urge our people to support only those candidates who are wholeheartedly in sympathy with and are willing to actually support civil rights legislation. We endorse legislation for federal aid to education to be administered by the federal government with safe guard against discrimination because of race or color.

We believe that all peoples are endowed with the inalienable right, to work, to food, to decent housing, proper medical care, and security in time of old age. We believe that labor is entitled to a fair share of the fruits of labor and are obligated to give honest labor in return.

Our whole nation has been alarmed and rightly so by bribery and corruption in both government and private life; wide spread drinking and gambling in high and low places, broken homes, juvenile de-

linquency. We realize that this only is a symptom. A symptom of the general moral and spiritual breakdown in our social order. We realize that a change in national administration (whether democratic or republican) nor pious pronouncement of eternal principles of righteousness, and Justice will cure this terrible condition of our moral state.

Our greatest need is for repentance. Genuine, sincere, heartfelt repentance. We therefore call upon our people to rededicate and re-consecrate their lives to Jesus Christ and make the principles and ideals that he so beautifully personified, a living dynamic force in our own lives, to the end that his Kingdom may come on earth, as it is in heaven.

T. W. Pratt  
B. A. Holmes  
L. L. Dickerson  
L. B. Torrence

## DISFRANCHISEMENT OF VOTERS

There are all kinds of political polls these days. Here's one that may not have come to your attention and which, to us, is significant.

Elmo Roper, in his survey appearing in the New York Herald Tribune on June 23, revealed that 62% of United States Negroes considered themselves Democrats, 24% Republicans and 14% Independents.

But only 31% (about 3 million) of the Negroes voted at least once during the past 4 years, as against 52% of the total population.

The low figure was due to conditions in the South, where only 15% (1 million) voted. 62% voted in the North.

And, of course, only 15% voted in the South because of poll taxes, phony intelligence tests, restrictive legal requirements, fear and intimidation.

## REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

R. L. SAUNDERS, Secretary

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

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

The Board has held two regular meetings, one at the close of the Convention at Indianapolis (Aug., 1951), the other at the beginning of the 36th National Convention, held at Los Angeles, (Aug., 1952). The Trustee Board held two meetings, one at the convention in Indianapolis (August, 1951) and the other in March (27 & 28), 1952, in Indianapolis. At these meetings, reports and recommendations were given by the Staff workers and the Christian Plea Editor. Each report was given consideration. From the reports, it could be clearly seen that the work is progressing.

The first meeting was given wholly to the organization of the Board into trustees and organization into the following committees:

1. Administration and Finance
2. Missionary Organization and Education
3. Christian Education
4. Evangelism and Church Development
5. Management of Real and Personal Property.

The necessary sub-committees were also formed.

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

The meeting of the goals of the "Long Range Program" is the most important issue before the Brotherhood and Convention at this time.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report of money and personnel from Cooperating Agencies would remain the same as last year. We are deeply grateful for the support that the Agencies have so faithfully given our work during the past year.

It is the hope and aspiration of the National Board that we strengthen our work to the point that we will be able to expand to meet the needs of our Brotherhood. Some of the outstanding needs from the standpoint of personnel are Children's workers, Men's workers, and trained area leaders.

The Treasurer's report was received together with Certificate of C.P.A., which stated that the accounts were fairly accurate as to receipts and disbursements.

The following Budget has been approved for 1952-53:

SPENDING BUDGET	
Salaries -----	\$ 16,508.00
Travel -----	4,500.00
Office Equip. & Expense	2,000.00
Programs -----	2,500.00
Nat'l Conv. Trustees--	1,800.00
Plea -----	1,000.00
Pension Dues as to	
salary increase ----	1,200.00
Miscellaneous -----	250.00
Ministerial Training --	2,000.00
Total -----	\$ 31,758.00

ASKING BUDGET	
U.C.M.S. -----	\$ 13,000.00
Nat'l Conv. Churches--	10,800.00
Taylor Estate -----	2,800.00
Christian Board of Pub.	2,000.00
Board of Church Extension	600.00
Pension Fund -----	600.00
Board of Higher Education	300.00
Nat. Benev. Ass'n ----	750.00
Total -----	\$ 30,850.00

As Secretary, I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation that has been given me.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Saunders, Secretary



ELD. M. F. MITCHELL, Calif.  
1st Vice President

# Roanoke 1953

L. L. DICKERSON

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and two years as 1st Vice President, before becoming President.

Eld. Dickerson is a native of Virginia and comes from a family that has given the Christian Church 9 ministers, a grand father, a father, 3 uncles, 1 brother and two first cousins. The Monroe Ave. Church of which he is pastor recently launched a campaign to build a new church.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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olis, Indiana, for the period, August 9, 1951 to July 29, 1952, verified certain invoices and checked other accounting records and vouchers to the extent and by means we deemed necessary. Our examination included tracing of cash receipts to deposits in bank (except \$1,485.44 cash spent during 1951 Convention), verifying certain requisitions with checks and checking returned checks for proper endorsement, signature of maker and amount Cash in bank (\$1,680.66 as of July 29, 1952 was confirmed by direct correspondence with the depository.

It is our opinion that this statement presents fairly the cash receipts and disbursements as shown by the books and accounting records of the National Missionary Convention for the period, August 9, 1951 to July 29, 1952.

JESSE H. TURNER  
Certified Public Accountant

Memphis, Tennessee  
August 4, 1952



ALFRED THOMAS

President of Laymen League

**REPORT OF NATIONAL PROJECT — 1951-1952**

**The Taylor Memorial Fellowship House, 4133 Rookwood**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

Church	Amount
1. Little Bethlehem, Leaksville, North Carolina -----	\$ 5.00
2. Summit Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio -----	25.00
3. First Christian, Concord, North Carolina -----	2.00
4. Mississippi Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee -----	10.00
5. Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri -----	15.00
6. Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois -----	25.00
7. Elm Street Christian, Jefferson City, Missouri -----	10.00
8. Second Christian, Columbia, Missouri -----	5.00
9. Second Christian, Fulton, Missouri -----	5.00
10. First Christian, Redisville, North Carolina -----	25.00
11. Boll Street Christian, Dallas, Texas -----	25.00
12. Lockland Christian, Maple Avenue, Wyoming, Ohio -----	5.00
13. Fifth Street Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio -----	5.00
14. Second Christian Church, Frankford, Missouri -----	7.00
15. Wehrman Avenue Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio -----	12.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 181.00</b>

16. Southside Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois:
- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 5 bath towels  | 9 single sheets |
| 5 hand towels  | 11 pillowcases  |
| 2 guest towels | 3 tea towels    |
| 4 wash cloths  |                 |

**Report of Jamaica Relief Fund**

1. Second Christian, Fulton, Missouri -----	\$ 5.00
2. Cross Street, Little Rock, Arkansas -----	10.00
3. Avadorco Christian, Laneville, Texas -----	5.00
4. Fifth Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio -----	5.00
5. Mississippi Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee -----	10.00
6. First Christian Church, Napton, Missouri -----	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 36.00</b>

**REPORT OF THE TAYLOR ESTATE**

Gross Receipts for the year 1951-52 -----	\$8,120.55
Disbursements:	
Operating Expenses of the Taylor Estate -----	3,519.39
To National Treasury -----	2,000.00
To Taylor Memorial Fellowship House -----	1,000.00
Total Disbursements -----	\$ 6,519.39
Balance from 1951-52 receipts -----	\$ 1,601.16
Brought forward Aug. 1951 -----	3,650.57
In Board of Church Extension Trust Fund -----	5,000.00
Interest from Trust Fund -----	289.82
Total Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 10,541.55

**CHRISTIAN PLEA REPORT**

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job as editor of the Plea, I do feel that I should point out AGAIN some of the things that make the editing of the Plea a most difficult and almost impossible task.

I say "AGAIN," because my predecessors in this work and many others who have had no direct experience with the Plea as Editor, have repeatedly pointed out the problems of publishing the paper. First of all our major problem is finance. Or I should say a lack of adequate financing. One of the reasons the Plea has been coming out at irregular intervals is that we have not had sufficient funds to have the Plea printed by reliable and efficient printers. We have had to have our printing done by small shops that could do it comparatively cheap but not efficiently, and take it when ever we could get it.

Another problem is collecting subscriptions when due. Even though we have sent out hundreds of notices to delinquent subscribers and dozens of letters to local pastors and church leaders, we have not been able to collect from more than about 40 per cent of our subscribers in any given year, and more than half of that amount has been collected by the editor in person at state and National Conventions. Only about 20 per cent of our subscribers pay their subscriptions by mail.

Another problem is to keep the Plea from being a "one man paper." We have tried in vain to get the ministers and leaders of our churches to contribute from time to time articles that would be of interest to our readers. With but a very few exceptions all of the items appearing in the Plea aside from the news items from the various churches and promotional letters from the Officers and the staff, were the thinking of the Editor. This has served to limit the use-

fulness of the Plea and also kept it from being more interesting.

I feel sure that most of our people believe that we need some kind of an organ that will serve as a "voice" for our Negro Brotherhood. Some "link of fellowship" with our widely scattered brethren of like precious faith. No religious body can succeed very well without a journal and a school. These are two musts for us if we are to survive and continue to progress. The National Convention contributes \$1000.00 a year to the Plea. We receive about \$150.00 a year from ads. About \$400.00 a year from subscriptions and approximately \$300.00 a year from convention registrations. A total of approximately \$1800.00.

The cost of publishing the Plea is as follows:

Printing -----	\$1500.00
Mailing -----	60.00
Wrappers and addressing -----	60.00
Clerical help -----	200.00
Misc. Supplies -----	60.00
Travel, telephone calls, etc. -----	50.00

An approximate total of \$1930.00.

The Plea should have an additional \$600.00 to be used as follows: Travel, \$300.00; editorial assistance \$100.00; clerical help, \$100.00; making a total of \$300.00 a year for clerical help.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That we provide the Christian Plea with an additional \$600.00, \$300.00 of this amount could come from funds used by the staff for "direct by mail promotion." A letter to the churches through the Plea would reach more people and get better results than a letter sent to individuals which in most cases ends up in the waste basket without being read. This would also lessen the work load of our office secretary in Indianapolis. In this

manner the Plea could serve in a larger way as a medium of promotion and at the same time carry enough other material to make it interesting and effective.

2. That the Trustees secure as soon as possible another Editor. I would like very much to be relieved of this honor and responsibility, especially the responsibility.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

March 1 to July 31, 1952

**RECEIPTS:**

National Christian	
Missionary Convention	\$ 415.00
(March, April, May, June, July)	
Christian Board of Publi-	
cation, ads -----	30.00
Subscriptions -----	8.00
Total -----	\$ 453.00

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Printing four issues -----	500.00
Clerical help -----	76.00
Mailing -----	10.00
Miscellaneous supplies -----	7.38
Addressing wrappers -----	4.34
Wrappers (5000) -----	7.96
Total -----	\$ 605.68

Respectfully submitted,  
L. L. Dickerson, Editor



**PRESIDENT BLAIR**

... at Indiana Convention

# The CHRISTIAN PLEA

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## ELD. MITCHELL COMMENDS CONVENTION

Dear Editor of the Christian Plea:

I know the delegates from our church throughout the nation would be happy to get items of interest from the impulses of our Great National Convention recently held in Los Angeles, California. Judging from the many cards of thanks and expressions from the delegates before they embarked for home to the effect, "we are thoroughly satisfied with the entertainment of the convention." We truly tried to do the job—we poured out our very souls in effort to make the loveliest brothers and sisters in all the world the happiest. The earnestness and the solemn way the officials and delegates went about the program of the convention made me doubly proud. Truly, you have made an everlasting impression upon all Los Angeles. Never before in the history of conventions was a deeper and more abiding impression made upon the citizenry of Los Angeles. Our theme, "The Christian Church in a Changing World," awakened Los Angeles, and provoked their thinking as to the great import of our great convention.

Our devoted President, Dr. Blair T. Hunt, is deserving of much credit—the dignified and streamlined way he went about the duties of his office. Our vice Presidents were actuated and carried out the duties enjoined upon them in a

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## APPEAL TO THE LAYMEN

Dear Brethren:

The National Christian Men's Fellowship of the National Christian Missionary Convention wishes every local church in each State fully organized, to do this, we have a program of organizational promotion.

Each local church is asked to send a special gift to insure our efforts toward a fully organized local laymen group in every local church.

Your contribution will be given credit toward your state apportionment to the National Christian Missionary Convention report in Roanoke, Virginia, in 1953.

Please send your contribution to T. W. Pratt, 2121 Leonard St., Dallas, 4, Texas; Treasurer, National Christian Men's Fellowship, who will forward all funds to Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tennessee, Treasurer, National Christian Missionary Convention.

We earnestly and prayerfully urge you to observe National Laymen's Day, October 19, 1952 by preparing and conducting a Men's Program, with the guidance of your Minister and the whole-hearted co-operation of every man available in your church and community.

Yours in Christ,  
Alfred M. Thomas



## Thanksgiving Offering for State Missions and Christian Education

The Church and Christian education can make the difference between wasted resources of life and useful Christian citizenship. Tens of thousands of American youth are today without Christian influence and direction. These boys and girls live in every community, both rural and urban.

Many, perhaps most, of young America could be reached for Christ with a vitalized program of Christian education and church expansion. Church leaders are aware of the opportunities which are before us and of the urgency of the situation.

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## NEEDS OF THE MINISTRY

In speaking to one of the simultaneous sessions of the men's Workshop, Mr. Fred Michel, national director of Church Maintenance, said, "The small income for our ministry is creating a great many pulpitness churches in our Brotherhood today. We need badly young men to take up the ministry and take over our churches that haven't any minister. Our laymen should think seriously about this and see to it that our preachers are adequately cared for.

## SEVENTEEN NEW MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED

Seventeen young men and women were appointed to serve on foreign mission fields under The United Christian Missionary Society, June 18. The commissioning and communion service was held in Graham Chapel at the Missions

Building, headquarters of the Society in Indianapolis, Ind.

Those commissioned and expecting to sail for their fields this summer or early fall are, Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Barron, Miss Ruth Coates, Miss Jane Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Williams, all of whom will serve on the Belgian Congo

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may know  
Him"*

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most masterly manner. Our executive secretary, Dr. Emmitt J. Dickson, acted as though he had just been from Paradise. In fact, everyone related to the program of the convention, including the earnest ministers, portrayed the spirit of our Elder Brother, Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The most excellent contribution our convention made to Los Angeles is yet a town talk. The ministers whom we sent across the city to be guests of the various pulpits, acquitted themselves like Christian Preachers—we have had commendable reports. Among the several things that was on our mind's agenda was the following: place our ministers in the various churches of the city, not leaving a stone uncovered regarding the publicity; satisfactorily feed and house our lovely delegates. I believe that we can be of help to other churches desiring to entertain the National Convention.

I believe the convention made a wise choice in selecting Dr. L. L. Dickerson as its president. I consider it a great challenge to be chosen the vice president. I pledge the president my wholehearted support and am confident that I will enjoy his cooperation because we are all one in Christ Jesus having as our golden aim the ongoing of the church of Christ.

I do think it should be the aim of our National Convention officials to make each one greater than the last. It can be done. In the first place, I think we ought to increase our giving. I am of the opinion that our giving could be increased 500 per cent. In the second place, the project "Men, Women, and One Hundred Dollar Movement" should be ignited and the flames should be spread to all the members of our respective churches.

We are blessed of God. We are

the children of God. We are abundantly blessed and I do believe that as we bring in to his storehouse tithes and offerings he will open the window of heaven and shower upon us greater blessings. We ought to find in all of our churches men and women whom the Lord has blessed to become a member of the "Men, Women, and One Hundred Dollar Movement." We are thoroughly convinced that the church is man's greatest interest on earth—man's only refuge, the bulwork of our present civilization. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you." It would be so good to find 200 persons of our various churches, with each church represented irrespective of how small, to swell this new project to the strength of 200 persons. That would mean \$20,000.

We have also dreamed out another project that I will work on ere the time of the next convention, which we will share with the churches of our different states. Namely, let each church set as a goal, independent of other askings or commitments, from \$500 to \$1,000. This plan does not include the members of our respective church giving, but the honorable businesses and firms whose very existence depends upon the influence of the church. For example, whether we have 10 members or 500 in the local church they are patrons of the local firms; groceries, dry goods, motor vehicles, or shoe stores, etc. Were it not for the church, these firms could not exist. I know a small Methodist church with 300 members which collects from above named firms \$2,000 conference money. Wouldn't it be heartening if all of our respective churches in the nation would become interested in this type of program and fill our coffers with money enough to do a great and big job in the work of evange-

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**THANKSGIVING**

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the task of establishment of new churches. Last year 43 new congregations were organized. This represents but a small fraction of the opportunities presented, but funds were not available for a more extensive program.

Statistics can never tell the story of Christian education. It is impossible to place a dollar value on the character of a girl or boy, nor can a price tag be put on a Christian home. The program of Christian education involves the total educational program, including trained leadership and improved materials and methods for the Sunday School, conferences and camps for youth, student work on the college campus, social education and support of the church related colleges of our brotherhood.

Support is given to the work of State Missions and Christian education by the Thanksgiving offering. Materials, including teachers manuals, coin boxes and envelopes and worship materials for children are available free from Unified Promotion, Box 5636, Indianapolis, or the state office. These should be ordered at once.

**NEW MISSIONARIES**

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after a year of required study in Belgium; Miss Hazel Wait, who will go to India; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brummitt, who will serve in the Philippine Islands; Miss Diora Spear, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Palmer and Vern Rossman, who go to Japan.

This new group brings the total number of missionaries in active service under the United Society to 224, working in eleven foreign countries.

## PART OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

Whereas, the Greenwood Cemetery of Nashville, Tennessee, a great gift to the National Christian Missionary Convention from the late Preston Taylor, is in need of improvements, development, and a pre-needed grave and lot sale,

Whereas, some percent of our National Convention finance is net proceed from the Greenwood cemetery and without a re-development of same, the proceeds from the cemetery will be greatly reduced,

Whereas, the Trustees have studied the plans for re-development, etc.

Whereas, the Trustees voted against the contract as published in the Christian Plea

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Trustees make a further study of conditions and contracts

Resolve that when contract for re-development and increased revenue is drawn up which will be for the lasting benefit of the Taylor Estate and the National Convention, the Trustees be empowered to enter into such contract.

That the department of women's work of the National Christian Missionary Convention have its name changed from the Department of Missionary Organizations-Education to the Department of Missionary Education and Christian Women's Fellowship and that the constitution be amended to that effect.

That a committee be appointed to study the requirements of the Loving Cup in the light of progressive reports of organizations.

That the National Laymen's Organization accept the title of Christian Men's Fellowship and that

the constitution be amended to conform thereto.

That the reports of churches be printed statistically instead of in paragraphs.

That the National Christian Missionary Convention become a reporting agency to the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ with all rights and privileges to be gained under the constitution of the International Convention.

That the constitution be amended to meet the request for membership in the International Convention.

The principle of increase in the 1952-53 church goals is 50% over 1949 goal or giving. If a church has reached its goal for the year, the increase is 10% of its giving. We recommend that this principle of goal increase be accepted and dollar goals be sent to each church.

Whereas, there is a scarcity of Christian Churches in these United States of America, even in some of our very large cities, whereas this condition has caused many of our members to attend other churches and finally become members therefor, be it resolved that there be every effort possible put forth by the Department of Evangelism and Church Development to organize and establish churches in every city and town of these United States which has five thousand (5000) or more Negro inhabitants.

We recommend that all churches who are seeking pastors be urged to secure the endorsement of the National Office of Church Development and Evangelism, State Board, or Regional Evangelist will not be considered in good standing in this convention.

That each church would receive more information concerning the youth department of the National Christian Missionary Convention and the oratorical contest through

the Christian Plea and other Christian literature being sent to the local churches.

That there be a youth rally on the day the board meets at each National Christian Missionary Convention annual session.

That the states take definite steps to see that each local youth group is organized in each church reporting to the state.

That each state youth group pay \$5.00 representation fee to the National Convention and each local group pay \$10.00 representation fee as a minimum.

That Tuesday or Wednesday night be given over to the youth on the National Convention annual program.

That we accept the invitation from the Loudon Avenue Christian Church to entertain the 37th Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention. (Roanoke, Virginia)

That there be allowed for not more than two years from 1953 to 1955 the sum of \$500.00 to be matched by the states or areas to be used for evangelistic work in the weaker states.

That a conference of state presidents be held in cooperation with Unified Promotion, United Christian Missionary Society, National Christian Missionary Convention, and other interested agencies for the planning and promotion of the Brotherhood program.

That whenever the Gay-Lea Christian Fellowship effect legally a corporate church body and secure a bona fide Christian minister The Preston Taylor Estate, Trustee Board of the National Board make financial supplement for the program of the same.

That the National Convention allow \$100.00 a year for the promotion of Laymen's League among our churches.

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We the pastor, officers and members of the Summit Christian Church of Dayton, Ohio extends an invitation to the National Christian Missionary Convention with our church in either of the following years; 1953, or 1954 or 1955. This invitation comes from the entire membership of the church. We assure you that we will meet every requirement that the convention demands of the entertaining church in caring for the convention. As a church that is full accord with convention program we truly hope that you will accept our invitation to be our guest in one of the years stated above.

That our Brotherhood urge greater financial aid to our two fine colleges, Jarvis Christian and Southern Christian Institute. We further recommend that the Brotherhood carry on a greater program of student recruitment for these two colleges.

Whereas Blair T. Hunt, minister, education and orator has served our National Christian Missionary Convention for two consecutive years and led us to great spiritual heights,

Whereas in appreciation of the high level of administrative ability we are humbly trying to express our love and esteem for one who has served us so valiantly,

Whereas, we the committee on recommendations do hereby wish for our great president and his fine staff, long life and continued prosperity for their untiring service rendered,

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the convention.

## Do You Feel Like Fainting? Well Don't, Listen to This—

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

—Proverbs of Solomon.

## THIS MOMENT

by Kenneth Henry Palestine, Texas

Among the many features of the Christian Youth Conference of North America that convened at Purdue University August 25-29, there were dramatic presentations of **This Moment** for the more than 1000 young people assembled there. Inspiring posters, drama, music and many techniques were employed to vividly portray the problems, anxieties, the hopes and fears of our times and to realize the necessity of the action of christian youth at **this moment**.

The International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission met the week before during August 21-25. Representatives from our states and convention areas came together to plan and consider emphases for youth program planning throughout the brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ for next year. They came from local churches of different sizes and areas where C.Y.F. is just beginning or developing. Out of the cooperative study, work and play during that week the greatest bond of unity was discovered, that of allegiance to one God and the brotherhood of all mankind.

For a third conference at Purdue the week of August 31-September 5, the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement met. Youth leaders from most of the major denominations of America came to discover similarities and to chart some course of action united, committed, in Christ. Attention was given strengthening denominational youth programs as sources and channels for U.C.Y.M.

It was my pleasure to share in these conferences as just one with many others like myself. While we were there representing our various groups we did not feel that we were doing the whole job. Our highest ambition was to try to discover the role of christian youth

and how to begin the task **This Moment**.

In this same manner I go as a representative of the Disciples of Christ to the Third World Conference of Protestant Youth at Travancore, India. Three hundred delegates from fifty-six countries of the world will assemble on December 11-25, 1952. As we transcend barriers of language, race, geography, and many more it will not be ours to forget our differences or idealize our cause but to know our "oneness" and recognize our task in proclaiming to all the world "Christ the Answer." With the help of the Father of all mankind we must play our part in our world "this moment."

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### ELDER MITCHELL

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ism and scholarship for our youths. Money from this source to augment this project could be made a reality by appointing an energetic or known person in the church under the supervision of the minister. We can readily see if this project is put into effect with prayerful effort, success will light upon our banners with folded wings.

Let us all keep in mind that we represent the church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The plea that we represent and the ground upon which we stand were made hallowed by our Lord and Master when he was walking under the very shadow of the cross. "That they all may be one even as we are," and the echo of the sacred words of the apostle Paul, (1 Corinthians 1:10) "Now I beseech you brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

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## ANNUAL REPORT — 1952

CHARLES H. WEBB

To: The National Board  
Delegates of the 36th Session, National Christian Missionary Convention — Friends

### GREETINGS:

The National Christian Missionary Convention, Disciples of Christ, is a great organization and is becoming more and more a symbol of cooperation and consecration. It is a pleasure to have had the opportunity of this very close and intimate association with this work. It is my sincere hope that the fullest capacities of the greatest available leadership may be utilized to the best possible good of the associated churches and the individuals who may be touched by our influence, and to the Brotherhood of Disciples of Christ everywhere.

Before the last delegates had left the convention city last year, we were busily engaged in the business of preparing the Taylor Memorial Fellowship House for occupancy before the expected occupants arrived. By the time school opened, the house was in good condition, the matron was in residence, and seven young men were ready to enroll in Butler University. The first year of operation has been a rather rugged one, but has supplied us with valuable experience which will facilitate our efforts the second year. There is a prospect that two or three additional men will be added to the number in the new school year.

### I. Recruitment

It may be that some people are already beginning to ask questions, and are expressing doubts that some of the men who take advan-

tage of generosity of our Brotherhood and the ministerial training program. Some believe that several of our young men will never be of any real value to the Brotherhood. Of course it has been borne out by much study that it takes three recruits to make a preacher. Our percentage is a bit higher than that for the past two decades and by concentration of effort we can have relative assurance that it will not lessen. Some of the men who are screened through our process will not hold out but some of them will. **Those who will** are the ones for whom our efforts are put forth.

### II. Planning For Service

It has been the privilege of the Director to attend meeting of the Christian Education Planning Conference of our own Department of Christian Education; the Fall and Spring meetings of the National Brotherhood group "The Home and State Missions Planning Conference," and working as a member of its committee on Evangelism. In this committee the program of evangelism of the Brotherhood is carefully worked out and ways by which it may be adopted and utilized by any and every church which finds a need for them. The Pre-Easter evangelism materials will be mailed to each minister early in the Fall so that early plans for the Spring campaigns may be launched. The 1953 Pre-Easter theme will be "Christ Gives Power For Today."

One of the most forward looking trends in the brotherhood today is the trend toward statewide planning. It has been my privilege to assist in planning meetings held by State Boards or/and designated representatives of all the constituent departments in several areas, including, Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama and Tennessee. The next step in the emphasis on planning is a concentration on the local planning

for the church. The most thorough planning job now being done is at the National level. Efficiency, thoroughness and even interest, tend progressively downward to the local church level. The trend continues on down from over-all church planning to departments and committees within the church. There should be as much concern shown for planning **IN** the local church as the National groups show in planning **FOR** the local church. The responsibility, of course, is upon the minister.

### III. Long Range Program

It was during the 1930's that one of the best crop of young men were gathered together, as ministerial recruits, given the opportunity of training and guided into the work of the church, insofar as it was possible. It should be said that only a small percentage of that group and the few subsequent groups have contributed to a pastoral ministry. For example, in a three year period between 1936-39 eleven men spent at least one year in residence at the Coop House for ministerial students in Indianapolis. Of that eleven men, two were teachers from Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis doing graduate work. They returned to their post, leaving nine. Four of these have served the church in no capacity of leadership since they left Butler in 1939. Two entered full time teaching fields within the Brotherhood, though one later accepted a position with another institution out of the Brotherhood. Only three have ever held full time pastorates. Today of the eleven five are committed to full time religious work, but only **one** is holding a full time pastoral ministry to the church. Only **one**.

This narrative points up several things which gain added significance as we pursue the problem of recruitment and training and

placement of ministers. (1) In the first place we need not attempt to be clairvoyant to the point of being able to adjudge with our frail human capacities whom God has called to be His messengers, most certainly we can not know, but we can most assuredly practice a far better brand of judgment in the selection of the men in whom the vast investments of interest, money and hope will be made. The percentage of full time ministers which will accrue from a given number is small enough when all the best methods of recruitment and training are practiced. (2) The significant pain in this is that job opportunities were scarce when these men were ready, and (3) there is no evidence, except in one case, that 35% of the eleven would have accepted Christian service had the opportunity been presented. This is an indication of basic indifference or an absence of the fundamental first step in the Christian warfare, the compelling passion.

Today there are six principle institutions which are supposedly training ministers for Negro Disciples of Christ churches. They are Butler University, Jarvis College, Southern Christian Institute, The College of the Scriptures, Winston Salem Bible College and Howard University. From the best available information the total number now in training is about 30 in these six institutions.

We are able to produce preachers at about the rate the churches can absorb the brand produced. There are about five men who have entered the ministry from adult laymen's groups in the last two years. These men had families and home responsibilities and therefore cherished no hope of receiving formal training, but all of them have accepted calls to churches and are preaching every Sunday. A young seminary student refused a stu-

dent pastorate that would not pay more than \$80 to \$100 per month while his schooling was assured and he needed the experience.

Actually the picture is a confused one with our churches. According to the 1951 Year Book, there are 546 churches and 573 ministers. Of the churches 118 have preaching every Sunday and 342 have part time preaching. Seventy-two hold no regular services. Of the ministers, 46 are full time pastors, about 240 serve the 470 churches having regular services; of the remaining 287 a majority of lay ministers and NBO's and many whose activities are accountable to no one.

In the field of evangelism the Long Range Prospect is that each year will add to its membership a number equal to 10% of its current strength. In the course of ten years there should be a net increase of approximately ten percent of the 1950 report if the church program continues consistently. This will require not only a strong teaching program but a strong preaching program as well. One of the principle jobs of the pastor is his **preaching**. When he gets tired the first thing he weakens on is the preaching. It takes strong, convincing, and powerful preaching to make and keep churches strong. Furthermore it will be the means by which many now groping in darkness will be led to the Christ way and eternal salvation.

#### IV. Institutes and Conferences

In the majority of cases I have been called into youth groups, minister's meetings and conventions to teach courses and lead discussions on a theme with which the individuals in charge felt we qualified to deal by virtue of special experience and broader information gathered through our wide travel. In a

lesser number of institutes and retreats for ministers, my principle objective was to observe the method of operation, building program and etc, in order that the best that they have, when practical, might be utilized to the advantage of our ministers. This year a new need is realized which can be met only through a closer working and clinical relationship with the ministers and pastors. It is therefore our hope that this year our state minister's institutes, or pastor's retreats may be revived. With the active and financial participation of the state convention and the missionary associations, such will be easily possible.

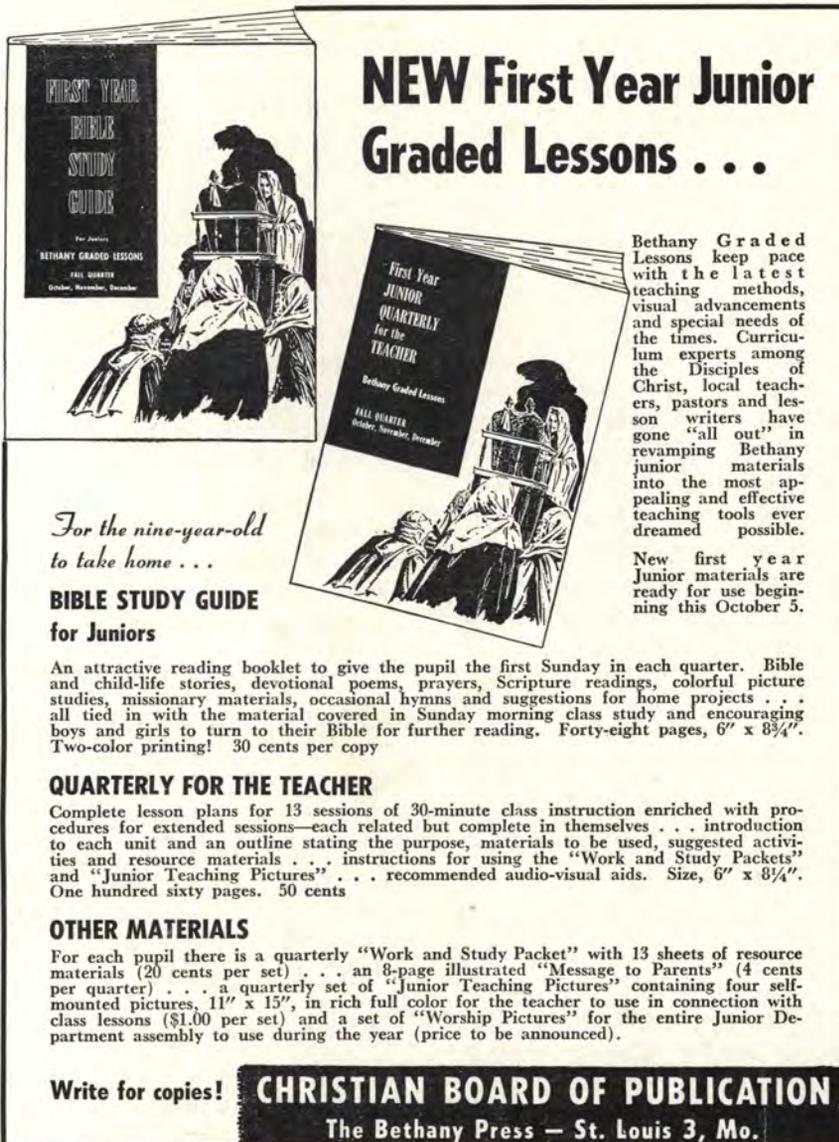
#### VI. Promotional and Educational

A portion of the tremendously important job of getting the National Convention to the local church in visible form was accomplished in Kentucky when Brother L. J. Evans and I joined President Frazier for a one week tour of some strategic points in the state. We promoted the state, national and brotherhood program, answering and asking questions. As a result of this and a similar tour of Texas as well as a steadily increasing revelation of the desire of the people on the field to know more about the causes which they were being called upon to support, a four page promotional leaflet has been developed presenting all phases of the work of our National Convention. Evangelism — emphasize the need for preaching — its importance of preaching in church.

#### VII. Laymen's Work

Nationally, the title approved for men's organization which follow the prescribed pattern generally is Christian Men's Fellowship. It is urged that all new laymen's groups which are organized in the local churches will be set up under this title. We also hope that other state groups will establish func-

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## ELDER MITCHELL

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Brethren, we truly are enriched with a great heritage. On our left, representing the past, we are compassed with a great cloud of witnesses; and on our right, which represents the present and the future, we are coming to the end of a world when men are pinning their hopes on materialism. Because of failure in these respects, the children of men, never before, are looking toward the church for the way out. They have truly found out that there is a way that seems right to man, but the end thereof is the ways of death. Never before has the church of our Lord Jesus Christ been confronted with a great challenge as now. May we acquit ourselves like men. I am convinced more than ever that we who choose to have no book but the Bible, no creed but Christ, no name but Divine have a definite contribution to make. It will take, besides earnestness and consecration, grit, grace and greenback.

We have a consecrated and truly interested national treasurer who has been our National Convention treasurer for many years; who is truly tried, who fits in the scriptural injunction, answers the question "How can a man who is unable to direct his own affairs take care of the house of God." Our Treasurer is a success in his home life, in his business life, and in his church life. May God help us rise up in all the strength of our might and do the great things for our Lord.

Fraternally yours,

M. Frederick Mitchell

## WEBB REPORT

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tioning CMF groups on a state level. This has been done in the Piedmont District, Kentucky, Tennessee, and perhaps one or two others. Of course men are carrying a great part of the responsibility in the church all along the line but they enjoy doing things together as a group of laymen.

The National President of the Laymen's League along with Mr. Dickson and your Director, planned and promoted a National Laymen's Retreat which was to have been held in Memphis during June. It was necessary to postpone the Retreat when it became apparent

that for a number of excellent reasons, there would not be enough men in attendance to justify the effort and expense. There are strong plans under way now to hold this Retreat in the late Fall. We request at this point that if you receive a letter requesting information regarding your ability to attend such a meeting **please WRITE BACK.**

My friends, I have put in writing a sketchy statement of the effort made by the Director of Church Development and Evangelism. I can add to the list the fact that through my efforts 19 were added to the church and one young man made the commitment to full life

Christian ministry, about 15,000 miles of travelling done, twenty-seven local churches served; attended four minister's institutes and five state conventions; taught numerous classes and preached an uncounted number of sermons. But

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## XENIA CELEBRATES 108TH ANNIVERSARY.

In June, 1844, Rev. Anthony Beard of Paris Kentucky began a discussion with his father on the question of slavery. He attempted to prove to his father that slavery was wrong and that he should free his slaves. He requested his father to turn the slaves over to him. After carefully considering the matter the father agreed to do so. Shortly afterwards the son Rev. Beard freed all of the slaves on the plantation and brought them to Xenia, Ohio, bought them farms and set them up in business. Mr.

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## AFTER THE CON- VENTION, WHAT ?

The 36 annual session of the National Christian Missionary Convention just closed in Los Angeles, California with representatives coming from all parts of the country. We came for fellowship, inspiration, to evaluate and measure the gains made during the last year. I know that all of you were proud of the gains that were made during the year in the area of christian education. May I take this opportunity to commend all of you, because I know that had it

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

To my Fellow-Workers in Christ:

Greetings: First I want to express my appreciation for the great honor that has been conferred upon me in being elected president of our Great National Convention. I am deeply aware of both the honor and the responsibility, and I shall do my best to be worthy of the trust that has been placed in me. Our National Convention has come a long ways during these 36 years of its existence. It is a long ways from Greenwood Park, Nashville, Tenn., 1917 to Jefferson High School in Los Angeles, Cal., 1952. It is a long way from the dreams of Preston Taylor, Henry Herod, W. H. Dickerson, Monroe Jackson, J. E. Walker and the few others that met in the Taylor home, to the realizations of W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, S. S. Myers, R. H. Davis, and Blair T. Hunt. We too, can sing with the poet, "Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died. Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, we have come through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past. Time would fail us if we attempted to mention the names of all who labored and sacrificed to bring our National Convention to where it

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## CYF COMMISSION ELECTS OFFICERS

Miss Peggy Humbert, Harrison, Ohio, became president of the 1953 International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission at the annual meeting of the organization in Lafayette, Ind. in August. She will take office January, 1953.

Howard Smith, Blue Island, Ill., was elected associate president and Miss Peggy Cooley, San Gabriel, Calif. was named secretary. Committee chairmen to serve in 1953 are Miss Betty Jean Huffman, Eldorado Springs, Colo., Worship; Sidney Tucker, Athens, Ga., study; Paul Crow, Lanett, Ala., recreation; Dick Dulin, Dallas, Tex., enlistment; and Carolann Henrichs, Litchfield, Ill., service. Jean Mosley, Jackson, Miss. was named by the National Christian Missionary Convention as its representative on the CYF Commission executive

## AFTER THE CONV., WHAT ?

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not been for your interest and concern it would not have been possible for these gains to have been made. Over 500 young people in summer conference and camp, character bond giving increased, over \$1,100.00 reported to the national convention by the Bible Schools, a number of the schools making excellent progress in their program of christian education. This required work.

We must ever keep before us that if we are to make our contribution to the building of the Kingdom of God it will take work. The joy of it all is to know that gathered around me are those like you who are concerned about this program of christian education that will never fail.

As we look ahead for this new year it will mean a year of hard work if we are to achieve our goals. The goals have been increased both financially and in program. This as you know is the only way that progress is made by increasing. I have the faith in you to believe that the goals will be achieved. Although I know they will not be achieved with ease. As Paul says: "We can do all things through Christ." With the help of God and the help of all of you we will come again to the 38 session of the convention rejoicing because of the victory achieved through work. My slogan for the year shall be Victory Through You, I know that you will not fail because of your love for the cause. I am

Sincerely yours,

Lorenzo J. Evans, Director  
Christian Education  
National Christian Missionary  
Convention

committee.

The ninth annual Commission meeting, held on the Purdue University campus, was attended by 211 youth and adult delegates from 33 states or areas.

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRES.

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is today. We could speak of B. C. Calvert, L. H. Crawford, J. N. Ervin, R. Wesley Watson, Rosa Brown Bracy, Mrs. Alphin, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Herod, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Towns, Garrett, Mosley, Pratt, Jordan, The Chandlers all of whom served in positions of leadership. Our program of Church Development, Evangelism, Christian Education, Missions and Stewardship has produced splendid results. But we have only scratched the surface in these various areas of christian service. There is so much that needs to be done now. "Truly the fields are white unto harvest," but we are handicapped by the lack of both trained leadership and money. Certainly no one can deny that our program is a worthy one and deserves the whole hearted support of every local congregation and every individual Disciple. Most of our churches cooperate either directly or indirectly through state organizations. One of our main objectives this year will be to increase the number of churches giving direct financial support to the National Convention by 25 per cent. To this end we earnestly solicit the cooperation of every minister and church Board. If your church did not make a contribution last year we urge you to have fellowship with us in this manner this year. Send your National Convention Money to The National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Ave., Memphis, Tenn. With very best wishes for your success in all you may attempt for the Master's cause and my sincere thanks for your future cooperation, I remain Yours in Christian Service.

L. L. Dickerson.



**ELDER JAMES GILBERT**  
Pastor, Main St., Xenia

Main Street was purchased. For more than forty years they wore the name Church of Christ. After many of the other churches changed their name to Christian Church, the East Main Street church did likewise. Among the Ministers that have served the Xenia Church were, Elders Stone, Campbell, Louderback, Hedges, Furgerson, Blackburn, Brown, Buchanon, Hathaway, Wilson Ewell, Womack, McMicken Cowan McDuffy, Mitchell, Hancock, Oldham, Cromwell, Butler, Smith Pinkney Johnson, Reeves, Jones and the present pastor Eld. James Gilbert. For 108 years the Main St. Christian Church has stood as a beacon light in the City of Xenia and has been a source of spiritual help and inspiration to all who have come under its influence. The church has the distinctive honor of having had one person to Africa as a Missionary, Miss Katie Blackburn.



**William H. McKinney**

Dr. William H. McKinney is the executive secretary of the department of men's work of The United Christian Missionary Society, international board of Christian missions and education of Disciples of Christ.

Dr. McKinney came into the leadership of the department of men's work with an exceptional background for this responsibility. He has held pastorates in several influential churches of the brotherhood, and during the past war he served in Jimmie Doolittle's flying group in Okinawa, as Lt. Colonel during his chaplaincy.

Dr. McKinney received his education from Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, and Yale University. The former conferred on him the D. D. degree for outstanding achievements.

Dr. McKinney has strong convictions, and has become one of the most sought after speakers in the country. He has given addresses in Canada and the Hawaiian Islands, and Australia has invited him to the World Convention of Disciples of Christ. As a world traveler, Dr. McKinney has personally interviewed men in many cities of the world.

**XENIA CELEBRATES 108TH**

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Beard was a christian man and he urged his son to see that these former slaves did not forget their christian training. After they were settled on their farms they began having prayer meetings. Not having a meeting house they held services in the home of Cherles and Hannah Brooks. Among them were Capt. James Smith, John Ferguson and Aaron Blackburn. After meeting in homes for over a year they decided to organize a church. With the financial assistance of their former master they purchased church building on Cross Street opposite the present white high school. Their first pastor was Elder Sledge. They remained at this location for about forty years. Under the pastorate of Elder Sledge the church began to grow. Other families that were added were the Hunters, Busters and Brandons. The church soon found it necessary to have a larger building and the present sight on East

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**The trustees of the National Convention will meet in Indianapolis, December 17th and 18th beginning Wednesday evening at 7:30.**

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## PIEDMONT REPORT

The Annual Disciples Youth Conference of the Piedmont area, held at Teachers College, Winston-Salem, N. C., July 27--August 2, was highlighted with a special appeal for two Disciple young men who will serve as delegates to the Third World Conference of Christian Youth, to be held in India early in December. The Bulletin Board gave priority to our Disciple delegates through pictures and other information concerning them: Newton Fowler of Atlanta, Ga., a student of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va., and Kenneth Henry of Palestine, Texas, student of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. As a result of daily talks and a canvas of the entire student group which represented the various churches of the Piedmont area, thirty-five paid Character Bonds of one dollar each were purchased and voted unanimously to be sent to the Youth-to-Asia Fund and applied on the passage expenses of these young men. Mrs. E. G. Starling of Martinsville, Va., is a Director of this conference.

More recently, the Fayette St. Christian Church, Martinsville, Va., raised through its Bible School and other auxiliaries twenty-five dollars which was also sent to the Youth-to-Asia Fund for our Disciple Delegates. Pastor of the church is J. L. Law. Bible School superintendent is David L. Wade.

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The Flint, Michigan Council of Churches is sponsoring the 1952 Interdenominational School of Religion—an adventure in fellowship

and learning, September 29—November 3. Lectures and classes are held at First Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. David E. Molyneaux is Host Pastor. The Teacher of Primary children is Mrs. Roberta Brown Courts, wife of the Minister of Vermont Christian Church of Flint, Mich. Dr. Ralph D. Kearns is Executive Director of the Flint Council of Churches.

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The Centennial Christian Church of St. Louis, Mo., W. K. Fox, Pastor, has recently prepared a Handbook Calendar, vest pocket size, which in a very unique manner keeps the membership posted of its regular church activities and its leadership personnel, and also includes a 12 month calendar outline of the important dates of the local church and of the entire brotherhood. Mrs. Rubena Stultz Fox, wife of the Pastor is very active in the leadership of young people and adults.

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Upon the retirement of J. L. Law, as Pastor of the Fayette Street Christian Church, Martinsville, Va., C. C. Griffin of Thomasville, N. C. has been called to serve this congregation. Rev. Law served actively for more than 40 years in many offices of leadership for Fayette Street Christian Church. He acted as assistant pastor under the Late J. H. Thomas, at whose death in 1940, Rev. Law assumed full ministerial duties. He now becomes Pastor Emeritus of this congregation. Mr. Griffin has recently served as Supply Pastor for the Loudon Ave. Christian Church, Roanoke, Va.

## Thank You

Real gratitude is best expressed in deeds and not words. In this spirit, the NATIONAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION in their recent annual assembly put into action their gratitude for those aged ministers and missionaries who faithfully served the churches in years gone by and who now look to the church for aid in their time of need.

An offering for Ministerial Relief and to supplement low pensions was taken at the California convention. It amounted to \$73.31. It has been gratefully acknowledged by the Pension Fund. It is a privilege to administer this money for these faithful servants of the Lord—in whose behalf we say to all who had a part, "thank you."

Last year more than \$3,000.00 of gift money was sent to aged servants of the church who formerly served churches participating in the National Christian Missionary Convention.

That you may share in the appreciation, here is a sample of their need and gratitude in a letter received in the Pension Fund Office in September. (The name and address of the individual is not published out of respect to him.)

"Dear Pension Fund Friends: I am now totally blind and I can not see, but I got this friend to write for me to let you all know how thankful I am for what you send. I ask your prayers."

This is one of many who say "thank you" that you remembered them.

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## MRS. FULLER DESIRES INFORMATION

Dear Friends:

This letter is important to you, to me, and to all who are grateful to those who have in the past made the church of Christ humanly possible to us. I refer to those who first grasped the idea of a church built on the Bible alone, after the New Testament Pattern. Those who first stepped out in faith to follow that way of life. A wonderful story of the beginning of the Disciple Churches in Texas is being written by Colby Hall, Dean Emeritus, of Brite Bible College, Texas Christian University. In many of the lists of charter members of the first Christian Churches there are some names of Negro members. Would you like to know these names? Here is what I am trying to find out, When? How? by Whom? did these Negro Christians in white Churches separate themselves and become Negro Churches on their own. When and where was the first Negro Christian Church organized in Texas. When and where were the first Negro Christian Church Conventions held. Does anyone have program of Conventions, Rallies, Camp Meetings or copies of the Gospel Plea, or family letters or leaflets of any kind that you would lend or give to help secure the information we want. Who were the first Christian preachers that your mother or grandmother talked about. Copies of very old church records. All of these things will help us construct a reliable historical story and will be greatly appreciated.

What am I getting out of it, Exactly what you are, the pleasure of doing it for the Kingdom of God. I receive no salary, pay my own way and postage. Write anything you know or think you know. You need not make it pretty or fancy. I can read anything on any kind of paper. Wouldn't it be nice to make a history of all the states together.

Maybe we could have it published in the Christian Plea from time to time.

Yours in Sisterly Concern,  
Bertha Mason Fuller  
2216 Summitt,  
Little Rock, Ark.

## MINISTERS WIVES

Dear Minister's Wife:

The 1952 National Convention of Disciples of Christ is now history. You had a very vital part in making that history and we take this opportunity to thank you for whatever contribution you made, large or small, in helping to put over the program of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship. When you solicited patrons and sent in the money, you helped to make it possible for our fellowship to grant three \$100 scholarships this year. Our goal for next year is five \$100 scholarships.

We elected a fine group of officers for the ensuing term. They are: Mrs. W. K. Fox, Missouri, President; Mrs. Thomas Courts, Michigan, Vice President; Mrs. C. H. Webb, Indiana, Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. L. Dickerson, Ohio, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Vera Pierson, Ohio, Treasurer; Mrs. A. W. Davis, Kansas, Chaplain; Mrs. R. L. Saunders, Kansas, Pianist; and Mrs. John Compton, Ohio, Corresponding Secretary. We know you are going to give these officers your wholehearted cooperation and support when they call upon you to help foster this worthy program. We solicit your continued prayers that God may direct our activities and grant us the wisdom and strength to do His will.

You will no doubt be hearing from our new president soon. She will perhaps outline the program for 1953 and assign responsibilities to each of us.

With every good wish for your continued health and happiness, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. R. H. Peoples



## STEWARDSHIP

"Discipleship Requires Stewardship." This is more than a stewardship theme promoted by a committee or department. Disciples of Christ accept the authority of no man or organization, but claim Jesus Christ as our authority and the Bible our rule of faith and practice. Christ made stewardship central in his teaching and in his life, which began with the tithe, but ended with the cross. To become a disciple, one must accept Christ with mind, heart and will. To live as a disciple, one must follow and obey the Master, which includes Christian stewardship of life, expressed in the commitment of a definite portion of time, talent and income for the Kingdom of God. What Christ made primary, we dare not make secondary or incidental. Disciples of Christ should major in Christian stewardship.

Many local churches are giving special emphasis to stewardship in October, as a phase of church loyalty month. The fall stewardship packet was mailed to each church in June in order that the ministers and stewardship committees might plan their fall church program. This included the manual of suggestions for stewardship education and enlistment and for the every member enlistment. Each church was furnished with the beautiful, colored stewardship poster, "Lord, What Wilt Thou Have

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## THE PIEDMONT CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Piedmont Christian Youth Conference was held at Winston-Salem Teachers College the week of July 26—August 2. This is the most interesting and effective activity of the Christian church in this district which includes the Christian churches in Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. Mrs. E. G. Starling, who founded the Conference twenty-two years ago in Martinsville, Va. served this summer as Director. Mr. A. I. Terrell, Business Manager of the College and a highly esteemed member of the Christian church gave valuable assistance in arranging the Conference. Faculty and staff members included the daily Vesper speaker, Rev. Charles Ward, Mrs. Cora Mae Carter, Worship and Music; Mrs. Louise Dickerson, Enlistment; Miss Justina Spencer, Mrs. Daisy Roland, Service; Miss Margaret Ridley, Mrs. Lucy Bannister, Dean of Women; Rev. M. L. Lambert, Dean of Men; Mrs. E. E. Byers, Business Manager; Miss Cordelia Hairston, assistant; White faculty members Mr. Garnett Day, Recreation; and Mr. Herman Reynolds, Missionary to India. Miss Mabel Frazier had classes in Study.

The Conference opened with a concert of sacred music by the Youth choir of the Jones Street Christian church of Bluefield, W. Va. directed by Mrs. Cora Mae Carter. This was followed by the camp fire and circle of the Chi Rho group which met simultaneously during the week with the Conference. The

Chi Rho camp is organized and led by Rev. W. H. Brown, pastor of the Cleveland Avenue Christian church. He was assisted in this work with the children of the twelve to fourteen year old age by Misses Pauline Staples, Alberta Clark, Arzola Brown, Mrs. Cornelia Hairston, and Mrs. Jacqueline Hayes Harris.

Almost one hundred persons participated in the Conference and the Chi Rho camp and the fourteen Conference graduates constituted the second largest class in the history of this conference. Their graduation exercises on Friday evening were most impressive. Members wearing caps and gowns, presenting their class poem, song, history, will, salutatory and valedictory addresses, were: Bernice Burgess, Peggy Ann Drewry, Phillip Green, Louise Hairston, Anna Harris, Loretta McMillan, Forestine Pannell, David Pettie, Inez Pettie, Horace Taft, Ruth Dickerson Taylor, Shirley Travis, Colonel Vaughn and Shirley Walker.

The theme of the lovely Consecration service which followed was: "That We Fail Not Man Nor Thee." The speaking parts and music were flawlessly rendered. The tableaux, or background scene consisting of a portrayal of "The Last Supper" by members of the Graduating class, was unforgettable. The beautiful closing candlelight circle with all conferee girls in white dresses and shoes preceded the night of silence. At dawn everyone partook of the Lord's supper in another excellent, spiritual service. After that came breakfast, a final friendship circle and the twenty second Piedmont Christian Youth Conference became history.

## UNITED SOCIETY EXECUTIVES TO VISIT MISSION FIELDS

Dr. A. Dale Fiers, President of The United Christian Missionary Society and Dr. Virgil A. Sly, chairman of the Society's Foreign Division will visit several mission centers abroad during November. Leaving the United States October 22, they will go to England to meet with the British Missions Committee, then to Brussels, Belgium where Congo missionaries are engaging in study required by the Belgian government. The two men will be in the Congo during November and Dr. Sly will return to the United States on completion of administrative work in Africa. Dr. Fiers will proceed to India, Thailand and Japan on his first visit to mission stations in those countries. He will return to the United States January 21.

## PHILIPPINE CHRIS- TIANS SEND OUT FIRST MISSIONARY

The United Church of Christ in the Philippines voted in August to send out its first missionary to another country, when Mr. Dario Alampay was approved for service in Thailand. He will go from the Philippines to do educational work in the Disciples of Christ Thailand Mission at Nakon-Pathom, starting in March, 1953. At present, he is attending the Union Theological Seminary in Manila. The arrangement for him to undertake the new work was made jointly by the United Church and the Thailand Mission.

## Ministers' Wives Fellowship Report of the Financial Secretary . . .

August 15, 1952

### DUES

The following persons paid dues of 50 cents each:

Mrs. A. H. Callens  
 Mrs. A. L. Martin  
 Mrs. Vera Pearson  
 Mrs. F. T. Barnett  
 Mrs. A. W. Davis  
 Mrs. R. H. Davis  
 Mrs. A. J. Jeffries  
 Mrs. C. B. Tarrance  
 Mrs. R. L. Saunders  
 Mrs. John R. Compton  
 Mrs. Jessie Jacobs  
 Mrs. C. L. Parks  
 Mrs. E. J. Dickson  
 Mrs. L. B. Facen  
 Mrs. E. W. Wilbert  
 Mrs. Thomas W. Courts  
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 Mrs. C. H. Webb  
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 Mrs. O. B. Garner  
 Mrs. T. R. Everett  
 Mrs. Hines  
 Mrs. H. L. Herod  
 Mrs. Pearl Craggett  
 Mrs. E. G. Titus  
 Mrs. Dora Gaston  
 Mrs. Fronia Walker Clark  
 Mrs. F. L. Sledge  
 Mrs. M. F. Mitchell  
 Mrs. G. C. Campbell  
 Mrs. P. P. Dickerson  
 Mrs. R. H. Peoples  
 Mrs. J. E. Walker  
 Mrs. O. Zollar

TOTAL ---\$ 18.50

### STATE RALLY

Alabama	-----	\$ 10.00
Arkansas	-----	27.00
California	-----	284.50
Illinois	-----	11.00
Indiana	-----	20.00
Kansas	-----	40.00
Kentucky	-----	16.00
Maryland	-----	2.00
Michigan	-----	8.00
Mississippi	-----	14.00
Missouri	-----	29.00
Ohio	-----	39.10
Tennessee	-----	2.00
Texas	-----	13.00
Washington, D. C.	-----	25.00
Mrs. J. E. Walker (One \$100 Scholarship)	-----	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$ 640.60</b>

### RECEIPTS

State Rally	-----	\$ 640.60
Offering	-----	32.84
Dues	-----	18.50
Payment on flowers	---	2.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$ 694.19</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Accompanist for Recital	\$ 25.00	
Honorarium for Miss Perpener	75.00	
Promoting Program during the year	44.55	
Reception expenses & Janitor	74.73	
Flower refund and Money Order	.90	
Publicity of Recital	16.15	
Donations: K. Henry Fund & PLEA	100.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$ 336.43</b>

Balance on hand, \$ 357.76.

Mrs. P. P. Dickerson,  
 Acting Financial Sec'y



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is the right of every American youth to receive the guidance and influence of Christian teachers and institutions. The direction of children and young people to an understanding of the Word and purpose of God is a primal responsibility of the church. The foundation of character and the development of life upon Christian principles is the ultimate objective of the program of Christian education.

State Missions (the work of the State Missionary Society) is concerned with the founding of new congregations and the giving of assistance to pastors and churches. During the year some type of definite service is rendered to majority of the congregations.

Christian Education includes the work of the state director and the national work, student work, leadership training, camps and conferences, children's work, etc.

State Missions and Christian Education receive support from the Thanksgiving offerings. All Sunday Schools and churches are urged to emphasize the significance of the work and take a generous offering. Materials, including informative leaflets, coin boxes and offering envelopes are available free from Unified Promotion, Box 5636, Indianapolis or through the state office.

# NEW BETHANY LESSONS

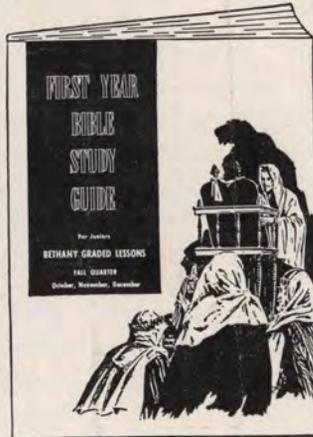
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From your brotherhood publishing house . . . completely new Bethany First-Year Junior Graded Lessons are ready for use with 9-year-old children or for the entire Junior Department . . . materials which meet today's highest educational and pictorial standards. *Write for samples!*

**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE for Pupils.** An appealing, home-reading booklet to give Juniors the first Sunday in each quarter. Bible and child-life stories, devotional poems, prayers, Scripture readings, colorful picture studies, missionary materials, occasional hymns . . . all tied in with the Sunday morning lesson material. *30 cents per copy*

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**OTHER MATERIALS.** Work and Study Packets for each pupil in the class (*20 cents per set per quarter*) . . . quarterly sets of colorful Junior Teaching Pictures for the class (*\$1.00 per class set*) . . . an 8-page quarterly Message to Parents to help coordinate the work of the church school class and the parents (*4 cents each*).



## Third-Year Primary Graded Lessons

Following in the steps of the popular new Bethany First-Year and Second-Year Primary Graded Lessons, the new third-year Primary materials are now ready. *Write for samples!*

**PRIMARY BIBLE STORIES FOR PUPILS.** Forty-eight page, reading booklets for the child to take home each quarter. Bible stories, poems, songs and other enrichment materials appealingly illustrated in color and in black and white. *30 cents per copy*

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## STEWARDSHIP

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Me To Do," which should bring a challenge to all church members as they view it. Samples of new stewardship pamphlets were sent, which along with formerly published pamphlets are available in quantities, free to all who order them from Unified Promotion. Each year there is a growing interest and a wider participation in this period of stewardship emphasis.

## FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE AND COMMISSION

The Fall Planning Conference and Commission of the Department of Christian Education of the National Christian Missionary Convention is being held again in Indianapolis at the Second Christian Church, 2901 North Kenwood Avenue, November 28-29, 1952. Each year the state leaders of Christian Education are invited to

this meeting with the National Staff members to plan the program emphases. It is our hope that every state will be represented, and we will have a complete cross section of leaders to help plan the total program for the National Convention churches.

The Commission was inaugurated August, 1951 with the hope of helping to undergird the Christian Education program financially. A committee on finance was set up last year, and through its efforts the offerings from the Church School were more than doubled. At the meeting in Indianapolis in November, we will study the budget of the Department of Christian Education and make recommendations as to its approval for the year 1952-1953. By all means be sure that your state is represented in this meeting.

—Lorenzo J. Evans

Avoid the last minute rush, raise your National Convention apportionment now, and send to the treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Take your vacation at the National Convention in Roanoke, Virginia, August, 1953.

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## THE TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY

The 1st Tri-State Assembly, composed of the Christian Churches of Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri, met at the West Paseo Christian Church October 23rd-26th. Convention Theme was: "The Assurance Of Things Hoped For; That We May Know Him." Activities began Thursday Morning with the Executive Committee meeting; they reviewed the program and planned the work for the next quarter.

Delegates attended the 1st session Thursday Evening. Devotionals were conducted by Frank H. Coleman, Jr. Excellent music was rendered by the local choir. The meeting was turned over to G. Ellison Lakes by the minister, S. S. Myers, who also presented Raymond W. Baldwin, Executive Sec'y of Kansas and President of Tri-State Board, who brought a most helpful message upon the theme: "The Messengers of Jesus." After this the delegates, visitors and workers were introduced by the Field Worker, R. Wesley Watson.

After a delicious breakfast, served by the local church Friday Morning, activities continued with Devotions led by Mrs. Agnes H. Jones of Kansas City, Kansas. The groups assembled in different workshops held upon the theme: "This is the way we're doing it." (a) In Christian Education, Mrs. Hazel Batsell, Chr., and Mrs. R. L. Saunders, Resource Leader. (b) In

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## COSMOPOLITAN TO PURCHASE NEW BUILDING

A great need has arisen in the West Adams and Crenshaw District. Hundreds of people have bought homes in this lovely area; there is no church home for several miles away. The Cosmopolitan Christian Church, which has been serving the community for three decades at Thirty-Third Street and Hooper Ave., has been challenged to purchase a spacious Jewish Temple located on the corner of West Adams and Hillcrest Avenue, for the sum of \$90,000—\$30,000 down payment and the balance to be paid monthly or quarterly. This temple would meet the needs of a type of program our church has assumed: Preaching, or Evangelism; Christian Education; Bible Study Classes; Nursery for children of working mothers; Social Service, including Human Relationship; and a Coaching School in Household Service.

Besides a sanctuary with capacity that will hold one thousand persons there is a banquet hall that will accomodate five hundred people, eight classrooms with the capacity to accommodate from forty to eighty people, a well-equipped nursery and open outdoor playground enclosed.

Our membership has dedicated its entire strength to raise the down payment of \$30,000. Our financial efforts is less than a month old. To date, we have in

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ROSA PAGE WELCH

## TRAVEL LETTER NO. 1

Manila, Philippines  
September 19, 1952

Dear Friends:

My two weeks in Japan were extremely inspirational, pleasing, and rewarding in spite of an extra-strenuous schedule. From the moment I arrived until I left, I was constantly overwhelmed by the generosity, the extreme kindness and appreciation of the people of Japan. The challenge was tremendous. The two days at beautiful Kanazawa were wonderfully restful, and I am grateful for the privilege of having been there. When I returned to Tokyo, I really pitched in!

SEPTEMBER 4—I sang for two sessions at Joshi Seigakuin and Seigakuin students. To stand before one thousand lovely girls with their eager eyes upon you is an

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## The Christian Plea

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## SEVEN POINT GOALS FOR 1952-53

### NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

- 1—Field staff worker.
  - a. Evangelistic training program for laymen.
  - b. Organizational promotion.
- 2—Library project for Taylor Memorial Fellowship House.
- 3—\$10.00 national apportionment for each local group.
- 4—\$10.00 representation for each state organization.
- 5—Special gifts from each local organization.
- 6—Special gifts from individuals.
- 7—Fellowship cup.

Reservations for Annual Fellowship Banquet at National Convention, \$1.00. Reservations to be in by July 1st.

Host church not eligible to compete for cup.

Alfred Thomas, President

## EDITORIAL

In a recent issue of the Christian Reformer, Eld. W. H. Taylor, Editor, had the following comment: "We hope that Brother L. L. Dickerson has become president of the National Christian Missionary Convention for such a time as this! In order that you might know where he once stood, we publish the following recommendation (that was presented to the 27th Annual National Convention in Columbus) which he helped frame and signed."

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace in our National Brotherhood, we offer the following resolutions:

Whereas, we are living in a time of great stress, when the most sacred and inspiring things are being ruthlessly trampled under foot, and whereas there is a great tendency to stray away from the Apostolic Faith and order, and a flagrant disregard for the traditions of our fathers,

Be it resolved, that we express our unalterable opposition to those liberal and modernistic teachings, practices and scriptural interpretations and the admittance to membership of those who fail to comply with the conditions set forth in the New Testament; Be it further resolved that we reaffirm our belief in the Deity of Jesus, the Supreme Authority of the New Testament on all questions of faith and order, and that we "earnestly contend for the faith" and zealously guard the heritage left us by the Taylors, Smiths, Browns, Walkers, Herods, Louderbacks, Spencers, Thomases, Handcocks, Alphins, Dickersons, and . . . a host of others too numerous to mention, who gave their last full measure of devotion to the Christ and the Church he established.

Be it further resolved, that we reject as leaders those who do not teach, practice, or believe those things which the Christian Church has held to be mandatory and essential: and that the National Convention of Disciples of Christ teach and preach in no uncertain terms against open membership.

Brother Taylor submits this bit of evidence as "where we once stood." For some reason he seems to doubt that we stand on the same position we did in 1943. But for his information we are happy to reaffirm that same position. "We are still unalterably opposed to all liberal and modernistic teachings, practices and unscriptural interpretations, and the admittance to membership of any and all who fail to comply with the conditions set forth in the New Testament. We shall always regret losing the fellowship of Baltimore Taylor, C. W. Arnold, A. G. Nelson and the other Breatheran of the Preaching Convention. On behalf of the Members of the National Christian Missionary Convention, I would like to say to them, that it is our sincere desire that the breach between us be closed. We have too much in common and we need each other too much to let anything stand between us. We appeal to you in the words of the great Apostle, "Let there be no division among (you) us." The National Convention never has and never will, make support of brotherhood agencies nor non-support of brotherhood agencies a test of fellowship. There is room enough in the National Convention for all of us. The National Convention never will accept as leaders those who reject the fundamental principles of the church of Christ. "Some may creep in unawares," and we may out of charity tolerate them for awhile, but we will never accept their heresy. We need Taylor, Arnold and Nelson and all of the others. "In faith, let us have unity, in opinions, liberality, in everything else love." Let us forget the past differences and unite in building the church we all love so much and for which we all have suffered and sacrificed. We all belong to each other.

**THE TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY**

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Evangelism and Membership Cultivation, Prof. G. B. Buster, Chr. and R. Wesley Watson, Resource Leader. After which all came together and evaluations and reports were given by each group with questions. This session concluded after a splendid sermon by the Rev. R. L. Saunders of Kansas City, Kansas.

Friday afternoon Raymond E. Brown of Hannibal, Mo. presided. After a brief song service, delegates divided into workshops. S. S. Myers conducted a workshop on "Church Administration for officials of boards and members." The Christian Women's Fellowship discussed the workings of the morning session.

Frank J. Crow, Religious Director of Missouri brought an instructive message on "Christian Education and Youth Work." Report on Progress of Tri-State Work was given by R. Wesley Watson, Field Worker. Dinner was served by the local church.

Services Friday Evening with Wm. Martin, of Fulton, Mo. presiding. Devotions by the Young People with Mrs. Cora Bragg, Sponsor. Splendid music was rendered by the choir of 8th St. Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas, and an excellent sermon was delivered by Warrick E. Graves, of Wichita, Kansas, upon the theme, "To Whom Shall We Go?"

Saturday Morning Devotions led by W. S. Sims, Lawrence, Kansas and delegates again enjoyed splendid workshops. Roy L. Thorp, National Director of Stewardship, of Indianapolis, Indiana conducted a most helpful workshop on Christian Stewardship, and Mrs. Helen Schwab, Executive Sec'y. of Women's Work for Kansas led the women in a study of missions. In the combined assembly reports and discussions were made on each workshop. Raymond E. Brown delivered a most inspiring sermon on

the Convention theme: "The Assurance Of Things Hoped For; That We May Know Him."

Saturday afternoon Mrs. R. L. Groves of Jefferson City, Mo. presided. Workshops were held on Church Administration and Program Building with W. E. Graves, Chr. and Stewardship for the total church, with Anderson H. Thomas, Chr. and Roy L. Thorp, Resource Leader. Reports of each workshop were given. A Special Message was given by Rev. S. S. Myers on the theme: "Of Special Interest to You." Rev. Myers told the story of the start and work of the Tri-State Board and the relation of this work to the local church.

The Assembly then held a brief business session and expressions were given of the meeting and the Assembly voted to hold another meeting which will be worked out by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of Raymond Baldwin, Executive Sec'y. of Kansas, President. G. Ellison Lakes, Vice Pres., Pres. of Kansas State Convention. Lester B. Rickman, Executive Sec'y. of Missouri Christian Convention, Ira D. Crewdson, Executive Sec'y. of Arkansas Christian Missionary Convention: S. S. Myers, Sec'y-Treasurer and R. Wesley Watson, Field Worker.

Saturday Evening a special meeting was held for laymen on Men's Work, with Prof. C. C. Danel, of Jefferson City, Missouri, Chairman. After giving a very timely message upon the theme and raising some very pertinent questions, Prof. Daniel presented Dr. G. Robert Cotton, Pres. of Kansas Technical Institute, Topeka, Kansas, whose message was a challenge to the men of the church into greater service. Mr. Horace N. Moore, of Jefferson City, Mo., Field Worker for men's work of Missouri brought the message in which he stressed organization and activities of successful men's groups. Every man left the meeting greatly in-

spired to put forth their best efforts for Kingdom Building.

The women's group was led by Mrs. R. L. Groves, Chr. Mrs. Helen W. Schwab, Executive Sec'y. for Women's Work of Kansas, brought an interesting message on "Missions and the Long Range Program of the Church." The session concluded with an impressive devotional message by Rev. Wm. K. Fox, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Sunday Morning Bible School at 9:45, Services 11 A.M. Rev. Horace N. Moore of Jefferson City, Missouri brought a very challenging message to the Tri-State Assembly. After services the assembly retired to the Social Hall to partake of a delightful luncheon which was donated, prepared and served by the men and women of the Christian Churches in the Kansas City, Kansas area, through the cooperation of Raymond Baldwin, Executive Sec'y. of Christian Churches of Kansas.

Resolutions of appreciation were read by Mrs. Lillian Wilhoit, of Vandalia, Missouri. The assembly closed with a very impressive and uplifting consecration service and friendship circle conducted by Raymond Baldwin.

**COSMOPOLITAN CHURCH**

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cash, pledges and the equivalent, \$14,000. We prayerfully request the ministers and churches in our entire brotherhood to raise an offering for our new church home. Your offering will be gratefully acknowledged. We hope to raise enough money for the down payment by January 15, 1953. If each church in our great brotherhood would raise from one to ten dollars, our goal would be reached by February, 1953. There will be a few churches and individuals who will give \$100. You will have reason to be happy that you were a part of this great humanitarian and church promotional program.

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unforgettable experience. They sang beautifully, too. It was my first experience with an interpreter; but it went rather well. My greatest difficulty was trying to talk slowly enough and not too long before giving the interpreter a chance. But gradually I learned. In the late afternoon of that same day I made tape recordings at the Avacao Studio.

**SEPTEMBER 5**—Miss Daisy Edgerton and I went on a sightseeing trip into the large State of Buddha. It was most interesting, and I took a number of pictures which I hope are good. In the evening I spent about two hours recording.

**SEPTEMBER 6**—In the late afternoon I sang at a sacred concert at Ginza Church.

**SEPTEMBER 7 (Sunday)**—In the morning I sang at the Kanazawa Congregational Church. In the evening after services at the Union Church we had supper, and then for about an hour I led this wonderful group in informal singing. It was a great experience.

**SEPTEMBER 8**—I visited the kindergarten school at our mission. These precious Japanese children looked just like dolls! In the forenoon, Mrs. Hannaford, of the Presbyterian Mission, took me shopping. Then Mr. Hannaford met us at a lovely Japanese restaurant and we had a delicious lunch. That night Miss Hana Kawai (my accompanist and interpreter) and I left for a week's tour in other parts of Japan.

**SEPTEMBER 9**—In the morning we went to Hokuriku Jogakuin, in Kanazawa. In the afternoon at city hall I sang to more than fifteen hundred school children. Everywhere we went we sang to hundreds, yea, thousands of school children—elementary, high school, and college—and I've never been more moved than I was by their eagerness and appreciation for my

songs and what I had to say. And how they loved singing with me, especially the spirituals! At Kanazawa I asked them to sing one of their songs for me. It was one of the most beautiful melodies I have ever heard, and I decided to learn it and include it in my program. Everywhere I sang it, the audiences were thrilled. That night, after a short rest and dinner, we gave another program in the auditorium of the Presbyterian school, and again had a large and appreciative audience. Then we left for Osaka, arriving at 5:15 the next morning.

**SEPTEMBER 10**—Sang at eleven o'clock in the morning and again at 3:30 assembly in the afternoon, and at a formal concert in the evening, in a beautiful new auditorium on the campus. (It was good to sleep in a bed that night in Osaka! . . .) After the concert I met several missionary couples (Episcopal, Disciple, and Presbyterian) in the Presbyterian House; Miss Taylor, another missionary, joined us, and we had refreshments. A newspaper reporter from one of the Japanese magazines had quite a long interview with me, and the next day an article with my picture appeared in the paper. My interpreter read it for me. It had the familiar sound of some portions being twisted, but my interpreter said it was largely favorable, which was unusual, it seemed. All in all, it was a good report. A large broadcasting station recorded the entire evening's concert.

**SEPTEMBER 11** — We left by morning plane for Fukuoka. The plane was three and a half hours late, so we were unable to keep our appointment at a Baptist school; but a wonderful young missionary couple from the school met us and were most understanding about the situation, and helped us to get the train from there. We arrived at Shimonoseki about 6:15 in the afternoon and were met by our good friend, Virginia Mackenzie.

**SEPTEMBER 12**—The next morning at 8:30 we left for Kumamoto. We were guests at a large Lutheran mission school. Sang to nearly two thousand school children and adults. Another great experience! I learned that nearby there was a leprosarium, and so I asked to go there. Miss Ackard, from the Lutheran Mission, took me out. About a thousand lepers were enjoying a movie. I mentioned to the doctor that I would be glad to sing for them if they would like me to, and lo, these precious people were willing to stop the movie to listen to poor little me! It was a relief and an inspiration to find that they were happy and having a good time. I did not expect to find that, and was ready to pour out all the sympathy I had. I sang for them and included the Japanese folk song I learned from the girls at Kanazawa — and their expression of appreciation was almost overwhelming. We returned to the Mission, and had a time of wonderful fellowship with the four charming women in the Mission House and the president of the school.

**SEPTEMBER 13**—We left for Fukuoka, where we got the plane back to Osaka. The plane was late again, so we could not sing at Kobe College. We went by car to Doshisha Women's College where the huge auditorium was packed with people. Such appreciative people even for a tired singing voice! We had to rush to get our train right after the concert to return to Tokyo.

**SEPTEMBER 14**— (Sunday) Arrived Tokyo in the morning. Spent almost three hours making recordings (speaking as well as singing) for a large new broadcasting station. Two of these programs have been broadcast; I did not hear them, but reports are that they came out all right. In the afternoon I sang at a sacred concert for the benefit of the Hiroshima atom-bomb victims. In the evening I sang

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A. C. STONE



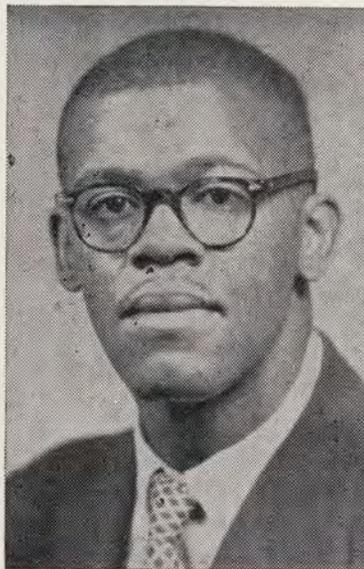
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These are the members of the Finance Committee of the Commission on Christian Education of the National Christian Missionary Convention. This committee was formed as a result of the first commission meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana, 1951. The purpose of the committee was to promote the program of finance to undergird the total program of Christian Education. Last year over eleven hundred dollars were reported by the church schools before the convention met in California. This

was more than three times the money reported by the schools in any previous year.

The goal set for 1952-53 is \$3,892.50 for the National Convention and the same amount for Unified Promotion for a grand total asking from the schools, \$7,785.00. Each member has been assigned an area that he or she is responsible for promoting the financial program. A. C. Stone, Cincinnati, Ohio, Chairman, is assigned Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. W. H. Brown, Winston-Salem, North

Carolina will carry out promotion in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Eastern Seaboard area and South Carolina. I. Q. Hurdle, Austin, Texas will work in Arkansas, California, Oklahoma and Texas. C. J. Hinson, Montgomery, Alabama is area promoter in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. Miss Odie Belle Lewis of Lexington, Kentucky will promote finance in Kentucky, Kansas, Tennessee and Missouri. I feel sure through the consecrated efforts of these leaders and the cooperation on your part, we can and will reach our goal. If you as a local school superintendent have not as yet sent in your first report, now is the time to do so. Your school is being counted on 100%.

Sincerely yours,  
Lorenzo J. Evans, Director  
Christian Education

**DON'T STARVE  
THE PLEA,  
PAY YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION  
NOW !**

## ROMINE STREET AND DISTRICT NO. 2

It is almost time for another Woman's Day, and yet the Romine St. Church and the citizens of Dallas are still talking about our last Woman's Day program at Romine St. Mrs. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tenn. was our guest speaker. Her subject was "Home is a Woman's Institution." For forty five minutes with her charm and personality she held her audience spell bound with this most helpful and inspiring message. The Romine Church, its pastor, Eld. R. L. Searcy. Officers and members are very grateful to Mrs. Walker for coming to us, and we pray God's richest blessings upon her. Her message was a great inspiration to our youth as well as the adults. Our district board was held in Fort Worth, October 31st, Nov. 1 and 2nd, and was very successful. The workshop for C, W, F. and the bible school was well attended. We are grateful to Mrs. Elnora Rollins, Mrs. G. A. Evans and Mrs. D. W. Boyd for conducting the workshops. Our thanks to Eld. Leonard Brown and wife, and the members of East Annie Christian Church for the fine way we were entertained. The theme, "Discipleship Require Loyalty and Stewardship" was well developed. The meeting closed Sunday afternoon with Eld. M. C. Dickson, state president bringing the closing message which was truly great. Amount raised, \$325.60.

Mrs. E. G. Titus, President

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**ROANOKE**

**AUGUST, 1953**

## SPECIAL DAYS

Dear Friends:

One recently wrote . . . "It is the responsibility of churches in our era to revive faith in the power of God to direct our destiny, to give new life to faith in Christ as Saviour . . . and to restore faith that God has not left Himself without a witness among any people."

To meet such a responsibility requires the enlistment of concern of every possible Christian. The task is too big for a faithful few! The influence of the church will be increased in direct ratio to the effort leaders make to reach others.

A vital part of the program of increased outreach relates to increased sharing. Leaders within our churches have declared that our giving for brotherhood work should be doubled within the decade. Substantial gains have been made. We are on the way to the achievement of this worthy objective. The cooperation and participation of all is needed to assure continued growth.

The Thanksgiving offering helps support State Missions and Christian Education. All Special Day offerings (Thanksgiving, Easter and Children's Day) sent to Unified Promotion or the cooperating causes are credited as regular missionary giving.

Cordially yours,  
Julian E. Stuart

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## COSMOPOLITAN CHURCH

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For reference, we refer you to Dr. C. A. Cole, State Executive Secretary—Christian Churches of Southern California. Also we enjoy the blessings of the spiritual and civic leaders of our great city including the pastors of the Christian Churches in that area; Rev. James C. Brown, McCarthy Memorial Christian Church, and Rev. Kenneth H. Tuttle, Arlington Ave-

## WEEK OF COM- PASSION, FEB. 15-22

Dear Co-worker,

It has often been expressed that compassion is more powerful for good will and peace than force. Compassion is an expression of Christ's concern for all people.

The first impulse of Christ when he saw people in need physically or in distress spiritually was to help them. He loved them—the impoverished, the demon possessed, the disease ridden, the destitute and the distressed. He revealed a new note in religion. This new note needs to be sounded by Disciples of Christ in the present world. The Week of Compassion offers an effective opportunity.

You are requested to make your own goal in light of the following considerations:

- The physical and spiritual needs of people in Europe and Asia.
- The necessity for Christians to share.
- The ability of the members of the church to share.
- The fact that \$127,273.44 increase over last year's giving is essential to reach the financial goal for 1953.

The situation calls for larger gifts from the churches which gave last year and a larger number of churches participating this year.

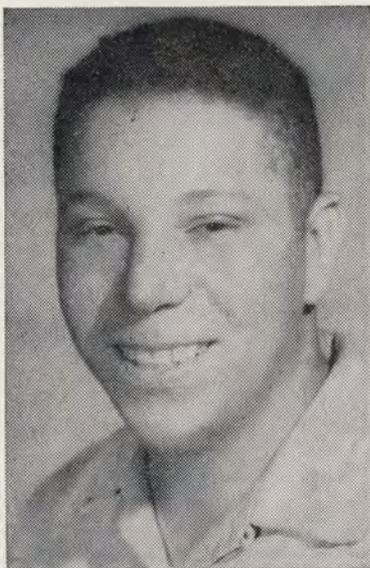
Our lives are enriched by compassion today because Christ never grew weary in helping others. May we respond to the call of compassion in February in the spirit of Christ.

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nue Christian Church.

Make checks payable to the Cosmopolitan Christian Church, Mrs. Mazie Gray, Treasurer. Awaiting your love offering,

Fraternally yours,  
M. Frederick Mitchell—Pastor  
Cosmopolitan Christian Church



JESSE JACOB



COLEEN LOUISVILLE



QUEEN E. JACKSON

## NATIONAL YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

These are the three young people that participated in the Youth Oratorical Contest at the National Christian Missionary Convention held in Los Angeles, California, August 11-17, 1952. Jesse Jacobs, now enrolled as a freshman in Los Angeles City College and member of the 28th Street Christian Church, Los Angeles, was the winner of the first award of \$100 scholarship. Miss Coleen Louisville of Port Gibson, Mississippi, now enrolled as a freshman in Jackson College, Jackson, Mississippi was the winner of the second award of \$50.00 scholarship. Miss Queen Ester Jackson, members of Ross Street Church was the runner up. She is now enrolled in Alabama State Teachers College of Montgomery.

Lorenzo J. Evans, Director  
Christian Education

## NEW Sunday Evening PROGRAMS



### PM PACK No. 6 for Intermediates

Stimulating new Sunday evening programs on choice topics for youths 12-14 years old in the Chi Rho Fellowship. Complete, easy-to-follow plans . . . missionary studies, factual reports, celebrations, lively discussions and interesting projects . . . meetings are easy to expand or condense. *Forty illustrated, four-page leaflets for youths, punched to fit an 8½" x 11" notebook.* Appealing pictures! *Eight leaflets just for the adult sponsor!* \$2.50 per yearly packet

### FELLOWSHIP for Seniors and Young People

A wonderful new evening program planning guide for the Christian Youth Fellowship. In one handy 8½" x 11" book, with tear-out pages, are complete plans for 49 lively meetings and a CYF installation service. *Enough material for an entire year!* Explicit directions for the youth leader and for the counselor for each meeting throughout the year . . . suggested resource materials . . . four pages of easily adjustable program plans for each meeting . . . closing worship suggestions . . . a brief description of each unit in the Table of Contents . . . excellent illustrations . . . two-column, easy-to-read print. \$3.50 per book; 3 books for \$10.00

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**TRAVEL LETTER NO. 1**

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at the service center for American forces and met a few I knew. It was good to get in a visit with a half dozen Negro servicemen. Afterwards, my lovely new Japanese friend, Naomi Kikuta, invited Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks and me to a delicious dinner in a beautiful Japanese restaurant. I learned to use chopsticks!

SEPTEMBER 15—In the morning I sang at the Keisen Girls' School, of which Miss Michi Kawai is principal. It was a glorious experience to have a visit with this saintly woman. Then I went to ICU. This is a most beautiful campus, and the one building is a magnificent structure. It was good to see Dr. and Mrs. Yuasha and to meet the other fine faculty members and several missionaries from the station. For once I didn't have to have an interpreter, for all the students speak English, and we had a great experience singing together. From there we went to Joshi Gakuin for a big student rally—another great experience of singing for and with the students. The proceeds from this rally were for the delegates to the World Youth Conference.

SEPTEMBER 16 — At Women's Christian College, one of the most beautiful, and with one of the largest and most wonderful groups of students. This was a tremendous experience. Tuesday evening I sang my only formal concert. You should have seen me, dressed in a beautiful Japanese evening gown and wearing Japanese costume jewelry, all gifts from these extremely generous people!

SEPTEMBER 17—At 9:30 I sang for the boys' school of our Disciple Mission, the only boys' school in which I sang. After having only one hour feverishly to pack my bags I left to go to Yokohama to sing at Ferris Girls' School and at another Baptist school. Both were wonderful experiences. I was weary to the point of exhaustion, but the

amazing thing happened which constantly is happening: though we sing when we are the most tired, we have our greatest inspirations, and God gives us the strength to carry on.

On my last day, at Kokohama, I had an opportunity to go to one of the orphanages where the "war babies" are. I saw so many beautiful children, all of them precious and tugging at the heartstrings. We went out to the playground and many of them (all colors and mixtures) rushed to me, looking up into my face as they clung to my skirt, and saying, "Momee, Momee, Momee." I tried to show love to all of them. We went into a room where some little girls were playing; one, a beautiful dark-brown, curly-haired one, came to me. I took her in my arms and she hugged me and lay her precious little head on my face. I caressed her and pressed her to me. She didn't want to let go of me, and I wished I could have her as my very own. It was difficult to keep back the tears . . .

I wish I had the time to write in detail about the many experiences I am having through the kindness and generosity of all of you who had faith in me. I shall try to do so another time.

With good wishes to all of you, I am

Your friend and amabassador  
of good will,

ROSA PAGE WELCH

**DO IT NOW**

The first report from your Bible School is past due. If you haven't sent it, please do so as soon as possible. Our aim is 100 per cent cooperation. Help us to exceed last years record. We are depending upon every local school. Send your report to the National Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 480 Linden Ave. Memphis, Tennessee. Lorenzo J. Evans. Director. A. C. Stone, Chr. Finance Comm.

**THREE NEW  
CHURCH BUILDINGS**

The Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church of Memphis, Eld. Blair T. Hunt, pastor, recently dedicated their new \$100,000.00 sanctuary \* \* The Cleveland Ave. Christian Church, Winston Salem, N. C., Eld. W. H. Brown, pastor, recently completed the sanctuary of their church. Dedication services were held Oct. 26th \* \* The Central Christian Church of Cleveland, O., recently purchased a new church home. Dedication services will be announced later. Eld. H. C. Poston is pastor.

**TOM PAINE SAID**

Thomas Paine, the great American revolutionary political philosopher, had many important things to say in those dismal days when Washington's forces were beleaguered and the revolutionary efforts appeared to be done in. Try these on for present size:

From the American Crisis—  
"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

"I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death."

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