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I HEARD the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play.
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
"Of peace on earth, good will to men."

AND thought how, as the day had come
The bells of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
"Of peace on earth, good will to men."

TILL ringing singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime,
"Of peace on earth, good will to men."

THEN pealed the bells, nor loud and deep:
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail
The right prevail
"With peace on earth, good will to men."

—H. W. Longfellow.



Report of National Convention

Eld. B. C. Calvert, Evangelist of Mississippi

THE eleventh National Convention of the Churches of Christ of America met with the 12th Street Christian Church of Washington, D. C., Aug. 29, 1927. A hundred and forty delegates were enrolled. Many took advantage of the opportunity of visiting the Capitol of the nation. Washington, a historical city, has many wonderful things of attraction. One hour's ride by trolley will take one to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, our first President, which is located on a high bluff overlooking the Potomac River.

WASHINGTON CITY

THE delegates availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the Capitol, White House, Congressional Library, Treasury, War Department, Navy, and Agricultural Departments, National Museum, Medical Science Building, Washington's Monument, towering more than five hundred yards in the air. Out of the city across the Potomac River, is a wireless station which receives and sends messages from all parts of the world. Washington has many beautiful parks with statues of many of the great men of history, such as Abraham Lincoln, John Paul Jones, James A. Garfield, Columbus, and many others.

We visited such important institutions as the United States Supreme Court, with the House of Representatives on one side, and the Senate on the other; Howard University, Freeman's Hospital, with all colored doctors; Garfield's Hospital; Soldiers' Home; Trinity College; Dunbar School, which takes up a block; Senate Office Building; Catholic Church; Sister's Home; National Training School for Girls; Armstrong School; Pan-American Building; Lincoln's Memorial Building which has, on the outside, near the top, all the way around, the names of every State in the Union; the Navy Building, the windowpanes of which, if spread out, would cover forty-five miles; Red Cross Building, United States Court of Claims, and the United States Army Statue. Last, but not least, we visited the home of Frederick Douglas. Everything in this home is kept as they were when Mr. Douglas died. We saw a clock there that looked like bronze, but it was made of wood. This clock was given Mr. Douglas by a friend in Switzerland. Even his old straw hat that he wore about the place is still there. Most of his manuscripts may be seen from the show windows of that home. This house sits on a high hill overlooking the City of Wash-

ington. It is kept up by the Women's Federation Clubs, who have also erected a monument to the memory of Mr. Douglas, right beside the paved walk leading up to the home of the deceased.

Bible School

Tuesday morning, Aug. 30, 1927, found the Bible School Department in session, with Prof. T. W. Pratt, presiding. This organization is showing signs of progress under his masterful leadership. Prof. Pratt succeeded himself as President and was elected as delegate to the World's Bible School Convention which convenes in Los Angeles, Calif., in July, 1928. Each school in the brotherhood is asked to send in one (\$1.00)



Eld. B. C. Calvert

dollar to defray the expenses of the President to and from Los Angeles.

The committee on recommendations, V. G. Smith, Elders L. H. Crawford, D. W. Bradley, Mrs. S. R. Thomas and Miss J. H. Spencer, did a fine piece of work which will appear in the minutes.

The official staff of the Bible School Department is as follows:

- President, Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas.
- 1st Vice Pres., Elder V. G. Smith, Mo.
- 2nd Vice President, Mr. W. M. Jackson, Ohio.
- 3rd Vice President, Mr. W. E. Bowie, Washington, D. C.
- Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, Ky.
- Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. E. Latouche, Ill.
- Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Tyree, Chicago, Ill.
- Treasurer, Mrs. Reta M. Logan.

The Endeavor

The Christian Endeavor Convention was presided over by Elder S. C. Devine who has been its president ever since its organization, but was succeeded by Elder P. A. Gray of Missouri. The Christian Endeavor has made rapid progress under his leadership, and in the last Convention rendered an excellent program. Its officials are:

- President, Elder P. A. Gray, Mo.
- Vice President, Elder W. H. Taylor, Md.
- Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Miss Ruth Thomas, Va.
- Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Craggett, Mo.

The Bible School and Christian Endeavor Society held most of their sessions jointly. This is as it should be for both have to do with young people.

W. M. S.

Mrs. Wm. Alphin, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, who has been in the executive office for a number of years, presided over the Woman's Department. The program of this department was good from start to finish.

The officers of this conventional year are as follows:

- President, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Mo.
- 1st Vice President, Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, Ky.
- 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Ida B. Taylor, Tenn.
- 3rd Vice President, Mrs. W. F. Thomas, Texas.
- Secretary, Mrs. Susan Offut, Ohio.
- Recording Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Justina Spencer, Va.
- Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. E. Mayberry, Okla.
- Treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Indiana.
- Children's Work, Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Ky.

Church

The Church Period opened with our National President, Dr. Preston Taylor, presiding. He had undergone an operation since our last convention, but the Lord had been with this veteran and faithful soldier of the Cross, and enabled him to hold the greatest convention of its history. We are all proud of and love our National President, and pray that he may live long to lead us on to greater and nobler heights.

Prof. T. W. Pratt, Hon. D. J. Bonner, Elder H. L. Crawford, Mrs. L. A. Devine, Mrs. Ruby Kelly, have, for two consecutive conventions, edited a paper specially for the convention. This paper is known by conventionists as "The Daily Christian." Three cheers for this group of workers! "The Daily Christian" serves a very needed purpose. Much information of the Convention may be gathered from this paper. From the issue of Sept. 2, 1927, the following is taken:

"The eleventh annual convention of the Christian Churches, opened its sessions at the 12th Street Christian Church, Monday eve-

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EVANGELISTIC ADDRESS AND REPORT OF FIELD WORK

Address Delivered at the Christian Church State Convention at Century, Florida, Sept. 23, 1927

By Eld. C. J. Bolling, State Evangelist

(Continued from last issue.)

Deceased

It is with profound sadness that I come to the place where I must call the roll of some of our beloved brethren who once worked with us in this grand old convention. Eld. John Davis of West Tampa has answered the roll call and passed into the Great Beyond. Elder J. C. Copeland of Crystal River has responded to the welcome voice that called him from labor to reward.

Sleep on and take your rest.
Thy slumber is as the sweet sleep
Of an infant.

But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep.

Thine is a perfect rest, sleep on.
They are only asleep and absent from us
a short night:

We can only say to them,
Good night,

Not farewell, for we shall soon join them.

Recommendations

(a) I recommend that all ordained ministers enroll in the State convention with \$3.00 and all ordained elders and licensed ministers enroll with \$2.00, and deacons, \$1.50.

(b) I recommend that each pastor see to it that his congregation helps to raise the \$20.00 that is due each year to the National Convention.

(c) I recommend that the State Convention elect a delegate to attend the National Convention in 1928, also see that his fare is paid.

Account of Evangelistic Work

Dear brethren and fellow workers: In conclusion, I want to say that perhaps I have not come through the past twelve months with the glories, and conducted my evangelistic campaign just as some would have done or thought I should have done, but I am sure of one thing, considering my illness in the hospital, I have done my best.

I want to call your attention to the mission which Eld. Henderson and I organized in the City of Mobile, Ala., last June with sixteen members. The little mission there is beginning to grow. Also the four churches around Cypress and Blountstown, Fla.

Before leaving the state for Alabama, I visited the church at Tampa (New Salem) and preached for Eld. Stone. The church was not doing so well. They needed an efficient leader.

In the afternoon I preached for Eld. E. Johnson who is in charge of our church at West Tampa. They were not expecting me, so there were only a few present.

Sunday night I reached St. Petersburg in time to fill the pulpit for Eld. A. E. Brayboy who is pastoring Mt. Zion Christian Church there. I found Eld. Brayboy with quite a large number waiting my arrival. The church there has certainly put on new life under the leadership of Elder A. E. Brayboy. This church gave me a donation of \$4.00.

After service I had a short talk with Eld. V. W. Moorer, Sr., our State president, over the State work and from there Bro. V. W. Moorer Jr., State president of our Bible school department took me to his home for lunch. Sister E. Moorer, his good wife, prepared for me a

lovely lunch. Then Brother Moorer accompanied me to the bus as I had to leave that night for Tampa in order to catch my train the next morning for Webster.

I had the pleasure of visiting Crystal River Church in January, but in such bad weather I failed to get a chance to meet our people there.

In Webster, Fla., Bethlehem Christian Church, I left that church in good condition as I have had the care of it.

Amounts received:

Tampa	-----	\$.40
West Tampa Mission	-----	.45
Mt. Zion, St. Petersburg	-----	4.00
Webster, Fla., Bethlehem	-----	26.50
Sister Oneal, Crystal River	-----	.50
Total Am't	-----	\$31.85
Number of sermons	86	

Allow me to say in my closing remarks, we must not stop striving to reach the top, until the commission of Jesus Christ has made its way throughout the whole world.

May God in His omnipotent power send His Holy Spirit with showers of blessing, fill us with hallowed fire, and renew the fighting spirit of the true soldiers of the cross within us: until all of us are filled with enthusiasm and inspiration to go back to our various fields of labor and perform deeds of valor in Jesus' name.

Some Suggestions

1. I suggest the pastors who compose this convention give some of their time to the Bible for the purpose of studying God's word.

2. I suggest that all the churches composing this body raise money at the appointed time for Foreign Missions and send it to the United Missionary Society.

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ning, with a program rendered by some of the most prominent citizens of Washington. Welcome addresses were delivered by Colonel Ladue, Elder H. D. Griffin, Mr. George Hughes, Elder Leon Wormly, Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Elder Early Wilfley, Hon. Emmet J. Scott, Mrs. Gabrielle Pelham. Music by the same choir. Dr. Preston Taylor responded to all these welcomes."

SOME PROMINENT CHURCH PEOPLE ATTENDING

Elds. Preston Taylor, L. H. Crawford, M. Jackson, G. R. Dorsey, C. H. Dickerson, W. H. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Prof. P. H. Moss, Miss D. L. Blackburn, Dr. M. F. Robinson, Lawyer D. J. Bonner, Mrs. H. A. M. Singleton, Mrs. M. E. Taylor, President J. B. Lehman, President Thomas, Mr. Robert Hopkins, Mr. Calkins, Eld. G. K. Lewis, B. C. Calvert, Eld. H. L. Herod and wife and Dr. J. E. Walker.

Some very informal and inspira-

tional addresses were delivered by Dr. G. K. Lewis of St. Louis, Mo., "Disciples of Christ." Bro. Lewis was at his best, and gave the convention much food for thought.

Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tenn., a real Moses in the Negro Business World, delivered an address that had the right ring. I wish we had more Dr. Walkers. Sorry to say we only have one.

Dr. H. L. Herod, Indiana, Elder R. H. Davis, Ohio, Elder C. E. Craggett, Missouri, Dr. Preston Taylor, Tenn., Dr. J. B. Lehman, Miss., Editor Smith, Elder P. A. Gray, Mo., Elder C. H. Dickerson, Ky., all brought great messages to the convention.

Mrs. Jas. H. Thomas and Mrs. Wm. Alphin were at their best in delivering addresses to the convention. A number of other worthy women read excellent papers.

The official staff of the Christian Plea, our National Paper, is:

Editor, V. G. Smith.

Associate Editors, Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, Dr. J. B. Lehman, Dr. H. L. Herod.

Our National Workers:

Prof. P. H. Moss, Elder Wm. Alphin, Miss D. L. Blackburn, Mrs. R. B. Grubbs, all made fine reports. These reports were very encouraging.

National Church Officials for this conventional year:

President, Elder Preston Taylor.

1st Vice Pres., Elder Monroe Jackson.

2nd Vice President, Elder B. C. Calvert.

3rd Vice President, Dr. M. F. Robinson.

Recording Secretary, Elder C. E. Craggett.

Assistant Secretary, Elder J. F. Whitfield.

Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker.

Corresponding Secretary, Eld. R. H. Davis.

Statistical Secretary, Elder R. W. Watson.

A CHRISTIAN MONTHLY

On account of financial conditions we were compelled to make the Christian Plea a monthly instead of a weekly. While we regretted the necessity of doing this, we have a very strong feeling that this will prove a blessing in disguise. We have a feeling that if we can make a good monthly after the order of the *World Call* we will have a paper that will serve us better than the weekly did. It naturally will have to be more of the nature of a magazine and not so much of the nature of a newspaper but that will be a blessing, and it is altogether possible that we will never want to go back to a weekly. But we must remember that it all depends on us. It will take hard thinking and patient work to make it what it should be.

I am asked to be responsible for a page each month, and I will do my best to make it worth-while reading. Others will be responsible for other departments. There is to be a page of short paragraph news. I will send in all the news that comes my way and I hope others will do so also. It will take a combined effort to make it what it should be.

J. B. LEHMAN.

The Christian Plea has supplied the need of the Brotherhood for no organization can succeed without some basis of communication. It is to be regretted that the paper has not had the support that it was entitled to and that it is forced to become a monthly instead of a weekly.

While we are to get a twelve-paged paper and doubtless it will equal a weekly, yet we should like to have the visit of the paper more frequently. However, no one is to blame except these subscribers as well as the non-subscribers. Then there are those who have pledges unredeemed, these three classes of people are wholly responsible for the change. A lack of patronage makes a change in every commercial business as well as in the religious world. We have backed to the last ditch. Surely you don't want a yearly paper or no paper at all!

We are asking for a thousand new subscribers and the pledges paid in and then you will get all that you are asking for.

PRESTON TAYLOR.

FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reporter—Mrs. Hattie Tyree

Prof. P. H. Moss, our National Bible School Secretary, conducted a Bible Institute at the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, Nov. 19-22 inclusive. The lectures were very instructive and helpful to those in attendance. Langely Avenue Church had a good representation each evening. We are always glad to have our National Secretaries with us.

On Thanksgiving morning our pastor, Eld. G. R. Dorsey, preached on *Thanks*, which was a very inspiring message and in keeping with the day. The choir rendered special music.

On Sunday, Nov. 27 our state evangelist, Elder R. E. Pearson, was with the Oakwood Boulevard Church all day. His morning message was on *Model Christians* and the sermon was instructive and inspiring. At the close of the message, four were added to the church.

NOTES FROM THE 12TH STREET CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

REPORTER—R. D. BROOKS

We looked forward to the National Convention to bring to Washington men and women full of the spirit of Christ, who would shed a flood of inspiration upon the few struggling disciples in this great city.

Our dream was realized when we had the pleasure of listening to the kind, inspiring words that fell from the lips of our noble president as he poured out his soul to us in his annual message and as he walked among us uttering kind words of advice, cheer and good will. He also demonstrated to us his great leadership and farsightedness when he induced the brethren to take the next National Convention to Chicago in 1928 and to North Carolina in 1929, two of the most strategic points in the brotherhood if we wish to link up the Great Atlantic Seaboard and the Far Northwest with the other more highly developed work among us.

Then that masterly address which may well be taken as a working chart for the brotherhood delivered by our learned Brother Davis of Cincinnati impressed upon us and citizens of Washington that we, too, had culture among our ministers.

Not only culture among our ministers but a tiptop representative in the business world in the person of our distinguished Dr. J. E. Walker, who gave us sound advice and urged us to support and build up business among our own people.

Members, visitors and friends were all forced to say, "Did not our hearts burn within us while we listened to the most eloquent and spiritual sermon and appeal on Sunday morning, delivered by our dear Eld. Dickerson?" He seemed to have marshalled all the good words and inspiration gathered during the week and reinforced them in most eloquent words to us on the eve of the closing of the convention.

We cannot overestimate the valuable information brought to us by our white brother, Grant K. Lewis and our other white friends whose words were informing and enlightening to the people of Washington as to the work and plea of the Disciples of Christ. The brethren ought to see to it that that wonderful information is brought to us at every convention by Brother Lewis.

Time will not permit me to name others who brought information, inspiration and goodwill with them to the East, where the Christian Church is practically unknown among the colored people. The citizens of Washington were made to say that the Christian Church must be a great body of people.

This little band of disciples here did everything possible in its power to make it pleasant and comfortable for our distinguished guests and friends while in our city. If we succeeded, which is for you to say, the only reason is that every man did his duty under a perfect organization of our entire force.

Each phase of the work was parceled out to a person or chairman of a committee with experience and ability with a full quota of assistants. The chairmen of these committees composed an executive committee or governing board to whom all were amenable. Our organization worked perfectly and to this we attribute the ease with which we cared for the National Convention.

The convention proved to be both a financial and spiritual help to the 12th Street Christian Church. Great impetus has been given to every department of the church. Several have been added to the church because the convention was held here. One or two strong workers have lined up with us and pledge their support.

FOR CHRISTIAN PLEA

DURING this month, December, there will go to the various churches in the brotherhood, a letter and this missive will contain a request to the minister, the Bible school superintendent, the president of W. M. S. or some one that is prepared, asking for the official appointment of a *Christian Plea* Secretary to handle the subscription and circulation details of the paper in that church and the appointment of a *Christian Plea* Reporter is also urged. These two will supply what is called the Publicity Officials of your congregation. To these shall all power be given in matters mundane that pertain to the placing of the church in an advantageous position in the eyes of the brotherhood.

One way to gain that enviable position will be to let the name of the church appear often in the *Christian Plea*. The recounting of various activities will soon classify your church and will give the members a better opinion of the church and its program. "Why my church is so important that its reports receive continuous attention from the entire brotherhood. I shall have to pay more attention and take more active part in this program so I shall not be embarrassed by learning for the first time of a local event in the *Christian Plea*."

The second way to place your church on the map in brotherhood affairs is to loyally support its enterprises and undertakings. The *Christian Plea* is its first child and it continues to solicit the support of every church in the rearing of this child to an honorable and stalwart manhood. The *Christian Plea* is only a help when it is read. And the appointment and work of the Secretary will do much in getting the paper into the homes of the local congregation. This secretary should be one that can boost the paper from the pulpit, and from the sidelines of individual solicitation. This one should have an announcement in to the pastor every Sunday or two urging the people to subscribe. Also some special mention should be made in some of the services each month. The secretary ought to have some little time that can be spent on this work each week. He or she should get the church roll and systematically go over it and get every family down on a list, then call on the family, write a card, see the members of the family in church, get a promise and then run the promise to earth. All this is support for the brotherhood as well as a real service to the local congregation. The *Christian Plea* offers an avenue of expression and a mighty help in brotherhood cooperation. Will you appoint these two officials in the month of December and send their names and addresses to this office?

—The Editor.

We have just perfected plans for a \$1000 rally, ending early in the coming year. This money is being raised to help us meet our building fund obligations with headquarters. Our membership is equally divided among ten captains who have pledged to raise \$100 each by early in January. As a starter in this campaign the women of the church have just closed a ten-day bazaar and carnival which netted quite a sum of money.

On last Sunday morning our pastor divided his time with Reverend Doctor Hankel of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who worshiped with us and brought words of instruction and helpfulness to us. Brother Hankel is a very live, cultured and interesting speaker and we always rejoice when he drops in on us.

PROMISING SIGNS

FOR longer years than most of us care to recall we have been having. We have

Are these promising signs?

The **National Convention** has been contributing to the *Religious Education Department* through its Bible school department.

All of these point to a new era in the usefulness of the State Conventions of all the states and districts. The South has yet to awaken but you may look for them for they will be there soon if not before.

LOST VALUES

VI. Prayer Service

IN THE good old days, there used to be a strange sort of institution known as the Mid-week Prayer Meeting. It was a sort of expressional meeting. Every attendant expressed the feelings that in him lay in tones and agonies most stupendous. The usual procedure was—"Song-Prayer-Song-Prayer" until all but the younger ones had either started or "raised" a hymn or addressed the Deity in moans and sobs. Now that older generation has died and the disgust that was so much vilified in the prayer meeting by the older participants is expressing itself in the gradual demise of the institution.

First place, there was no variation. The prayers were program affairs that everyone knew before the owner thereof began his harangue to the Almighty. The hymns were the good old ones that needed raising from the dead. "Variety is the spice of life" in many things but in worship programs variety is the life. Unless there is some variation the whole thing dies.

Second place, there was no place for innovations. As soon try to change the formation of the rocks as attempt to remodel the typical prayer-meeting was the verdict of those who were bold enough to venture. A Bible Study class, a Mission class, a Stewardship study a period of book reviews, a reading campaign, evangelistic instruction never were allowed in the good old-fashioned prayer-meeting. Result apparent—Prayer Meeting is no more.

But, the sad part is that there is nothing to take its place, the urgent need for the prayers of the righteous that availeth much receive no outlet in a public meeting. The average church service uses only men to offer its invocations. So that band of women who prayed in prayer-meeting is keeping silent in the church. The need for intercessory prayer is greater today than ever before. The need for petitionary supplication is great. The need for direct communication with a power that is greater than the invoker is colossal.

But the church offers no agency to give expression to this need.

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Unuttered or expressed
The glowing of a hidden fire,
That trembles in the breast."

As a saving of this great value that is being lost, there are a number of things that can be done. Few are able to do as some of the institutional churches are doing, having a supper on prayer-meeting evening and adjourning from supper to the prayer service, then to committee meetings, board meeting or choir practice. Thus all is over by nine or nine thirty. Few as I said can do that but the few that can ought to do so.

Another path that is not so difficult is to put each department in charge of the prayer meeting program. And if the Bible School is large then use the class or departmental organization to put on the program. This ought to allow for an increased interest in the departmental work of the church as well as interesting those in the prayer services as an important part of church life.

Beside the study classes mentioned above, there might be an open forum on matters of church policy and polity. The pastor or one versed in the matters of church organization and administration would do well to explain the different spheres of activity of the various parts of the church. If he does this interestingly enough it will draw at least the leaders to these meetings.

The prayer services can mean more than audible supplication and expressions of gratitude and when it does mean the prayerful consideration of some useful phase of church activity it will no longer remain a lost value.

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success that it was
voted to continue it this next summer with special efforts to get more persons to take the courses. In **Ohio** the state convention also promoted a School of Methods and turned out more credits than any other of last summer's efforts. This next summer will view the second of these schools in that area. And will the young people be there? Ask those who were at the state convention and found it "so dry."

The fourth state that awakened to the needs of its constituency is **Missouri**. Last year in its convention, the Bible school department voted out \$100.00 to be used in underwriting a Young People's Conference in the Mid-Western States. **Kansas** also voted to aid financially in the effort. **Oklahoma** went on record as supporting in the growth of this conference in sending young people to attend. **Arkansas** sent a young person to the *Second Annual Young People's Conference* in Edwards, Miss., last year and voted to send another this next summer with all or a part of the expenses of the trip defrayed by the state.

FROM GEORGIA

ELD. D. D. DAVIS, EVANGELIST OF THE LAND OF FLOWERS

Our State Convention, which met with the Bethel Church at Eastman, Ga., is now over. It was held Oct. 20-23.

We had with us Eld. Alphin of Kansas City, Mo., and Prof. P. H. Moss of Kansas City, Kan. Our beloved president, W. H. Smith, welcomed these men as brethren and we all enjoyed their instructions each day. Prof. Moss on Sunday, Oct. 23, brought us a great message on when to start dealing with the children and how to continue to deal with them. It was enjoyed by all. Eld. Alphin then preached us a wonderful sermon. We hope that the day will soon return when we can have them back with us again.

Georgia has been sleeping but she is beginning to awaken now to a sense of her duty. She has a larger vision.

Eld. Smith has been president for some time but he and the writer were reelected to the presidency and the state evangelist positions.

We did not raise the amount of money that we wished to. We donated Elder Alphin and Prof. Moss \$5.00 each.

The spirit of the Convention was good. We ask the prayers of the brotherhood. Georgia hopes to report in the next National Convention.

FROM NAPTON, MO.

REPORTER—MRS. C. L. MILLER

Eld. W. C. Richardson was with us Sunday, October 9, and delivered a powerful sermon on "Baptism." At the close of the sermon, one confession was received. Three were baptized into Christ.

Eld. Richardson has accepted the pastorate here. On Sunday, Nov. 13, he preached a timely sermon on "Friendship, Fellowship and Cooperation." Sunday evening he was greeted by a large and appreciative audience and he again delivered an inspiring sermon on "We Must Lift Up Jesus."

Mrs. Cora Carroll of Marshall, Mo., worshipped with us then.

FROM MAYS LICK, KY.

REPORTER—A. D. GAULT

We are moving along slowly. Some of the outstanding men of the state are yet coming to us.

Eld. H. T. Wilson of Carlisle, Ky., came to us on the fifth Sunday in October and preached for us morning and night. Eld. Wilson is our former pastor. We have been without a pastor about nineteen months. We have had several visitors and hope to have more in the future.

FROM SCOTTS, ARK.

REPORTER—MISS MARY V. MOORE

The Oak Grove Christian Church has recently closed a very successful week considering its membership.

There was an entertainment given on Friday night followed by a club rally on Sunday. Two of our state workers were with us and both spoke to us. These were Eld. and Mrs. M. M. Bostick. We were successful in raising nearly \$100.00. This money will go for our proposed church building.

FROM WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

REPORTER—MRS. EUGENIA HARRIS

Spencer Memorial Christian Church is progressing in each department. We have a wide-awake Bible School. We are getting along nicely in the Christian Endeavor Society. Our young people are striving to increase attendance.

Eld. R. L. Peters, pastor of Spencer Memorial Church, left the city Monday, Nov. 14, for Lockland, Ohio, to conduct a ten-day meeting at the Maple Ave. Christian Church, Eld. W. H. Dickerson, Pastor.

Eld. C. M. Chambers, now pastoring in Bluefield, W. Va., has been in our city for several days and has preached several nights at the Spencer Memorial Church. Our hearts were made to feel glad on hearing these sermons coming from this great preacher.

Elds. Peters and Chambers attended the funeral of Mrs. Biers who departed this life some few weeks ago. She was a faithful and loyal member of the Christian Church at Concord. Eld. Chambers was her ex-pastor.

FROM N. MIDDLETOWN, KY.

REPORTER—ELD. J. O. BRAYBOY, PASTOR

We have just closed our revival a few days ago that had been going on from Oct. 16-31 with Eld. T. R. Everett as the evangelist. It is said that we had the best revival held in North Middletown for many years.

While we had only four additions, we feel that the entire church will take on new life. Our financial results were good and everyone seemed full of life when it was finished. We had some loyal women who did as much as they could to make the meeting a success.

The preaching closed on Monday night, Oct. 31, and on Tuesday night, Nov. 1, we had the "Silver Tone Quintette" of the Williams singers with us. We had an \$88.45 house and there were fifty or more of our white friends present. All seemed to think the program could not have been improved.

The entire effort brought us a sum of \$271.00. Let us all patronize Eld. Everett in carrying on our revivals.

EVANGELISTIC WORK

REPORTER—A. W. DAVIS, EVANGELIST

I beg leave to make note of my last evangelistic tour in the States of Texas and Oklahoma. Full report of the meeting was sent to National Convention at Washington, D. C. This will be only a brief note. A very successful meeting at Greenville, Texas, during the month of July, a number of converts, and \$300.00 raised.

From there we went to Dallas, Texas, then to Fort Worth, and Ardmore, Okla. and all three meetings were splendid.

I am now in Kansas City, waiting a meeting at Evansville, Ind. I shall then go to Hannibal, Missouri, with Bro. Joseph Parker, who reports a good work in Hannibal. In his last rally, he realized \$505.00, \$15.00 for state work and \$10.00 for the National Convention.

Any church desiring my services will write me at 2217 North Fifth St., Kansas City, Kansas.

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FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

REPORTER—ELD. G. G. McCRAI,
EVANGELIST

The spirit of the South Carolina Convention which met Oct. 4-9, was of the finest I have ever enjoyed. It seemed that the entire delegation had a renewed determination to do something. All three of the departments, the Bible School, Woman's Missionary, and Church, seemed to have one mind and that mind was to join heart and hands in the good work and to do more. They each seemed to catch a vision of the larger task.

I want to say that it was no mistake to have with us Prof. Moss and Eld. Alphin. The messages they brought to us meant much to the South Carolina movement. They will always be accepted in this state. I feel that they have done much good in their last visits to South Carolina.

I want to ask the prayers of the brotherhood in our behalf. I am on the field as state evangelist and my aim is to boost the work in South Carolina over the top. I feel that most of the brethren in the state will join me in this aim. We are planning to reach our apportionment in national funds this missionary year, 1927-28, with the help of the Master.

KY. VIA THE EVANGELIST

ELD. C. H. JOHNSON, EVANGELIST

Several members from Mayslick and Germantown worshiped with the Maysville mission Sunday, Nov. 20.

We met the church board in Mayslick and set them in order with H. G. Gault, chairman. They are working nicely. This church is without a pastor. If interested, write Vernon Holtz, Mayslick, Ky. Eld. H. T. Wilson and his followers have put in a baptistry at Germantown.

Mrs. Sally Johnson of Aaron's Run left for Dayton, Ohio, on Nov. 20.

We had a fine service in Hustonville Sunday, Oct. 30. Folks came out in large numbers in the afternoon.

We motored to Liberty for the night services and motored back after the services were over.

Mrs. W. G. Drye has returned to Muncie, Ind., with her daughter.

Eld. G. E. Letton has been called to take the Georgetown Church.

On the seventeenth of October, we went to Germantown for a week's meeting for Eld. H. T. Wilson. The church was revived as never before. There were four additions, three for baptism.

Mrs. Janie Hawkins furnished a musical program each night.

FROM CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORTER—MRS. RUBY T. KELLEY
KENYON AVE.

Thursday, Oct. 27 we held our eleventh anniversary at which time addresses and talks were delivered.

Sunday morning, the pastor was called away but the services were well carried out by Eld. J. M. Cowan, Sr.

Nov. 1 one of our church clubs had a fellowship service. The sermon was preached by a young Baptist minister, Eld. Joseph Patterson. Much good came from this service.

Kenyon Ave. is still pressing forward by the help of the Master and the faithful few.

On the evening of Nov. 11 we were pleased to have with us Judge William Harrison of Chicago, formerly of North Carolina. Judge Harrison made an address on "*Constructive Building*" after a delightful dinner given in his honor at the home of W. H. Hill, one of the leading business men of the city. Atty. J. D. Locker, Eld. R. H. Davis and Mrs. Dora Banks were present also. Judge Harrison is the Assistant Attorney General of the state of Illinois. The address was an instructive and inspiring one. The Jones-Hilliard Jubilee Singers furnished music and songs.

Sunday morning, Nov. 13, Eld. J. S. Winborn preached for us from the subject, "*God's Standards*." Eld. Winborn is the pastor of the C. M. E. Church at Springfield, Ohio, where our state convention held its sessions last summer.

FRANKFORT, MO.

REPORTER—PAULINE OFFUTT

Our state field worker of the W. M. S., Mrs. Cammie Doolin, is at home from a workers' conference which was held in Springfield, Ill., Nov. 11-20.

Remodeling of the building is now under way at the Second Christian Church. The furnace room is near completion and we are looking forward to the pipeless furnace at an early date. Concrete blocks are on the ground for the new pulpit and choir stand.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. is wide-awake these days with fairly good attendance and it is working hard to pay its state and national claims. Mrs. Amy Levingston, Pres.

The W. M. S. has added several names to its list.

Thanksgiving came with annual supper and bazaar and we gave thanks for many blessings.

The Bible School special Thanksgiving program was put on Sunday, Nov. 27. The superintendent was able to get the support of all.

Eld. E. K. Burton filled his regular appointment, Nov. 27.

TAYLOR, TEXAS

REPORTER—ELDERESS MAUDE F.
DAVIS

I hope this message will be cool water to a thirsty soul.

You have a sister in this great Christian warfare, who is striving to help Christianize the world. My notification may seem late but was only waiting until I was strong enough to stand alone.

In the beginning God created male and female. God said, "It was not good for man to be alone," and made Eve. Paul says there is neither male nor female but one man in Christ Jesus. Knowing that I have to live and die for myself being anxious to save some one in Jesus' name outside of myself, I have shouldered the cross. There is a shaping power behind life and that power is God.

I preached my first sermon Easter Sunday, April 17, 1927. I have just participated in my first revival under the watchful care of my father in Christ, Eld. G. W. Taylor, at Twelfth Street Christian Church, Austin, Texas which I consider a great blessing.

I thoroughly enjoyed my two weeks in Austin. It strengthened me greatly. That little Church served as a solace to me. The church is one where peace and harmony abound. The brothers gave me a banquet Tuesday night Oct. 11, 1927, which was an enjoyable affair. The cream of society was there, the best that Austin afforded. I came back refreshed to my little church in Holland, Texas. We had one accession to our Church in Holland, Sunday October 6, 1927, where I am acting pastor.

Holland is a little village on the M. K. & T. Railway, but with no church building. We worship in the School. A great field for much Christian work here. I am now trying to raise means to build a church house there by spring. I hope to have a new Church to worship in Easter Sunday.

Mr. Orvil Johnson, the superintendent, has a great Bible School.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KY.

ELD. C. H. DICKERSON, LEXINGTON

"Our Protracted"

Meetings in Lexington grow despite sleet, snow and infantile paralysis ban on all under seventeen years of age. Large crowds heard Eld. J. J. Green each night. Our singers measured up fine. Elds. S. C. Crittenden and Stafford Campbell are in attendance.

Eld. Green's many friends and acquaintances delight to hear him. He is one of our "Big Berthas" or what the old North State would call a "Swamp Angel." All points to success.

**RUSH—LEAD—READ—ACT
RIGHT NOW. THANKS!**

To the Superintendent and Other Bible School Workers:



Prof. T. W. Pratt
Our Delegate

I am now doing what the national Bible School Convention that has just closed one of the best sessions of its long career in the city of Washington, D. C., said that its officers should do for the promotion and advancement of the schools of the entire Brotherhood. Since I cannot come to you at this season, I am sending to you the Greetings of nearly FIVE HUN-

DRED Bible schools reaching from California to Maryland. The attendance was great this year in that so many new places sent delegates and money to support our Department of Religious Education. Now, I would be pleased to come to your school and know each SUPERINTENDENT personally but I can't do that at this time. Yet, I must have a fellowship with this fine group of men and women who are doing this splendid piece of Christian service.

Forward Step by the Convention

That I, as your President, may see something of World movements, the convention decided to have a share in world affairs. As you will learn that next July 8-18, 1928, the Bible Schools of the WORLD will hold a congress in Los Angeles, Cal., composed of representatives from every civilized nation. The National Convention CHOSE me as the person who should go and get the doings of that great body and bring them back for the inspiration of our national work. To do this every Bible School is asked to do its part. This means that each school is asked to contribute not less than ONE DOLLAR. If your school wishes to do more, it has the just right and privilege. Seven schools paid at Washington in order to lead. Now, Dear Superintendent, in THIRTY DAYS, from the date of this letter, mail your contribution to Mrs. Hattie Tyree, 4817 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill. To save extra postage, each Superintendent is requested to make the post-office order out to be paid to T. W. PRATT, 3612 THOMAS AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS. But put the order in an envelope and send to Mrs. Hattie Tyree, Chicago. She will send all the orders to me at no further expense. Now this is the first time our Bible School ever had this opportunity. For one time, let every Superintendent in the Brotherhood act in unison. In Thirty Days, let every Superintendent send his post-office order. Show how we can cooperate in our national endeavors.

Yours for a great year,

- T. W. Pratt, President
- Mrs. Hattie Tyree, Cor. Sec'y
- Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, Sec'y
- Mrs. Retta Logan, Treas.
- W. M. Jackson, Vice-President.

Appoint your Christian Plea Secretary, next Sunday.

Send name and address of same to 425 DeBaliviere Ave., St. Louis Mo.

ACT NOW

LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

BY MRS. EUGENIA HARRIS
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

At no time since the beginning of the world has there existed in the minds of Christian men and women, a greater desire for the Christian religion than now. This is not a time to sound a requiem over the dead nor a time to sleep upon our arms in peace. This is not a time to be religious parasites. It is a time for the lifting of the blood-stained banner of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; as His followers march to attack the stronghold of sin and error. It is a time when denominational bitterness should disappear and be forgotten and when all should unite as Christians for the one great purpose of bringing the world to the feet of its Creator. It is a time when men and women should relieve themselves of selfishness and robe themselves in the flowing toga of Christian kindness and begin laboring in the vineyard for suffering mankind.

There is work, great work, to be done in the Bible Schools not only of North Carolina but of America and the world. And this work is of vital importance. Its mission is the gathering of little children into the Bible Schools for the purpose of teaching them the wonderful truths of God's word. Jesus said suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. It is the little children that Christ wants in His kingdom. Some one may ask, "How shall we reach them?" Go after them, go after those who are wandering away from Christ, go after them with the hope of saving them. Tell them God saved the chief of sinners and surely He can and will save them.

FOR GOD AND CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

An address delivered at the Florida State convention, Century, Fla.

By Laura Palmore, Pensacola, Florida.

I feel very grateful to "Him who doeth all things well." We can but rejoice to know how our heavenly Father has protected our movements during this conventional year. Many have been the changes since we last met, but out of it all has He brought us His great love.

I am sure that we have all done our full duty in making every available effort for the success of this session. Since the last convention some have prospered in this world's affairs while others have passed on. Some others have fallen by the wayside. But still we are glad to say that it is as well with us as it is. Had it pleased the almighty God, we too might have been numbered with the host that is absent.

I am praying that we will not allow the banner to trail in the dust but will take on new courage and strength and say, "By the help of God, we will not stop, until we have reached the utmost heights." "Blessed is he that keep judgment and he that doeth righteousness at all times. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all those that have pleasure therein. His work is honorable and glorious and His righteousness endureth forever." Therefore we should not cease to labor but to continue in all good works until we hear him say, "Come ye blessed of my Father and inherit eternal life." The Lord is ever mindful of His covenant so we need not fear but to press on.

In the Christian Endeavor and Missionary work, there is bright future. We find more of the women and young people taking on new life and giving more time and study to the work. It is necessary to study

that one be prepared to meet the demands of the hour. Talk is not sufficient, neither is money the main thing. Service is the essential. The Master calls for service. "Go ye also into the vineyard" not to sit idle but to work and "Whatsoever is right I will give you" according to the service rendered. The evil of conditions present themselves to us as never before. We find our young people led by our older people living in the limelight of Jazz. The manners and fashion of dress are gradually sapping our moral standards. We should regard this matter as sacred and as Christians endeavor to inculcate the modesty of a decent sort. Constant praying and a willing desire to do right will help to keep us from these evils. I hope that this body of Christian Endeavorers and women will ever be consecrated to the work that you now foster and will ever cherish it in your heart, continuing to render acceptable service in the sight of our Lord and before the world that it may rise up and call us blessed.

Carry on the Christian Endeavor work, although sometimes it will cause tears to flow and constant prayer for strength. The discouragements and stonings will come from those on the inside. It is never those on the outside that bring the heart-aches but the companion that daily walks and talks with you. Remember through it all Jesus Christ has said, "Fret not yourself because of evil-doers for they shall soon be cut off." God who watches the fowls of the air who neither sow nor reap but are fed, will consider the sorrows and bleeding hearts of those who are making a sacrifice for the Master's kingdom. When we have the promise of Him who can bring sunshine where there is darkness and joy where there is sorrow, the duty of each Christian Endeavorer is to scatter sunshine, lift up the fallen, cheer the faint, turn the light of God's word upon those groping in ignorance and darkness. Be ye prepared to change conditions anywhere. Rescue the perishing that are not filled with the grace of God. Care for the dying that are those without the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Snatch them with pity from sin and the grave. Weep o'er the erring one and not rejoice over his downfall. Lend a helping hand and tell them of Jesus the mighty to save. Let us therefore follow the things that make for peace and wherewith we may edify another.

"Let Love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil. Cleave to that which is good." and I declare unto you that God will ever illumine your pathway with the sunshine of His countenance. We will go onward and upward until we reach the mark of the prize of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus. When we have done the things Christ bids us do, when we have given our time and talent to the cause of Christ, when we have given our lives into His hands, we may say, "My body, soul and spirit, Jesus, I give to Thee, a consecrated offering: Thine evermore to be. My all is on the altar. I am waiting for the fire."

TO THE W. M. S.

I am asking that the societies that observed Woman's Day to get their report in by Dec. 29. If your society has not as yet observed the special day, any Sunday can be made Woman's Day. But the sooner observed the better. Report At Once.

The Field Secretary is doing work this month in Mississippi.

Mrs. E. B. Grubbs,
Field Secretary

NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CITY

REPORTER—MISS ALPHA PENN,
ROANOKE, VA.

To our delight, Eld. Preston Taylor stopped over in the Magic City, on returning from the Eastern Carolina Convention. On Sunday, Oct. 23, he delivered two wonderful sermons on "The Christian Transformation," Isa. 2:4, and "The Perfect Day," Prov. 4:18. We were certainly filled with joy to have Eld. Taylor in our midst.

The Bazaar sponsored by the women of the Ninth Ave. Church was a success. They reported \$100, which was their rally apportionment.

Centennial Day was observed by the Centennial Club, Oct. 16. Eld. J. S. Hatcher delivered an address that was very interesting. This club also gave a musical recital on Nov. 2 which was a success. The total amount raised for both occasions was \$13.00.

FROM THE PLAINS OF KANSAS

ELD. R. L. LOVE, STATE FIELD
SECRETARY

Some weeks ago I asked for ministers to come to the rescue of the cause of Christ in Kansas. I received nineteen letters asking about the work and I have answered all of them. Yet no one has come to this state. Now all we need in Kansas is ministers to present the plea of the church with the power behind it and he can succeed in all the churches of the state. These churches are all small in membership but there is plenty of timber to build up a large membership if Christ is preached with power. So, Brother Minister, put your foot on the ground in Kansas with that determination and you can stay. We are practically without gospel ministers in Kansas and have been for some time. When a minister says a church does not need to hear a visiting minister's voice or scouts the need of a revival meeting, I say that minister needs the gospel. Kansas needs a competent body of ministers. Please come to Kansas for cooperation as ministers. We can put the program of Christ over but it is at a standstill just now. So do not write any more, brethren, but get on the ground.

I just returned from a tour of the state and I had six additions. One of these was a minister.

FROM ALABAMA

REPORTER—MRS. M. H. HAYGOOD,
BIRMINGHAM

The death of James Toles, who died at S. C. I. Oct. 20, 1927, was a shock to everyone who knew him. His body arrived in Birmingham on the morning of the twenty-second under the care of Mr. Nelson Toles.

The funeral was held at the Eleventh Street Church where he had made the good confession under Prof. P. H. Moss, five years ago on Monday, Oct. 24, just six weeks before he left for S. C. I. the first time.

The service was indeed a sad one. The church was filled to its capacity and others were turned away. The program was as follows:

Mistress of Ceremonies—Mrs. M. H. Haygood.

Music—"Nearer My God to Thee"—Mrs. Guss.

Song—"Sweet Hour of Prayer"—Choir.

Obituary—Mr. Edward Griffin.

Resolutions for B. S. and C. E.—Mr. A. F. Jackson.

Special letter from S. C. I. teachers—Miss G. Daniel.

Solo—"My Loved Ones are Waiting for Me"—Miss R. Barnes.

Letter from his College Class—Mr. Nelson Toles.

Solo—"What a Wonderful Place"—Mrs. M. H. Haygood.

Eulogy—Eld. A. J. Jefferies, Pastor.

Flower Girls—Misses Georgia Daniel, Ruby Griffin, Julia Walker, Susie Bowie, M. L. Adams and Mattie Rutledge.

Pall-Bearers—Messrs. Nelson Toles, Edward Griffin, A. F. Jackson, David Daniel, Freddie Haygood and a friend of the family.

After Mr. Nelson Toles read the letter from the College Class, he spoke briefly of the life of James and of the love that has been the natural reaction of all who had known the deceased especially the teachers and pupils at S. C. I. He also spoke of the struggle to save the life but there was resignation to the decree of God.

The pastor spoke from Amos 5:8 on the subject, "From Shadows to Sunlight."

The funeral cortege contained twelve cars of sympathizers. He was laid to rest in the Mason City Cemetery.

He leaves to mourn the loss, his aunt, Mrs. M. V. Wright, who had been a mother for him for twelve years, a sister with other relatives and a host of friends. He served as president of the Christian Endeavor for the past summer and showed himself efficient in this capacity.

Mrs. Wright wishes to thank at this time the friends at S. C. I. and the Eleventh Street Church for the kindness of all on this occasion as well as for the floral designs.

GONE TO REST

ISAAC HENDERSON, S. C. I. EDWARDS,
MISS.

The death of James W. N. Toles occurred at the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., Oct. 20, 1927, after a short illness.

A gloom was cast upon the cam-

pus by his passing into the Great Beyond. His traits of character, his scholastic attainments and his pleasing personality won for him the love of both student body and faculty members.

He possessed a thirst for knowledge not known among the other members of the College Class. A high tribute is paid to his memory by both teacher and student.

His mortal remains were sent to his aunt in Birmingham, Ala., accompanied by Mr. Nelson Toles, a member of the college class. A suitable memorial will be placed here at S. C. I. to his memory.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

M. M. BOSTICK, EVANGELIST

To the members of the State board of Arkansas:

The State Board will meet with Oak-Grove No. 1 at Kerrs, Dec. 3 at 10 o'clock A.M.

All members are urged to be present.

Also the Ministerial Meeting will meet there and render the following program in the afternoon.

1. The word *SECT* to be discussed.
2. Is the present-day discipline of the church what it should be?
3. Solo—M. M. Bostick.
4. Does the present-day ministry measure up to its duty in attacking the evils of the day?
5. Should we, as preachers, be conservatives or liberals? If either, to what extent?
6. Closing song—*Blest Be the Tie.*

I want to say again that the Minutes of the state convention will be run through the columns of the *Christian Plea*, for three or four consecutive issues, beginning about January.

I truly hope that since the visit of Bros. Moss and Smith with us in conventions and their urgency for subscriptions to the *Plea* that every family in this great state of ours is reading it.

FROM THE HEART OF THE SMOKY MTS.

ROSA BASSETT GRIFFITH

The East Vine Street Church of Christ, Knoxville, Tenn., has started with new zeal under the leadership of the new pastor, Elder Hayes from Winston-Salem, N. C.

The different departments of the church are reviving.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, we organized a W. M. S. with twenty-six members.

You will hear from us again soon. his room- and classmate and a life-long friend.

Subscribe for the *Christian Plea*.

In Quest of the Golden Fleece of Cooperation

Eld. Preston Taylor, Nashville, Tenn.

I. ON THE RAIL

Saturday morning, Oct. 15, we boarded the Dixie Flyer at Nashville for our journey to the South. We passed through Chattanooga, viewing the beautiful landscape, rivers, and scenes, looking upon the high mountains there and thinking of the "Battle of the Skies." It gave us many thoughts of the days which we spent in camp and on the battlefield in defense of the freedom of our people. A few friends shook our hands at the depot and bade us Godspeed; then our train pulled out for Atlanta, Ga. Again we were reminded of the marches of Sherman and his mighty army for the sea. It was a warm day and the scenery was most pleasant to behold. The skies above us were arrayed in beautiful colors which gave smiles and joy as we meditated thereon.

We reached Atlanta and there we met friends who accompanied us from one depot to another where we were seated before a well prepared supper. We then mounted our Iron Horse on the great Southern railway for a long and tedious journey. They would not do us so much honor as to provide us with a place to lie down and sleep. We were put in a Jim Crow car where we could hear everything but the right thing and see everything that was wrong and wicked. The night seemed long and dreary. We tried to map out the journey before us; we made notes and read our Book and thought what to do and how we would meet the strangers that we were going to see. You can imagine how our thoughts were broken into along about midnight, and between that and day we could neither pray nor read nor think, for we were nodding between the jerks of the train. We pity the passengers that have to undergo these long and tedious journeys into our good southland but as we would think of the punishment then our Savior would appear in fancy in His mighty work that He did for us when He suffered and we thought of his words, "The foxes have holes. The birds of the heavens have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." Sunday morning we welcomed the beautiful sunshine as it poured into our windows while our train was galloping over the road at a rate of forty miles an hour.

At 8:45, Sunday morning, we arrived at Reidsville, N. C., and was met by our good brother, O. Zollar.

He welcomed us to this city and soon we were seated by his side in a Chevrolet and rode to the new parsonage which he was occupying. It is built by the side of the well-constructed house of worship and every convenience has been provided for that the pastor and his wife should enjoy life with all the pleasure and comfort that money could buy. Mrs. Zollar had a well-prepared breakfast and as I reviewed the table it seemed to me that I could have eaten all that they had and left them hungry but there was enough for all and like the master the fragments were in a bundle and were gathered in baskets.

At 9:45 we were conducted into the Sunday school where an excellently dressed and the best-behaved group of young people and children, taught by efficient teachers and presided over by a superintendent that knew the duties of an officer of that kind, were assembled. As time passed on at eleven o'clock every seat was occupied and some were standing. After the pastor had opened the service aided by a splendid choir with the music from an excellent organ he introduced me and our first talk from a pulpit began at North Carolina. Their communion service and all other services of the hour including their gifts were up to the standard.

After the meeting many brethren and friends called at the parsonage for a conference and acquaintance until we nodded them out of sight and were permitted to enjoy what seemed to me one of the best beds that we've ever been in. For here I took off my clothing as well as shoes that I had put on in Nashville. They said I snored so loud until even the dogs answered with their barks. As darkness gathered around us the good pastor announced the evening service. Again a congregation filled the whole house and it seemed that the spirit of the God was in their songs and in their prayers and their very countenances were lighted up. What a glorious meeting closed up the first Sunday on our journey!

Monday morning, the principal of the High School invited us to deliver an address before several hundred high school students. They were occupying a large and commodious brick building. None could excel them in singing and other maneuvers. Mrs. O. Zollar belongs to the faculty of the public

school, here we were told that North Carolina excelled all of the southern states in its public schools.

We then turned the Chevrolet toward Kinston, a hundred and twenty miles distant. The roads were smooth and as fine as any that could be built, a beautiful country. The cotton fields were laden with their boles of cotton while here and there were men, women and children picking their basketful. The next great product is tobacco.

Here we are at noon taking dinner in Durham in a five-story building owned and operated by one of the largest insurance companies among our people. It contains a bank that is capitalized at a hundred thousand dollars and that is well patronized by our people in this country. Clerks from bottom to top stories were rattling away on their typewriters.

Then on the road to Raleigh. Here is the capital of our good state, North Carolina. It seemed there were a thousand acres in their college campus, surrounding many well-constructed buildings. There capitol is one of the most modern in architecture, surrounded by trees and shrubbery that no other country can have but the south. Raleigh is a city of beauty and our people share in it.

Some forty miles distant, we stopped in Goldsboro, N. C. This is the beginning of the Disciples' territory. The Goldsboro school that was recently taught by our brother G. C. Campbell is here. The building is a two-story, large, commodious building, surrounded by 16 acres of land. There are a half dozen or more strong congregations of the Disciples located in and around Goldsboro. This is the home of their chief, Elder W. A. Fordham.

We left the many beautiful scenes surrounding this ancient city and twenty-eight miles farther is the end of our journey. We arrived at Kinston about five o'clock in the afternoon. And as we pulled up in front of Elder C. R. D. Whitfield's home, 200 E. Shine Street, we were greeted with many pleasant words and a cordial welcome awaited us. The sons of this veteran Disciple came from near and far for all of them are Disciple preachers. There were so many of them we forgot to count them. There were three or four, all in the one faith and preaching.

Eld. O. Zollar proved himself to be a chauffeur that need not be ashamed and we were happy to rest on the ground where the great assembly was to meet. We bid you good-bye and more to follow as we learn more.

FROM MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA REPORTER—Z. H. HOWARD

The work here seems to be moving forward. That of the Sunday school is moving forward under the leadership of Supt. S. B. Wallick. He almost avows that Muskogee shall keep the State banner. We have organized a Teachers' Training class and have finished the first unit.

The Young People's Society seems to take on new life since it has been reorganized. They are giving excellent programs each Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 o'clock. Bro. E. M. Barrett is the young people's adviser.

The W. M. S. is enjoying a new feature, in rendering a program before the church body each third Sunday of the month.

The church work seems to take on new life since we have been here. It has been able to meet its monthly obligation and seems revived spiritually. At the suggestion of Sister J. B. Williams there was a successful pew rally held in September.

CHRISTMAS IS HERE

THE old rhyme, "*Christmas Comes but once a year. But when it comes it brings good cheer,*" is one that was often quoted when the editor was young. And for the child this is true. The pleasures of gastronomic satisfaction, the joy of possession of desired objects, the especial attention paid to the child in the home, and the sheer joie de vivre makes this season a time of **Good Cheer**.

But as the child grows and develops, the joy is there yet but is not so spontaneous and there enters an element of the thoughtful and worshipful. There are thanks for another year of life and achievement, pleasure in the reunion of family and kindred, enjoyment of the services that are a part of the day.

Then later in life, this satisfaction takes on the continuous pleasure that comes from making others joyful. The practice of giving gifts, of making visits, of helping the economically unfortunate, and of participating in giving praises to the diety, is the real good cheer of Christmas.

All of these are worthy ways of enjoying the good cheer that Christmas brings but no one expects the parent to get the same type of joy that the infant experiences on this occasion. To each age comes the pleasures of that age. And the greatest joy of all is to take the pleasures of life that befit that age. Yet there are a few things that will give equal joy to all groups that take Christmas. One of these is the Opportunity to Give for Others through

the Bible school in the Christmas offering. White Gifts for the King and the pleasure of partaking in some worthy effort in benevolence is the occasion of the Good Cheer that forms the real halo around the Christmas that comes but once a year.—**The Editor.**

An Offer

THE slogan of the *Christian Plea* has been this, **A Christian Plea in Every Home.** And to prove that this is really our desire we are making this offer.

To every church that will have sent in subscriptions totalling twenty (20) from Nov. 1, 1927, to February 28, 1928, will be given one gratis copy of the paper to come to the address of some member who is not a subscriber to the paper. Possibly there is a home that is too poor to subscribe and we are so interested in getting the *Christian Plea* into every home that if you will get twenty families to reading the paper for a year during this interval of three months, the *Christian Plea* will go to that unfortunate family. So for every 20 in this period goes 1 gratis. The *Christian Plea* secretary will be glad to hear this. Also the period over which that extends allows for the renewals of old subscriptions that have already expired.

To the smaller churches with less than a hundred members, the offer takes on this form. If according to the 1927 Year Book one *Christian Plea* is going to your congregation for every five members, you too will get a gratis year subscription. For instance, if the year book shows 60 members for your church, then you would get a free subscription if twelve *Christian Pleas* were taken by families in the congregation.

Only one gratis copy can go to a single church.

This offer will put the *Christian Plea* into the home of some one unable to subscribe or it may be a working goal for the *Christian Plea* Secretary. When twenty are sent, the Secretary has his subscription free, a sort of bonus for good work.

No six months' subscriptions will count. All of the subscriptions must expire in the period of Nov. 1, 1928, Feb. 28, 1929.

Renewals, new subscriptions, all count on this offer.

A Christian Plea in Every Home. 1200 subscribers by Feb. 28. This is possible only through cooperation and combined efforts. To the Work!

What of the State Evangelist? Ah! Every State Evangelist that sends in 50 subscriptions in this period gets a year's subscription. The church also gets credit and will get its one when it reaches the twenty or the one-in-five class.

Recently when President J. B. Lehman made a visit to Chicago the old S. C. I. students in the Chicago region got up a banquet where about half of them were brought together at the Oakwood Boulevard Church where a happy evening was spent. They have undertaken to raise enough money to furnish the stage of the new building.

The Mound Bayou Mississippi Church is making plans to build a good church. Brother I. C. Franklin is now their pastor.

Prof. B. L. Jacobs has been going to Jackson, Mississippi, twice a month and the work is on a boom. The new house does not hold them.

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

The financial effort of the church culminated Nov. 27 with all clubs reporting. The total effort was \$800.00. The club headed by Mrs. O. L. Bridges led with \$186.00 to its credit. The day was a disagreeable one but many were out. Dinner was served at the church and a large number took their midday meal there.

Sunday, Nov. 27, Eld. B. C. Calvert began a two-weeks' revival with Centennial Church. The sudden change of weather has not been conducive to a large audience but Friday evening showed signs of "hitting the mid-season stride." Over seventy were present and an offering of over \$20.00 was raised.

Centennial Church was delighted to offer its building to the Elleadsville "Y" for their annual "Father-Son" Banquet. This was a very enjoyable occasion for the boys and their dads and also gave the church some free advertisement.

Eld. Green, the pastor, held a meeting for Eld. C. H. Dickerson of Lexington, Ky., and "Banks of Old Ky." fame. Weather, state election, infantile paralysis ban and all detracted some in attendance. But he reports a very excellent meeting.

While the pastor was away, the pulpit was occupied first by Eld. Cook, secretary of the Elleadsville boys Y. M. C. A. and Eld. Gibbs of Jefferson City, Mo. Both of these are young men but their message was enjoyed by all.

Eld. J. M. Baker, pastor of the East St. Louis Christian Church, was a visitor of Centennial on Friday, Dec. 2, to help the "Mississippi Night" of the revival.

The Educational Committee of the church met Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27. This committee is sponsoring the adoption of the program of work for the Bible School.

The pre-service prayer meetings being held in connection with the revival are enjoyed by many who attend. The only objection is that more men do not appear to take part in these meetings.

Due to the exceedingly inclement weather, the Thanksgiving morning service was not as well attended as first expected, but nevertheless the service was one that was profitable to all who were there.

The auxiliaries of the church are all at work and will have some report soon.

The unusual delay on the part of the printers is causing a delay in getting the National Convention minutes out. However, the final proofs are O. K. and those interested will have the minutes in hand soon.

FALLEN ASLEEP

On November 2 Mrs. Harriet Franklin, the mother of Elder I. C. Franklin, fell asleep to be awakened only in the resurrection morning. She has gone to her long home.

She connected with Christ and his church perhaps 45 years ago and was a consistent Christian.

Her husband, James Franklin, died six years ago, leaving her a widow under the care of God and her son.

She was buried at the Forest Grove cemetery, Elders N. R. Trevillian and K. R. Brown officiating.

She leaves a son, one sister, one brother and a host of friends to mourn their loss.—*Christian Dispatch.*

OUR SMALL RURAL CHURCHES

J. S. Conway, Columbia, Ky.

Here and there we have small groups of Disciples. Some of these were once average-sized congregations. Some can be built up again. Most of them have been cared for in times past by some of our ablest ministers. But in recent years, they have been neglected. Consequently we have lost many of our "Diamonds in the Rough" to the world and to the sectarian world.

It would pay us well if our larger churches would make some arrangements to care for these rural groups through the convention. For when they are neglected, our city churches feel the effects as these people drift to the cities.

On Sept. 11th I visited Shady Grove Church. Here is a group of a dozen members, three miles south of Campbellsville that had nearly completed a nice, little frame church building without the help of any minister and only occasional preaching by a Methodist or Baptist minister. I preached eight nights and raised \$29.40 with no additions.

Sept. 20th I visited Flatwood. Here I found Eld. G. A. Johnson of Tennessee in a revival. I preached one night. Here the work was crowned with success, one being added by baptism.

Sept. 23rd I opened up in the Methodist Church at Columbia. The church building for the Disciples had been torn down three years ago in order to erect a better house. But like Israel in the days of Haggai, they had left off rebuilding after the foundation was put in. As I called night after night, the sheep heard my voice and came out, one or two at a time. We raised \$14.32 and added two by baptism. On Friday night the secretary, who was out of town teaching, returned and at once got busy. Also a fine looking deacon appeared and took his place. Then I began to believe that we would soon have another church.

Oct. 3rd I went to Cane Valley. There were no additions. Nine dollars were raised.

Oct. 10th found me in Elizabeth where five were added by baptism, \$4.80 was raised and the Bible School reorganized.

Oct 17th I went to Dudley's Chapel. Here the Satanic Majesty had been enthroned for many years. Additions there amounted to five by baptism and two reclaimed and the financial side was upheld by an offering of \$10.50. At this place the Bible School was reorganized.

Three of these six little churches have called me officially and the other three have called me unofficially. I have promised to do the best I can for all six of them. I hope to bring up a good report to the convention and a good delegation.

FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

REPORT OF MT. OLIVE CHURCH LOCATED ON W. FEDERAL ST.

Number of Elders	2
Number of Deacons	3
Membership	25
Additions	
By Baptism	6
Otherwise	7
Auxiliaries	
Bible School	
Christian Endeavor	
Woman's Missionary Society	
Finances	
Amount raised	\$500.00
Amount expended	378.00
Pastor—Eld. E. W. Meek	
Secretary—Steve Coleman, 127 Wood St.	

THE GREATEST HERO OF THEM ALL

We read of the ones who scale the mount
From the vale below to the top;
But how oft do we take into account
The tools that make up the shop.
We would not discount the Lindbergh sail
Nor any heroic man
But where on earth would they get the
"kale?"

If nobody worked with the hands?

The college man sets the world a pace
With ologies, isms and, graffs
His bulging brain and stern set face
Make way for the ale he quaffs
Marconi—Edison—Morse or Bell
No matter what be his plans
He'd have a different tale to tell
But for the man who works with his
hands.

The two-story biscuit with butter between
And the slice of "ham and eggs"
The coffee that urges on with steam
Whose cup we drain to the dregs
Could never come from the wholesale shed
Nor the dining room adorn
And none could rest on a feather bed
If nobody planted the corn.

The trains drive on with a schedule fixed
Thro forest plain and town
Mechanics with fire and water mixed
Have traversed the world around
But how could we ride upon cushion seats?
And what would it all avail?
If everybody wore Sunday clothes?
And nobody laid the rail?

Pierce Arrows, Paige limousines
Take the road as ducks the pond
But the man of toil has sweat and blood
In the thing you are riding on,
For back of the car is the factory
And back of the factory—the mine
Down the dark damp where the world
can't see
Where the picks and the shovels shine.

Begrimed with soot and slag and sack
In overalls is my man
Lighted by taper—led by tracks
He does the best he can
Trot out your heroes far and near
"From Beer Sheba unto Dan"
And you can always find his peer
In the man who works with his hands.

Poets may sing their songs in two
Harpers may harp till they fall
Orators orate till veins are blue
But my hero tops them all.
For the trades and callings must have
breath
Else all our dooms are sealed
And the whole concern would starve to
death
If nobody plowed the field?

For that's how the world got-started off
And that's the way it's a-goin'
You can't retire to the peddle soft
As long as the grass needs mowing
When Eve shoved Adam out the gate
To toil in the outside sand
She blazed for others who come late
The way for the laboring man.

C. H. DICKERSON

Written for the "Christian Plea"

Another Service of Science

"Doctor, if there is anything the matter with me, don't frighten me half to death by giving it a long, scientific name. Just tell me what it is in plain English."
"Well, sir, to be frank, you are lazy."
"Thank you, doctor. Now tell me the scientific name for it. I've got to report to the missus."
—*Hardware Age.*

HITS and MISSES

How Many Suits Had He?

"I have a suit for every day in the week." "Yes?" "This is it."—*Blue Dragon.*

Climb!

All that stands between the college graduate and the top of the ladder—is the ladder.—*Middlebury Blue Baboon.*

Attractive Church

"Which church shall we get married at, dearest?" she asked; and Donald answered: "Weel, I like the look o' the kirk wi' 'United Free' outside!"—*The Christian Advocate.*

Naming the Cook

Husband (hearing the latest crash from the kitchen)—I think we ought to call that maid of ours "Dawn."
Wife—Why?
Because there isn't a day that she doesn't break.—*Montreal Family Herald.*

Why He Paid

"How come you paid that lunch check?" asked the wife of the man who had lunched with her husband and a business friend.
"I didn't intend to, but when we went to the cashier's desk he just outfumbled me, that's all."

A Mile and a Half From Church

We're a mile and a half from church, you know,
And it rains today, so we can't go.
We'd go ten miles to a dance or a show
Though the rain should fall and the winds should blow.
But the church is different, we'd have you know,
That's why when it rains we just can't go.
But we always go to the things we like
And we ride if we can; if we can't we'll hike.
—*Evangelical Messenger.*

What Ailed the Groom

Everything was in readiness for the marriage ceremony, and both groom and best man had arrived at the church in plenty of time. The former, however, was uneasy.
"What's worryin' ye, Tamson?" asked the best man, tiptoeing up the aisle. "Ha'e ye lost the ring?"
The other gazed at his friend's immaculate attire and general air of gay bachelor-dom. Then he heaved a woeful sigh.
"Na," he answered rather despondently, "the ring's safe enough, man, but I've lost ma wild enthusiasm!"—*London Answers.*

Don't Be a Fish

A story is going the rounds of a man who had a fish tank divided into two sections by a glass partition. In one side he put a lively bass; in the other a number of minnows.
Every time a minnow came up to the glass partition the bass made a strike. Then, with a bruised head, the bass got discouraged and waited patiently each day for the food dropped in from above.
The man took out the partition. The minnows swam around the bass and were not touched. The bass was thoroughly sold on the idea that business was bad.
Take another lunge at the glass partition. It isn't there.—*The Churchman.*

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YOUTH'S NUMBER

In the Days of Youth

IN the days of my youth I will love Him
Because He first loved me,
Then sought in His love till He found me
My All-in-All is He.

IN the days of my youth I will follow
My Guide and Keeper true,
And so happy the service beside Him
His will and way to do.

IN the days of my youth, in the glory
Of days so fair and bright,
I will mould all my life by His pattern
So true, and so right.

IN the days of my youth,
I will follow after truth,
I will follow in the paths of right;
In the steps of my Lord,
In the light of His word,
I will follow in His pathway bright.

Leadership Training

By P. H. Moss, National Superintendent of Religious Education

"THE sum of the whole matter is this, that our civilization cannot survive materially, unless it is redeemed spiritually."—the words of the late Woodrow Wilson.

We are learning more and more that the specific business of the church is to spiritualize the people through worship, public and private, through preaching and teaching, through social service; making Christianity truly a religion of "whole-mindedness." Knowing God, Loving God and Obeying God. The church is called upon to organize its program in such a way so as to undergird the whole life of its people. This may be done in the proportion that the leadership of the church is specifically trained. The department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society is putting forth a strong endeavor to train the leadership of the church through its Field Force.

Schools of Methods

The month of June was spent in holding schools of methods in the Piedmont District, Martinsville, Virginia; Kentucky, Louisville; and Ohio, Dayton respectively.

The Piedmont District and the Ohio School of Methods were held by the National Team. This was our first attempt to unite our efforts in such a task. Four members of the team gave full service and one served by proxy. These schools that were five days in duration, reached all departments of the church through its program. The course offered four units of the New Standard Teacher Training; courses in Church Administration, Missionary Instruction, Young People and Children Methods were given. Each evening was given to inspirational addresses. The Kentucky School of Methods was held with the Third

Church of Louisville. The Elementary Supt. and the writer associated with the State Supt. (white). Elders C. H. Dickerson, H. L. Herod and others made up the faculty for this school. Kentucky has had four Schools of Methods up to this time. The first school was held at Paducah, the Trimble Street Church taking care of the expenses. In this first school all the schools in the city had representatives; certificates were issued to twenty-four. The other three schools held at Mt. Sterling, Paris and Louisville, respectively, were sponsored by the Kentucky Missionary Bible School Convention, under the able leadership of Mrs. Mary E. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor has given her best to make the work in her state outstanding. We have much to say about leadership, but fellowship is of as much importance as leadership.

The Piedmont District School of Methods was fostered by the church, Women's Missionary Society and the Bible School. The Bible school department of the Ohio School of Methods made it possible for the holding of the school at Dayton. Both Piedmont District and Ohio are making plans for their second school of methods.

Need of Training

We must reach more of the leaders of the church and church school with leadership training. Let us remember that a school of methods is not a convention, but a school. You are requested to send pupils not delegates. They come for study not fun. The requirement of 500 minutes in class means that in a five-day (ten session) school no absence is possible. In a six-day (twelve session) school, two absences are possible, provided the work is made up either by an additional assign-

ment or a conference with the instructor or both.

We hope to be able to announce the courses of studies for another year through the *Christian Plea*, so that those who wish to attend the next school of methods may secure their textbooks and read them through before the opening of the school.

Application of Training

It is to be remembered that if your state is to profit by these schools of methods, those attending the schools must endeavor to put into practice as much of the things learned in school as is practical. If they do not have the ability to learn something that will help their school and community, let another come in their place that has ability.

Let us make this year count much in leadership training, we cannot afford to let up until the cause of Christ is built up.

"Earnestly seek to commend yourself to God as a servant who, because of his straightforward dealing with the word of truth, has no reason to feel ashamed."

Youth's Number

This number is especially dedicated to Youth.

The front page is one for the young people to ponder on.

Two of the editorials are on the Youth Convention. The third has much in it for the consideration of those who will live longer among the races.

Last, the first Sunday in February is **Christian Endeavor Day**. Observe it!

C. E. Day—Feb. 5, 1928.

As the Bible's ability to inspire me is proof of its inspiration, so my ability to bless others is the proof that I myself am blest.

The gold that adorned the temple was the gift of the people; and the temple that sanctified that gold was the gift of God. We are workers together with Him.



A Kentucky School of Methods

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SPIRITUAL ADVENTURING

YOUTH is the time of adventure. Ideals move to deeds. Faith motivates to works. Enthusiasm grasps opportunity. Independence fosters progress. Heroism is manifest in daring to do. Activity is restless and resistless. The new and untried are a challenge to youth. Men who have achieved, women who have accomplished are individuals who were possessed of a vision when young.

The days of Columbus to discover new lands are past. The days of Newton to discover new laws of nature are past. The days of Jefferson to discover new political laws are past. The days of Lincoln to discover new basis for human justice are past. But the days for the re-discovery of new principles for social action in Christianity are just come. Spiritual adventures are open for youth as never before.

Transportation and communication have made neighbors of all nations. Industrial systems and commerce have made fellow-workmen of all classes. Intercourse and migration have made colleagues of all races. Colossal tasks and world conditions have made co-laborers of all denominations. But there is yet a need for some spiritual alchemy to make brothers of all men. The challenge of today to Christianity and Christian youth is to organize the processes of the world's intercourse on Christian principles.

Youth is accepting the challenge and in all assemblies of youth these questions are rampant. Young people are adventuring in the Jesus Way that is the eternal way. The second Youth's Convention will discuss these questions. It will meet in connection with the International Convention in Columbus next April.

The plans to release the outlines in the Front Rank for the study groups on the subjects are consummated. The Christian Endeavor Guide for this and next quarter will contain simplified outlines and discussion questions on these four topics. This Convention is open to all regardless of race, color or former condition of servitude. In fact, this interest has so captivated our brotherhood that at the last National Convention the Pre-Pentecostal aims contained an aim that read "Twenty-five young people in the Youth's Convention by 1930."

This convention so far departed from the policy of its parent the International Convention as to elect as its second Vice-President, Mr. Nelson Toles, a young man from the S. C. I. Also on its Central Committee, V. G. Smith, as one of the advisory board of Young People's Secretaries, sits at each meeting. There is no possibility of friction on the line of color. So the only things that are required of the Negro youth in attendance are the general prerequisites of pre-Convention preparation in a study group. These outlines will be released in January. But in the meanwhile the Endeavor Society can well use the discussion questions in the C. E. Guide.

The topics are as follows:

SOCIAL ADVENTURES WITH JESUS

1. Industrial Relations
2. Race Relations
3. National Relations
4. Church Relations.

The order of the day is courage and patience in spiritual adventuring, so prepare to adventure with all the youth of our brotherhood next April in the Second Youth Convention.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 12 has been appointed by the Federation of Churches as Race Relations Day. The great question of adjustment of peoples is receiving more attention today than ever before and it is well to note the evolving conceptions that are coming from this consideration. The major one is that law cannot compel right relations between the races. A second one is that acceptance of the present status is not practicable nor Christian. And the third result is that only by individual and small group revitalization of the concepts of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" can anything be accomplished in this line.

This revitalization can only be accomplished through a wider practice of the principles of Christ through the adherents to His doctrines. So

the Federation appoints a day each year for the churches to consider this topic and do something to show the Christian atmosphere in race adjustment.

First, an exchange of pulpits by ministers of the same denomination is suggested. Thus the white minister preaches for the Negro congregation and the minister from the Negro church addresses the white congregation.

Second, a joint mass meeting of the races is put on in the afternoon with speakers from all the available races and an audience of church-goers of all the churches. This meeting will best be interdenominational.

Third, choirs can exchange for the day's services. The entree to the white church is oftener through the recognized superiority of Negro voices. So an exchange of choirs can be arranged.

WHENCE?

CLASS integrity is a myth of oratorical souls. Man is NOT so graded in hereditary traits that distinct lines of demarcation can remain forever.

Whence cometh the discontent of the worker?

The urge of the human heart to rise to a place of self-content, the ambition of man to better his state of being, hide behind the stolid countenance of every workman. Self-development and self-expression are potent and persistent desires in the human breast. These are as true of the boiler maker as of the son of the wealthy.

Whence cometh the unwritten principle that to position and possession belong increased responsibility?

Only a thoroughly socialized and altruistic individual will early learn his place in the scheme of the world task. When "To Have and to Hold" changes to "To Have and to Share," then Christianity is entering upon a new era of usefulness in the hearts of men. When rights are subordinated to duties, when interdependence is the recognized symbol of class relations, then the industrial problem is on the way to a real and permanent solution.

A further study of this interesting field of phenomena will be exhibited at the Second Youth's Convention which will meet in April in Columbus, O. Study in a pre-Convention discussion group or special study will admit anyone to the convention discussion floor.

The National Convention's Pentecostal Goals include 25 young people in the Youth's Convention by 1930. Let us make a real start with 15 this year in Columbus.

A Christian Service in Cooperation

By J. B. Lehman

ATTENTION, FACE FORWARD

There used to be a preacher in Ohio who always made it his business, soon after he took charge, to settle all the difficulties the church had for the past twenty years. He always moved on in a few months after he started. The churches had had those old difficulties so long that they had made raw places on their feelings and they became excited when they were stirred into. Whatever mistakes the people of decades past made are now things of the past and he who still harps on them is a dogmatist of the worst type; for dogmatism is nothing but barking up the tree where the coon was ten years ago.

Our country has done many wrong things during its hundred and fifty years. One of these, slavery, required a terrible civil war to settle. The liquor traffic, a very wicked form of venal commercialism, was not abolished without the loss of many lives and the contributions of millions. But those things are past now. Let us all join in the song, Let the dead past speak no more. God would not have us dwell on it. He wants us to turn our face to the front and march on to meet our present needs. The Negro is now facing a future that can be made glorious if only there is faith and courage. But that future can be made glorious only as we succeed in diverting the attention of the people away from the dead past to present problems.

In visiting our Negro conventions in the northern states whenever a Methodist presiding elder or some other distinguished person was called upon to speak, he always directed our attention back to the wrongs of the past, and never held up a challenge to meet present needs. Those old skeletons have been smeared over with political and racial prejudice until they will enrage anyone who sees them. Brethren, let us quit it. God is fast shaping things so we can have all the opportunity to do in the future all we are capable of doing. Let us look at this.

I. In the next ten years fifty per cent of the old plantations of the South must be broken up into small farms or the owners will break up. They will be glad to sell to Negroes, and if these are bought by them the Negro will become a very important factor in the land. The question now is not, who did wrong sixty years ago? but it is who will see to do the wise thing now?

II. Nothing is now undertaken

along social lines without calling the Negro into it. This is partly due to the fact that the good white people know that they cannot succeed without their aid, but more largely to the fact that they know this is the only right and just way. This is the gateway to a wonderfully important opportunity for service.

III. It is easily to be seen that there is coming a new political alignment in this country. Both old political parties will break into pieces. If this does not come in 1928, it will come in four, eight or twelve years hence. The new alignment will be radical against conservative. Those Christian people who will stand for the ancient bulwarks of purity and right will have a hard fight against the iconoclasts and disrupters. The old southern states are freely saying that if Al Smith is nominated they will go no farther with the old party. When the new alignment comes the Negroes will also take both sides; for many Negroes are radical and will go with the most radical, while the great number of Christian Negroes will stand for the old varieties of truth. This will bring in new conditions that many do not see now. America can no more build up a permanent segregated class than she could build up a permanent slave class.

To meet these new conditions the Negro parents must do far more to educate their children than they are doing now. The southern white people see this coming and they are spending millions to build up good schools for the children of the Negro. The danger is not now that the Negro will not have his rights, but it is a serious danger that the Negroes will not be prepared for the larger things that will come soon. The Negro who now takes responsibility must make good. A failure now will set back the better day many decades. Below we give a statement by a prominent man on education.

SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

Dr. James Bond, Louisville, Ky.

Permit me through your columns to call the attention of colored people to the im-

Simultaneous Bible-Reading

Matthew during January

John during February

Start Jan. 1 with one Chapter each day.

Report to the Church.

A Chapter a Day

Keeps the Tempter Away.

portance of getting their children into the schools at the beginning of the school year and keeping them there every day. It will be a sad day for the colored people when they lose the passion for education that characterized them immediately after emancipation and for a generation thereafter. No price should be too high and no sacrifice too great in our efforts to give the right kind of training to the boys and girls that are to follow us and take up our work after we are through. It is only through Christian education that the Negro will be able to overcome handicaps, lead his people out of the bondage of ignorance and superstition, and make his contribution to the life of the nation of which he is a part.

Colored people, therefore, while working persistently for the removal of handicaps, should make full use of the educational facilities at hand. Colored parents and young people themselves should allow nothing to turn them aside from their purpose to obtain the best training within their reach. Let us remember in this hour of opportunity the sacrifices which our parents made in the early days, when few facilities and opportunities were available to them.

Parents, send your children to school—to the rural and city graded schools, to the grammar school, to the high schools—and make every sacrifice to send those who are ready to the colleges and universities. It is only through education that the Negro will be able to free his mind from the bondage of prejudice, superstition and ignorance and take his rightful place among his intelligent, forward-looking, patriotic fellow citizens.

And let us look at these things that call us to the future.

Atlanta, Ga.—At the Southeastern Fair, held here last week, the Negro exhibit was a striking evidence of progress on the part of the Negro farms, homes, and schools of the state. Occupying the whole floor of the agricultural building, it packed a space of 20,000 square feet with a remarkable display of farm, home and school products—the work of Georgia's best rural Negro citizenship. Nineteen county exhibits were in evidence, many of them elaborate and inclusive; a large number of schools contributed the best work of their pupils; and in addition there were individual exhibits running into the thousands, chiefly beautiful specimens of handicraft and needlework.

On every hand were encouraging evidences of diversified farming, soil improvement, seed selection, better marketing, meat production, and other characteristics of progressive agriculture. That the farm women are keeping pace was indicated by an endless array of canned fruits, vegetables, artistic needlework, and handmade articles of taste for the home.

The counties represented, for the most part, were those in which Negro farm and home demonstration agents are employed, of whom there are in the state twelve men and fifteen women. The exhibits grew largely out of their efforts to improve rural conditions and methods, and to raise the level of Negro life in general. The results constituted a remarkable testimonial to the value of their work in promoting higher standards of efficiency, greater production and better citizenship.

Most hopeful of all, perhaps, were the school displays, which were vast and varied. These consisted not only of the usual school work—maps, posters, essays, historical sketches, drawings and the like—but also of an unbelievable variety of domestic science and manual training products, indicating that the training of mind and hand is going along side by side. One of the schools displayed a poster boasting the fact that of its 255 graduates not one had ever been convicted or accused of crime.

THE TRI STATE ECHOES

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying."—Isa. 30:21.

REPORTER—MRS. EUGENIA HARRIS,
WINSTON, SALEM, N. C.

We take this method of conveying to you echoes from churches of Christ throughout the Tri States—Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. We begin first, with Spencer Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, the mother of them all. She is making wonderful progress along all lines, spiritually and financially. The pastor, Elder R. L. Peters, preached a powerful sermon on Stewardship the first Sunday in October which resulted in 18 persons pledging to give the tenth of all their income to the Lord and the weekly offering has been increased 20%.

The church has recently equipped a splendid basement with dining room and kitchen, where lunch is served on occasions and where several classes in the Bible school are being taught. The Bible school is taking on new life. The teachers of the Adult men and women Bible classes are rallying to get one hundred pupils in their classes by the first of January.

Dr. Preston Taylor, of Nashville, Tenn., stopped over one night in Winston-Salem, on his way home from the Eastern North Carolina Convention that met at Kinston, N. C., on October 17. While in Winston-Salem he met several of the brethren in the office of Elder R. L. Peters and had a very helpful conference with them. Among the number was G. F. Ragsdale, President of Piedmont Convention.

Dr. Taylor was highly honored by Gess and McCombs, the popular undertakers of our city, who conveyed him over the city and out to the Winston-Salem Teachers' College, where he met Dr. S. G. Atkins, president and founder of this institution, and was shown over this great plant.

Most of the churches have had their fall revivals and report splendid results.

Elder S. Kenny, pastor of North Main Street Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., conducted his own meeting with fine results.

Elder C. M. Chambers of Bluefield, W. Va., conducted revival for Sister A. L. Parks, the pastor of the Church of Christ, Jonesville, N. C. He reports splendid success.

Elder A. J. Washington, our real estate preacher, is making wonder-

ful progress with the churches, namely, Church of Christ at Stuart, Va., and Ninth Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Elder J. W. Jackson, pastor Philippi Church, Louisa Co., Va., has recently closed a successful revival. He did his own preaching.

Elder N. B. Jackson of Concord, N. C., has closed a very successful revival. He was assisted a few nights by R. L. Peters. The church was filled each night.

The church at Richmond, Va., is still without a pastor. Brother J. H. Mason, an officer of that church is holding the flock together.

Elder C. H. Crouch, pastor of Parksgrove Church in Wilkes Co., N. C., and Elder S. M. Gill, pastor of Piney Fork Church, Leaksville, N. C., have held their fall meeting and report a good many converted and baptized in the faith.

Listen: All churches in Tri State are apportioned as follows: Each adult member, \$6.00; children under sixteen years of age, \$1.00. Said apportionment covers all convention claims, local and national. Let every church get busy and raise its apportionment. Don't wait until the year is almost gone and then try to raise it. Begin in time.

Madam E. M. Long of Richmond, Va., is President of Woman's Missionary Society and will get on the field first of the year and work in interest of all the auxiliaries of the church. Elder B. J. Ellis is having the members of the church in Concord, N. C., pay their apportionment in weekly installments. Suppose all of our churches try that plan.

SALISBURY, MISSOURI

REPORTER—Eld. W. O. RICHARDSON
W. T. Moss, Died Oct. 6, 1927

After eleven months of suffering and pain, Bro. W. T. Moss, our elder and a faithful one, was called from his post of duty to fill his place in the Great Beyond. He is missed by the church and the community.

His wife, Sister Lizzie Moss, spared no pains in caring for him. We all bow our heads and consecrate our hearts in prayer for her because she is a worthy woman and true-hearted Christian, a dependable soldier.

Our revival is on and the fire is burning. We hope in Christ's name to burn the devil's camp to the ground and let the world know that God yet lives and the Disciples of Christ are still in Salisbury.

FROM ROARING SPRINGS, KY.

REPORTER—OSCEOLA A. DAWSON

We have just closed a two-weeks' meeting which brought us fine results and great benefits. We were a little disappointed in not getting the state evangelist to do the preaching for us. There were sixteen additions, nine by primary obedience and the others reclaimed.

On Oct. 16 Eld. W. H. Huffman began the meeting. One was reclaimed at that service. The next night the pastor, Eld. A. T. Bivens, arrived from Allensville, where he had been for a few days, to conduct the meeting until the evangelist would arrive. For some reason the evangelist failed to arrive, but nevertheless we are all pleased with the success of the meeting. Eld. Bivens preached some able sermons, soul-stirring and interesting, and yet ringing in our ears. The preaching of this man of God filled the entire membership with inspiration.

Financial assets amounted to \$27.25.

We, the members of the Roaring Springs Christian Church, pride ourselves on having such an able man as pastor. We wish for him long years of fruitful joy, little grief or pain and pray that the great work he is doing is not being done in vain.

CINCINNATI NEWS

REPORTER—MRS. RUBY T. KELLY

Sunday, Nov. 20 was a very busy day at Kenyon Avenue Christian Church. As on each Lord's Day the Bible school started the day off and the church proper brought up the rear. Every pupil from the smallest to the largest did his small bit in putting the Bible School Rally over. The Intermediate Class, Teacher—Eld. R. H. Davis—reached the highest apportionment of \$10.36. The total effort resulted in \$34.01.

The church too had its final reports from the team leaders for the first big financial effort of the year. All of these leaders made splendid reports. Mrs. Dora Banks, our church clerk, reported \$226.70, the highest amount.

Obituary

The Lord in his all-wise providence, saw fit to remove from our midst, the oldest member of the church, Mrs. Martha Smith. The deceased was a worker in all departments of the church and was one well loved by all. She died Nov. 15 and the funeral services were held Nov. 21.

O, friend so dear, for many years
You have always set the pace;
But you saw fit few years ago
For younger ones to take your place.
The battle you have fought—and won
To thy resting place thou hast gone.

FROM LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

REPORTER—MRS. MINNIE GUYDEN

Cross Street church held its Thanksgiving service Thursday, Nov. 24. Pastor M. M. Bostick preached a sermon at 11:00, after which an effort was put forth to donate \$10 for the relief of the helpless children of the city. This amount was paid to Eld. Ira S. Ash who is president of the Bethany Relief Association.

The attendance was very good the following Sunday and a \$6.00 offering was collected for missionary purposes.

On Dec. 20 Woman's Day was observed with a good attendance. After listening to an inspiring message on the Great Commission delivered by Christ and some of the trials of the early missionaries, delivered by Eld. M. M. Bostick, the society took an offering of \$7.00.

The Bible school also is showing a marked improvement and is striving to keep in line with the methods presented by the field workers.

The Christian Endeavor under the leadership of Mr. T. H. Cole is planning a great work this year.

EASTERN N. C. NEWS

REPORTER—ELD. J. F. WHITFIELD,

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

The Disciples of Christ of Eastern North Carolina held their 56th Annual session in Kingston, N. C., a few weeks ago.

The delegation was very large and about four thousand dollars (\$4,000) was the amount raised by the two districts.

Some of the distinguished visitors were Elder Preston Taylor, president of the National Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; Elder William Alphin, General Field Secretary of the Churches, Kansas City, Mo.; Elder O. Zollar, pastor of the Church of Christ, Reidsville, N. C.; Dr. Sterling Brown, Dean of the School of Religion, Howard University, Washington, D. C. Each of these made a good impression and Elder Taylor was asked to return in January next for further consultation.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

By ELD. C. H. DICKERSON,
LEXINGTON

Lexington is still moving by the wonderful charge given us by Eld. J. J. Green in our evangelistic campaign. Infantile paralysis ban cut out all under seventeen years of age but we had a great meeting. Two just before he came, five while here and two since, and a number "dragging off, shot through" is the result. We'll get the latter. There has been no better meeting since I've known Lexington. It began a new day.

"Bless the Lord, Oh my Soul, and forget not all his benefits.

KENTUCKY VIA THE EVANGELIST

By ELD. C. H. JOHNSON, STATE
EVANGELIST

Sunday, Nov. 20 we were in Maysville with our mission. Quite a number from Mayslick and Germantown were present. We had a great meeting, the first to be held in Maysville since the days of Eld. Buckner. Mr. Owens and Mrs. Campbell are doing their best to support the mission at Maysville. Eld. J. P. Blades is going to give some time to this work.

Next we were with the church at Aaron's Run, Sunday, Dec. 4th. The lesson period of the Bible school was a pleasing feature. I preached for the W. M. S. in the afternoon. This society though young, is doing a great work. Thanksgiving we were with the church at Hustonville. Mrs. Alice Frye is president of this society and keeps it going in the church. This congregation is in need of a pastor. Can we hear from some good man? Write Sam Yowell, Hustonville, Ky. for information.

I am appealing to the people of Kentucky to subscribe for the *Christian Plea* without delay. NOW is the time.

FROM CHICAGO, ILL.

REPORTER—MRS. HATTIE TYBEE,
OAKWOOD BOULEVARD

Sunday, Dec. 4th all the services of the church were interesting and instructive.

The Bible School was well attended with J. L. Brooks as supt.

The morning services were also well attended and the subject was "*The Bible, the Greatest Book Ever Written*"—Psalms 119. It was a well constructed and very instructive discourse.

The evening services were given over to the program of the W. M. S. consisting of readings, solos, duets and remarks by the home talent and the addresses were by Miss Lois Lehman, a returned missionary from Japan and Miss Mildred Pier, returned missionary from India. Both of these addresses were ably delivered and enjoyed by all present.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Progressive Club gave their annual banquet. The Community House was beautifully decorated in keeping with the season. A five-course menu was served. About two hundred were present. Some of the best talent of the city appeared on the program. Those in charge deserve much credit. Mrs. Nellie Smith is the president of this organization.

Sunday morning the pastor, Eld. G. R. Dorsey preached a wonderful expository sermon from Matt. 18:15-17, 21-35, "*It Pays to Forgive.*" One addition from the Church of Nashville, Tenn. Offering—\$404.14.

FROM CLEARVIEW OKLA.

REPORTER—MRS. L. E. MAYBERRY

THE Clearview Christian Church made a visit to the Boley Christian Church a few weeks ago. They took about ten young people with them and rendered some of the selections on the Christian Endeavor program that evening. There seems to be a live Endeavor Society at Boley and they appeared to enjoy the visit and there is the promise of a return visit soon. Our local folk did not think much about this promise but Nov. 5th, I had a letter from Prof. T. M. White telling me that he was bringing his Endeavor Society to our church and to prepare for the visit. And when they came there were about thirty of them. They arrived in Clearview about five o'clock in the afternoon and we served them with hot coffee and sandwiches, ice cream and cake. Then on to the church for the services. In a few minutes our church was crowded with young folk of the other churches that had been invited. After the lesson, Boley Endeavor gave us about eight numbers and Clearview reciprocated with a few, making a totally fine program. Mrs. T. M. White's adaptation of "*It's a good thing to be a Christian*" to "*It's a good thing to go to Clearview*" was enjoyed by all.

After the Endeavor, Eld. Sparks preached a good sermon which all enjoyed. Our young folks are anxious to visit Boley again and they were so much inspired by this visit that I thought it might help to bring new life to inactive societies to just go visiting and see what your neighbor is doing and to play host to him. There are perpetual smiles on the faces of the young people in anticipation of these visits.

FROM FLORIDA

REPORTER—MRS. LAURA PALMORE,
PENSACOLA

Our church at this place is doing nicely.

We just closed our First District Convention which convened with the St. James Christian Church, Mobile, Ala. This was a very great meeting. The next meeting will be held with the First Church, Pensacola, Fla.

Our pastor, Eld. S. H. Henderson has just returned from a very successful trip to Cypress and Blountstown, Fla., where, with the assistance of the State Evangelist, Prof. C. J. Bolling, he was successful in finding five other churches.

The church here takes this way to thank Prof. P. H. Moss whose name will ever live in our memories, due to the good advice, instructive conversation and brotherly love exemplified toward us in his visit. We wish for a speedy return of this field secretary to Florida.

FROM HANNIBAL, MO.

REPORTER—ELD. JOSEPH H. PARKER

On the 16th day of October, at 11 A. M., our evangelist, Eld. A. W. Davis, of Kansas City, Kan., fired his first big gun against the fortress of sin and darkness; and from that time until the night of the 30th, it was a continuous combat against the prince and power of darkness. It was, indeed, a hard fought battle; but in the end he was the victor. Ten persons came to the front and made the good confession: three for baptism and seven restored to the church, and one from the Baptist church. It was indeed a great meeting, and all who were present went away rejoicing at the wonderful sermons and sayings that came from the mouth of our great evangelist.

The meeting was a success, both spiritually and financially. We raised, during the two weeks, \$315.58, and paid the evangelist for his services \$109.58.

On Friday night, Oct. 28, the evangelist preached his great dramatic sermon—subject, "Jesus, the Light of the World," which made a lasting impression on all present.

The evangelist ordained two deacons and gave them their charge and duties as deacons.

The Second Christian Church has taken on new life, and hopes to do a great work this year for God and His cause in both home and foreign fields. We are on the firing line.

Brethren, the world is sick and needs a change of heart, and unless the whole world order is affected by this change of heart, the whole world order is doomed. True, men have advanced, but not toward God. They have progressed, but not in righteousness. They have become wise, but in their own conceits.

FROM AARON'S RUN, KY.

REPORTER—MRS. JUNE PATTON

On Sunday, Dec. 4 the W. M. S. of this church observed as requested Woman's Day. We had a good attendance and though we could not follow out the program as suggested we were blessed to have a missionary sermon by the state evangelist, Eld. C. H. Johnson. We are always delighted to have him with us, for he was the superintendent of our Bible School for many years.

He also delivered a wonderful sermon on Sunday morning to the church.

The W. M. S. of this place is still alive and though few in number we are striving to keep the good work going on.

We are looking forward to the future of our boys and girls and we ask the prayers of others that we might be strengthened.

PROGRAM

OF THE

District Convention of District No. 4

Convened With

Murphy Street Christian Church, Taylor, Texas
December 9, 10, 11, 1927

Church Apportionments	2nd Quar.	Paid 1st Quar.	Bal. on 1st Quar.
Bethlehem Church, Cedar Lake	\$37.50	\$60.40	
Vine Grove, Bay City	16.00	12.75	\$ 3.25
Bay City, Bay City	16.00	9.50	6.50
Grove Street, Houston	25.00	25.00	
Miller Chapel, Bellville	3.00	3.00	
St. James, Lyons	10.00	10.00	
Murphy Street, Taylor	17.00	6.50	10.50
Twelfth Street, Austin	9.00	5.01	3.99
Good Hope, Marlin	7.00	7.00	
Clay Street, Waco	20.00	9.90	10.10
Holland Chapel, Holland	18.00	3.60	13.40
Friendship, Davilla	6.00		6.00
Circleville, Circleville	4.00		4.00
True Vine, Beaumont	10.00	35.64	

FRIDAY

10:00 A. M.—Business Period.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Elder W. B. Washington, Lyons, Texas.

2:00 P. M.—Institute period, conducted by W. M. Wilson, subject, *The Cross*.

7:30 P. M.—Institute led by Mrs. L. G. Smith.

SATURDAY

10:00 A. M.—Business period led by State Superintendent, H. G. Smith.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Elder G. W. Taylor, Austin, Texas.

2:00 P. M.—Round-table conference, conducted by Eld. W. M. Wilson.

7:30 P. M.—Devotional.

7:45 P. M.—Educational address by Pres. J. N. Ervin, Jarvis College.

8:25 P. M.—Sermon by Rev. Tommie Armstead, Marlin, Texas.

SUNDAY

Bible school at the usual hour conducted by local superintendent.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Eld. W. M. Wilson, Asst. Supt., Hawkins, Texas.

3:00 P. M.—Sermon by Eld. Sam Brown, Bay City, Texas.

6:30 P. M.—Christian Endeavor Society conducted by local president.

8:00 P. M.—Closing message by Eld. H. G. Smith, State Supt. of Missions.

Committee:

MRS. L. G. SMITH
W. M. WILSON
H. G. SMITH

Jackson District Quarterly Convention

SECRETARY AND REPORTER—ABE ELMORE

This district just closed a great meeting. It was enjoyed by many. It was good both spiritually and financially. The churches in this district seem to be taking on the life which is so much needed to put over the program of the Church.

The meeting began Friday Night, Nov. 18 and closed Nov. 20. Friday night we were entertained by a musical program given by the Kingsly Chapel M. E. and the Friendship Baptist Church. The program was enjoyed by all present. We were very glad to have these brothers and sisters with us.

Saturday morning we began the business of the church. The whole day was devoted to the business of the church, Bible school, and W. M. S. Saturday night we were entertained by another great musical program given by students of the S. C. I.

Reports from churches including delegate fees as follows:

Name of Church	Church	S.S.	W.M.S.
S. C. I.	\$5.25	\$2.25	\$1.00
Edwards	3.00	2.75	
North Jackson	2.25	1.25	1.25
College Addition	3.00	2.50	2.00
Central	2.00	2.00	2.25
Total money reported in all departments			\$32.75
Public offering			8.02
Total money raised			\$40.77

With all business over we had a real good service Sunday. Prof. Long from the Institute preached an interesting sermon on *The Sense of Hearing*. The meeting adjourned to meet with the North Jackson Church in February.

PROGRAM OF WORK For Missionary Organizations

Preparation

Prepared for the Master's Use—2 Timothy
2:15-21.

February—

GUESTS. Invite as special guests all young matrons of the church, those who have been married less than ten years. These invited by personal calls and notes, not telephone. Have a short talk on "The Call of Missions to Younger Women."

SERVICE. Assign one group or division to arrange for and give a dinner to all the business and professional girls and women of the church. Issue personal invitations. Make it attractive and charming.

PREPARATION. Ten minute Pentecostal Period in regular meeting. Make thorough preparation for open meeting for March, announcing it as Family Night; arrange for special invitations and visiting to arouse interest in attendance of entire families. Announce "Day of Prayer," February 24.

TO THINK ABOUT. Is it not time for the young matrons—those married less than ten years—to have a society of their own?

Is not the day here when the business and professional women who are bearing heavy responsibilities in their own fields should "get under the load"?

INFORMATION. The Young Matrons Missionary Society is an organization for those who have been married ten years or less. After ten years they are promoted into the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Young Woman's Missionary Guild is for business and professional women of more than 24 years of age.

These younger groups are not served efficiently by divisions of Woman's Missionary Societies, but for best development and earnest service must have organizational responsibility of their own.

INDIVIDUAL. How deep has my personal consecration affected my local church activities? Am I saying, "I am not capable of leadership" without making the sacrifice of personal preparation?

REPORT FROM EVANGELIST

By **ELD. A. W. DAVIS, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**

The meeting at Hannibal, Mo., was quite a success. I found Eld. Joseph Parker and wife very busily engaged in building the Master's kingdom. Our revival was launched and began with real interest, well-advertised and was well attended.

The church is a large stone building but people were turned from the building because there was no place for them to be seated. The results summarized were: Eight days of preaching, over \$300 raised and 10 additions. Eld. Parker is arranging to make the building a modern structure, fully equipped with conveniences.

I then returned to Kansas City and began my mission work in the north end of the city. We have organized an institutional church with fourteen members. At the first service we had six additions and a large number of friends to make up an appreciative congregation. Our property will cost us \$6,500 and is about 250x300 feet with a large,

spacious building thereon. The house contains eighteen rooms. At present the upstairs is rented bringing in \$93.00 a month.

Then came a very urgent call to Evansville, Ind., from which place this is written. There is every indication of a very successful meeting here. There is a very faithful band of twenty-two Disciples worshipping at this place. Also there is a sympathetic white minister, Eld. A. P. Wilson, a live wire and a friend of our brethren here. He does not hesitate to throw himself in to help at any time. Eld. H. L. Hildreth is "holding the fort" at this place and the outlook is very promising.

SIDELIGHTS FROM THE KENYON AVE. CHURCH

REPORTER—**MRS. VIOLA H. LAWS**

When the members of a church are put to a physical task there is hardly time left for writing or talking.

Our School of Religious Education has been reorganized under the leadership of Elder R. H. Davis, the director of religious education. He has divided the school into two divisions, namely, Adult and Elementary. Every teacher in each division is earnest and enthusiastic in his work and this keeps the school in a wonderfully progressive spirit. There is no competitive spirit nor any prizes given, but every one has caught the vision of a bigger and better school.

It was just a few weeks ago that Att. Jesse D. Locker conceived that a record of some large event should go down in the church history this year. A noted man, by the name Judge Harrison of Chicago was asked to be the speaker for the evening.

His subject was "The Building Program." He centered his thoughts about the following words: building, thinking, houses, life, intellect, faith, patience, character, confidence, race cooperation, team scoring, and bank accounts.

These word pictures were brought vividly to the mind's eye with eloquent King's English. He left us with a financial success and food for thought for years to come. He is worthy of any church's solicitation.

FROM HUSTONVILLE, KY.

REPORTER—**BESSIE GOGINS**

Our thanksgiving services were fine with Eld. C. H. Johnson preaching morning and evening.

After the evening services, the W. M. S. had a plate supper served for 25c and realized \$12.56 for their treasury.

The church is getting along fine.

FROM THE VALLEY OF WEST KENTUCKY

REPORTER—**HUGH HAYES**

Paducah, Kentucky.

We want the brotherhood to know that there are a number of Disciples here at Paducah who have not "Left their first love." We are moving along under the leadership of S. C. Devine. The church here is taking on new life, confidence is being restored both in membership and community.

Our Bible school has increased sixty per cent. We have a wide-awake Endeavor. The church work in general is commendable. Our choir both sings and acts. They put on a Pew Rally and the effort enabled them to cover the choir stand and pulpit with a new rug and also an aisle strip. A new railing and curtain for the choir stand and pulpit were also purchased by them. The Young People's Club bought us a new stove.

The Pastor has a boys' club composed of thirty boys who are a great asset to the Bible School and Endeavor. We had four additions Sunday, Nov. 27th. Baptising was Wednesday night, Nov. 30th.

Our Pastor conducts a Bible Study each Wednesday evening.

FROM FORT WORTH, TEXAS

REPORTER—**MRS. ANITA R. ALEXANDER**

The fifth anniversary at the East Annie Street Christian Church of Eld. J. E. Quarles was held the week of Oct. 31-Nov. 6. Each night was taken by the various departments of the church. Members and pastors of other churches were asked to join the celebrations. The ministers of the other congregations preached on the nights they were asked to attend and the choirs sang.

The Sunday evening service was given over to the Thomas Ave. Christian Church of Dallas. The pastor came bringing his choir and members. The choir under Madame Pratt's direction rendered wonderful music.

The church, including personal gifts, gave Eld. Quarles \$92 during this week.

Eld. J. E. Quarles, pastor of the Fort Worth Christian Church visited Jarvis College, Oct. 9-11. His wife has charge of the culinary department at that institution.

Mrs. Anita Alexander visited her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Berry at Jarvis College, Oct. 9-11 and was entertained with an informal party given at the Berry home at which most of the faculty was present.

Pres. Ervin gave her a hearty welcome to the campus and she was permitted to address the student body. Also she was shown the new building, one of the finest in the southwest for dormitory purposes.

Eld. William Alphin was with the Fort Worth, Texas, Christian Church on Nov. 13, 14 and 15.

S. C. I. NOTES

DUE to the fact that many of the students would leave to spend the holidays at home, the regular Christmas program was rendered on Sunday, Dec. 18. It was composed of Christmas carols and Prof. Long told the story of the "Other Wise Man" by Van Dyke very impressively.

The Y. W. C. A. gave a very fine program entitled the "Guest of Xmas" under the auspices of the students with Misses Roxie Toles and Bessie Chandler as leaders. Preceding this playlet, was a fishing party given by the Y girls under the leadership of Misses Carnella Jamison, Willie S. Smith and Viola Martin. The entire effort was a worthy one and deserved the unqualified success that attended it.

On Sunday evening of the same day, the regular C. E. program with Miss Bessie Chandler as leader was given. The members of the College Class were responsible for the program, which was as follows:

Song ----- *Joy to the World*
Devotionals --- Miss Evelyn Haygood and
Mr. Isaac Henderson
Solo ----- Miss Ardellia Moore
Dialogue ----- *The Bethlehem Star*
By College Class
Solo ----- Isaac Henderson
Pantomime ----- *Wise Men of the Orient*

The air here was full of Xmas. Before time Santa visited many of the students. Many will leave the campus to visit home or friends joyfully anticipating happy times. May the message of Christmas cheer take its grip on all and may all return with a new zeal and courage to improve the quality of their work and activity on the campus.

Press on! Surmount the rocky steep!
Climb boldly o'er the torrent's arch!
He alone fails who feeble creeps.
He wins who dares the heroes march.
—Isaac Henderson.

From Y. W. C. A.—Miss Lucy Samuels

The Association is wide-awake this year with splendid workers, striving very hard to be 100%.

One of the attractions will be the "Big Fishing Party" to be given on Dec. 17 with an admission of 10c. There is every prospect for a large attendance.

We are not interested alone in the young women that are here on the campus. It extends over the community. The program and social committees have issued special invitations to the young women of the community to witness the Christmas play—"The Quest of Christmas" and there will be refreshments served after the program.

Has Every One in Your Church Renewed
His Subscription?
DO IT NOW!!

PIEDMONT NOTES

We have been blessed in the last ten days with two distinguished visitors. I told you in my last letter about Eld. Preston Taylor's visit. Since then we have been favored with a visit by Brother Calkings of the U. C. M. S. Brother Calkings spoke to the students on Oct 29 and to the church on Sunday morning. We were very much gratified by the encouraging words of Brother Calkings concerning the work being done in P. C. I.

Brother Thomas baptized four candidates after the prayer meeting service last Wednesday eve. We have had two more to join since the Baptizing.

Rev. Bumbardner, pastor and Rev. Cotton P. E. held a union meeting to raise their educational funds on the fifth Sunday at the A. M. E. Church.

The City pastors will begin a Union revival meeting Nov. 11 at the High St. Baptist Church.

The Roanoke Quartette managed by Prof. J. White sang here last week under the auspices of the Senior class of P. C. I.

Mrs. C. E. Craggett, wife of Eder C. E. Craggett of Kansas City, has been visiting her relatives, the Fosters and Eld. Craggett's relatives, the Craggetts in Martinsville. She returned to Kansas City.

Mrs. Mary Turner, Mrs. Julia King and Mr. DeShager have been taken from us by the hand of death.

FROM ARKANSAS

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK,
Mother of Missions

These are various questions which I am confident will mean much to the various states if they will consider them for a little while.

1. Why do we hold National Meetings?
2. Why do we use National Presidents?
3. Why do we send delegates to the National Convention?
4. Why do we have Departmental Conventions in our National Assembly?
5. Why do we ask for representation fees?
6. Why do we have the National Convention annually?
7. Why do we ask for the fees for the departments separately?
8. Why do we ask for the local churches to represent in the National Convention annually?
9. Why for Bible schools annually?
10. Why do we ask for the Woman's Department to represent annually?
11. Why do we ask the Brotherhood to represent annually in said convention?
12. Why do we ask the Christian Endeavor to report here?
13. Why use field workers and secretaries?
14. For what is the representation fee to the convention used?
15. What relation does the State Convention bear to the National Convention?

If someone who has all the information will respond to these questions, it will greatly help so many ministers and laymen who do not yet understand.

FROM GEORGETOWN, KY.

REPORTER—MRS. B. L. JOHNSON

Nov. 27 was a day long to be remembered here. It was the occasion of the installation of the pastor, Eld. G. E. Letton. Very impressive were the services throughout the day.

The program was as follows:

Prelude by the orchestra.
Processional by the choir.

Prayer—Bro. Hamilton, Midway.

Music.

Scripture—Eld. M. Crittenden, Lexington.

Solo—Mrs. Georgia D. Hummons.

Welcome—

Behalf of Church—Mr. W. H. Johnson.

Behalf of the Bible School—Mr. W. R. Dudley.

Music.

Welcome—

Behalf of Christian Endeavor—Miss Cora Edwards.

Behalf of Missionary Society—Mrs. B. L. Johnson.

Behalf of Social Club—Mrs. P. C. Tarlton.

Response to Welcomes—Mrs. G. E. Letton.

Response—Eld. G. E. Letton.

Solo—Mrs. John Spotts.

Master of Ceremonies—Mr. W. R. Dudley.

This service was so impressive that it brought tears to the eyes of some.

The afternoon service was made up of the representatives from the different churches of the community, including Dr. I. M. Boswell of the white church who has been with us in all of our efforts. Also among those present was Prof. E. B. Davis of the high school.

Mrs. Letton added much to the program by the rendition of several sweet selections in song. Eld. C. H. Dickerson also brought shouts from the congregation when he opened up one of the favorite melodies.

The night service consisted of an excellent sermon by Eld. S. Campbell of Paris, and the charge to the congregation. Elder Crittenden rendered the charge to the pastor, substituting for Eld. Dickerson who could not remain for this service.

The church is in the highest spirit and has no fear in its forward march under the efficient leadership of Eld. Letton and his noble wife. Friends attended from all parts of the state.

Nov. 28 a revival started under the leadership of the pastor and Eld. Hancock of Winchester. We pray that many souls will be saved to add to the joy of the occasion.

FROM EAST TENNESSEE Tennessee State Convention

The work at Johnson City moves on. Just closed a meeting with Eld. D. W. Bradley behind the gun. Eld. Bradley was at his best, and delivered some strong sermons. One was added. The Church is looking forward to a great meeting in the early Spring.

Dr. W. A. Scott, one of our pioneer ministers, is ill at this writing. We are praying for his recovery. We leave soon for our East Tennessee District Convention to convene in Rogersville Dec. 9, 10 and 11th. Mr. John Leture is Vice President and will preside since Dr. Scott is not able to attend. Look for our report.

In Quest of the Golden Fleece of Cooperation

Eld. Preston Taylor, Nashville, Tenn.

II. At the Assembly

ON THE morning of October 18, we arose with the sun looking in upon us from a clear sky. Pretty soon we heard the bell calling the worshipers for the morning service. It was only two blocks distant from where we were making our home. A car from Lynchburg halted long enough to give me a seat beside the chauffeur and when we drove up to the church of the Disciples there were no available places for any more parking. Cars had surrounded the entire community and they must have numbered several hundred. They were there from every section for several hundred miles around.

The ministers and delegates were in front of the church and they at once discovered a new man was among them and then set in the acquaintance meeting, shaking of hands and a general inquiry about such things as usually are asked of a stranger. A song rang out from within and as we entered the large spacious building we found it well filled, we sat and looked and listened with all patience while the entire congregation joined in a spiritual song.

The chief of that division, Elder W. A. Fordham, called the assembly to order and then set in the usual exercise of opening, the minister who was to preach the opening sermon was introduced, and delivered a strong, logical, doctrinal sermon that rang out as the bells of Jerusalem. He did not shun to declare the whole gospel, such as was preached by Jesus and his apostles; he hewed to the line letting the chips fall where they might. It was enjoyed by everyone and they all gave sanction as the minister proceeded. We at once felt that we were among the people that we had long sought for and mourned because we found them not.

Such singing as they did, few people could equal it; no books were seen to draw all of these hymns from, but they were written into their hearts and upon their memories. They indeed were sung with the spirit and understanding. No closed mouths could be seen as everybody enjoyed the privilege of joining in and giving vent to their own feelings.

We were then carried forward and introduced to the presiding officer. Our group consisted of Eld. William Alphin, Dr. E. A. Cory, Eld. O. Zollar and Preston Taylor. Elder W. A. Fordham received us cordially with a smile of welcome and withheld nothing in his introductory remarks. Then he gave us an opportunity to make our maiden speech which seemed to have been well taken and the hour was then come for adjournment for recreation and refreshments.

We found it much easier to form the acquaintance and to receive a more cordial welcome as they shook our hands and bid us Godspeed on our mission.

The afternoon session was taken up with the reorganization. The same officers had a unanimous vote and were soon installed in their old positions. Next came the appointment of committees, and they were many and all of great significance. The evening shades gathered around to remind us that the closing of the afternoon session was at hand.

We then enjoyed a period of three hours of fellowship and acquaintance. The homes were opened and everyone was invited to the houses to enjoy a well-laden table three times a day. The best of beds and home comforts that could be had anywhere were ours.

The night sermon witnessed an over-

crowded house, yard and street from the altar to the gate. The minister was a man well acquainted with God and had read much of His revelation, digested it well. No one need ask if he was a Christian, for every tone, gesture and word was evidence thrown to them. No harps were hung upon willows and no weeping among this crowd. Doubtless they remembered the quotation of Paul, *Rejoice and again I say rejoice*. We passed from this service to our homes.

The next morning after the usual opening, the roll was called of the ministers. Every elder, and that means with them an ordained minister, more than a hundred of them, answered to their names and laid down \$5.00 in accordance with the rules and regulations. All day this roll was continued only being interspersed with song, or a prayer or a talk. Afterward came the roll of delegates with about three hundred answering to their names and laying down three dollars as required. Then came the roll of the churches, hundreds of them responding with the requirement of one dollar per member. If a congregation had a hundred members, the minister was expected to report one hundred dollars from that congregation. This requirement was enforced by the presiding officers and no minister was excused for any shortage that might be reported from his charge. More than \$3,000 was collected from this source of revenue.

This is only one of the three grand divisions of this state and the other two perhaps are as large as this one. They are well supplied with efficient ministers, well constructed houses of worship, and with orderly and precise worship services.

We were invited to meet with their chiefs and with their council where questions on both sides were asked and discussed. We were accorded an opportunity to deliver an address before the main body which met with the approval of all present.

The chiefs and the council meet January 10, 1928, at Greenville, N. C., and we have been invited to meet with them at which time will be discussed the advisability of a union effort on the part of all Disciples of that country and those of the National Convention. Until then the status of things will remain dormant.

It is estimated that there is between 25,000 and 30,000 of these Disciples throughout the states of North Carolina, Virginia and the Washington District. They have numerous congregations numbering hundreds throughout this country also in some of the larger cities of the east. There are many things among them that we would do well to covet. Their liberality is an example to all Disciples. They far excel those that are better acquainted with the Scriptures, in their offerings and they are destined to become a great people covering a larger field and multiplying numerically as well as financially. We look forward to a day when we shall be one united band with delegates passing from one assembly to another state convention and then gathered by thousands to our National Convention. The day is coming when greater work and greater liberality will be the watchword.

We copy the following from their minutes in order to show their position:

“AIM AND PLEA OF THE CHURCH”

We, the Disciples of Christ of Eastern North Carolina, wishing to be in complete accord and agreement on the doctrine of the church, set forth the following which

has been the slogan of the Church for one hundred and sixty years:

General aim of the Church: Restoration of the New Testament.

Plea of the Church: No creed but Christ; no book but the Bible; no man but the Divine.

Where the Book speaks, we speak; where the Book is silent we are silent. In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things charity.

CHRISTIAN PLEA SECRETARIES

Below is a list of persons that are now regarded by this office as the official *Christian Plea* Secretaries.

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Louisville, Ky., Third—Miss Ella M. Alcorn.

Danville, Ky., Second St.—Mr. J. T. Smith.

Indianapolis, Ind., Second—Mrs. H. L. Herp and Mrs. Carrie Galloway.

Cincinnati, O., Kenyon Ave.—Mesdames Dora Banks and R. H. Davis.

Kansas City, Mo., Woodland Ave.—Mrs. Ethel Dyson.

Dayton, Ohio, Norwood Ave.—Mrs. Susan Offutt.

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Lexington, Ky., Second St.—Eld. C. H. Dickerson.

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Nashville, Tenn., Gay St.—Eld. M. Jackson.

Muskogee, Okla., Second—Eld. Z. H. Howard.

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Mrs. S. C. Meadows.

Mt. Sterling, Ky.—Mr. W. H. Dyson.

Some of these may have changed since the church took action on the matter and there is another to be added or a new one to be substituted. If so, please notify this office giving the name, address and the name of the church. This will greatly facilitate the *Christian Plea* subscribers in getting in the renewals and in increasing the subscriptions that go to that congregation.

FALLEN ASLEEP

Sunday evening, Nov. 27, Bro. Alex J. Jackson fell asleep, only to be awakened in the morning of the resurrection.

He was 64 years old and had lived a consistent Christian life since he connected with the church. His death was a surprise to all, though we should not have been surprised, as sure as we live we will die some time, we know not when.

The funeral was held at the Rose Hill church, Nov. 29. The following ministers were present: Elders S. L. Watts, S. H. Reed, L. R. Garrison, J. S. Simmons, I. C. Franklin, K. R. Brown, R. B. Brown and N. R. Trevillion. All the ministers had a few remarks to make of Bro. Jackson's life. Elder K. R. Brown preached the funeral sermon, Elder N. R. Trevillion officiated in the burial.

He leaves a wife, son, one brother, a number of relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

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Renewals

J. F. Whitfield, Roanoke, Va.
 Mrs. E. M. Fisher, Houston, Texas.
 G. L. Moore, Scotts, Ark.
 Mrs. Susan Offutt, Dayton, Ohio.
 Mrs. M. A. Keeling, Roanoke, Va.
 Miss Justina K. Spencer, Roanoke, Va.
 Florence Britt, Fulton, Mo.
 Carrie Perrie, Fulton, Mo.
 Prof. T. W. Pratt, Dallas, Tex.
 Eld. D. W. Riggs, Port Gibson, Miss.
 Eld. G. T. Trevillion, Port Gibson, Miss.
 Mr. H. Sharp, Tyler, Texas.
 Mr. W. H. Elmore, Gethsemane, Ark.
 Mrs. Mary Rice, Gethsemane, Ark.
 Mrs. Pleasant Netters, Lyons, Miss.
 Eld. E. L. Turner, Wabbaseka, Ark.
 Mrs. Minnie Greenwade, Dayton, Ohio.
 Mr. S. D. Anderson, Danville, Ky.
 Mrs. Sallie Hubble, Danville, Ky.
 Mrs. Cynthia Nichols, Danville, Ky.
 Mrs. Hattie Tyree, Chicago, Ill.
 Miss Rosa V. Brown, New Castle, Pa.
 Mr. W. W. Porter, Clio, Ga.
 Eld. W. C. Richardson, Salisbury, Mo.
 Mrs. D. D. Davis, Valdosta, Ga.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Moss, Salisbury, Mo.
 Mrs. Irene J. Smith, Little Rock, Ark.
 Mrs. F. A. Potts, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Mr. L. B. Robinson, Rockford, Ill.
 Mr. W. H. Jordan, Louisville, Ky.
 Mr. L. S. Samuels, Louisville, Ky.
 Eld. R. H. Davis, Cincinnati, O.
 Mrs. Susan Hawes, Germantown, Ky.
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 Mr. J. E. Ervin, Caldwell, Ga.
 Mr. Jacob Bostick, Caldwell, Ga.
 Eld. J. M. Thomas, Eastman, Ga.
 Eld. C. E. Edwards, Toombsboro, Ga.
 Mrs. E. C. Dyson, Kansas City, Mo.
 Mrs. Mary B. Franklin, Russellville, Ark.
 Mr. M. M. Littlejohn, Louisville, Ky.
 Mrs. Sarah A. Richardson, N. Little Rock, Ark.
 Mr. B. Robinson, Rockford, Ill.
 Eld. R. E. Pearson, Gary, Ind.
 Jacob Dean, Bloomington, Ill.
 Mr. Elmer Doolin, Frankfort, Mo.
 Mr. Cassie Welch, Frankfort, Mo.
 Mrs. Jennie Welch, Frankfort, Mo.
 Mrs. Bertha Toney, Frankfort, Mo.
 Eld. Blair T. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn.
 Mrs. Ella Keyes, Memphis, Tenn.
 Mrs. Osceola A. Dawson, Lafayette, Ky.
 Mr. Harry Johnston, Cincinnati, O.
 Mrs. Nora Boston, Cincinnati, O.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Locker, Cincinnati, O.
 Mrs. Minnie Markham, Cincinnati, O.
 Mrs. Viola Laws, Cincinnati, O.
 Mrs. Julia Cowan, Cincinnati, O.
 Mrs. Mamie Ferguson, Cincinnati, O.
 Mr. C. W. Morton, Cincinnati, O.
 Eld. W. H. Dickerson, Lockland, O.
 J. L. Steele, Kansas City, Mo.
 Mr. B. L. Massey, Kansas City, Mo.

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FROM PALESTINE, TEXAS

REPORTER—ELD. T. J. GREEN

I said through the Christian Plea some time ago that I wished to hold about six evangelistic meetings and asked that churches in need of such services inform me. A few churches did so and I answered the call. Now I have returned to my regular work as pastor with nearly 120 additions, many of these by primary obedience, also many men.

I am a convention man and hold fellowship with the United Christian Missionary Convention of Texas. I am just from VanAlstyne, Texas where I had a splendid meeting. This is one of the strong churches that used to be with the Northeast Convention but now rather favors the state. I did not discuss it with them for I was on another mission. I find that the work here in Texas is not suffering so much from convention trouble as from other things that are held up as an alibi. These people do not see for themselves and most of the preachers are trying to line them up on one or the other side or to one thing or another, leaving the pure gospel of Christ unpreached.

One Sunday evening I was preaching for a congregation that had been sleeping under the pastor's pulpit essays for a long time. They assumed their places of sweet repose on me also as had been their custom but as I spoke to them from John 8:7 on the subject "Jesus, the Sinner's Friend" I witnessed their awakening and near the climax of the sermon I noticed several were shedding tears. As I ended and closed in His name by the singing of "A few more years shall roll" something seemed to take place in that church.

The ministers that can preach, and will preach and do preach are the men that get little attention except on certain occasions. They are elbowed out of most of the churches that can support them. Seldom are they the recommended ones from other sources of support. Thus we have some ministers overpaid, some underpaid and some not paid at all. Some of these latter are doing the best they can and others are doing all that they are allowed to do while others are not doing anything. If this condition is not changed the national and state program will trail in the dust.

Behold, I have told you.

**APPOINT YOUR CHRISTIAN
PLEA SECRETARY NOW!**

REPORT FROM THE MOUND DISTRICT

By Mrs. M. L. Turner

The quarterly convention of the Mound Bayou district which was held at Indianola, Miss., was a success.

W. M. S.

Called to order Thursday night, Nov. 17, 1927, by Dist. Chairman, Elder J. N. Turner. After devotional services the house was turned over to Mrs. Lula McCarty, district organizer. The most interesting feature of Thursday's night session was the welcome addresses by Prof. Taylor, Dr. T. B. Miles and Dr. H. R. Walker. We also enjoyed papers read by Mrs. Rhoda Burnes—*The Demand of Success*; Mrs. M. L. Turner—*Our Responsibilities as Christians*.

Sermon by Eld. J. N. Turner.

Friday morning, Nov. 18. The W. M. S. had another interesting program, Mrs. McCarty presiding. Total money raised in W. M. S. Session, \$36.50.

Friday night the W. M. S. went into session with Mrs. Mary Miller presiding. Mrs. Miller is Key Woman of the Mound Bayou district.

Bible School

Friday afternoon the Bible school rendered a most excellent program with Eld. C. A. James, presiding. Sermon by Eld. C. A. James, Bible school superintendent. Total money raised in Bible school department, \$20.15.

Church

Saturday morning, Nov. 19, devotional services conducted by Eld. B. C. Calvert which was good. Meeting turned over to district chairman, Eld. J. N. Turner. Then came the reports of churches which were very good.

Saturday evening Evangelist B. C. Calvert, district instructor, took charge of the meeting and gave helpful information on the lessons. Everyone seems to be interested in the study of the Bible. We studied three very important lessons from the Book of Exodus.

1. *The giving of the law*, 19-20 Ex.
2. *Laws and ordinances*, 21-24 Ex.
3. *The holy sanctuary*, 29-40 Ex.

Saturday night the Christian Endeavor rendered an excellent program with Eld. B. C. Calvert, district superintendent, presiding. The young people all played well their part. Little Willie Mae Turner sang a beautiful solo, *Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam*.

Sunday Sessions

Sunday morning, Nov. 20. Bible school conducted by Eld. C. A. James, Bible school superintendent. Dr. H. R. Walker was asked to review the lesson. After a few minutes of recess at the close of the Bible school, the district convention reassembled for morning worship. Devotional services conducted by Bro. Lee and Bro. Brown of Indianola. Eld. J. N. Turner made brief remarks respecting the work and business of convention. Eld. B. C. Calvert, state evangelist was asked to preach the closing sermon but he was called to Shaw to attend the funeral of Sister G. W. Williams, wife of Eld. G. W. Williams.

Total money raised in this meeting, \$171.68.

Our next meeting will be held at Clarksdale, Miss., February, 1928.

—*Christian Dispatch*.

The third District of Bible Schools of Kentucky, met in an institute at Covington, Oct. 1-2. A very splendid meeting was put over by the president, Mrs. Aurelia Hamilton and the local workers. Much interest was manifested.

Mrs. Mary E. Taylor was present in behalf of the state and rendered splendid service.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL, ITS MORAL RELATION TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

AN ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION, WABBASEKA, ARKANSAS

By Miss Mary V. Moore, Scotts, Ark.

One of the greatest needs that confronts the world today is that of religious education. Every individual should be greatly interested in his country and the welfare of its people. No people can become great and stay so unless they are fourfoldly developed. Today there is a cry to every people of every land, a challenge to both young and old. To the old the cry is "Open the way and make possible greater advantages to the youth of this day." To the young the cry is "Accept the opportunities that are yours and find your place in the world's great tasks." This training for service must begin in the Bible school else the young people will have no foundation on which to build. They become as the house that was built upon the sand which was destroyed by the storm. Can the foundation of a life be solid unless founded upon Bible school training? It cannot. Do we not then see the use of a dynamic Bible school just bubbling over with young lives energetic for the work of the kingdom of God?

Since the Bible school is the medium through which many boys and girls come to Christ, why not make it a powerful one? Some of the greatest problems that confront us today would vanish if the Bible schools were brought up to standard. In many of our churches there are no Bible schools at all. Some have poor Bible schools with inadequate faculty and equipment. A few have come to the standard. Now as the Bible school is an important factor in giving religious and moral training to our young people, why neglect it? Is it because we do not love our children that we neglect them? No, it is because we are blind to their needs.

Have you stopped to think that there is a direct relation between religious and moral training of children and the amount of crime in the life of a nation? There are millions of children in America who are unreached by the educational program of any church. Seven out of ten of the children are growing from infancy until maturity without systematic training in Bible school. How much progress is there for youth which receives no training in the fundamental virtues of life? One may ask why there are so many crimes committed among the young people today. It is because we fail in our Bible school and other auxiliaries of the church to give an adequate program of moral and religious education for the childhood and youth of the land.

We would not think of taking a half-bushel of our choicest seed corn and placing it in the rain in a bushel measure for fear that the rain would fill the measure and ruin the corn. But in the meantime our children are in school at eight o'clock seeking knowledge but on Sunday they are in bed until it is too late for ten o'clock Bible school, so must dress for a car ride or picture show. We do not fear the rain but it comes to ruin our corn. We do not fear the indolence but it ruins our boys and girls.

The Bible school holds a place in the lives of our young people when properly directed no other auxiliary can usurp. Here is where we plant the seed and await the fruits. Here is where the child gets his first and most enduring impressions. May we urge each of you to make of himself a committee of one to go back to your local schools and there prepare to do more efficient work?

If your school is lagging, energize it. If it is weak, strengthen it. Find your boys and girls and get them into Bible school

PERSONALS

(From The Christian Dispatch)

Great services at Clarksdale the first Sunday in October in the day, but rained out at the night services. Pastor Calvert was at his best, and preached a wonderful sermon on *The Great Harvest, or End of the World*. A large audience witnessed the services.

Evangelist Calvert and Elder J. G. Keyes attended the funeral of Bro. Isaac Lawrence on Oct. 9, at 3:30 P. M. The funeral was very largely attended as Bro. Lawrence was an old citizen of the Bethel congregation.

Mrs. B. C. Calvert is on the sick list. She has been suffering for more than three weeks with rheumatism. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Evangelist Calvert held a week-end meeting at Shaw, beginning Monday night, Oct. 17, closing on the fourth Sunday of this month, and at Indianola, beginning Monday night, Oct. 24, closing on the fifth Sunday with a rally.

The Mound Bayou District Convention was held with the Indianola Christian church, Nov. 17-20, 1927. An elaborate program was arranged for the meeting. Many of the workers of the district were in attendance.

Services at Bethel the second Sunday in October were good both day and night. The members were all glad to see their Elder B. C. Calvert back, as he had been away from them quite two months. The offering showed signs of prosperity.

Prof. B. L. Jacobs is preaching for the North Jackson Christian church. We wish for both him and the church much success and happiness together.

Mrs. L. A. Brown has been on the sick list but is much improved at this writing. She is one of the star members of the North Jackson Christian church.

Elder G. T. Trevillion is now able to walk around after a long spell of sickness.

Bro. S. Killinsworth is building a house on the tract of land he bought some time ago.

Mr. S. Garrison has moved in the Pine Grove neighborhood. We hope him success and happiness.

Brother and Sister Shed. Watts of Lorman motored to Forest Grove on the fourth Sunday in November.

Mrs. Francis Martin, her mother and brother, George, motored to Friars Point to visit Bro. C. A. Watts.

Sister Emerline Watts is visiting her son, C. A. Watts in Friars Point.

Miss Eula E. West left Port Gibson November 19 for Shreveport, La., to spend some time with her brother, Johnnie West and family. We hope for her a pleasant trip.

Get Your Christian Plea Reporter AT ONCE!

and hold them; remembering the words of Jesus, "Seek ye first the kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

A Forgiving Spirit

An honest speeder had just hit a dog and had returned to settle his damages if possible. He looked at the dog a moment and addressed the man with a gun.

"Looks as if I'd killed your dog."

"Certainly looks that way."

"Very valuable dog?"

"Not very."

"Will five dollars be enough?"

"Well—I guess so."

"Sorry to have broken up your hunt," said the motorist pleasantly as he handed the owner a crisp five-dollar bill.

"I wasn't going hunting—jest going out in the woods to shoot the dog."—*Towney Kat*.

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Wanted a Full Understanding

A lady had advertised for a girl for general housework, and was showing an applicant over the house. She had been very liberal in her promises of privileges—afternoons off, evenings out, and so on—and it looked as though the two were about to come to some agreement when the girl suddenly asked: "Do you do your own stretchin'?"

"Do we do our own what?" asked the puzzled mistress.

"Stretchin'," repeated the new girl.

"I don't understand."

"Stretchin'" repeated the girl a second time. "Do you put all the food on the table at dinner and stretch for it, or do I have to shuffle it around?"—*Melbourne Argus*.

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The Best Radio

Jones: "Is your radio set good?"

Green: "Is it? Got Bermuda last night and the onions made my eyes run."—*Alston Recorder*.

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The Way of the World

He. How's trade?

She. Rotten. I'm 'avin' a 'ard struggle with the world an' blow me if the world ain't winning!—*London Tit-Bits*.

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Wasted Energy

Professor: "Can you give me an example of wasted energy?"

Freshman. "Yes, sir, telling a hair-raising story to a bald-headed man."—*The Congregationalist*.

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Daylight Saving

"Mose," said the boss of the night shift, "you haven't been late to work since you moved. Where do you live now?"

"Fo' blocks on de other side of de graveyard."—*Country Gentleman*.

The Christian Plea is glad to felicitate Mrs. L. E. Mayberry of Clearview, Oklahoma, and Corresponding Secretary of the W. M. S. National Convention, on her successful recovery from a serious operation. A report from her local church appears in this issue of the paper.

Renew Through Your Secretary Immediately!!
Have Your Report in Each Month!!!

Feb. 5—Christian Endeavor Day
OBSERVE IT!!

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World Call for Negro Disciples

BY W. R. WARREN, EDITOR

THERE are so many things to read these days that everyone has to make a choice. First of all we read our own personal correspondence, and among our letters we look first for those that show familiar and beloved handwriting. A stranger's letter has a better chance of attention if it seems to have been written solely and individually to me, than if it appears to be a form letter written to a hundred or a thousand or a hundred thousand persons. And yet I will read even a circular letter if it comes from a reliable party and deals with a subject in which I am interested.

There are the same sort of widening circles in my reading of printed matter: papers, magazines and books. The one in which there is a column or a page marked because it tells something about me or some dear friend of mine gets my immediate attention. I will stop eating to read that. There are subjects as well as persons that catch my attention quickly and hold it to the end of the chapter: my home town, my home church, my dearest religious and political principles; my country

in time of war, my party at election time.

Every Negro Disciple of Christ ought to feel especial interest and pride in *The Christian Plea*. It represents both his race and his religion, and "a twofold cord is not quickly broken." The men and women who write for it are just the ones whom he would like to know personally, and whom, indeed he does come to know as he reads their writings week by week. All of the other names, both of persons and of places, that appear in the paper either are familiar or deserve to become so. The special articles all deal with the supreme interests of his soul.

World Call also renders special service to every Negro Disciple of Christ. In common with all of its other readers he is interested in its monthly reports of the progress in all lands of the missionary, benevolent and educational work being done by the whole brotherhood. There are not only the records of facts but also photographs that make these facts real and vivid.

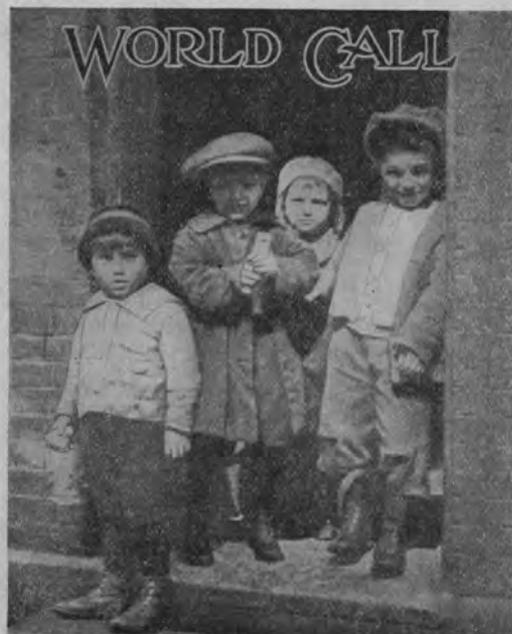
Not only throughout North America but in ten other nations of the world, children of every race are being brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, young people are being trained for the highest of all callings and the spirit of Christ is being shown in the daily lives of his people. The longer one reads and the more familiar one becomes with this continued story of Christ's work in the world through His disciples the more fascinating it becomes.

Something more than this, however, *World Call* means to its Negro readers. It is helping to bridge the gulf of misunderstanding between them and their white

brethren. It gives the white churches a better knowledge of the churches, schools and individual saints of the Negro fellowship and also enables the Negro brethren to know and appreciate at their true worth the white Disciples. It is a common medium of such understanding as is absolutely essential to any sort of cooperation. Certainly the Negro Disciple should be interested in knowing how *World Call* represents him from month to month, and at the same time in getting the full sweep of international and inter-racial progress.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On **Friday, Feb. 24**, the Federation of Foreign Missions and the Council of Home Missions have asked all of the churches of every denomination to unite some time during the day in prayer for better relationships between races, nations and classes. The entire week is to be used but **Friday, Feb. 24**, is the special **Day of Prayer**.



Suffer Little Children to Come



A Soul's Awakening

Religious Education

PROF. P. H. MOSS, EDITOR

C. E. DAY HELPS

Jesus in the Life of Youth

THE call of Christ was first made to youth. It has been said that all of the Disciples were below thirty years of age. The challenge of idealism and altruism in the messages of Christianity is peculiarly fitted to appeal to the young person.

When the time of adversity has come many like Job are tempted to curse the day of their birth and die. When old age has dimmed the perception and dulled the intellect there is little pleasure in life itself.—“And the years grow nigh when thou shalt say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’” But Christ said, “I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly.” In fact the Savior said, “I AM the Way the Truth and the LIFE.” And in no age is the very essence of living so keenly felt as in the days of youth. The joy of life, the joie de vivre, is nowhere more apparent than in the days of youth. Jesus in the life of youth means the giving of direction and principle to that life. He is the way of life, the pathway that leads to eternal life and living, the only road to continuous life that is service. He is the truth about life, the essentials of living, the reality in the phantasmagoria of existence. He is LIFE with all that it counts for in substance and time and achievement.

In the life of youth, Christ is sacrifice, the symbol of all altruism and service. The real sacrifice of self in the only true life is as a magnet that draws admiration and emulation from the youth, that is based upon the real personality of a being divine yet human, human yet divine. The lofty ideals exhibited mean much in the formation of the guiding principles of the actions. The call to give and give more abundantly is a natural summons in the life of youth. Christ has given content to the work of life and service that is really sacrifice. “Go” is a word that presents action and resistance that is the mark of giving of self. “Give” is a word that envisions a perfect pathway to those things worth every effort. “Work” is a word that has all of meaning and content to the mind of youth.

To youth, Christ is a real person, living and moving in a world but misunderstood and neglected. His spirit is as potent, His presence as commanding, His personality as inspiring, and His program as challenging as ever. To harness this latent power in the life of the world over which all authority has been given Him, is the work of an age of Christian followers. Of no effect is the teaching of the Master, unless it is carried out in the life of the world. What will you do to make more effective Christ to the world today?
—F.G.S.

Into my heart, Into my heart!
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus
Come in today. Come in to stay.
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Amen.

Heroism triumphs over death, and he lives still in holy influence who died in holy cause.

The purity that springs from passion felt and resisted has purpose, power and glory in it; but little glory has that soul who, though chaste as ice, is just as cold.

The Christian Endeavor's Relation to the Community.

The average community is in need of all the Christian organizations that it can maintain. The business and social life of the town is based on those qualities that Christianity is engaged in fostering. The close life of the persons in a community is due not only to the proximity of their houses, for in a city often there is no neighborhood touch; but it is due to common interests, common descents, common desires, common aims and common co-operation. The credit system in business is based wholly on the integrity of the debtors. The rigid morality of the small town while ridiculed by modern novelists, is one of the most healthful on the moral condition of the country.

Education once used to be the product of the home. A trade, the history of the family and the community, the necessary processes of social and commercial intercourse, the religion of the tribe was all taught by the patriarch and in the family organization. But as the Industrial Revolution took the trades out of the home, it took the parent and sometimes the children, so that education could not be conducted and other methods were provided. Schools were organized and the great state and nation-wide system has grown up to meet the need not only of primary and secondary education but also of higher learning.

Religious training too had to be taken care of away from the home to a certain extent. So the church had to put more into its program of religious education. The Bible School became the real training school for the youth. But then there was no expressional agency so there was no real impression that could be measured. The Christian Endeavor grew up to meet that need.

But as mentioned the Christian Endeavor is an expressional agency and this expression could well be harnessed to some vital social service that is needed in the community. The enthusiasm and altruism of the youth could well be used in conducting a religious survey. There should be at the command of every minister and church leader a true picture of the social and moral condition of the people in relation to their church. The Christian Endeavor could well vitalize such a survey.

The Christian Endeavor could well aid the Bible School in reaching the youth of the community with some portion of the religious educational program of the church. It could correlate with its present committee organization of a membership committee the task of getting into the Bible School those it reaches.

The Christian Endeavor is an organization for harnessing the powers of youth in a constructive religious program. Young people can get together over denominational lines and foster the social life of the community. There is no opportunity for the Christian young people to get together in the average community unless some such organizations get in behind the promotion of such interdenominational gathering. Through this means the Christian Endeavor fosters unity.

To the community a Christian Endeavor may contribute Christian education, a medium of expression and a habit of unity.
—F. G. S.

The Christian Endeavor's Relation to the Church.

The more adequate program of the church takes each auxiliary as one of the agencies of the church in reaching the people. Unless an organization contributes to the evangelical, educational or missionary aim of the church it has no place in the program of the church.

I. It is an avenue of approach toward God. The topics of the Christian Endeavor lesson tend to promote worship, private and public, deal with some of the spiritual problems of the young people, give instruction in the way to become a Christian with missionary topics to show in a measure the scope of the work of the church. Nothing challenges the youthful enthusiasm and interest more than a splendid vision of the church at work saving man. Membership in such a communion offers an outlet for the altruistic sentiments that motivate youth. The devotional program may do much toward making Christ real to the youth. The participation in the program means a great deal in molding the character and in forcing decision. One soon learns that the usefulness of the individual is sadly curtailed without the clear avenue of partnership with Christ and God.

II. Its greatest advantage to the church is its educational end. Specific aims and particular exercises of native faculties are the real contributions that are offered the young people. If one considers one will realize that Christ only called as disciples of His, persons who were busy at the time He called them. So the church has never yet been successful in gaining the best results from idlers that it is able to take in. Only by grasping the opportunity to continuously train in Christian service can the church hope to replenish and increase its working force. The lessons that are being learned in the Bible School and mission circles are of non-effect unless there is some possibility to express in action. The training that comes from taking some active part on the program often makes for the first steps in original thinking on religious subjects. The co-operation that is expressed through putting on of the Endeavor prayer-meetings is often the first step to real intensive co-operation later on in the church problems and work. The basis of understanding developed in this period are more likely to last throughout years of application in the local organization. So the educational aim means much in the Christian Endeavor's relation to the church.

III. The Christian Endeavor topics are arranged to take up sometime during the month a topic that is missionary. This topic is intended to place emphasis on the nation-wide and world-wide program of the church. The information contained therein is made up to grasp the interest of the young people. They read and discuss the things suggested in the topics and their attention is riveted on the mission fields. But this study and academic attitude is not all. There has been appointed a day for giving to missions in the Endeavor societies with special program and an opportunity to engage materially in the task. The church is carrying the burden of missions in ten fields with an educational, industrial, evangelical and medical program of assistance and service. The auxiliaries to be really good must help in a financial manner. So the Christian Endeavor is able through its special day to help in this way.

To the church, the Christian Endeavor has a real vital piece of work to perform in relation to the educational, evangelical and missionary task before the church.
—F. G. S.

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WHY?

"Why do the heathens rage and the people imagine a vain thing?"

EVERY person, heathen, pagan or semi-civilized thinks that the race problem is solved in the universal acceptance of his own pet theory or opinion. Hence the rage endureth forever and the imagining goes on apace. Color of skin, social position, or racial affiliations are no proof against insidious prejudice based on problems of racial traits. The Jew, the Chinese, the Negro, all are problems of some section of America as well as the more general problems that follow on the drawing together of the continental world. The real and most disruptive prejudices are not based on facts.

WHY?

The advancement of the colored peoples of the world, economically, culturally and socially, leads to jealousies and bitterness that take no account of the real facts in the racial realm of physiological differences, in the fight for group solidarity and self-preservation. The complete refutation of the doctrine so long exercised in the western world to justify the invading of less advanced races and nations is a bitter pill to swallow. So the fight has become a problem in adjustment in local communities and change of attitude in individuals.

WHY the K. K. K. and mob violence?

These are devices organized or unorganized to bring about by fear a condition of acceptance of domination by another group of one group's authority. It is a mechanism either recognized or unrecognized by law, either permanent or temporary to effect certain overt

acts that will cause an appreciable change in group thinking of another group. When their effectiveness is impaired by legal action as mobs are in most of the northern states, or have fallen into disuse as floggings have in the South, the mechanism is discarded.

The Youth's Convention will discuss this subject in its second session in Columbus, Ohio, in April. The Negro group has a distinct contribution to offer and there should be intensive pre-Convention study in groups for discussion and by individuals on this topic. Then there should be a large delegation of the Disciple youth of our brotherhood to help in the Convention discussion. Our aim is "25 in the Youth's Convention" by 1930. Let there be fifteen in this one in Columbus.

SUNLIGHT

*Sun of My Soul
Thou Savior Dear*

THE analogy is a good one for the properties of sunlight are a counterpart of the qualities of our Savior.

All life is sustained by food, water and air.

Food is chiefly animal and vegetable matter. All animal food is dependent in the long run on vegetable or plant life. So directly or deviously, foodstuff is plant life.

Plant life contains as its most important factor, chlorophyl. The air that is used in plant life is assimilated by this chlorophyl. Chlorophyl is generated in no other way than by sunlight. So nearly all of humanity's foodstuff depends upon the sunlight to develop chlorophyl.

In the absorption of atmosphere, chlorophyl uses the carbon dioxide and releases pure oxygen. Animal life including human beings uses oxygen and releases carbon dioxide. Chlorophyl and sunlight are responsible for the renewal of the life-sustaining oxygen in the air.

Evaporation, cloud formation, cloud transportation, and precipitation are all the result of the sun's rays in heating the earth and the water.

Food, water and air are all indirectly dependent on sunlight.

The three elements necessary for a spiritual personality are worship, instruction and service. These three are all derived from God.

Worship is the inculcation and development of a devotional spirit, an appeal to the soul, the summoning of the emotions to a focus. Other religions can get an emotional frenzy. Some can engender stolid stoicism. Many can cultivate fanatics but worship is none of these. Christianity seeks to develop a right relation between God and man.

Instruction in morality leads to Christian character. The highest ethics today are contained in the Bible. All that is good in philosophical ethics, all that is true in behavioristic morality, all that is valid in pragmatic action is garnered from some part of the philosophy of Christ.

The organization of Christ, the church, offers the best most effectual avenue for service in the world today. While it has dissipated time, energy and money on things that are not the bread of life, yet its reawakening offers much in the realm of real service through a flexible continuous program in relieving the ills of social and natural calamities. The church has the opportunity of a lifetime in cultivation of right attitudes on war, crime, race, industry and personal relations.

Christ is the sun of the soul and His light shall shine "Upon all who are in the house."

A DISGRACE

IT WAS a fine thing to take the National Convention to Washington and the general sessions were well handled by all who were in charge thereof.

But one thing was really a disgrace. The constant inclination of some individuals in the assembly to retard business, interrupt services, destroy harmony and delay votings was a sign of distinct immaturity of some of our so-called adults.

Solomon said, "There is a time for everything." But some of the Convention goers think that any time they have a funny joke to tell or a relative to introduce is proper for this diversion.

When a motion is put on the floor as a report of a committee on a matter that that committee alone is competent to handle, there is a hollow mockery of convention-goers who ought to know better of deciding the thing on the floor. On such occasions, one person has been known to speak from the floor five different times and say the same thing each time.

Another point of order often violated by a small group of delegates, is to argue with the presiding officer. Information is asked and before it can be given the giver is interrupted by one from the floor. The chair is taken to task for its rulings and all such tommy-rot.

THINGS TO DO IN FEBRUARY

1. Read John, a Chapter a Day
2. Observe Christian Endeavor Day
3. Observe Race Relations Sunday
4. Observe Christian Plea Day
5. Launch the Pre-Easter Evangelistic Campaign

A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

WHY THE CROSS WAS NEEDED

That Jesus was not a mere man, not even just a man with superior intelligence, is shown by the complete insight He had of the laws of the soul of man. He knew that it would not be an easy task to change men from ways that had become instinctive. He knew that it would be a vicarious struggle in which much suffering would have to be undergone. So He put the cross at the very foundation of Christian work and worship. No mere human mind could have thought out such a thing.

As we look over the history of the work of the Church during nineteen hundred years we see what a struggle it was to overthrow entrenched evils though they were utterly wretched and had not a single redeeming feature. In every instance they bore down upon the very men that defended them the most severely. Let us name some of them.

I. Militarism in the Church

When the Church had conquered Pagan Rome, she was so nearly exhausted that she was unable to do much. But almost immediately the Barbarian Nations began to pour in upon her with most blighting invasions. It was at this time, when there was no power in the state to unite the opposition, that militarism was called into the Church for self-preservation; and for a thousand years it stayed there and made the Church so coarse that there was not much spirituality left. The church leaders suffered most. But they defended it through a terrible war of nearly a hundred years and gave up only after they could resist no longer. Now that we have driven this great red dragon out from the sacred altar even the Catholic Church has comfort.

II. Slavery in the Economical System

For two hundred years slavery lay across the door of prosperity like a slimy serpent. No one, not even the slaves, suffered more than the slave holders, if measured by blight on happiness. The slave suffered greatly, but he was growing all the time towards better things. The slave holder called himself having a good time but he was ruining himself. He needed emancipating as much as the slave needed it. But in spite of this he fought to the last of his strength to maintain it.

III. The Liquor Traffic as a Blight on Legitimate Business

How it was possible for our nation to stoop so low as to commercialize the vicious appetite for strong drink, and to commercialize the mating instinct in prostitution, it is hard for us to see now. But it did. And much as the women and children suffered, the greatest sufferers were the men who defended it most. Scarcely a single one of the drinkers, the saloon keepers, the brewers and distillers and the lawyers who defended them escaped a most withering blight. This vicious institution made its truest friends suffer the most.

IV. The Caste System as a Blight on the Nations

The Caste system in its worst form in India but very bad in all other lands is the world's greatest hinderance now. The happiness that would come to the world if all the races would whole-heartedly cooperate with each other to contribute the best that is in them for the good of all. But a great host of people, mostly young men, will resist this to the limit of their ability. They think they are the guardians of the safety of their own race or clan. They can be counted upon not to give up to the last.

Now in the face of all this, can we not see why Jesus laid the foundation of His kingdom on the corner stone of the cross? When He was going through the temptation He saw all this and He saw the utter impossibility of doing anything without the cross. The spirit of militarism suggested to Him that by its power the world might be governed and saved, but Jesus said, *Get thee behind me, Satan.*

FROM TYLER, TEXAS

REPORTER—ELD. H. SHARP

This is my first time to report from the Line St. Christian Church through the pages of the *Christian Plea*. We are small in number but are holding on to the faith.

We are without a pastor but have begun to plan for a church building.

The Bible school is a good one and we observe all the national rally days in that department. And the State Bible School Convention President was with us for a visit recently.

Pray for us that we may succeed in this place.

THE LONE STAR STATE

REPORTER—H. G. SMITH

The district convention held at Ponta, Texas, with the Pine Hill Church was a complete success, all things considered.

The following reports were made.

Jacksonville	\$ 6.50
Pine Hill, Ponta	15.00
Anadorko, Glenfawn	18.35
Enrollment	9.00
Public offering (church)	12.09
Public offering (Bible school)	1.85
Special gifts	3.43
Total raised for all purposes	66.22
Total expenses	74.18
Balance applied on debt	19.04
This leaves a balance due Evangelist	38.23

We have striven hard to clear out all debts. But some of our best and largest churches fell down.

Cooperation Is Our Great Need

There is much need of more cooperation on the part of the pastors of the state. They do not fight the program but they do not do anything for it. They do not have to say anything against it but on the other hand they do not say anything for it. A pastor need not say anything. Saw wood and say nothing is the method used. The pastor who does not get behind the program of the state or the national work knows that there is nothing doing. This sort of cooperation is nothing. Why not come out in the open? If you are not for the work say so and let everybody know where you are.

Making Demands and Giving Orders

Very often our men make demands on the evangelistic force and also give orders as to where it should go and what it should do and how to do the job and what it shall advocate. But the strange thing is they never say a word about what pay it should receive and how to receive it. I am sure if you make demands and give orders for service, the other fellow expects pay day to follow.

Gratitude

I must say a word about the fine spirit of the officers of Pine Hill church. They are ever thoughtful of strangers who are in their homes. The good members were ever ready to lend a helping hand. God bless you good people. I want you to know that we are ever grateful to you for the way you received us and cared for us. Indeed, you were kind, considerate of our comfort, and your tables abounded with the best of good food. Your cars were ours and you were liberal with your money, but your preacher you hid from us. When we come again we wish to see the preacher.

Don't forget to meet us at Glenfawn in January, 1928.

Department of the Women of the Church

MRS. ROSA BROWN GRUBBS, EDITOR

PROGRAM OF WORK

For Missionary Organizations

Preparation

Prepared for the Master's Use.—

2 Timothy 2:15-21

March—

GUESTS. This should be an open meeting; a night service at the church. Announce it as Family Night. Make every effort to have every church officer there with his entire family; the entire family of every member of the Missionary Society, Circle, Triangle Clubs and Juniors should cooperate. Have special recognition of the largest families; these having every resident member of the family present.

Use the regular March program on The Problems of the Missionary, but present in a way that will interest the men and young people as well as the women.

SERVICE. Missionary Organizations are singularly well organized for service. Place your own at the command of your minister and church board for the pre-Easter calling. Do this as thoroughly and systematically as your other work. Every member should be asked to help.

The Family Night and open meeting in March and your house to house calls in the interest of the pre-Easter meetings will both bring excellent opportunities to stress World Call and King's Builders. Ask people definitely for the subscription.

PREPARATION. In devotions as well as activities should the membership prepare for Easter. Announce plans for the Easter Week of Prayer. Do not be satisfied with one or two meetings and small attendance; make this an entire week of meditation, prayer and self-denial.

Secure the name of every woman coming into your church this year; new women in your town or community, making personal calls inviting them to be your special guests at the April meeting.

TO THINK ABOUT. What per cent of the women who are resident members of the local church are members of the Woman's Missionary Society? Who is at fault? Have we presented the needs of a world without Christ in a vital way in our programs? Have we actually worked to secure the help of these women as we would if we knew that the redemption of souls depended on it?

INFORMATION. The Woman's Missionary Society is the parent society of the Missionary Organization group. The Woman's Society is responsible for the promotion of the graded Missionary Organizations.

INDIVIDUAL. Could I not add to my daily devotions the preparation and use of a prayer list to which I would add from time to time and for which I would daily make intercession? Could I enlist another woman who is cut off from regular attendance, in daily definite intercession?

Hypocrisy is the compliment that vice gives to virtue and the homage of the devil to the Deity.

Mirth is like medicine to the mind, and sadness is like sickness to the soul, pestilent as poison.

He who is small in faith will never be great in anything but failure.

The best use of time is the best provision for eternity; and he who lives to live again will never die.

TO THE W. M. S.

THIS year again we are making three general classifications of our Missionary Societies and we are urgently requesting that each society will do its utmost to give according to the classification made. These are all in keeping with the apportionments as sent out in the very beginning of this conventional year and in each instance we believe the goal is easily possible if those responsible for the work will consecrate themselves to the task.

Last year we had 15 Missionary Societies to give \$100.00 or more. This year we are asking that 20 societies will so contribute. Last year we had 18 societies to give \$50.00 or more. (Quite a few who aimed came so near it that we are almost tempted to list them.) This year we are asking 50 societies to give \$50.00 to \$100.00. Last year we had 24 societies to give \$25.00 or more. This year we are asking that all societies not listed in the first two classifications will aim to give \$25.00 or more.

To make this year outstanding in Missionary achievement but one thing is necessary and that thing is **INFORMATION** of the Worlds needs. For most surely "Information begets interest and inspiration. Inspiration begets Realization. Below we list societies according to these classifications.

Societies requested to give \$100.00 and more

Indianapolis, Ind.	St. Louis, Mo.
Chicago, Oakwood.	Cincinnati, O.
Kansas City, Kan.	Dayton, O.
Mt. Sterling, Ky.	Reidsville, N. C.
Lexington, Ky.	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Louisville, Hancock.	Nashville, Gay St.
Baltimore, Md.	Nashville, Lea Ave.
S. C. L., Edwards, Miss.	Martinsville, Va.
Mound Bayou, Miss.	J. C. L., Hawkins, Texas, Thomas Ave., Dallas.
Kansas City, Mo.	
Fulton, Mo.	

Societies requested to give \$50.00 to \$100.00

Chicago, Langley Ave.	Nicholasville, Ky.
Los Angeles, Birch St.	Covington, Ky.
Little Rock, Ark.	Hagerstown, Md.
Wabbaseka, Ark.	Washington, D. C.
N. Little Rock, Ark.	Port Gibson, Miss.
Montgomery, Ala.	Pine Grove, Miss.
Birmingham, Ala.	Frankford, Mo.
Valdosta, Evergreen.	Vicksburg, Miss.
Bloomington, Ill.	Jefferson, City, Mo.
Gary, Indiana.	Columbia, Mo.
Parsons, Kansas.	Lockland, O.
Topeka, Kansas.	Columbus, O.
Danville, Ky.	Xenia, O.
Paris, Little Rock.	Clearview, Okla.
Paris, 7th St.	Muskogee, Okla.
Louisville, Central.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Louisville, 3rd.	Knoxville, Tenn.
N. Middletown, Ky.	Memphis, Tenn.
Winchester, Ky.	Ft. Worth, Tex.
Carlisle, Ky.	Greenville, Tex.
Houstonville, Ky.	Houston, Tex.
Covington, Ky.	Dallas, Central.
Germantown, Ky.	Russellville, Ark.
Georgetown, Ky.	Cleveland, O.
	Millersburg, Ky.

Societies to give \$25.00 or more

Oxmoor, Ala.	Scotts, Ark.
Matthews, Ala.	Gethsemane, Ark.
Lum, Ala.	Los Angeles, 33rd and Hooper.
Plumerville, Ark.	Century, Fla.
England, Ark.	

Tampa, Fla.	Youngstown, O.
Valdosta, Antioch.	Springfield, O.
Springfield, Ga.	Boley, Okla.
Rockford, Ill.	Chickasha, Okla.
Atchison, Kans.	Okmulgee, Okla.
Emporia, Kans.	Tulsa, Okla.
Lawrence, Kans.	Varnville, S. C.
Aarons Run, Ky.	Holly Hill, S. C., Briner.
Fairview, Ky.	Holly Hill, S. C., Galliee.
Lawrenceburg, Ky.	Cherry Grove, S. C.
Levee, Ky.	Poplar Hill, S. C.
Mayslick, Ky.	Three Mile Creek, S. C.
Midway, Ky.	Ehrhardt, S. C., First.
Stepstone, Ky.	Bristol, Tenn.
Stanford, Ky.	Jellico, Tenn.
Center, Miss.	Johnson City, Tenn.
Edwards, Miss.	Rogersville, Tenn.
Fayette, Miss.	Austin, Tex.
Forest Grove, Miss.	Bay City, Tex.
Grand Gulf, Miss.	Hillsboro, Tex.
Jackson, Farrish St.	Paris, True Vine.
Jackson, Washington, Add.	Paris, Sheldon Hill.
Lorman, Miss.	Cason, Tex.
Union Hill, Miss.	Taylor, Tex.
Gordon, Miss.	Waco, Tex.
Rose Hill, Miss.	Waxahache, Tex.
Blackwater, Mo.	Bay City, No. 2 Vine Grove.
Chamois, Mo.	E. Bluefield, Va.
Hannibal, Mo.	Floyd, Va.
New London, Mo.	Cuckoo, Va.
Madison, Mo.	Bluefield, W. Va.
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Warren, O.	

ENTERED INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Mrs. F. E. Barnett, for many years a staunch Christian holding membership with the Okmulgee, Okla. Church of Christ and president of the Woman's Missionary there passed into the great beyond August 20th 1927. Mrs. Barnett was a woman of outstanding personality. Her faith in her Lord and her devotion to him were unsurpassed. Surely earth's loss was heaven's gain.

Mrs. Florence Blackburn Coleman of Kansas City, Kan., was taken by the hand of death on Jan. 7. Mrs. Coleman is the sister of Mesdames Jason Cowan of Indianapolis, Edwina Butler, and Bernice Holmes of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mrs. Annie Ellis of Paducah, Kentucky and of Miss Deetsy Blackburn, retired elementary worker among the Bible Schools. Mrs. Coleman was the wife of Eld. Frank H. Coleman, pastor of the Atchison, Kan., Church and president of the Kansas State Convention. She was a member of the Eighth St. Christian Church of Kansas City and sang in the choir. She was also prominent in club work. Her funeral was held with that church on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1928, Eld. L. H. Crawford, conducting it. Among the ministers present were Elds. P. A. Gray, State Evangelist of Mo., J. D. Smith, pastor of the Second Church, Kansas City, Kan., William Alphin, Field Secretary of the Churches, C. E. Craggett, pastor of the Kansas City, Mo. church, Prof. P. H. Moss, Secretary of Religious Education, Mrs. William Alphin, President of the National W. M. S. Convention and Eld. Jason M. Cowan, Jr. Ministerial Student at Butler University and brother-in-law of the deceased. Eld. I. K. Hicks, a former schoolmate and Eld. A. W. Davis, a former pastor were also present.

Besides the above mentioned sisters, Mrs. Coleman is survived by a father, three brothers, a half-sister and a step-mother. Three sons, ranging from eight to thirteen are also left to mourn their loss. Miss Blackburn has made the Coleman home her headquarters ever since she moved to Kansas City.

Unnecessary feasting makes necessary fasting, for sickness is born of surfeit.

Disagreeableness is close to devilishness, and the cross-grained crank is a criminal.

Real suffering is silent; a noisy sorrow is more than half hypocrisy. Despair is dumb.

Department of Church Life

ELD. WILLIAM ALPHIN—EDITOR

THE editor arranged to give one page in the Christian Plea to this department and this is a wise move and will result in great good, if made to fill the needed place by use and systematic contribution. A prepared article of not more than three hundred words, will appear each month. The remainder of the page will be for short news notes respecting the church activities throughout the brotherhood we hope. Others do this, why not we?

Some churches have appointed reporters. Others are kindly urged to select a regular reporter. Don't we enjoy "peppy" and "snappy" notes from the brotherhood? Often we enjoy reading about ourselves more than about others, if so, we must each see that we have a reporter that will report. On account of the space and the time necessary to prepare reports for print, the reporters are asked to put the news in as few words as possible and send it in by the FIFTEENTH of the month so it may appear in the issue of the following month. If not brief and on time, it may not appear at all because it would not be fair to hold out current reports that are on time for those that were sent in at "Just Any Old Time."

In church activities and church life, so many of us are "sold" to the idea of "Just Any Old Time." This department begs of you notes each month and that they come in on time.

—The Editor.

PREPARING CHRISTIANS FOR CHURCH ORGANIZATION

No. 1

THE study and the better understanding of the organization and polity of the church as taught in the New Testament, are absolutely necessary for the life, growth and the efficiency of the church. They are vital also to the fellowship and cooperation of one congregation of Christian and another, in promoting and supporting the program and mission of the church.

When we say organization and polity we do not mean simply an organized group or constitution and rules found in or out of the New Testament. What is written in the New Testament is meant but more also; it must on our part include the Kingship and Lordship of Jesus Christ. What is written in the New Testament is no more and often not as much as that written elsewhere in getting results, if the spirit and purpose of the Head of the church is not desired and welcomed.

The organization and polity of the church are Divinely given. The organization is spiritually constructed and the polity spiritually observed and applied.

It should be borne in mind that when speaking of the organization and polity of the congregation we are thinking mostly of individuals, of-

ficers and rules. These too often are uppermost in our thoughts. These are indispensable but are not the organization or polity. In considering these two terms in relation to a Christian congregation we must go back of these. The call for an organization, object, membership, offices, rules for performance of duty and relationship one to the other can be clearly stated and written before there is a member or occupant of any office or any one authorized to execute the rules and carry out the purpose stated. In organizing a group of Christians we should first consider the author, authority, spirit, character and purpose of the framework or fundamentals of a Christian organization. In this investigation we would find that the Author and authority of such a group was Divinely given. In this finding, the framework alone would be placed in a position of highest reverence and respect with a Christian. His membership, attitude and obedience is inspired by his acceptance of the Author and Authority of the framework of the organization. Therefore it should not solely be the occupants of the offices, or the leader, or the supervisors of the administration who are faithful to duty but everyone should be prompted to do his or her duty by loving obedience to the Lord and Master, the Divine Author and Giver of the fundamentals of the organization.

His word and spirit should guide in making choice of officers and in carrying out the Divine purpose of the organization. We may ignore and disrespect the action of the occupant of an office in the church but we must not ignore or disrespect the office.

In preparing Christians for church organization, much depends on the evangelist to those acting in his stead, in bringing Christians into an organization—or as I prefer—into fellowship and partnership in keeping house for God. These should lovingly, kindly and positively be taught:

1. What a Christian organization is, its purpose and mission in the community and in the world.

2. The Divine program of the church by which the mission of the church is to be carried out in the earth, by human obedience to Divine guidance and help.

3. Who is and what it is to be a member of a Christian organization and to support the same on fellowship and cooperation with others.

4. How to obtain membership in a Christian organization and how membership is forfeited.

5. How a Christian should use his franchise in the church, its importance in a democracy.

6. The advantage of organization in promoting and supporting a cause; the happiness and beauty of service in a Christian fellowship; the assurance in being a member of the household of God's family; and serving as an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

7. That God will not dwell in an unclean temple.

— W. A.

(To be continued.)

FROM FRANKFORT, MO. REPORTER—PAULINE OFFUTT

Prof. P. H. Moss enjoyed the fellowship of the Second Christian Church last month.

Eld. J. R. Gibbs of Jefferson City finished his part of the work on our church and has returned home. During his few weeks stay he preached the Woman's Day sermon and several other helpful, instructive sermons.

Our calendars are on hand and everyone is expected to do his bit.

The Kings Builders will have an Apron Social Feb. 11th. All ought to be delighted to help the young folks for, "Blessed are the children for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Members, be up and doing. Attend all of the auxiliaries of your church.

Your support is needed. Your presence is inspiring.

SIDELIGHTS FROM KENYON AVENUE, CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORTER—MRS. VIOLA H. LAWS

The eleventh anniversary of the pastor, Eld. R. H. Davis was celebrated Dec. 16, 1927. A donation of a \$1.10 was asked from each member as a token of appreciation of his services rendered here. The members responded gallantly. Some of the churches through the state responded also.

A brief program was rendered. Att. J. D. Locker was master of ceremonies. Eld. W. H. Dickerson of the Lockland Christian Church was the speaker of the evening.

The main point in the speaker's address was a plea for more confidence in leadership.

The spirit of Christian love and fellowship was felt among the members. The amount of \$74.15 was received and the pastor went home with his better half, Mrs. Mabel I. Davis, rejoicing.

OBSERVE A SUNDAY IN
FEBRUARY
AS CHRISTIAN PLEA DAY
Get Subscribers and Donations

FROM KERR, ARK.

REPORTER—MISS LESSIE BOATWRIGHT

BRING you greetings from the Pearidge Christian Church of this place.

We had a storm pass this place not so long ago but unlike most storms that leave destruction and desolation in their wakes, this one brought joy and happiness to our pastor, Eld. W. T. York. It left him a nice suit of clothes, a pair of shoes, two pairs of socks and other things of use. We remembered that the Bible said "Give honor to whom honor is due." And from the past twelve months' performance we are sure that he will wear his gifts with pride and unselfishness in the continuation of his efficient pastorate among us.

Sunday Dec. 4th the W. M. S. observed Woman's Day with a large and appreciative audience present. Eld. G. M. Thomas preached a short sermon on "The Good Samaritan." His text was found in Luke 10:37, "Go ye and do likewise" and in this discourse was one that vividly showed us who our neighbors are—the one that needed our assistance be he far from us or near at hand. He who helps is the neighbor.

After the sermon an offering of \$5.20 was taken for the W. M. S. and as a farther proof of the efficacy of the sermon, we raised \$1.00 for a sick brother near by, Mr. G. Terril.

As a result of this observance of the rally day several women joined the Missionary Society and we are asking the prayers of all that this next year may be a year of jubilee for our church and its auxiliaries.

FROM LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK

Just a few words about Christian love and giving. I often think of Prof. Moss's statement that you can give without loving but it is a poor gift.

What does Jesus say, "Give as the Lord has prospered you." God loves a liberal giver. Does He mean what He says? Must we obey this truth also? What responsibility is connected with possessions according to the Scriptures? This means that one must search them, receive them and obey them. And one cannot love without giving. Let a Christian "deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

What does this denial mean? Can Christ use one who makes it a point to go off for a visit on every occasion for a national rally day? Is that cheerful giving and loyalty? The church of Christ is suffering for the true spirit of Christian giving. Giving as the Lord has prospered does not mean that the man making \$75.00 or \$85.00 per month must give 25c per Sunday or \$1.00 per month. What of the teacher that gets \$50.00 a month and gives 55c of that to the Lord's cause? The church must raise its flag high if it is to be used of God. Great or small God demands the best. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

NEWS—The writer received a dangerous fall recently but is glad to say that she is able to sit up.

The Woman's Day program was delayed until later.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION

REPORTER—WM. MARTIN, STATE SECRETARY

The Tennessee Convention held at Bristol in August was a success. We had a delightful setting. Everything passed off all well and good. We made some great resolutions, which I hope the brethren will strive to carry out. I fear some have fallen asleep. Some of the churches I cannot hear from. I am in touch with the Savannah Church, and hope to visit it soon. It did not report in the Convention.

The reports of the Convention showed progress in the work. Prof. Calkins of the U. C. M. S. rendered valuable service in the Convention. Eld. Preston Taylor, President, was at his best. Eld. R. L. Peters delivered two strong sermons during the Convention.

The people at Bristol spared no pains to entertain us in every way.

The next Convention goes to Rogersville, at which time the good people there hope to be in their new building and expect to dedicate it at that time.

FROM MAYS LICK, KY.

REPORTER—A. D. GAULT

We are still moving along slowly. Eld. C. H. Johnson was at our church Nov. 16 and 17 and preached for us on these two nights. On the seventeenth his subject was *The Gospel*.

On Nov. 21, Eld. Johnson and members of the Germantown and Mayslick churches went to Maysville. On that evening we had a great sermon. Eld. Johnson is an outstanding state evangelist and also a great Bible school man known as "Bible School King of Kentucky." He is making old Kentucky ring out with the gospel.

I am glad to say that we are still carrying the banner of Christ. Sometimes the way seems dark but we tread the same notwithstanding.

Eld. J. P. Blades from Carlisle, Ky., was with us on Dec. 11. He brought us the gospel message. It was a rainy day but he made the sun shine through the clouds. Eld. Blades has not been in the state a year yet but he bids fair to become a great stone in the building for Christ in Kentucky.

We are still without a pastor and the writer is longing to correspond with some one to take this work.

Contentment and peace form a throne and a crown; while both a crown and a throne without these are a husk without the kernel, or a casket without the gem.

Observe Christian Endeavor Day

Take an Offering for Missions

Send it to the

United Christian Missionary Society

425 De Baliviere Ave.,

St. Louis, Missouri

FROM MT. STERLING, KY.

REPORTER—MRS. L. D. MAGOWAN

One more year has passed forever and we that have been spared to enjoy it, should be very thankful.

Our Bible School officers have been elected and the teachers appointed. Prof. J. Rogers Jones is still our superintendent. We have started another year's work splendidly.

Mrs. Janie Davis, one of our loyal members, departed this life on Jan. 4th but our loss is heaven's gain.

The ladies of the W. M. S. had the pageant, "Perfect Love" in December. It was enjoyed by all. Eld. Brown asked that it be repeated, and it was. Every department of the church seems to be eager to do its best.

We had one little tot to make the good confession and was buried with Christ in baptism this year. I am glad to say that he was a member of my class, one of the Junior boys.

We are wishing the *Christian Plea* much success in 1928.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KY.

ELD. C. H. DICKERSON, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Lexington is passing thru the severest cold spell in many years. But the weather does not hinder Lexington Christians. Our year closed with 24 added, current debts paid, harmony in the membership, loyalty in officiating and helpfulness with cheer in the ministry.

Our Bible School is reviving since the lifting of the ban and injecting some new blood into its machinery. Prof. Moss is right in insisting that there are "key men."

Our choir is "measuring up" and the mid-week services are inviting.

Old Mr. Santa Claus attended the celebration of our fourth anniversary during Xmas. Friends were wonderfully mindful. After going the limit along many lines, they presented a substantial "Purse" which told its own sweet story.

The state minutes were late but out before Xmas and we urge all to be governed by them.

Eld. T. R. Everett and wife are cosily fixed in the parsonage at Nicholasville and all are happy. He began a protracted meeting there Dec. 5 with a splendid singer. Great results are expected at *Old First*.

Eld. R. H. Hancock is storming Georgetown for the newly elected pastor, Eld. G. E. Letton. We need a few more good men for our "trenches." Those we have are *measuring up* but those who come *MUST*.

The National School situation is shaping for service and the "timber for the mill" is the great object of our interest.

Let every minister comb his membership and town and county for good "sticks" for this proposed factory and pass the word along.

President Preston Taylor made doubly good in the Carolinas. We knew he would.

KY. VIA THE EVANGELIST
REPORTER—ELD. C. H. JOHNSON

We worshipped with the church at Hustonville on Christmas Day. On Monday night Eld. Yowell and Deacon Frye escorted us to the parsonage and we soon realized that a storm had passed over Hustonville leaving in its wake ties, collars, shirts, handkerchiefs, socks, a \$35.00 suit, Christmas lunch and an invitation to be present next Christmas.

The first Sunday of the new year we were with the church at Danville. Cold as it was we met a fine group and we worshipped the Master in spirit and in truth. Danville is in need of a pastor and is in a financial struggle. Some good man could get in touch with the work there by writing J. T. Smith, 469 W. Walnut St.

A letter came from Hopkinsville saying that they had paid \$100.00 on the church debt leaving a balance of \$200.00. Much praise and honor should go to these loyal women.

District No. 6 held a successful meeting at Fairview Jan. 7-8, with schools representing as follows: Mt. Sterling, Little Rock, Aaron's Run and Fairview. The workers seemed much inspired by the many fine subjects that were discussed. Eld. W. H. Brown brought us greetings from the National Convention. The District pledged to support Mrs. Taylor, State President in fostering the School of Methods. Mrs. Sara Jones was elected District Worker. Prayer was offered for the sick in the district.

Since that time Prof. E. S. Taylor, husband of our State President has departed this life.

In the midst of all our labors, don't forget to subscribe for the Christian Plea.

FROM WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.
REPORTER—MRS. EUGENIA HARRIS

Christmas Day at the Spencer Memorial Christian Church will be long remembered. The church was filled to its capacity. Eld. R. L. Peters, pastor and nationally known evangelist, held his audience spellbound in his discourse at the 11:00 services on the "Birth of Christ."

At the evening services, he preached another strong sermon and several were added to the church.

On Monday night the Christmas program was elaborate in every phase of its observance. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated for the occasion with other decorations of the room in holly, cedar and red bells. Some of the more prominent people of the city were present.

During 1928 the Spencer Memorial Church with all of the auxiliaries is planning to put over the program as never before.

FROM NICHOLASVILLE, KY.
REPORTER—MRS. ANNIE M. TAYLOR

We have just closed one of the best revivals in the history of the Maple Ave. Church from many angles.

First that I shall mention was the attendance; second, the interest manifested by the general public; third, the cooperative spirit that prevailed among the other churches of the town and our church; fourth and last, the spirit of the campaign that affected all so that many came through the rain and snow and are yet singing the praises for this blessing.

The reporter was not able to be there as often as desired owing to the serious nature of an accident that happened to one of her friends. She was thus compelled to render help that prevented regular attendance. But the spirit of the Lord was present and many souls were blessed. We had not had a meeting in this church for a long while and with no pastor for a period until we called Eld. T. R. Everett. He is our shepherd now and the work seems to be taking on new life. The attendance is increasing and all of the departments of the church are moving on. We are expecting a banner year here.

During our revival we had Mrs. Yora B. Clark of Shelbyville, Ky. as singing evangelist and she won the hearts of all. Eld. Everett seemed at his best in delivering the messages. Our meeting was short, extending over only fourteen nights but we closed with six added and more expected from the seeds sown then. Some have promised to come in.

The rest of the church has been revived and many who have not been coming are seen regularly at the services. And the help that comes from the presence of the pastor and his good wife as residents of the town mean much to the work here.

FORMER JARVIS STUDENT DOING RESEARCH IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We learn that Edwin Hurdle, a member of the College Class of 1926 at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, is doing special research in the field of Religious Education.

He is doing this work under the direction of the Bureau of Educational Research at Samuel Huston College, Austin, Texas, where he is a Senior.

His problem centers around the Education of Negro Ministers and Salaried Church Workers in Texas.

The Bureau is being directed by Dean Harry W. Greene, one of Texas' foremost Educators and Supervised by T. B. Echols, Professor of Religious Education.

It is more sensible to shrink your desire than to enlarge your possessions, and the former is so much easier of attainment than the latter. Diogenes was happier in his tub than Alexander in his palace.

FROM CHICAGO, ILL.
REPORTER—MRS. HATTIE TYREE,
OAKWOOD BLVD. CHURCH

Jan. I dawned upon us here in the Windy City, five below zero. But our Bible School was well attended, the assistant superintendent presiding. The Superintendent resigned at the close of the year 1927.

The morning services held in the community house, were only fairly attended due to the extreme cold. Sermon—"Empty via Fullness" Nehemiah 4 and Matt. 12-43—"He Findeth It Empty." Eld. Dorsey, our pastor, brought a practical sermon to us on whether our lives are empty or whether filled with love and service? We all should examine ourselves in answering this question. At the close there was one addition from S. C. I.

Jan. 8th there were about seventy in attendance at the Bible School which was still in charge of the assistant superintendent. During the closing exercises, eleven pupils received certificates for perfect attendance during the past quarter.

The morning services were well attended. Sermon—"You have not because you ask not"—Luke 2, James 2:16-20, James 4:2-3. A pledge of the life and heart should be made anew. How much do you pray? Do you have fixed time for prayer? Prayer is not a privilege but a duty. Soldiers have to report regularly to the commanding officer. We are Christian soldiers and should report regularly to our one commander—Jesus. Let us give ourselves to prayer, if we do so, we cannot fail. After the sermon there was one addition from the S. C. I.

Mrs. Elma Brooks was elected superintendent of the Bible School in a teachers' meeting after the church services.

All departments of the church seem to have taken on new life with the new year.

FROM DAYTON, OHIO
REPORTER—B. H. JOHNSON

The work is moving along here very nicely, Eld. Bundy has been with us about six months now, and is doing wonderful work, here.

Eld. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N. C. will hold our winter revival for us beginning Jan. 10th. We are looking forward to this meeting to be a great one for Eld. Peters comes to us well recommended in this line of work.

The winter weather has slowed us some, but we are preparing to do as much as we can. We want to have everything in readiness for our Spring drive.

Selfishness bears up bravely under its neighbor's burdens and endures other people's miseries heroically.

WHITE HALL, ALA.

REPORTER—J. B. JACKSON

We have a Christian Church located in one of the most prosperous cotton-making sections of this county. White Hall is noted for its cotton and its religion.

Mt. Zion Christian was without a pastor for the first half of last year. On the third Sunday in May, it called Eld. G. R. Rucker to preach a sermon for it. And he came to our rescue. His sermon was enjoyed so much that he was invited to return on the third Sunday in June and at that time was elected as pastor.

The church was thought to be too poor by some of the male members to support a pastor being under a \$250.00 debt for the building but our good sisters insisted that we have a preacher. Since Eld. Rucker has been with us, we have been able to report \$11.00 to the Bible School Convention held at this place, send a representative to the Annual Convention in October, give a small contribution to this convention, pay the pastor \$50.00 and also pay \$142.36 on the church debt.

We are planning by January the first to be free from the debt and accepting Miss Blackburn's advice, make another one. We have learned now that a church cannot be successful without a preacher. We are doing what we can to take care of our Pastor. The ladies are leading in this work and are trying to have some tokens to present to the pastor also.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

REPORTER—MRS. M. L. FRENCH,
CENTRAL

On Monday evening, Jan. 9th, the brothers of the church gave a banquet in honor of the sisters for having raised more money than the hosts in the rally of Nov. 6th. There were many guests from other churches that enjoyed the program furnished by the men.

Supt. W. H. Jordan is working hard to bring the Bible School up to the standard.

The W. M. S. observed Woman's Day the second Sunday in December with a splendid program raising \$13.35.

District No. 4 will meet at the Third Christian Church Jan. 29th.

Eld. Owens and officers are making plans for a great revival to begin March 19.

SELMA, N. C.

Reporter—B. J. Gregory

Christmas was a great day at St. Rose of Wilson, N. C.

Three deacons were ordained and there were three for baptism besides one addition otherwise. The church was greatly revived.

NAPTON, MO.

REPORTER—MRS. C. L. MILLER

We are glad to say the old year was ushered out without any loss in our fold. As we go forward in the new year we pray for a greater fellowship, and cooperation.

The Christmas dinner served by the church on Monday, Dec. 26 was a decided success, every member demonstrating a fine sense of cooperation. The W. M. S. had not had a meeting for several months. Sunday, December 25 was the regular meeting day. The president was absent so the meeting was in the hands of the State Vice President of the W. M. S. We enrolled one new member—Mrs. Mamie Chatman. The election of officers will be held on the fourth Sunday in January. We hope that every member of the Society will be present. We want to start the work of the new year with high hopes and pleasant prospects.

Eld. Richardson filled his appointment Sunday, January 8 preaching two excellent sermons to an appreciative audience. The vesper services were directed by the young people.

The church is taking on new life and not only praying but also cooperating. Indeed the elders have begun functioning and the deacons have started to do their work. We are planning to put over a larger program.

BUILDING THE LADDER

MRS. E. HARRIS, WINSTON-SALEM,
NORTH CAROLINA

Heaven is not reached in a single bound
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies;
And we mount to its summit round by round.

When Jesus of Nazareth was here He went about teaching men the way of life. He said, "*Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart, soul, strength and mind, this is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*"

"*Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?*" He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart. "*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*"

When Peter was here on earth, he was a coward and denied his master. He lacked courage and faith. He who is building the ladder must have faith. "*Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*" As we do our duty from day to day, we feel that we have done things that we should not have done and have not done the things that we should have done. Thus we are always in need of grace.

All common goods has a common price
All exceeding good exceeding.
Christ bought the keys of paradise
By cruel bleeding;
And every soul that wins a place
On those hills of pleasure,
Must ask it all and beg for grace
To finally fill the measure.

FROM WABBASEKA, ARK.

REPORTER—ELD. E. L. TURNER

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas programs are now of the past. We had a large and appreciative audience on both of these occasions.

The financial results were:

Thanksgiving ----- \$10.00
Christmas ----- 22.02

We are hoping to do "big things" in all departments of the church in 1928 and we are putting in a full corps of officers to lead in this program.

JARVIS SCHOOL NOTES

WE ARE glad to announce that our new Dormitory for girls has been completed and that it is one of the best of its kind in the state.

The grading for the new Railway Station at Jarvis was completed Dec. 17. All local trains will stop daily.

The Alain Locke Forensic society was organized by the college department. Prof. J. H. Harmon is Faculty Advisor for the society.

The Junior High School gave a Musical Comedy on Dec. 9 which proved very entertaining. The benefits—\$19.60 was turned over to the school treasure for Community Tuition.

Pres. J. N. Ervin entertained the Football Boys on Dec. 15 with a Banquet. The boys all reported a wonderful evening. The letter "J" which Jarvisites are so proud of, was presented to the players who had worked so well during the football season.

The District Convention held its regular quarterly meeting at Jarvis on Dec. 16—18 inclusive. The Xmas season being so near accounted for a lack of attendance. Eld. H. G. Smith, State Evangelist, Eld. W. M. Wilson, assistant State Evangelist, Eld. N. H. Johnson, Pres. State Convention and Mrs. Rand were among those present. The local attendance was good and we are very grateful for the very wonderful sermons that came to us during the meeting.

A new steam heating plant has been installed in Texas Hall No. 2. During the installation the President of the college suffered an accident resulting in the injury of his foot. He was confined to his room for several days. We are glad however, that he is up again taking his place which means that the campus rings with harmony and contentment.

Among these who recently visited the campus were: Mr. D. B. Taylor, College Examiner from the State Department of Education at Austin. Mr. Taylor spent one day in the different Departments. Mr. E. B. Brown a representative from the Texas and Pacific Railway Co. spent a few hours on the campus in conference with the President concerning the new Station at Jarvis. Mr. Grant K. Lewis, chairman of the Home Department of the United Christian Missionary Society. We are always glad to have Mr. Lewis visit us.

As a result of a rally we were able to send the sum of \$223.50 to Headquarters. The following departments contributing as follows: The Church — \$103.50, Bible School — \$100.00, Missionary Society — \$20.00

The Christmas holidays are to extend from Dec. 23, to Jan. 1. Teachers and students are both filled with the anticipation that Christmas always brings.

A Pertinent Suggestion

By Eld. J. S. Conway, Columbia, Ky.

To the Brotherhood of Kentucky:

Why not elect from the floor of the Convention the committees on Future Work and on Business at each convention to report to the following convention? This practice would allow time for each member of the committee to do some constructive thinking for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

Not only that, but there would be time to discuss one with the other by letter, committee meeting and through the Christian Plea, the proposed resolutions and recommendations.

This would give the delegates and churches as a whole time to think since all would be made aware of the various issues that will come before the convention several months in advance. Then the delegates could come to the convention better informed, personally, and properly instructed, representatively.

This would speed up the building of Zion's walls by relieving the convention of much of the controversial impediments that take up time. Much of the misunderstanding among delegates, unnecessary discussion and clashes would be obviated. All the delegates would meet and do officially what has already been done in advance.

And since the State Missionary Board is of the convention, by the convention and for the convention, I do not see any reason why it should not with authority, appoint these two committees for the first time at its next regular meeting to report to the 1928 convention. I believe that if this is done, it can soon be said as in days of old, "And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied" Acts 6:7.

Therefore I move that the State Missionary Board appoint the first Business Committee and the First Future Work Committee at its next regular meeting. Do I get a second?

Reflections on the Holiday

REPORTER—Mrs. S. L. Bostick,
N. Little Rock, Ark.

THE writer is sitting looking eastward and a mind to thank our Heavenly Father arises in her for the big world that offers every advantage of happiness, everything for our glory, sunshine, rain and air that are essential to life. The birds of the air and the beasts of the forest are a part of its contribution to us.

Moreover we have knowledge to realize the great God of the universe and to understand His Book of the world. Had Christ not been born, we would not have been in existence. The Savior made it possible for all souls to glorify, honor and magnify His name. So why not do it in the highest sense of Christian respect and fellowship on Christmas Day?

We can only read the past. No one can really know the future. What 1928 will mean to us in developing and equipping work, we do not know. We are now ushering in a new year and with it the possibilities of a new world. How shall we spend this year? How shall we use it? Let every W. M. S. try to add to the membership of the organization at least one new member a month where there is a reserve to draw from. Then there is the need for the saving of some souls and bringing it into the church in 1928. With precept and example give good service in this way.

To the Officers and Members, Lea Avenue Christian Church

Dear Brethren:

We are about to close another year of our existence as a congregation, and as our years are passing by rapidly, and this may be the last one, we had better be ready to render an account of our stewardship here, or we may not be longer retained as stewards. God will remove the candlestick that does not give light, or the tree that does not bear fruit will be cut down and burned to make room for a fruitful tree.

How does your life compare this year with the previous years of your Christian life? Can you afford to live in the church without improving on your time? Is there no work you can do for your church and God? Are you willing to sit idle and see some one else doing your work? Will you be equally willing that they should receive the reward? How much stronger would the church be today if all were workers and did their whole duty. But, alas, so few can be counted on in the time of service. If you are numbered among the unfaithful, may we ask you to enlist among the faithful for one solid year's work for the church and God? Will you begin now? Think how much you have lost by not beginning sooner. Will you prayerfully consider these questions?

1. Can the congregation depend on you at all regular meetings.
2. Will you take the part of an active member and try to make the coming year the greatest in the history of the church?
3. Will you pray and work unceasingly for the up-building of the church.
4. Do you want the budget system to continue? If so, will you subscribe to it?
5. Will you take an interest in the Sunday school and young people under your influence?
6. Will you work in one of the organizations of the church?

Finally—Whatever your hand findeth to do, do it with all your might and power, that the cause of Christ may grow and prosper thereby.

Your Brother in Christ,
Preston Taylor.

From the National President

To The Churches:

Four months have passed since our convention. It would be well to check up to see what has been done and what remains yet to be accomplished. Can we have the reports? Has the church met all the obligations for local, state and national? We can't grow unless we answer in the affirmative. The W. M. S., the Bible School, the C. E. and Girls' Circle must function along all lines.

Be sure the four special days are observed in the Bible School and utmost interest devoted for the offerings. We are not raising enough money to meet our obligations. Two of our field workers had to be taken off of the field and the Christian Plea changed from a weekly to a monthly paper. We must stop the shrinkage ere we fall below zero. We have a great work before us. Our church, schools and missionary work is in need of your co-operation and on account of negligence, they are suffering.

Raise your apportionment and send report and money in at once.

See that every family in your church subscribes for and reads the Christian Plea.

Eld. Preston Taylor.

To Conference Students

I WISH to send a word of greeting to each of you. I know that you are very busy boosting Conference in the community in which you reside. You are urged to continue, for we are expecting great things from each of you.

We have set our goal at '88 in '28' and you are helping to realize that goal whenever you interest another person in Conference. We, who were present last year, extend a hearty greeting to those who were not present and invite them to partake of the joys of the 1928 Conference. We assure you that the second year of work is 100% more delightful than the first. "Come and See."

To further promote Conference, we have planned to get out a news bulletin for the Negro Conference which will appear twice or thrice before the next conference. But it must depend on you for news, jokes, personals, greetings, etc. So we are asking that you send in anything of interest that has come to you in the line of news of yourself or of another Conference-ite. Of this will be made the main substance of the letter. Let us hear from you at once.

As other Conferences will be started soon, we must find a name for our S. C. I. Conference and we are asking that each Conference-ite send in one name that he thinks suitable with his news not later than February 5. The most popular names will appear in that first issue of the Newsletter and your second letter will contain the vote upon the name and it will be proposed at the next Conference.

Address your letter to V. G. Smith, 425 DeBaliviere Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Remember the Character Bond Pledge.

Remember the Name for Conference.

Remember '88 in '28.'

Remember the news letter before February 5.

Yours for greater service,
Mary V. Moore, President.

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

The Christian Endeavor Society re-organized after a period of relaxation with an entire new set of officers composed of the younger members.

Jan. 15th the Official board had an important meeting to decide some policies for the new year.

Miss E. Givens, president of the W. M. S., had a very successful meeting of the society after a little vacation on Sunday Jan. 15.

A special offering was taken for a case of benevolence on Jan. 15 amounting to \$26.00. This money is the remainder of a sum needed to place Mrs. Bella Mace at the Home for aged in this city. In all the church has taken care of \$150.00 of this amount.

Mr. Ashford Carter, Secretary of the C. E. S., is indisposed with a case of la-grippe.

Miss Margaret Green who has been ill, has recovered sufficiently to be up.

The Brotherhood has re-organized and plans to do some real work this year.

The Bible School is moving along splendidly under the leadership of Mrs. Retta M. Logan.

Renewals

Eld. B. C. Calvert, West Jackson, Miss.
Miss E. Givens, St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. C. B. Cain, Knoxville, Tenn.
Mrs. Joanna King, Knoxville, Tenn.
Eld. J. E. Quarrels, Fort Worth, Texas.
Mrs. Annie Smith, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Mrs. Lulu Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
Mr. Charles Clay, Winchester, Ky.
Mrs. America Martin, Winchester, Ky.
Mr. R. L. Moore, Chickasha, Okla.
T. H. Fuller, Chickasha, Okla.
Miss Lulu Townsend, Franklin, Ind.
Mr. S. D. Anderson, Danville, Ky.
Mrs. Sallie Hubble, Danville, Ky.
Mrs. Cynthia Nichols, Danville, Ky.
Mrs. Carrie McCuiston, Vernon Okla.
Mrs. Alice Johnson, Wathena, Kan.
Prof. John Long, Edwards, Miss.
Y. M. C. A., Edwards, Miss.
Miss R. C. Sneed, Mound Bayou, Miss.
Miss Viola York, Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. Lena Adams, Kansas City, Kan.
Prof. J. B. Lehman, Edwards, Miss.
Y. W. C. A. Edwards, Miss.

New Subscriptions

Eld. A. J. Hurdle, Greenville, Texas.
Eld. James Young, Belleville, Texas.
Mrs. Fred Mathena, Bay City, Tex.
Mrs. Tillie G. Jones, Bay City, Tex.
Mrs. E. Wychie, Bay City, Tex.
Mrs. Lizzie Dismuke, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Mr. T. F. Spencer, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Mrs. Ellen M. Bimble, Kerr, Ark.
Eld. Alonzo Grigsby, Knoxville, Tenn.

New Secretaries for Christian Plea

Waco, Texas—Wanzy Givens.
Taylor Texas—Mrs. M. D. Travers.
Cedar Lake—Mr. Joel Williams.
Houston—Mrs. R. A. Thomas.
Bay City—Eld. Samuel L. Brown.
Lyons Texas—Mr. F. H. Moore.

JARVIS, FASTEST GROWING COLLEGE IN SOUTHWEST

By Edwin Hurdle, Samuel Huston College
Austin, Texas.

As a result of pooled expert opinion, Jarvis Christian College is conceded to be the fastest growing educational institution in the state of Texas.

Dean Harry W. Greene of Samuel Huston College; H. L. Stevens, professor of Biology, Claffin University; Pres. W. R. Banks of Prairie View College; Dean O. A. Fuller of Bishop College; Pres. M. W. Dogan of Wiley College; Dr. Payton Irving, College Examiner of the State Department of Education and Dean Colby D. Hall of Texas Christian University, are a few of the Educators who say that Jarvis Christian College leads all other institutions in this section of the country in the rate of progress.

The College is only fourteen years old; yet it is one of the leading state-recognized Junior Colleges in Texas.

Much credit should be given Pres. J. N. Ervin, who has brought the Institution from a small village school into prominence as an accredited Junior College.

He who can be happy without fortune's smile already has it; and the ability to dispense with wealth is wealth itself.

Will it clean a child's soiled jacket to soil your own soul and his memory by scolding?

Life is like a dinner; what we put into it predetermines just what we get out.

With the jewel of a good character the plainest setting is the most becoming.

BEARERS OF SPIRITUAL CULTURE

By Edwin Hurdle, Jarvis Christian College,
Hawkins, Texas

ONE present-day teacher of religion has so remarked, "The greatest business of any generation of people is the education of children."

It seems true enough to the right-thinking individual, that without the business of educating children, civilization would fail. If for a single generation, our children should be refused or would be denied the opportunity of receiving instruction, all that we have accomplished thus far would be a waste of energy, and all would revert,—from whence we have come—back to barbarism.

Each generation must create anew, the spiritual culture of the race. Each child who comes to his teacher for instruction, weak and helpless though he be, has a duty to perform. He is held responsible for achieving a certain part of the great program of God. Each child is the bearer of an immortal soul, whose destiny will take form from the life the child lives among his fellows.

The task that the teacher of religion must perform is to experiment in the making of a soul's destiny. The teacher of each generation must teach not subject matter alone, but teach the child too. He must guide the life of his young students in the way of the Godly—that way which approaches the development of a higher and better way of living. He must ground himself in the cause of developing good character formation which takes place in the immortal soul.

Wherever these responsibilities face the teacher of religion, he has the opportunity of teaching them: the simple plan of Jesus; to live in accordance with His teachings; to remember, day by day, the golden rule; and to exemplify in their actions the revelations of pure thought.

These bearers of spiritual culture need more teaching; not orthodoxy. They are entitled to participations in the modern program of Religious Education, in their respective station in life; not intentions only. They need responsible spiritual guides, in actions and living examples; not in words alone.

The bare facts are before us—for improvement. Will our children—our bearers of culture—perish from the lack of proper spiritual guidance? Without laboratory experimentation? Without serviceable field work?

Messrs. E. W. Chenault, B. I. Taylor and Mesdames Amanda Hathaway, Katie Redd and Fannie Saunders are among the aged of Lexington that are afflicted. They have wrought well.

Lexington Annex Drive for \$1000.00 is on. Watch us get it!

Millersburg, Midway, and Hustonville are vacant. The right man can succeed in any one.

This monthly Plea is great. Every line is readable. Let's triple the subscriptions. Lexington will help.

The Christian Plea offers its sincerest sympathy to our associate editress, Mrs. M. E. Taylor in her recent bereavement on occasion of the loss of her husband who died Jan. 9, 1928. Prof. Taylor was an educator of note in the state of Kentucky and well thought of by all who knew him. The cause of his death was heart trouble.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

By Eld. C. H. Dickerson, Lexington

Unerring wisdom decrees that the *Christian Plea* become a monthly journal. There is a glint of business acumen in such a procedure. Dailies turn to weeklies, and weeklies turn to monthlies and monthlies to quarterlies as the environments dictate.

Our brainy young editor has shown ability and ingenuity worthy of confidence and co-operation. No sawmill can turn out walnut lumber from maple logs, nor could the enslaved Hebrews make "bricks without straw."

Most of us know that all business concerns have days, yea, even hours to discharge certain obligations. At stated times each week and each month, certain obligations must be met. We adapt ourselves to this system and all moves smoothly—"No Knocks." Subscribers and correspondents must so see our *Christian Plea*. One wonders why his work is not reported, when lo, no man has sent a line to the paper. Each church that wishes to be counted must "stand up." Brother Preacher, it is up to you to put your church on the map of World Evangelization.

You owe it to your church from whom you draw your "kale." We are only "states" in our thinking, in fact, we are one great body. "The Field is the World" and each one is responsible for his portion. Take your troubles to the police but tell us through the *Plea* of your success and efforts.

Eld. R. F. Hayes of Winston-Salem, N. C., formerly pastor at Bluefield, Va., has accepted the pastorate of the church at Knoxville, Tenn. He began his work there Nov. 6. Our prayers go with him, for his success there in building up the kingdom of Christ.

A new feature in the minutes of the National Convention this year is the short reviews of the principal addresses given in various sessions. This was only possible by the kindness of those who delivered these addresses in sending them to the *Christian Plea*, from which account the synopsis is taken. The entire address appeared in most cases in the *Christian Plea*.

Mrs. Priscilla McCarty of Mound Bayou, Miss., who for many years has served as President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Christian Church of that city counts it a glorious privilege to give \$50.00 for the support of a native child in one of our Mission stations in Africa. We are sure that the generosity on the part of this fine business woman will serve to suggest to others the rare privilege through such service.

During December a large number of Missionary Societies observed Woman's Day. There are still a number who have not observed the day. We therefore wish to remind you that any Sunday may be observed as Woman's Day. And we request that you will observe the day during the month of February. Not only should Woman's Day be observed by the churches in which there are Woman's Missionary Societies but we feel that it is a fine opportunity for Missionary expression on the part of any church in which there is a woman, who believes that the Gospel should be sent to the uttermost part of the earth and who wishes to share in sending it.

Wisdom excuses others easily, but itself never; folly reverses the order.

A CHRISTIAN PLEA DAY

OVER eight hundred letters went out from the *Christian Plea* office last month asking that the churches observe a Sunday in February as *Christian Plea Day* to get the paper and its needs before the people of the brotherhood. Some of the things that should receive attention at that time are given below.

I. *The Special Fund.* This fund is created by the National Convention to take care of the deficit that comes from the *Christian Plea*. A suggested apportionment has been made to each church and we are asking that on that day the amount to be raised.

II. *Renewals of Subscriptions.* This is a good time for the *Christian Plea* Secretary to get the renewals of all those who once took the paper. A little work during the preceding week will do much in this line.

III. *Obtaining new Subscriptions.* After the taking of the offering the Secretary might well have on hand the data concerning the *Christian Plea* in the congregation and give it with outline of the campaign for the two months. Then an appeal could be made for new subscribers.

IV. *Reading.* The *Christian Plea* is only good when it is read. Some time the paper goes to the home and is thrown into the waste basket without getting out of the wrapper. Perhaps the family is not ready to read and when the time comes the *Plea* is gone. The pastor can make this vivid.

V. *The Value of Publicity.* It would be well if the pastor could preach a sermon showing the need of a church organ, and the value of the *Christian Plea* in affording this publicity agent. The art of reporting briefly and pointedly should be taken up here. Show the need.

SOCIAL RELATIONS

BY BESSIE E. CHANDLER

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger and ye took me in. Naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me, I was in prison and ye came unto me."—Bible.

THE three great problems that are perplexing the world today are, social, racial and industrial. These can only be solved as the nations grow to better understand each other and to understand the program of Jesus.

Some writers define religion as the recognition of God as the object of worship, love and obedience. This being the common conception of religion, led religious activities to be directed toward leading men into the right relations with God. With this idea of religion the outstanding object of it was the salvation of the individual soul, and not the salvation of the whole of man.

It is noticed as civilization advances, numerous records of many wonderful ministrations have been made to suffering humanity, in the name of religion.

Careful investigation of such records show that such beautiful ministrations have been classified as individual, philanthropic acts, and not the work of organized activities.

Religion is now playing an important part in improving social conditions as well as making men more temperate, moral, industrious and altruistic. It is very easily comprehended that a man cannot be truly conscientious toward God, without being a true neighbor and a worthy citizen.

Realizing the value of the salvation of the whole of man and not only a fraction of him, has caused the ultimate change in religious activities. The salvation of society as well as that of the individual is being carried on.

This great change may be partially accounted; first to the new conception of the social teachings of Jesus. The realization of the relation of man to God and his fellowman. The centralizing of religion in society as a whole and not individuals alone, is the result of this newer concept.

Second, to the awakening of man to the meaning of the "Kingdom of God." Formerly men thought of it as a place or home after death. The church had no idea of bringing the Kingdom of God in the heart of men.

Third, the last great change may be due to the change in the architecture of the church. During the middle ages the cathedral was a lofty edifice with beautiful stained windows. The church was thought of as a place for meeting and hearing a sermon. The reformed church or meeting house carried with it a broader meaning of religion and social relations. Today the change in architecture of what may be called the institutional church, is due to her new conception of her mission and new method of procedure. The modern church has added to its auditorium the following rooms:—parlors for the cultivation of the social life, reading rooms, classrooms, shops for intellectual and industrial training and more remarkable still, apparatus for physical culture as gymnasiums, baths, swimming pools and playgrounds.

The church with such modern equipment, cannot fail as the church in the past. It is now able to bring about a more intensive social relation that can reach the masses.

The church in the past partially failed; first because it failed to reach the "masses," second, because of its narrow program of Christianity. Owing to these two the laboring and poor people of the slums, would seek help both spiritual and physical from other agencies as The Salvation Army and Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.

The idea that the church has just one business with man should be eliminated. The church as well as other social-religious organizations has much to offer the man with the dirty face, naked back or empty stomach. Christ surely had something for the lame, blind, deaf, in fact all fallen humanity. He sympathized with their spiritual and physical needs by ministering to them.

It is for the Christian Youth of today to bring the church to realize the need of a broader social program. It is for them to lead man to realize his social relation. The challenge is ours to develop the "Social Teaching of Jesus." Let us then launch into the deep sea of social betterment.

"Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Hardest Grind

The daily grind is harder when it is devoted to sharpening someone else's axe.—*Florence (Ala.) Herald.*

"MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY"

"Keep your eye on the clock, never toil after hours,
You will not find in history's pages
That Napoleon wasted his wonderful powers
In working for miserly wages.
Tell the boss that you know when you've done a day's work,
Observe with a brave, manly sneer—
'This isn't the country of Kemel, the Turk,
Mussolini ain't running things here.'
I know a young fellow who made this remark,
I met him today on a bench in the park.

"Look out for yourself, let the boss do the same,
Be peppy and full of ambition;
If he wants you to take a real part in his game,
He must give you a better position.
Walk up, with a businesslike frown on your face
And say you are working for cash,
And if you can't get it you'll throw up your place
And let the whole works go to smash.
I know a young fellow who spoke in this style—
He hasn't been working for quite a long while.

"Complain if the boss has an automobile
While you have to ride in a flivver,
Declare he must give you a much better deal
Or you certainly will not deliver.
Make a row every time someone else gets a raise,
Say you are only there for the pelf,
Say you can never live on a few words of praise
And could use some more money yourself.
I know a young fellow who spoke in this way
He asked for the loan of a quarter today."

Beating the Speed Demon

Traffic regulations posted in the Tokyo Central Police Station are reported by an American missionary as follows:—

- (1) At the rise of the hand policeman stop rapidly.
- (2) Do not pass him by, or otherwise disrespect him.
- (3) When a passenger of the foot hove in sight tootle the horn, trumpet at him, melodiously at first, but if he still obstructs your passage, tootle him with vigor and express by word of mouth the warning 'Hi! Hi'
- (4) Beware the wandering horse that he shall not take fright as you pass him by. Do not explode the exhaust box at him as you pass him by, go soothingly by.
- (5) Give big space to the festive dog that shall sport in the roadway.
- (6) Go soothingly in the grease mud, as there lurks the skid demon.
- (7) Avoid entanglement of dog with your wheel spokes.
- (8) Press the brakes of the foot as you roll round the corner to save collapse and tie up.

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The Defect in His Preaching

A Negro minister, given to the use of big words, was waited upon by the church committee and told that his style of preaching was not all that could be desired. "Don't I argify an' sputify?" inquired the minister. "Yes, yo' argify and sputify," responded a member of the committee, "but yo' don't show wherein."

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Church Erection From the Beginning

By J. H. Booth, Sec'y of Church Erection Department, U. C. M. S.

The American Christian Missionary Society began the work of church extension in 1884. In 1888, the fund had grown to \$10,000 and was transferred to Kansas City and put under the management of the Board of Church Extension. On October 1, 1920 the work was taken over by the Department of Church Erection of the United Christian Missionary Society. From the feeble beginning made in 1884 the funds have grown to \$2,510,682.26. It has answered the call of 2551 churches in the United States and Canada with loans totaling about seven million dollars.

The Society usually grants in the form of a loan one-third of the cost of the building and lot. The granting of the loan very often inspires and raises the other two-thirds.

Church Erection has, therefore, helped our brotherhood to acquire about 21 million dollars worth of property.

RECORD FOR THE PAST YEAR, JULY 1, 1926 TO JUNE 30, 1927

Number of loans closed.....	60
Number of loans promised but not closed	49
Amount of loans.....	\$ 588,750.00
Value of property created.....	1,750,000.00
Amount of loans promised ..	458,050.00

Present Situation

In all the history of church erection the department has never faced so many demands for loans as at the present. The demands upon us have been so heavy that our funds at the present time are completely exhausted and we have been compelled to borrow about \$400,000.00 to close loans granted to churches that were critically in need of help. Aside from this, in the last six months we have had to deny aid to and send no applications to 136 churches asking for loans totaling over \$1,000,000.00. From every indication the Disciples of Christ are in the greatest building period in their history. It is estimated that during the past year more than 250 churches have been built at a cost of over eight million dollars.

Some Problems of Church Erection

The biggest problem the department of church erection faces con-

tinuously is lack of funds. The department now has in its own permanent fund about two and one-half million dollars, including the borrowed funds the department is now handling, nearly three million dollars, and yet this vast fund does not meet more than one-third of the calls upon us. One of the pentecostal goals for the department of church erection is to add one million dollars to the loan funds by 1930.

Another problem is the difficulty which the department has in getting the churches to pay back their loans on time. There are several reasons for this. One of the reasons, of course, is the inability of the congregations to pay. This inability is due to various causes, such as deaths and removals among the members, trouble in the church or changing conditions of the community, especially in industrial communities. One of the principal reasons why churches fail to pay their notes promptly is due to the feeling that the churches have that Church Erection is "Our Board" handling "our money" and therefore should carry "our loan" until we feel like paying it. The coming of our new associate secretary, J. Leslie Finnell, whose principal work will be visiting churches that have become delinquent in payments, will help to eliminate this difficulty.

Another problem of the department of church erection is to get the churches to make the greatest use of the brotherhood's money in the construction of the right type of building for worship and work. In order to meet this problem, about four years ago, the department of church erection in cooperation with the department of religious education, established a Bureau of Church Architecture with A. F. Wickes, in charge. The Bureau of Architecture has rendered a splendid service to the churches that have been willing to follow the advice of the architect. The greatest problem in this regard is to get the churches to feel the need of architectural advice and to follow that advice when it is given.

Rules of the Department in Granting Loans

FIRST: We help only the churches that cannot build without our help, that is, if the church can get a local loan it does not need a loan from Church Erection.

SECOND: A Church Erection loan covers not to exceed 33⅓% of the total property valuation.

THIRD: The loan is not closed until the building is fully completed and all debts paid in cash by the contributions of the membership except what the loan will cover.

FOURTH: A church seeking a loan must submit its plans to our architect for his inspection and advice. The department does not demand that the church follow the advice of the architect but urges that it do so.

MAN'S MORTALITY

LIKE as the damask rose you see,
Or as the blossom on the tree,
Or like the dainty flower of May,
Or like the sun, or like the shade,
Or like the gourd which Jonas had,
E'en such is man;—whose tread is spun,
Drawn out, and cut, and so is done.
The roses wither, the blossoms blasteth,
The flower fades, the morning hasteth,
The sun sets, the shadow flies,
The gourd consumes—and man, he dies.

LIKE to the grass that newly sprung,
Or like a tale that's new begun,
Or like the birds that's here today,
Or like the pearled dew of May,
Or like an hour, or like a span,
Or like the singing of a swan,
E'en such is man;—who lives by breath,
Is here, now there, in life, and death.
The grass withers, the tale is ended.
The bird is flown, the dews ascended,
The hour is short, the span not long.
The swan's near death,—man's life is done.

Easter Is At Hand

Bible School has a Special Day Program.
W. M. S. has an Easter Week of Prayer.
The Church has a Pre-Easter Evangelistic Campaign.

Religious Education

PROF. P. H. MOSS, EDITOR

By the request of the editor, we are making ourselves responsible for news and reports appearing under this caption. We are inviting the cooperation of all who are interested in the program of religious education and desire to provoke others to good works by reporting news and new projects that they are putting on in their field.

THE TEACHING FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH

The program of the Church of Christ is a teaching program. He himself through teaching inculcated the principle of Christianity into the hearts of a few who were in turn to teach others. His last recorded words:

"All power in Heaven and over the earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations; baptize them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; and teach them to obey every command which I have given you. And remember, I am with you always, day by day, until the close of the Ages." (Weymouth.)

This presents a great challenge and a great promise to the church. Christian education is builded upon the life and teaching of Jesus; the church of Christ is the one institution that is responsible to all generations for the principles taught and practiced by him. Jesus is the world's greatest need. He is the great ideal or model by which the ideal life is fashioned.

The church has not taken very seriously her task of teaching the children of the world. I am told that the Catholic church makes most of the early years of childhood, impression is brought to bear upon the mind and heart of the child during the period of plasticity and when old, he still loves, regards and practices the teaching of the Catholic church.

The church of Christ must provide Religious Education, the home does not; under present limitation the state cannot. For this reason the church must guarantee to the growing child a program of religious education paralleling, completing and motivating the public school system. He was right who said: "The Word must be taught with personal glow, through the radiance of faith, in the spirit of honesty undergirded by a sense of responsibility." In his book "The Educational Task of the Local Church," the author has this to say: "And in approaching the function of the church from the necessities by which it finds itself confronted in the present situation we arrive at its charter under the terms of which its

Founder set for its task. Himself primarily a teacher in spirit and method, he built into the commission of the church the function of teaching as the supreme task and method of the church in its efforts to carry on to completion the work of the kingdom of which he began and to which he gave his life. In the light both of its commission and of the demands of modern world, the fundamental function of the church is that of Christian education." How slow we are coming to this truth. We are just beginning to awaken to the opportunity of beginning life with the child; getting on the ground floor by the way of the cradle roll: leading the beginner to know, by the weekly story, the Heavenly Father's love, care and protection, helping the primary to learn the lesson of service by the study of such lessons that fit into the life of that developing child, broadening the scope of the juniors by the handling of the Word themselves becoming familiar with passages of Scriptures suitable for their development during that period of life; guiding the youth in his attempt to find his relation to man and the Heavenly Father; deepening the religious convictions of the young people and establishing the adult in the oneness of faith. To carry on a program to meet the needs of the ever-changing child the church must organize for the task.

Training the Local Leadership

To make the Bible school a school, there must be teachers prepared for their educational task. The teacher who teaches must become efficient through the study of child nature as well as the child of nurture. Efficiency in any line of work comes through intelligent application of one's whole self to the task. How to know the child? Reflect upon your own child life; observe the child around you; read books on child development. Such books as: "Unfolding Life" by Lomoreaux, "The Dawn of Character" by Mumford and "The Teen-Age-Girls" by Slattery. The first Unit of the Standard Teacher Training Course takes up the pupil, or the child. The minister and superintendent who sense the task of Christian education will see to it that there is a local teacher training class finishing at least two units a year, that is to say, twenty lessons. They should know the Bible in its several divisions, should acquaint themselves with the lands of the Bible; the place many times suggests the event as well as the event suggests the place. I do

not wish to leave the impression that only teachers need to prepare themselves for efficient work, the general superintendent should likewise inform himself for such an important field of labor. All who lead should strive to know. Organize a local training class to meet once a week, spending one hour, not for the purpose of passing an examination and getting a credit card or a standard training diploma, but to become so informed that you will find great joy in touching and shaping life for time and eternity.

Training Through Week-End Institutes

Your field workers, though limited in number, are willing and delighted to receive an invitation from any school to hold them a week-end institute, gathering the workers from all departments of the school and with them think through the problems that trouble them in their local field. We are always glad to hold personal and group conferences. Too often some get it in their mind because we visited your school once that there is nothing more can be done to help the leaders in your church school better understand the program of religious education. Sometimes a state feels that the from-church-to-church-visitation by field workers has served its day but somehow I still believe that there is a place in our program for such instruction.

Training Through School of Methods

The standard school of methods is five days in duration. It can be held by a local church or a group of churches, district or a state. The standard Leadership Schools are intensive training schools making it possible for each student to receive one standard credit during the five or six days. We find it very difficult in a local church to have full attendance for five days, using the beforenoons for class work and afternoon for rest, study and recreation, we are able now to give credit work carried in an evening schedule of which the following is typical:

7:10—8:00 first class period.
8:05—8:35 assembly.
8:40—9:30 second class period.

In this case each class has two sessions each evening. There is really no excuse for any local church to neglect the training of its leadership. It only requires a little vision and push or to get acquainted with the five "sweet Peas": **Pray, Plan, Push, Present and Perform.**

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DEADLY SINS

FOR many ages, one of the ever-recurring arguments of the theologues was the classifications of the human sins. Then the seven venial sins were called the deadly sins. The medieval era finally agreed that these sins were pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth. But the emphasis has changed and in the latest classifications of the seven deadly sins, Canon Donaldson of the Westminster Abbey selects the following:

- Policies without Principles.
- Wealth without work.
- Pleasure without conscience.
- Knowledge without character.
- Commerce and Industry without morality.
- Science without humanity.
- Worship without sacrifice.

The main comparison between those of the former age and Canon Donaldson's selections is the change of the general character of the sins. In a former time religion and Christianity was an individual soul-saving enterprise, partaking of the constant reiteration of personal morality, individual sanctification, egotistic aspirations and heart regeneration. Every one of the seven venial sins of medieval times was a reproach against God from the individual's standpoint. While of the latter most of them are the definition of the individual's relationship to his fellowman. All, even the last one on worship, is a wrong done to the social group.

Religion and especially Christianity, has grown to meet the issues of a type of relationships that is concerned with the individuals part in the whole. "The Kingdom of God is Within You," and the measure of the kingdom has come to be the amount of social consciousness and social con-

science that is leavening the loaf. Salvation is the lifting of all, not alone of the individual soul, toward God.

A TEST OF CIVILIZATION

THE noted case of the kidnaping and murder of Marian Parker of Los Angeles, Calif. is one that has been occupying the attention of the entire country for a month. In two ways is that case one that is the acid test of our civilization.

First, in regard to the crime and its perpetrator, it shows that either medical science and psychological research has not been what it should be in detecting criminal propensities in the population, if the criminal is considered insane. If on the other hand he is sane, then our educational system has fallen down on the job at some point. Religious education would not turn out such a menace to innocent childhood as the slayer, whether it be the Hickman youth or another. Some vital thing is lacking in the life and education of the one who could be guilty of such an act. So the first test has proven our civilization a failure. The only hope is that the educational system will be cemented to avoid the repetition of such a crime.

Second, the cruelty of the crime revolted all who read of it. But the real thing that counts is the reaction of persons to the criminal. Supposedly intelligent persons have expressed a fiendish desire to torture the boy who was guilty even more than he is thought to have butchered the Parker girl. Newspapers have been advocating the death sentence whether sane or insane.

Third, the publicity that this case has received means that no jury will dare to return a verdict of "Not Guilty." The amount of space given means that no one has not formed an opinion of the case. Which means that lies will be told by the jurymen just to get a chance to be a party to the legal slaying of the one on trial. A jury trial is the worst thing that could happen in this case for the interests of justice will not be thought of in connection with the court procedure.

WHITHER?

"WHEN the Roll is called up Yonder," will you be there as a Baptist, a Methodist or as a Christian only?

The task of getting the sons of men to come to some uniform faith in the Son of Man is no uncertain task. The "Will to Believe" is strong as the ego and the individual motif is readily accepted. But the basis of organization and action is a common ground of activity.

Every communion has been unusually avid in this day to get the best methods of serving the community and the individual. There is a community of action in the working of the denominations but the question of unity is yet far due to the insistence of the various churches on articles of faith and belief.

Whither lead the many paths to God?

The labyrinth of conjectured faiths and credal doctrines has led to disruption which is crushing out the vitality of the organization. Words of Luther, Calvin and Knox are substituted for words of Christ. Letters of Cranmer, Wesley and Campbell are taken in preference to letters of Peter and John.

Whither bound the roads of controversy?

Too long waits the world for the settlement of beliefs. The salvation of the church today lies in its social examples and not in its doctrinal precepts. "By their FRUITS ye shall know them." All the energy, power and possessions of the church are needed to meet the conditions of human ills. Inter-church warfare is wasted power.

Whither moves the church against which the gates of hell shall not prevail?

These and myriad other questions will be the realm of the discussion in the Second Youth's Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in April. Join or organize a pre-Convention discussion group and study these subjects and be PRESENT to help in the Convention discussion. You can make no contribution unless you have previously studied on this or any of the topics.

Fifteen in the Columbus Convention is our aim. Plan to attend.

WHY NOT?

THE Sunday following Armistice Day was the time of a hopeful event in the history of Port Huron, Michigan. A church celebration that was inter-everything was observed in that town. On a flagpole given by a firm of Jewish dealers was raised a flag presented by the Ku Klux Klan, by the hand of a Negro citizen, at the conclusion of an address by a Catholic priest and Army chaplain, with a company of Canadian gunners and another company of American soldiers as witnesses. This occasion was planned for by Pastor Russell H. Bready of the Methodist church of Port Huron, as a part of his tolerance campaign.

Why not try more overt acts of this kind to foster better social adjustments between the various groups?

A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE NOT NOTICED

JESUS was the first teacher in the world to discover to us the opportunities in adverse circumstances. Our own feelings are often that the ideal condition would be reached if everything would go favorably. The things that look the most discouraging are often the most encouraging. Take for example the fifteenth chapter of Luke. Jesus was invited by a tax collector to dine with him. His disciples were with him and bad men and possibly women who had gathered around the publican were also at the table. Scribes and Pharisees who were anxious to find something against Christ stood just outside the door and made a disturbance about it. Jesus welcomed the criticism for it enabled him to teach a lesson that all ages need. Hold well in minds the groups.

1. THERE WAS CHRIST.
2. THERE WERE THE PUBLICANS AND SINNERS.
3. THERE WERE THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES.
4. THERE WERE HIS DISCIPLES.

The Pharisees complained that this was an incongruous group that ought not to meet. Jesus saw a chance to teach a great lesson. Here it is.

First, to show that it is consistent for Him to be there he gives the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. The publicans and sinners were a lost people. They were broken down sports, and Jesus came to redeem such. In all material things, like our sheep, we seek to save the lost. Why should we not do it with man? It was a new thought to the world.

Next He gave the parable of the lost boy in which He can bring in the narrow-minded elder brother. This properly characterizes the Scribes and Pharisees. It gives them a perfect setting in the picture. The elder brother growled because the father made over his brother coming home. He should have been willing to spend his father's money to go to rescue his brother. Instead he hated him.

Then comes the parable of the lost steward, which properly characterizes these Publicans and sinners. Once they were gay sports, but now they are broken down sports and any effort at going the old gait is but a waste of their master's goods. They are now ready to be kicked out. Every sinner comes to that place. There is then only one of two ways

open. He can go on and over the abyss to destruction; or he can turn reformer and go against his old master and redeem himself. These were doing that.

Then He characterizes the disciples who are with Him in the following, "And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when it shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles." Here is the text of our lesson in this discourse. Every evil in the world is a challenge to good men, to become great. Let us illustrate. Frances E. Willard was an ordinary school-teacher, and there she might have stayed unknown to the world had it not been for the liquor traffic and the white slave traffic which were working together and destroying millions of lives. She became a temperance worker, a crusader, a judge for righteousness. She came to the head of an organization of millions of women. A statue of her was put into statuary hall and when prohibition finally came her statue alone was garlanded. Her memory is precious in the heart of all the good people.

This then gives us our lesson. The question is not, Do we have our rights? Do we get justice? Do we get fair play? The question is, Do we accept these challenges to bring the best that is in us out? If we are not doing it, then we are not making unto us friends by means of these wrongs in the world and there is nothing for us. Any group of people doing wrong are in a terrible disadvantage before a people suffering wrong and yet doing exactly right as God would have them do right. There were twenty million people in America that were doing wrong through slavery. One man, Abraham Lincoln, accepted the challenge and made himself immortal. There were five million people living in Palestine in the time of Christ. Twelve men accepted the challenge of the wrongs of these five million people and made themselves the most powerful factors in the world.

Then let us not complain at wrongs, let us not get bitter against the wrongdoers, for they are to be pitied rather than execrated. But let us accept these wrongs as challenges to make ourselves the most powerful in the world. The law Jesus here enunciated is a common law and is as true today as in the time of Jesus. Which will we be in the present situation? Will we

be the saviors of the situation? Or will we be the broken down sinners just waiting for the saviors? Or will we be the caviling scribes and Pharisees? Or will we be the humble disciples accepting the challenge of institutionalized vices and make of ourselves the great of the earth? Brethren, think on these things.

Beware of the Compromiser

In the long contest between good and evil, the evil has always contended for itself as long as it could do so; but when it saw it could not hold its position it always sought to compromise the good until it was lost. The men who abolished slavery sought to make it complete and so wrote it into the Constitution; but the men who did not want it abolished it set to compromise it until much of its value was lost. The first step was to refuse to pass laws to enforce it, and the next was to ignore many of its provisions. This was nullification, but they evaded that name and called it compromise. We are now going through that experience with prohibition. Our national prohibition is the greatest social experiment ever undertaken by mankind, and it is already bringing marvelous results. We now have 23,000,000 automobiles which cost not less than \$23,000,000,000. And it costs as much more to keep them up with gasoline and repairs. This \$46,000,000,000. is nearly one fifth of the wealth of the United States. Does anyone think we could have this if we had from five to twenty saloons in every small town? And while we still have some very poor people, we are going fast towards abolishing poverty. Nine out of every ten whiskey sots are now earning money for the family. If we maintain prohibition another fifty years in the right spirit there will be no poor people.

But a most vicious effort will be made to compromise prohibition so it will be nullified. Many millions of dollars will be spent in 1928 to accomplish the end. Newspapers and politicians will be bribed. This money will come from Europe and the old whiskey interests in America. They will say they are fighting for rights, but they will never define what they mean by rights. The real motive is to make money off of the poor slave to an appetite for drink. The drinkers are not making the fight, it is the men who want to make money off of them.

For the United States to recede from its high standard would be a backsliding comparable to the backslidings of Israel in the days of the Judges when they fell into bondage to other nations. This fight is going to be of peculiar interest to the Ne-

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Department of the Women of the Church

MRS. ROSA BROWN GRUBBS, EDITOR

PROGRAM OF WORK For Missionary Organizations

Preparation

Prepared for the Master's Use.—
2 Timothy 2:15-21

April—

GUESTS. Invite as special guests all the women who have taken membership in your local church this year and all new women in your town or community. Make your program a vital missionary appeal as well as entertaining. Give special attention to the acquaintance fellowship hour following the program.

SERVICE. Special meetings during the Easter Week of Prayer.

Assign one division to arrange for a children's party during the last half of the month, given to the Junior department after school. Give a missionary program and have a time for games.

PREPARATION. April begins the final quarter of the missionary year. Are we prepared to close with every aim met? Make a study of finances; of membership and attendance; of the other missionary organizations; of World Call. Do not wait until June to do the final work.

Plan for a delightful May meeting with all the older "mothers" of the church as guests. Hunt these women out; call upon them; plan definitely as to how they are to be brought to the May meeting.

TO THINK ABOUT. How much missionary training are we giving the Junior child? How much cooperation are you giving the Junior Superintendent? How much active assistance?

Have we studied without prejudice the woman who is uninterested in missions, trying sincerely to find the one point of contact that would arouse her?

INFORMATION. The Easter week of self-denial and prayer has been a part of the woman's missionary work for nearly half a century.

The Junior Congregation, Junior Christian Endeavor or Mission Band is for boys and girls 9-11 years of age and requires two or more superintendents.

INDIVIDUAL. How much time am I giving for personal devotions? "From all parts of the church the cry is going up for a great evangelistic advance. Let the cry grow, but let all of us who join in it begin where we are today. It is not God who is reluctant. We are straitened in ourselves by the timidity of our faith, the slackness of our obedience, the coldness of our zeal, the poverty of our love."—Robert E. Speer.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Reporter—Mrs. William Alphin,
Kansas City, Mo.

IF OUR national meeting is not so programmed to help the individuals who must remain at home, we are missing our mark. The local congregation as well as the delegates have done the work that makes the report possible. So we all should try to get the interest of the persons who remain at home centered on the business transacted in the Convention that has the upward trend in order that these may go forward in the year's work with the same enthusiasm as those who attended the meeting.

First we were glad to note so many new faces from all of the states and especially from the states of Virginia, North Caro-

lina, New York, South Carolina, Pennsylvania and California. The Convention had never been so near to these states excepting California. We should not let distance keep us away from the National Convention. We do not do it in our Lodge and it cares only for the body. So why in the grand old church meetings? The church is building for eternity while the lodge is building only for life on earth and burial of the body.

There were more young people than ever before on the program. Were you not glad to note the talent we possess in the East, West, North and South? We are planning to do this each year so that our young people will not think that all the talent is in some other communion. Let us resolve to send as many young people as we can each year. The Bible School Convention voted to send Prof. T. W. Pratt, president of that department to the World's Sunday School Convention next July in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Grubbs reported to the W. M. S. Convention, that sixteen W. M. S. gave more than \$100.00 for missions. Do you remember when we asked a few to raise \$100.00 in the Golden Jubilee—how we felt we could not? As our vision grows our pocketbooks open. Other smaller societies gave less but in proportion their offering was as great for they had done their best.

There were more societies to enter the book reading contest this year. Every Society ought to be in this Contest. Many societies reported to the U. C. M. S. that did not report to the National Convention. Mrs. Grubbs gave each delegate a report of their financial standing and told of those who were "Over the Top." And the streamers prepared by Eld. Alphin and Prof. Moss gave what each department had contributed for missions during the year. Each one would do well to study these and to take particular notice of the blank spaces.

Our Convention had grown until the Constitution needed revision. The adoption of this document took much time but the men and women knew that they were building for the future and very carefully revised and adopted each article as needed.

A new feature of the Convention was the period of group conferences each day from two to three o'clock. The women's conferences were very fine. It was here the women had a chance to think through the many problems. The first conference was conducted by Mrs. W. Alphin on "Our State Organizations; the second by Mrs. J. H. Thomas on "The Ministers' Wives Council"; the third by Miss Anna M. Clarke on "Our Young People and Children"; the fourth by Mrs. R. B. Grubbs on "Our National Apportionment."

Dr. J. E. Walker brought a real business address on the financing of the Christian Plea. Would that everyone could have heard and been moved not only to take and read the Christian Plea but to also contribute some cash to take it off the beggars list.

One of the highest points of our Convention was the messages given at 11:30 each morning by Mr. Grant K. Lewis on the "Disciples of Christ." He began with the origin and brought us up to our achievements. Each address was a masterpiece. I am sure that all who heard him are more determined to work for the unity of God's people. Ours is a splendid task for a happy service.

The president of our Convention, Eld. Preston Taylor, made a fine contribution to the work. The trustees reported that from the property deeded the National Convention \$1000.00 had been paid on the Chicago church with an interest of \$600.00 on the loan of the same church and \$500.00 had been given the Christian Plea. Not only service but money also goes into the work of kingdom-building from Eld. Taylor.

The president of the W. M. S. was glad to report her visit to the Piedmont District Convention. The way was cleared by the National Convention bearing half the expenses and the district convention the other half. Many of the ministers of that section claimed to have new light on missions from this visit and decided not to oppose the missionary efforts in their churches. This report also included the visit to the churches of Virginia and North Carolina for the two weeks just preceding the National Convention when fine audiences and rapt attention was accorded her in each place. Eld. M. C. Walker of Winston-Salem, Eld. O. Zollar of Reidsville and Eld. J. F. Whitfield of Roanoke assured her that she was not only helpful to the missionary cause but to the church work generally.

The three addresses given in the afternoon session of the W. M. S. Convention by Mrs. Mary VanBuren of Missouri, Miss Bessie Chandler of Tennessee and Mrs. Ardelia Staples of Baltimore were so fine that they all were voted to be published in the Christian Plea. The address by Miss Anna M. Clarke of the U. C. M. S. climaxed the afternoon session.

The report of our schools as given by Prof. H. S. Calkins was very encouraging. After a brief survey of the field he told of the move on the part of the Home Department to make all of the schools Class A High Schools and Jarvis a Junior College doing accredited work. This was very happily received. The Kentucky school situation was amiably adjusted and the work of finding a new site to train ministers goes on apace.

Not many changes were made in the official staff of the W. M. S. Convention. Mrs. Susan Offutt of Ohio Recording Secretary, Miss Justina K. Spencer of Virginia, Assistant and Mrs. B. B. Hutsell of Kentucky, Secretary of Children's Work, were the more important ones.

Just before closing this article I want to say that we had a letter from the daughter of Mrs. Affra B. Anderson saying her mother received the telegram from the Convention just two days before she went away and appreciated it very highly. The Convention had learned to love Mrs. Anderson and we feel sure that her work will live after her. Miss Daisy J. Trout who is the head of the Woman's Missionary Organization department is able to begin her work after a siege of illness. I am sure that we all are praying for her good health and sufficient strength for the task of the hour and that we will grow closer in the Cooperative Work for God.

The local entertainment under the auspices of Eld. and Mrs. H. D. Griffin and their efficient laymen headed by Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Magowan, was splendid. The Monday evening program was composed of representative local people both colored and white. Mr. Magowan made an excellent presiding officer.

The closing sessions on Sunday were worshipful and formed the climax of the entire convention. When those from many states can gather around the Lord's Table and reconsecrate themselves to the work in the thought of Him who suffered that all might have a right to the Tree of Life—the real benediction of the convention is felt.

KY. VIA THE EVANGELIST

ELD. C. H. JOHNSON, STATE EVANGELIST

The Quarterly Session of District No. 2 met in Danville, Ky., Jan. 27-29 with five schools represented. Much inspiration was gleaned from the excellent papers read by the loyal workers of that district.

Rev. J. E. Wood of the First Baptist Church of that city with Rev. A. W. Jackson of the A. M. E. church were present at some of the sessions and urged the workers to go forward in putting over the program of kingdom-building. The choir sang as never before under the supervision of Miss Myrtle Richardson.

Mrs. L. G. Smith, president of the district, with that group of fine workers in Danville, entertained the convention to the highest.

Mrs. O. J. Laughlin of Junction City, read a paper on "The Bible School" that was complimented highly by Rev. Jackson. A number of visitors were present and made helpful remarks. Everyone went away well pleased and none left hungry.

Elds. Letton and Everett were present and gave some great messages.

As a fitting tribute to the state president, the district president asked the convention to bow in prayer with Mr. J. T. Smith leading. Mrs. Taylor just lost her husband.

On Sunday, the writer preached morning and evening for the Danville church. This congregation is without a pastor. Anyone interested can get in communication with Mr. George Fish, 521 Russell St., Danville, Ky.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

REPORTER—MR. WILLIAM J. AYERS

The Mount Olive Christian Church of Youngstown has been resuscitated and is taking on new life under the pastorate of Elder J. E. Blair, a speaker and evangelist from Cleveland, Ohio. For nearly three months previous to Eld. Blair's ministry, all of our efforts seemed doomed to a failure and the little flock, long without a pastor, wandered as sheep without a shepherd. However since the coming of Eld. Blair and the splendid results derived from his wholesome preaching, the congregation has decided to work together harmoniously.

Eld. Blair delivered two sermons on the Lord's Day, Jan. 15 "The Heart" and "Building Up the Brotherhood." We were favored with large audiences each service and two were added to the church. The singing was the best we have ever had, led by Mr. Meek.

On Jan. 10th the church gave a delightful entertainment and the proceeds were used for a communion set.

FROM THE EAST

REPORTER—MRS. ARDELIA STAPLES, BALTIMORE, MD.

Woman's Day, which was observed in Mt. Olivet Christian Church in December, was a success. At 11 a. m. the pastor preached from the subject, "Perfect Love." Text 1 John 4:17, "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment." At 3 p. m. a splendid literary program was rendered by the Woman's Missionary Society in which many prominent speakers and singers participated. The pageant entitled "Perfect Love" was presented by the Society at 8 p. m. and was greatly enjoyed by all who witnessed it. The offering was sent to the U. C. M. S.

On Xmas night a beautiful cantata, entitled "Heralds of Jesus" was presented by the choir and was largely attended.

New Year's Eve marked the beginning of one of the greatest revivals that has been held in the history of Mt. Olivet Church. Eld. R. E. Hancock of Kentucky was the preacher. The revival closed Sunday, Jan. 15th with 31 additions, 19 by baptism. Eld. Hancock is a great evangelist. No church would make a mistake by securing his services. Not being able to pay him the worth of his valuable services, we gave him a small donation of \$100.00 and expenses.

Our pastor, Eld. W. H. Taylor, is always glad to have the ministers of the Brotherhood visit us at any time.

We are now planning for our spring revival which will begin the first week after Easter, during which time we hope to have Eld. R. H. Davis of Cincinnati, Ohio.

We solicit the prayers of the Brotherhood.

DAYTON, OHIO

REPORTER—B. H. JOHNSON

We are on with our revival. Eld. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N. C., came to us Jan. 10th and is doing some great preaching, filling the house to capacity the first nights.

Eld. Peters is a great gospel engineer. He came into the roundhouse on Tuesday night and got his mogul engine out. He went down into the yards to make up his train. Wednesday night, with his train made up, he got on to the siding ready to pull out on to the main line. Thursday night he pulled out and is now going up the grade under a good head of steam. Eld. Peters is a great minister. May he live long to do the work he loves so well to do.

A sleeping church has been aroused as never before. Many converts are coming forward. Every one goes away seemingly much benefited.

Will report soon again.

HOLLAND, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. MAUDE DAVIS

January 15th, Holland Chapel enjoyed a wonderful Bible School. Owing to the fact that there are four different faiths in this community and that each one has its own Sunday, the Disciples of Christ have the third Sunday. Hence our Bible School is not up to the standard.

We had services in the afternoon. The subject of the discourse was "Follow Me—Jesus' Life Line." Many were inspired and plans were made for our new church building. Many little banks have been sent out to the white and colored Disciples. These will continue to be distributed until the first of April and we are trusting that our friends will heed the Macedonian cry from this small group of fifteen Disciples with ten active. These little children are crying "Come over and help us." Gifts will be received no matter how small from anyone. The names of those contributing will appear in the *Christian Plea*.

I am striving and my motto is "A church built in Holland." The goal shall be God's House beside the tracks of the M. K. & T. R. R., and we ask your prayers for our success.

TAYLOR, TEXAS

Jan. 22 the Murphy Street Christian Church enjoyed a wonderful program given by the Christian Endeavor under the leadership of Miss Maude Campbell of the First Christian Church. The Society has as guests many of the members of the First Church which is the white church of this city.

Mrs. Arah Garrett furnished the music. Miss D. Hall sang a solo—the spiritual, "My Lord, What a Morning." Many inspiring and instructive thoughts were expressed by the different speakers.

We are grateful to Eldress Maude Davis for the occasion of bringing these churches into such fellowship and cooperation.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. L. A. WHYTE

The Clark St. Christian Church and every auxiliary is doing active service.

Eld. N. H. Johnson is proud of his flock and they are also proud of him. Sunday, Jan. 22nd the services were excellent both morning and evening. Subject for the morning was "Jesus and the Law." and for the evening, "The Son of Man Came to Save the Lost."

The Bible School attendance was also good.

Eld. J. C. Jones was with us Sunday Jan. 15th. He is a promising young minister and is ready for active service. His sermon on "Christian Growth" was splendid.

S. C. I. NOTES

Our hearts were made glad by the recent visit of the Ross family just returned from mission fields in Africa. They spent a happy time here, speaking in nearly all of our services. We are greatly indebted to them for their fresh and valuable information.

Sunday January 8th was our regular missionary meeting. Mrs. J. B. Lehman, president of the society, was the leader. She asked for voluntary talks on the impressions left by the messages of the Rosses. A large number of voluntary remarks were made in an informal but interesting meeting.

One of the recent athletic events of interest was the tennis match between Nelson Toles-Eli Wilbert vs. Jonas Sneed-Cleo Blackburn. The final result was a tie.

Saturday, Jan. 14th our annual music recital was staged. Besides the entire student body and faculty, a number of visitors from the neighboring hamlets were present to listen to the performances. Each one acquitted himself creditably.

Sunday Jan. 15th Pres. J. B. Lehman preached an interesting sermon on "Prohibition." He proved by statistics that the law has accomplished and urged the students to help in making the law more effective.

On that Sunday our regular C. E. meeting was held with Mr. Cleophas Haygood as leader. Officers were elected at this time as follows:

President—John Reid, Freshman College.

Vice President—Howland Bonner, Senior Academy.

Secretary—Henrietta Bradford, Junior.
Asst. Secy.—Evelyn Haygood, Freshman College.

Treasurer—Nelson Toles, College class.

The new officers said "That with the cooperation of the members, they were hopeful of a bright future for the C. E." A part of the pledges were paid and the meeting ended with a prayer by Miss Lula M. Franklin.

The Y. M. C. A., met at 3:30 on that afternoon with Mr. Emmett Discon as leader. Two faculty members, Profs. Long and Thomas were present and the gist of the program was voluntary contribution on lessons drawn from the daily reading of Matthew.

The change from the cold weather to milder temperature has stimulated Profs. Jacobs and Hanna, two of the agricultural directors, to make preparations for the planting of an early crop of garden and farm produce.

Now that our first semester has ended and the examinations are

over, we are ready to tackle the second half of the year's work with a right good will. Let us strive to make the most of our opportunities. Speaking of unused opportunities, George Eliot says, "It is as the infertile egg, which the waves of time wash away into nonentity."

Let us dream big dreams, Think big things, Rise up with Faith, with Energy and Unconquerable Determination, to Accomplish Great Deeds.
—Isaac Henderson.

NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CITY

REPORTER—MISS ALPHA PENN,
ROANOKE, VA.

The presence of Eld. J. F. Whitfield in the morning services on Jan. 22nd, brought sunshine to the hearts of all present. He has been indisposed for more than a month but we are glad to say he is rapidly improving.

At 11:00 A. M. Jan. 29th Eld. J. F. Whitfield delivered a wonderful sermon from Acts 29:2. The choir was at its best and all enjoyed a splendid service.

The Union Evangelistic Campaign held in this city for more than two weeks, was a success spiritually and financially. The meeting was conducted by Eld. Milton Sparks of New York. Many souls were brought to Christ.

On Feb. 10th Eld. Francis Hume Scott of the First Christian Church (white) was present. "An Evening in Dixie," a humorous lecture-recital, was given, assisted by the Twilight Singers and other local talent. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Minute Men's Club of the Ninth Ave. Christian Church.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

REPORTER—MRS. M. S. HUBERT

Officers of the Wadsworth Christian Church at 32nd and Wadsworth Streets were installed at the services held Jan. 8, 1928. They were as follows:

Elders—Messrs. Booth, Holland, Hopper, Bills and Cothran.

Trustees—Messrs. Booth, Holland and Hopper.

Deacons—Messrs. Scarbra, and temporarily retained, George and Vernon Strange.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Holland.

Assistant Recording Secretary—Mrs. Walder.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. Strange Hubert.

Treasurer—Mrs. Hopper.

Pastor—Eld. C. B. Torrence.

The officers of the Bible School include:

Superintendent—Mr. Scarbra.

Asst. Supt.—Mr. Cothran.

Treasurer—Mrs. Nelson.

Teachers—Mr. Hopper, retained, and Mrs. Cothran, additional.

Secretary—Mrs. Orena Cothran.

CARLISLE, KENTUCKY

REPORTER—BETTIE S. JOHNSON

We wish to tell the readers of the *Christian Plea* about our splendid revival of November last. Our pastor conducted the first week meeting, arousing the members to the sense of their duty. After this was done Eld. R. H. Davis came and preached a week for us. Each sermon was interesting. Three persons were added and two reclaimed. While the number of additions was small, yet the church was strengthened in many ways.

Eld. Davis is an excellent preacher and a man of attractive personality. May he long continue to preach these inspiring sermons.

The state Evangelist, Eld. C. H. Johnson was with us one night and we were very pleased to have him.

We are now lined up for another financial drive which we hope will be successful.

Our Christmas exercises were well attended and the children under the supervision of Mrs. S. M. Wilson and Bettie S. Johnson were at their best.

Pray that we may not become weary in well doing but that our efforts may be attended with earnestness and determination.

CINCINNATI NEWS

REPORTER—MRS. R. T. KELLEY,
KENYON AVE. CHURCH

Friday evening, Dec. 16, 1927, members of the Kenyon Ave. Church gave a reception for the pastor, Eld. R. H. Davis, in appreciation of his earnest, sincere and faithful service during the past eleven years. Each member was asked to donate 10c for each year of his service.

Friday, Dec. 23, a Biblical pageant rendered by the pupils of the School of Religious Education from Beginners to Intermediates, carried our minds back to the birth of our Lord and Master and traced His life through its activities to His death and Ascension. Three children took the part of Jesus, one as an infant, one at twelve and the third as a grown man. The entire program was beautifully carried out with Mr. Cray and Mrs. Markham, supervising.

The Junior Church service Sunday, Dec. 23, was indeed inspiring. At this service seven joined, four for baptism and three from the Baptist church. All had been members of the Bible School.

THINGS TO DO IN MARCH

EMPHASIZE CHRISTIAN PLEA MONTH.
PREPARE EASTER PROGRAM FOR BIBLE SCHOOL.
PLAN EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER FOR W. M. S.
ENGAGE IN A GREAT PRE-EASTER EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN.

NOTES FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS

REPORTER—I. Q. HURDLE

The 13th Street Christian Church is moving onward rapidly. There have been five additions in the last four weeks.

The church is doing much charitable work. Eld. L. Leatherman, the foundation stone of the Christian Church here in Austin, has been very feeble for more than a year. The pastor and members gave him a shower last week. Eld. Leatherman and his wife appreciated it so much. Pastor G. W. Taylor led off with a cash donation of \$2.00. Other donations followed and some few pounds were given. Eld. Leatherman and Mrs. Leatherman confessed the faith of the Church of Christ many years ago. Eld. D. C. Allen received their confession when he was doing evangelistic work in Texas. These two persons held the church together in Austin for twelve years, holding the meetings in their home until 1920 when the U. C. M. S. came to our rescue. Pres. Lehman heard our cry and now we are moving along nicely. Both Eld. Leatherman and his wife have been present in Bible School—taking an active part every Sunday morning when they could be present. They have missed only a few times in the last eight years. Only sickness or death has kept them away. The church feels the need of their presence. These two veterans of the cross celebrated their 61st marriage anniversary last Christmas.

Death took our good brother, Moses Guest this month. He has been equal to Brother Leatherman in faithfulness. We shall miss him.

We are all pleased with our pastor, Eld. G. M. W. Taylor who will celebrate his First Anniversary the first Sunday in March.

OAKWOOD BOULEVARD CHURCH

REPORTER—MRS. HATTIE TYREE, CHICAGO, ILL.

Sunday Jan. 15th.—Bible School well attended—Mrs. James L. Brooks, Supt. Morning services were well attended with the Pastor, Eld. G. R. Dorsey, preaching from the subject, "Drifting"—Heb. 2:1. This was a wonderful sermon and at its close one lady from Houston, Texas was added.

The Christian Endeavor is a live wire of the church and more will be said later about these young people and their efficient leader—Mr. Raymond Walton.

At the evening services the choir rendered its monthly musical with the following program:

Anthem ----- Choir
Reading ----- Mr. Smith
Anthem ----- Choir
Solo ----- Mr. Mills
Reading ----- Mrs. Ruth Washington
Anthem ----- Choir
Piano Solo ----- Miss Brooks
Remarks ----- Dr. Jasper T. Phillips

The choir under the guidance of Mr. E. C. Welch and Mrs. Goldie G. Martin, deserves much credit.

Sunday, Jan. 22, the text was found Luke 14:18—"And they all with one consent began to make excuses." This was the pastor's masterpiece of sermonody. At the evening services, Eld. James Williams a young elder of the church preached.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 was the annual church meeting of the Oakwood Blvd., Church when the reports of all departments were given. Eld. Perry Rice, secretary of the City Missionary Society, was present and made a statement concerning the properties, Armour Ave., Lawrence Ave., and Oakwood Blvd. All are in good condition.

The financial report:

Receipts in 1927 -----	\$8,025.26
Disbursements -----	7,126.77
In treasury -----	\$898.49

All departments made excellent reports. A few changes were made in the board, Sec.—Mr. Lewis, Assist Sec.—Mr. Foster, Treasurer—Mr. Roberston, Clerk—Hattie Tyree. The other officers are as before. Many good recommendations were made by the pastor and accepted.

We are looking forward to the coming of the National Convention.

FROM N. LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK

News—We enjoyed at Mt. Sinai a great sermon by our new pastor, Eld. G. B. Hervey on the subject, "Blessings through Obedience" Matt. 5:2-8. He stressed the great power of Jesus' teaching His disciples the sort of spirit and heart that they must possess. All seemed to enjoy the sermon. After the sermon the women rendered a short program. It was composed of three good papers on missionary work and the recitations of four little girls under the leadership of Mrs. Laura Mitchell. Those giving \$1.00—Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Mrs. Emma Thompson, Mrs. Rosa Haney, G. A. Brock and L. Martin. Those giving 50c—Joe Smith, Jonas Williams, John Harris and John Thompson. Those giving 25c—Ben Mitchell and G. B. Hervey.

Let 1928 bring more money and more subscriptions to the *Christian Plea* from Arkansas especially that all the work may advance.

PROGRAM

Bible School Institute of the Second District at Danville Christian Church

Friday Night

Special Program by Danville and Delegates

Saturday

Devotionals-----Eld. R. A. Thurman
Greetings.
Appointment of committees.
Address-----Eld. T. R. Everett
Music, offering, adjournment.

Saturday

Devotionals-----Eld. Frank Goode
Welcome address-----
W. Herman Miller, of Danville
Special music.
Response ----- Georgetown
Solo-----Eld. C. H. Dickerson
Bible School Literature-----
opened by Mrs. Minnie Black
discussed by Hustonville and Lexington,
Prall St.

Team work-----Mrs. M. E.
Taylor and Eld. C. H. Dickerson
Music, offering, adjournment.

Saturday

Devotionals-----Junction City
Inspirational talk -----
Eld. C. H. Johnson, State Evangelist
Music-----Relief Quartet
Address-----Eld. G. E. Letton
Solo-----Prof. E. B. Toles
Offering, benediction.

Sunday 10 A. M.—Bible School

Sunday 11 A. M.—Morning Worship

Sunday

Devotional ----- Midway
"Better Bible Schools, How to Improve
Them" ---opened by Mr. James McKee
discussed by Prof. E. B. Toles and
Stanford

Music ----- Relief Quartet
Offering, benediction.

Mrs. Lizzie G. Smith, Pres.,
Mrs. Olivia J. Laughlin, Sec.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs spent the holidays with her parents, Elder and Mrs. Brown.

Mr. Isaiah Warner of New Orleans is visiting his brothers here.

Mrs. Mary Michall spent Christmas in Vicksburg.

Mr. Daniel Braxton and wife spent Christmas in Jackson visiting relatives.

Miss Viola Martin came from school to spend the Christmas with her mother.

Miss Clauda Stampley was home from Alcorn for Christmas.

Mr. A. J. Stampley's house caught on fire January 1st, but was put out before much damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin visited relatives at Church Hill.

Miss Bessie Chandler of Nashville, Tenn., who is now attending school at the S. C. I. and Miss Lula Mae Franklin of Savannah, Ga., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin.—*Christian Dispatch*.

FALLEN ASLEEP

Miss Janie Claiborne, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Claibourne, fell asleep Dec. 31st. She had been sick for a long time.

She was buried at Forest Grove, Jan. 2nd, Elders D. Beal and I. C. Franklin officiating.

She leaves a father, mother, one sister, a brother, quite a few relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss.—*Christian Dispatch*.

ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION

W. M. S. DEPARTMENT

THE 27th Annual Session of the W. M. S., was opened at 9:00 by the president, Mrs. S. L. Bostick.

After devotional, enrollment and appointment of committees was in order. At 10:00 we were favored with an interesting lecture from Prof. P. H. Moss, National Secretary of Religious Education on the "Present Needs for Further Work." It was helpful to all.

At 10:30 an impressive message on "The Greatness of Woman and Her Reward" was delivered by the president, Mrs. S. L. Bostick.

At 11:00 V. G. Smith made an appeal on behalf of the *Christian Plea* and all seemed moved by the character and timeliness of his message.

11:30 marked a round-table discussion on "How to Gain New Members" opened by Mrs. Sarah Richardson with her usual supply of thoughtful suggestions. Others followed.

Afternoon at 1:30 a discussion on "Loyal Leadership" was opened by Mrs. Minne Guyden and discussed by many others. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in the reporting of last years work from the different societies. Through the many hindrances, much improvement could be observed.

REPORT OF SOCIETIES

Post Office Church	Amount For all Purposes
Russelville, Edwards Chapel—Mrs. Mary Franklin president	\$45.10
N. Little Rock, Mt. Sinia—Mrs. S. L. Bostick president	44.95
Little Rock, Cross St.—Mrs. Minnie Guyden president	48.10
Kerr, Pearidge—Mrs. Ellen Bimble president	28.15
Scotts, Oak Grove—Mrs. Carrie Moore president	10.69
Total	\$176.99

DIRECTORY OF W. M. S. CONVENTION

Mrs. S. L. Bostick, President.
Mrs. Minnie Guyden, Secretary.
Mrs. Mary Franklin, District Worker.
Mrs. Sarah Richardson, District Worker.

REPORT OF STATE WORKER AND TREASURER

Societies organized	2
Societies visited	5
District meetings	6
Lectures delivered	11
Letters written	100
Postal cards	15
Miles traveled	874
Receipts from state and societies	\$52.35
Disbursements for all purposes	40.35

Balance \$12.00

Attended the International Convention in Memphis, Tenn.

REPORT OF FUTURE WORK COMMITTEE

1. Each pastor and all officers of each department shall cooperate with the entire program of the church. Each one

should be active in advertising the visits of field workers. Further the entire church should observe all special days with a program by the department whose day it is and with a sacrificial offering by the church.

2. A worker shall be appointed in each of the two districts to help influence societies into active service. Each Missionary Society should be urged to attend the Quarterly District Meeting with an allowance of half a day for the rendition of its program and that each member report 25¢ per quarter.

3. Each society will send one-third of the monthly dues to its district worker at the end of each quarter with the district worker reporting the amount to the recording secretary. Further each district worker be asked to organize missionary and Junior C. E. Societies wherever possible and visit and boost the societies.

4. That the state president visit the societies and use her influence in boosting the work.

5. Each state officer be paid one-half his fare over a distance of twenty-five miles. Further that all state officers give societies the proper information about the Three Year Program of Work.

6. The State Board shall hold two meetings this year at intervals of six months at a time and place convenient to the workers and inviting all members.

Committee:

Mrs. S. L. Bostick,
Mrs. Sarah Richardson,
Eld. E. L. Turner,
Prof. P. H. Moss,
V. G. Smith.

AIMS FOR 1927-28 FOR THE WOMEN OF ARKANSAS

On National apportionment	\$200.00
New organizations	5
World Call subscriptions	10
King Builder subscriptions	10
Souls converted	50

A monthly meeting for every society.
The *Christian Plea* in every home.

These were aims set by the president in her address and accepted.

Mrs. Winnie Guyden, Secy.

PROGRAM

Of the Bible School Quarterly Meeting, Held at Forest Grove January 21st and 22nd

Saturday, 10:00. House called to order by the chairman.

Devotion by Mr. M. C. Claiborn and Mariah Buek.

Enrollment of delegates.

Appointment of committees.

Minutes of the last meeting.

Song by Mr. J. C. Coffey.

Prayer by Mr. Harry Wells, Sr.

Introductory sermon, Elder John Lomax.

Offering by Mr. Floyd Hedrick and Estella Hill. Adjournment.

Afternoon Session

Devotions by Mr. E. M. William and Fannie Clark.

Reports of schools.

Discussion: "How can we make the school interesting for the year 1928"; led by Eld. L. R. Garrison.

Offering by Abe Johnson and Louana Haywood. Adjournment.

Evening Session

Devotions by Mr. Jessie Netter and Emma Wells.

Paper by Miss Mary Ella Wells.

Welcome address by Miss Hattie Wells. Response by Mr. W. M. Weaver.

Sermon by Eld. J. H. Henderson.

Offering by Mr. M. J. Chambliss and Eliza Wells. Adjourn.

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

SUNDAY, Jan. 29, seemed to be Ministers' Day at Centennial. At the morning service the rostrum was filled with visiting divines. Eld. J. R. Gibbs of Festus, Mo., delivered the morning message on the subject—"God Give Us Men." Eld. Cornell Poston of Fulton, Mo., at present teaching at Dalton, was making a quick trip to the city and worshiped with Centennial. Eld. A. B. Moore, pastor at New Haven, was enjoying one of his Sundays off and was present. Eld. Reynolds of the Baptist Church, at present connected with the American Insurance Co. of this city, was also serviceable in the invocation.

The choir of Centennial is getting in some new blood and the director, Mrs. Geneva Dowell, expects soon to recruit enough to have a twenty voice chorus. Then the music will be another of the drawing cards of the church.

Centennial boasts of two graduates of Summer High School in the January class in the persons of Misses Helen Macklin, niece to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Griffin, and Miss Margaret Green, daughter of the pastor, Eld. J. J. Green.

The missionary society held its January meeting at the home of Mrs. A. B. Moore the treasurer of the organization.

Sunday, February 5th was observed as Woman's Day and a suitable program was rendered. The outstanding feature of the day was the morning address by Mrs. Young of the Y. W. C. A. of St. Louis. An offering was taken for the National Apportionment. Miss Elizabeth Givens is the present leader in the society.

The Brotherhood, an auxiliary of the church that meets on Tuesday evening for Bible Study, has organized two classes in study of methods and materials in religious information. Prof. Hutchison, a professor at Summer High School, is the teacher of one while Eld. Green the pastor, conducts the other. Mr. J. H. Heatley is president of this auxiliary.

The liberal offer made Centennial by the City Mission was accepted by the church board and all that remains now is to meet the payments of \$75.00 per month. This amount plus the current expenses and incidentals will require the loyal and continuous cooperation of every member. May we count on each one?

Miss Portia Payne, teacher of a Bible School class, has been absent two Lord's Days on account of illness but is able to be back in her place now.

Mrs. Sylvia Harris, one of the fine older members of the church, is confined to her home on account of bad weather and ill health. Mrs. Harris is one of the most faithful of Centennial members, often putting younger members to shame by her attendance on most disagreeable Sundays.

The Christian Endeavor Society is planning the observance of C. E. Day sometime in March. The play, "Crusade with Christ" is in process of rehearsal. This is the only missionary day for this department.

Sunday Morning 9 O'clock

Sunday School taught by Mr. Harry Wells. Devotions by Mr. Sheddrick Watts and Nana Garrison.

Minutes of the first day session.

Unfinished and new business.

Song by Sister Lou Trevillion.

Paper by Mrs. L. A. Johnson.

Teachers' and superintendents' conference, led by Mrs. G. A. Franklin.

Exercises of different schools.

Sermon by Elder I. C. Franklin.

Offering by Mr. C. A. James and Percy Chambliss.

Announcements and benediction.

—Christian Dispatch.

Contribution of Woodland Ave. to the Brotherhood

A Paper Read at the Brotherhood Rally of the Christian Church of Kansas City, Mo.

By Mrs. Mary Brown

WOODLAND AVE. might have been called the "roving church" for it was hard to find a location for the church to establish itself. After moving from place to place, we finally bought our present site and made our first contribution to the brotherhood, a church building. It is now without any indebtedness and a living of the good investment of co-operation in producing a house of worship.

We established in the minds of those of our brotherhood that the minister ought to be paid a living salary that he might have time to study to show himself approved unto God a workman, rightly divining the Word of Truth.

Woodland Ave. contributed the first layman ever to be vice president of the Missouri State Convention in the person of Mr. J. R. Brown, who at this time is holding that office. Also a member of this congregation, Mrs. Ethel Dyson, is treasurer of the Missouri W. M. S. Convention. Through her hands all the money of the state passes, given by all of the churches for the advancement of God's kingdom here on earth. While we have had no one to go from us to the foreign fields, it has been through our financial aid each year that missionaries have gone into dark, treacherous Africa, steeped in subtle evil and lurid mysteries; into hot, fetid India with its uncanny, tenacious hold on pseudo-religions, into crowded, aged China weltering in an oriental mysticism deeper and more dangerous than all of the evils of Africa; into super-active, suppressed Japan possessed of a great intellectuality wrongly and destructively directed. In these lands of fevers, diseases and death, beset by numerous handicaps and constant opposition, the missionaries have gone leaving all to follow Him and preach the Good News to all the world.

We, too, boast of our contribution to the ministry in Eld. A. B. Ross, Eld. C. H. White, Eld. R. C. Pierce and Elder James Hill, all men that are doing much for the uplift of fallen humanity. Eld. Hill is now away for his health but he was always challenging us to put ourselves under God's guidance; teaching us that only God can bring relief to our hearts. Every other thing was mockery; created nature cannot fully open us or bring to the highest development our powers. Only the contemplation of God is able to open and relieve our minds, to unlock, occupy and fix our affections. Life passes, riches fly away, the senses decay, the world changes, popularity is fickle, friends die, one alone is constant and true, one alone can supply our needs, one alone can train us to full perfection, one alone can tune and harmonize our natures, one alone can form and possess us. Will we put ourselves under His guidance?

Another contribution we have been able to make to the brotherhood is a young man whom we all know and admire, a young man who early gave his life and soul to Christ, a young man who is now serving on the faculty of one of our Christian schools. Prof. William Alphin is doing a great work in Piedmont Christian Inst. acting as clerk, teaching classes and perhaps now has preached his first sermon. Young people of Woodland Ave.—work that we may be able to increase our gifts to the brotherhood in consecrated

lives. Do not be discouraged by disappointments for when we reach the Father's House we can look back and see that the sharp-voiced teacher, Disappointment was one of the best guides to the realms of light. He gave us hard lessons, he often used the rod and led us into thorny paths, sometimes he stripped us of luxury all to make us travel faster and freer toward our final home. He may lead us down to the valley of the shadow of death but never will the promise read so sweetly as when spelt out by the eyes of faith from the depths and never will he lead so surely and teach us such sacred lessons at the cross. If you will realize this young people, during the next ten or twelve years we shall be able to contribute a larger number of workers to our noble work in the brotherhood. We need noble men who will stand four-square for truth that is power. Some say wealth is power; others, knowledge, but we know that truth is real power since wealth cannot purchase, knowledge cannot over-reach, authority cannot silence truth. All tremble in her presence. Fling truth into the tremendous billows of popular commotion, cast it into the seven-fold heated furnace, yet she rides above all. Truth walks with the Son of God unrefuted. It ministers light and life to man that is able to animate, illumine and inspire the immortal soul that now is, ever was, and ever shall be. When wealth, talent, knowledge and authority heaven and earth shall pass away, truth shall rise as an angel to the source and home, the bosom of eternal God.

"JESUS AND THE WOMAN"

BY MRS. MAUDE DAVIS, TAYLOR, TEXAS

IT IS strange indeed how the religious world at large and some of the theologians have grossly misunderstood the blessed Savior; His means of upbuilding the Kingdom of God here on earth. It appears some few would be like greedy dogs. He would devour the word of God for his and his use alone. Some folk would lay claim to that which suited their immediate use and try and stamp out the rest to keep others from deriving any benefit from it.

So it is with any man who wishes to drive from the gospel field, "Woman." If men owe much to Christ, women owe still more. He lifted her from degradation and from being man's slave and plaything and raised her to his friend and equalized her for Heaven.

If anything has helped to retard the growth of the Christian Church it is this "old foggism." There is only one way to be a Christian; that is abide by Jesus' teaching. Jesus layed down the law and the plan of Salvation. That is not for man to change. He said to John, "Who-soever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name shall in no wise lose his reward." Then why should any human being, weak and full of sin try to shape that oracle of Jesus in his own way? Some ministers need to read and study the Bible closely to understand Jesus more plainly. Some need to read Revelation 22:18-20 and abide by it.

When Jesus was here on earth his life line was "FOLLOW ME." He went fishing for men. He caught the ordinary fishermen from the common walks of life and

raised them to a very high plane, to Peter the uneducated, he said, "Upon this rock I shall build my church," meaning that when Peter confessed that He was the Christ the Son of the living God, He said, "Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jona, Flesh and blood have not revealed this to thee but my father which is in Heaven."

The church is Christ's body. We as individuals should commune with him spiritually. Sect, flesh nor blood cannot enter Heaven. God, a spirit, we worship in spirit and truth. Peter says God is no respecter of person; "That Truth." Jesus said whosoever doeth the will of my Father in Heaven are by brethren, my mother and my sister. We are related to Jesus, when we abide by his law. The law that was given to man applies to woman.

When we seek to live in the spirit we can understand, God revealed unfolds to us just as he did the inspired writers of old. But so many of us are wrapped up in conceit and selfishness we will not allow God to reveal to us anything. We want to use our methods by bringing them in man's gospel. So therefore we drift to nowhere.

We note that the masculine gender is always used in Scripture. The ideal back of it applies to all mankind. This old foggism about woman's place should be done away with.

When Jesus was nailed to the cross and it was left on Calvary's rugged hill, and when on that Resurrection morning He rose and said to man, "The first messenger of our Lord, Go tell my disciples to meet me in Gallilee." Since Jesus walked eighty miles from Nazareth to be baptized by John in the River of Jordan, since he laid the plan of Salvation so perfect, it is plain for us to see the following illustration: If He had not meant for woman to have something to do with the Gospel, He would have very likely waited for Peter or some of the men who no doubt were sleeping like some of our ministers are doing today, to come and meet Him at the sepulchre and since He did not wait but charged Mary to go and she obeyed him, makes me know that there yet remains a large field for woman to work in and help evangelize the world.

Jesus came into the world to redeem the lost; to break down the wall between the Jew and Gentile. No woman can be a Christian who has not had her part to play in Christianizing the world.

It was Rahab the harlot whose work helped Joshua complete his task of destroying Jericho.

It was the woman at the well that caused many to believe in Christ after Jesus healed her. The woman that was brought before Jesus to be stoned, Christ saved. It was Mary who anointed Him for burial. Christ said, "Wherever this gospel shall be preached shall be spoken of her as a memorial."

Jesus means for everybody to use the life line: "save somebody for Jesus shows them the Christ. We should use our lives, our talents as a rubber ball. It will return to our hands if we cast out for something worth while. It will return with abound and Jesus, the Author and Finisher of all things, will crown us with glory in due season.

You might as well try to argue with a hungry bear or a leaping lion as to endeavor to dissuade a libertine from his lust or a fool from his folly. That can never be reasoned out that was never reasoned in, and blind self-interest and prejudice are ignorant of the laws of logic.

We do not believe in a heaven of endless joy because we have proved its existence; but we try to prove its existence because we first believe in it. That faith is constitutional to us and we merely try to justify its existence.

THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

Rev. J. Hail, Pastor of St. Stephens Church at Trenton, N. C. Preached January 8, 1928

A Good Soldier—2 Timothy 2:3

THE text is equally applicable to the private Christian, as to the Apostle or Bishop of Jesus Christ. All the disciples are alike engaged in spiritual warfare. All are called to fight the good fight of faith, and to endure hardness as good soldiers of Christ Jesus. Martial language is often applied to the servants of God. And true religion involves in it a necessary and continued conflict with sin and the powers of hell. Observe:

I. *The Christian soldier becomes such he voluntarily enlists in the army of Jesus.*

He abandons his former course and freely and cheerfully surrenders himself, by faith to God. He ceases to be an enemy, which he was in his carnal state through the enmity of his mind. He has felt the evil of opposing the counsel and authority of God. He has been convinced of the folly and infatuated wickedness of fighting against God and now he accepts of God's gracious offer, and voluntarily engages to war against all evil, and to devote himself fully and forever to the service of the Lord.

II. *The Christian Soldier is clothed in the armour of salvation.*

This is fully described by the apostles, Eph. 6:13.

(1) I will be seen that the loins are to be girt with truth.

(2) The breastplate is to be righteousness.

(3) The shoes or sandals, the preparation of the gospel of peace. Then there is,

(4) The shield of faith.

(5) The helmet of hope. And the offensive weapon is,

(6) The sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

The whole of this armour is to be used in connection with the spirit of incessant prayer. For the Apostle adds, "Praying always." Now this is the authorized armour to the preclusion of all others. No other will secure us from evil, or give us victory over the enemy.

III. *The Christian soldier fights under the standard of the Cross.*

The Cross is that which is the center of attraction to all the soldiers of Jesus. This is that by which the conquests of the Savior are effected, and his spiritual dominions enlarged. This is the power and wisdom of God to the pulling down of the stronghold of sin; and this is the object of glorying to all the disciples of Christ, "God forbid that I should glory."

IV. *The Christian Soldier is commanded, by Jesus the Captain of Salvation.*

Christ is emphatically styled the Captain of their Salvation, Heb. 2:10. He has gone before his followers and overcome in their nature, all our foes, and was made perfect through suffering. He leads and commands all the Spiritual army of God. He was beheld by John as seated on a white horse having a bow and a crown given unto him, and going forth conquering and to conquer, Rev. 6:2. The captain Jesus possesses every qualification to encourage his troops, and to head them in all their conflicts, until they have finished their course, and "fought the good fight." He has given express orders, and specific orders, for ensuring impalpable success to all who fight under his banner. He is their captain and commander to the exclusion of every other. He is infinitely wise,—undauntedly courageous, invincibly strong,—compassionately tender, inviolably faithful,—and ever victorious.

V. *The Christian soldiers have to wage war with many enemies.*

He has to wrestle with flesh and blood to overcome the evils of his own nature—the unsubdued corruptions of his own heart. Within are fears and doubts, and unbelief, much ignorance, self-pride, etc. These must be subdued. All must be slain. Flesh must be mortified. Spirit made ascendent and made to reign. There are also foes without,—the world, in all its evils and opposition to God. With these are leagued the powers of hell,—Satan and the legions of darkness. With these enemies there is manifest kindredness and combination. United they are formidable and dangerous. To wage uncompromising war and overcome them, is the duty and end contemplated by the soldier of Christ. After all, for the Christian's encouragement, they are represented as being subject to God's controlling power, finite, of limited means of evil, and have, in myriads of instances been triumphantly vanquished by the soldier of Christ.

VI. *The Christian Soldier must fight and be faithful unto death.*

His campaigns will extend through life, and the last enemy he must conflict is death. His martial toils must be patiently borne, and his defensive and offensive fighting maintained, until he tramples on the neck of the king of terrors, and exclaims, "Glory to God, who giveth me the victory," etc.

VII. *The Christian Soldier shall receive a glorious and eternal reward.*

Having suffered with Christ they shall be glorified together, Rom. 8:17. Having overcome they shall have dominion, Rev. 2:26. Be clothed in white raiment, Rev. 3:5; sit with Christ on his throne, Rev. 3:21; eat hidden manna, Rev. 2:17; and receive from Christ's hands the crown of eternal life, Rev. 2:10.

Application

1. Let the soldier of Christ rejoice in the sources of comfort, provision and victory, which are presented to him in the word of God. How necessary that he keep his armour bright; that he be vigilant, zealous, devoted to God, valiant in spirit; that he cleave closely to Jesus, obey his commands and tread in his steps.

2. Urge the thoughtless sinner to cease his rebellion, sue for mercy, and obtain a place and name in the army of Christ.

3. How certain the destruction of the enemies of Christ.

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH LIFE

Eld. William Alphin, Editor

THINK WITH ME ON THESE THINGS

THE *Plea* is looking and talking better each month. The editorial page last month must have made "Old Hickory" rub his bald head and pull down some books. That is fine. Keep it up.

That straight punch from the shoulder—"A Disgrace" went home—almost. "Little Salty, but it's good." But Solomon was also a wise man and his sayings demand looking up before quoting. Often some church members who are tattlers, busybodies in affairs of others, dancers, card and policy players, opposers to missions and even preachers misquote him, or hop to their favorite translation.

Many should be anxious to learn the result of the response of our churches to the appeal to raise their apportionments for the \$1,500 to help finance the *Christian Plea*. If we are as enthusiastic in having our churches raise it as we were to vote that they raise it, the churches will raise it.

Last year the churches in Texas succeeded in getting only \$52.00 to the General Fund. In six months of this year the reports show they have given \$193.00. The way is being cleared in Texas and the pastors and state officers intend to place Texas on the record where it belongs this year.

National Apportionment

The National Convention apportioned the churches \$4,000 for the general fund and \$1,500 for the Christian Plea Fund. The \$1,500 is apportioned not to the organized departments but to the churches.

This apportionment for the church has been considered by some as too small. Considering our ability both in numbers and financially this is true. But when we consider the lack of training and appealing to the churches in the past to respond to missionary calls, as much as the organized departments have been trained to respond, plus the lack of loyalty, sincerity and interest shown (and I must say at the National Convention—no, that is in "A Disgrace") the apportionment to the churches is a challenge.

The Record to February 1

The apportionment to the General Fund was sent to the churches early in the Missionary Year (September). The reports show the following number of churches from each state paying all or part of its apportionment:

Arkansas -----	1	Missouri -----	4
Georgia -----	2	North Carolina ---	1
Illinois -----	1	Ohio -----	2
Indiana -----	2	Oklahoma -----	1
Kansas -----	3	Tennessee -----	1
Kentucky -----	1	Texas -----	17
Mississippi -----	7	Virginia -----	1
Total -----	44		
Conventions Church Departments -----	4		

One church is asked for \$150 and it has paid half. Five are asked for \$100 and one has paid \$120 (S. C. I.) with four O. J. C. I. Church was asked for \$50.00 and paid \$103.50.

This record shows a number of our pastors and churches are, at least, tardy in raising their apportionments. Nearly two-thirds of the missionary year has passed. The appeals have been made. The work outlined by the convention has gone forward under unbearable financial conditions on account of the tardiness of the churches in raising their apportionments.

These apportionments, we all surely know, are to meet the promises of the National Convention to help in carrying on the plan of work adopted by the convention. If the U. C. M. S. had been as tardy as we in meeting their promises in financially supporting the work for our people, WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE RESULT? The U. C. M. S., has a perfect moral and legal right to expect of us what we have promised and if you pleased, guaranteed we would do. While the churches and departments of the National Convention have never raised its promised part of the raising budget, the work has gone on. Although on account of our failure, the work in some places is being retarded, it has made wonderful strides along all essential lines. Surely we are more optimistic about our general work today than ever before in our history.

If we would think together and think straight, the conclusion must be for this year to "Take our foot off the Brake and Step on the Gas" for better speed.

(To be continued.)

Renewals

Mr. M. R. Jefferson, Albany, N. Y.
Mrs. Gus Mitchell, Kerr, Ark.
Mrs. M. L. French, Louisville, Ky.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Eld. R. B. Wells, of Bloomington, Ill., is pastoring the church in that city. He has a wonderful group of young people who are actively participating in the church work. The Bible School under Supt. Dalton is progressive and alert.

Eld. Wells and son-in-law are also prominent in the business circles of Bloomington.

The Christian Plea is the bearer of sad news. Last month, a fire, origin unknown, destroyed the palatial residence of Eld. Preston Taylor at Greenwood Park, Nashville, Tenn. Eld. Taylor was not able to salvage anything and much of inestimable value and priceless sentiment was utterly lost.

Mr. Raymond Walton is the energetic president of the Oakwood Blvd. Christian Endeavor Society of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Walton is sponsoring a pre-Convention discussion group with a view of representation in the second Youth's Convention, Columbus, Ohio, April 19-22.

Prof. P. H. Moss, National Secretary of Religious and Missionary Education, conducted a class on Adult Work, in the Cook County Training School for religious leaders held in Y. M. C. A., Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6-13. In this school, faculty members from each prominent communion were present and students from 17 different churches participated. Over 100 were enrolled.

Prof. P. H. Moss preached for the Langely Ave. Church on Sunday morning, Feb. 12 while V. G. Smith was the speaker at the evening service. Eld. R. E. Latouche is pastor of this group.

Feb. 5 Prof. Moss worshipped with the Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church, Chicago, Eld. G. R. Dorsey, pastor.

The S. C. I. Club of Chicago is sponsoring a fund to purchase a baby grand piano for the chapel at Southern Christian Institute. The club under the leadership of Mrs. R. L. Welch is alive and working but they solicit outside help from the alumni of S. C. I. in this undertaking. Full particulars will appear in these pages before long or may be obtained now from the president, Mrs. Welch. Donations are in order and will be gratefully received by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, 4550 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Joseph Curtis, a former S. C. I. student, is in Chicago taking a pre-medical course with the view to getting his M.D. in the future.

Eld. G. H. Bundy has set a goal in membership for the Norwood Ave. Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio of "500 in 1930." He has already about 200 on the church roll.

Pres. W. M. Jackson of the Bible School State Convention is directing Religious Education at Dayton and with the assistance of Mr. Leslie Smith, Supt. of Bible School, Mr. J. C. Riffe, advisor of the Intermediate Christian Endeavor, Mr. H. L. France and Mrs. Leslie Smith in the C. E. Society, is fast promoting a model type of religious education in Dayton church.

Prof. P. H. Moss organized discussion groups on the four Youth Convention topics at Jarvis Christian College. Mr. Hayes Peoples was a delegate to the first Youth Convention in Memphis in 1926. Jarvis is planning to send at least two.

THE OLD YEAR HAS GONE

Mrs. Leona Holz, Mayslick, Ky.

Bear this in mind what e'er befall
The hand Divine rules over all.
And when we greet the glad New Year
With all its joy and social cheer,

Let each resolve his best to give;
That this old world may better live.
And as we go but once this way
Let shed sweet sunshine's golden ray.

Then when the sands of life are run
We'll hear the welcome, "Well, well done,
Come reap the joys prepared for you"
Ring out the Old: Ring in the New.

January 27 to 29, 1928

The following special training events are on the schedule of the field force for this summer with probable dates:

S. C. I. Young Peoples' Conference—May 28—June 3.

Piedmont School of Methods—June 11-15.

Ohio School of Methods—June 18-22.

Mid-West Young Peoples Conference—June 25—July 1.

Promotion for the first and last items will be done through the office of V. G. Smith, Young People's Sec'y, while Prof. P. H. Moss will promote the Schools of Methods through his office.

A pre-Convention discussion group on Race Relation was organized in Dayton, Ohio, by V. G. Smith with Messrs. J. C. Riffe and H. L. France as adult advisors and Miss Howard as leader. Messrs. West and Crawford, with Misses Riffe and Rovilla Howard, the last acting as chairman, form the personell of the Findings Committee. This group hopes to have representatives at Columbus ready to make a vital contribution.

At Southern Christian Institute, an official pre-Convention discussion group on Race Relations was set up by Prof. P. H. Moss, with Mr. C. W. Blackburn as leader. Three other groups were set up with Miss Bessie Chandler, Elementary Supt. heading the Church Relation; Mr. Nelson Toles, Second Vice-President of the Youth Convention, heading the Industrial Relation; and Mr. Isaac Henderson, another attendant of the Memphis Convention, in charge of the National Relations. Each one of these groups are planning to have a representative.

All groups which are interested in sending representatives to the International or to the Youth's Convention, might well take advantage of the one and one-half fare rates to Columbus from any point in the United States. These rates are available to all holding certificates from the U. C. M. S. proclaiming they are credential delegates. These certificates can be obtained by addressing H. B. Holloway, 425 De Baliviere Ave., St. Louis, Mo. and requesting the certificate. A self-addressed and stamped envelope must accompany every letter.

Eld. W. H. Dickerson, pastor at Lockland, O., is able to be about his Father's business. His blood pressure has lowered considerably and he is yet leading his people into larger fields of service, aided by his good wife.

Friday evening, Feb. 17, one of the church clubs at the Second St. Christian Church at Lexington, Ky., put on a program which crowded the house and raised \$42.00. The night was inclement but the enthusiasm quelled its disagreeableness.

The Ladies Aid Society of Lockland, Ohio, observed Feb. 26 at as their Second Anniversary Sunday. Eld. R. E. Hancock, pastor of Covington, Ky., was the speaker at the afternoon meeting.

Mrs. Catherine Faulkner, president of the Ohio C. E. Convention, is the superintendent of the Bible School at Lockland, Ohio.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Bible School of the Lexington Church sponsored a Biblical photodrama of the Passion Play given by Mr. Crawford.

Miss Odie B. Lewis is the president of the Christian Endeavor Society at Lexington.

Mere reputation is a soap bubble, while character is a polished gem.

Envy, like the wounded serpent, self-stung, dies in homemade agony.

Excessive desire makes disease, and pain is born of pleasure. Too much of a good thing is a bad thing.

Some die without having really lived, while others continue to live, in spite of the fact that they have died.

Example is the best exhortation, and to be good is to do good; to be at it ourselves is to set others at it.

He gives most who puts most heart in what he gives, for the love of the giver is more than the gifts of the lover.

A lie is dangerous even in death, and to analyze its corpse is like dissecting a rattlesnake's jaws; though dead it still has the power of death.

Beware of the Compromiser

(Continued from page 4.)

gro. The whiskeyites are going to make the issue that it is no worse to nullify the eighteenth amendment than the fifteenth. The thought is that both are justified. The Negro should take the ground that neither is justified. This will make them fight square on the side of prohibition. It looks now as though the policy of these nullifiers will be to force a wet policy on the Democrats and then force the Republicans to tread on a soft pedal and if the Republicans win they will get bad enforcement. There is a possibility that the good people will be forced to insurgence and the organization of a third party. If that comes, or if the southern states are split up, the end of the nullification of the fifteenth amendment will be here.

The thing for us to do is to fight faithfully for what is right, and just for all mankind, not thinking of self, and then will come the better things for self in great abundance. The time is now here when America will take great strides forward, or a humiliating moral debacle that will require the next fifty years to overcome.

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Easter Sunrise Prayer Meeting

April 8, 1928, 6:30 to 7:30

Jesse M. Bader, Secretary of Evangelism

LEADER'S PROGRAM

Hymn.—"Holy, Holy, Holy." Have congregation stand. Sing all stanzas.

Prayer.—By the Leader.

Scripture.—John 20. Have some one commit to memory and recite the entire chapter. Assign this part to a high school girl or boy.

Hymn.—"Take Time to be Holy." Have congregation stand. Sing all stanzas.

Scripture.—1 Corinthians 15:1-19. Have some one commit to memory this portion of Scripture. Use a high school boy or girl.

Hymn.—"Sweet Hour of Prayer." All stanzas. Have congregation stand during the singing. After the hymn ask them to be seated again.

First prayer period.—

1. Ask each one present to pray silently for one minute in behalf of himself, asking for spiritual cleansing and power.

2. Call upon some one to pray audibly, to voice a prayer to God for those present.

3. Ask each one present to again pray silently for one minute, in behalf of the pastor and local church, that the entire Easter day and services shall result in great spiritual enrichment and advance.

4. Call upon some one to pray audibly for the pastor, congregation, and the day's program.

5. Ask each one present to pray silently again for one minute, in behalf of some one or more persons whom they desire shall be led to Christ today.

6. Sing softly the first verse of "For You I Am Praying" while the congregation is still bowed in prayer. If possible and without announcement have some one sing the stanza as a solo.

Hymn.—"Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer." Sing two stanzas, congregation standing. Following the singing ask the congregation to be seated.

Second prayer period.—

1. Ask each one to pray silently for one minute in behalf of our aged ministers and for a generous Easter offering today in the Bible school in their behalf.

2. Call upon some one to pray audibly in behalf of them and the Easter offering.

3. Ask each one to pray silently again for one minute for all our preachers and churches everywhere that this Easter day shall see great attendance in the services, great messages in sermon and music, and great numbers led to Christ.

4. Ask that some one pray audibly for all that is indicated in number three.

5. Ask each one to pray silently again for one minute in behalf of all our missionaries on all world fields to the end that this entire day shall see many led to Christ and great spiritual things come to all hearts.

6. Ask some one to pray audibly for the missionaries and the work and workers they represent on all fields.

Hymn.—"More Love, O Christ, to Thee." Sing all stanzas. Have the congregation stand.

Lord's Prayer in unison.

Invitation song.—"Just As I Am."

Announcements.

Hymn.—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Benediction.—By the leader or Pastor.

Suggestions For the Leader

SEE that a suitable room, the church auditorium or some other, is made comfortable and carefully arranged. See that the janitor understands that the church is to be open for the early service.

Have a pianist or organist promised to be present and ahead of time. It is desirable to have old hymns played softly about ten minutes before time to begin.

Begin the service on time if possible.

Arrange for the room or auditorium to be decorated with flowers for the prayer service.

Study over the program carefully. Give attention to the details as outlined in the program, such as having the congregation to stand during the hymns and seated during the prayer periods.

Reduced Rates to Columbus

THE railroads have granted a reduced rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip to the Columbus Convention. To secure such reduced rate one must have an **Identification Certificate** which may be obtained upon application to the undersigned, accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. One certificate is sufficient for one person and dependent members of his or her family. You cannot get a reduced rate without the certificate, so do not delay in sending for same. They are ready now. Act today.

H. B. Holloway, Transportation Secretary

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Have ushers. Ask them to seat no one during the prayer periods.

If desired, have some one sing a solo. Use a gospel hymn such as "Ere You Left Your Room This Morning Did You Think to Pray," or "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

It will add to the effectiveness of the program if the Scripture readings are memorized and given. Be sure to make the assignments at least one week in advance.

Have announcements written out and given to the pastor, Sunday school superintendent, the Christian Endeavor leaders, concerning the importance of attendance on Easter morning. The leader should not take it for granted that this will be done, but see that it is done.

Do not hurry the program. Take time. Allow a full minute at least for silent prayer on each subject indicated.

PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

National Evangelistic Association
COLUMBUS, OHIO

April 15-16

Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary

EACH year the National Evangelistic Association holds its Pre-Convention meeting just preceding the International Convention. This time the program will begin on Sunday night, April 15, at Columbus, in the West Fourth Avenue Christian Church, T. L. Lowe, pastor.

The opening address will be given by Harry G. Knowles of Houston, Texas, President of the Association. He is one of the foremost pastor-evangelists of the Brotherhood.

The Monday sessions will be held at the Central Methodist Church, one block west of the Convention Hall on Broad Street. The morning session will begin at nine o'clock with Jacob Goldner, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Church, Cleveland, leading the devotions on the theme "The Evangelism of Jesus."

The afternoon session will begin at 1:30, and the evening session at 7:30. As the closing part of the evening, the singing evangelists of the Brotherhood will present a Sacred Concert Program. It will be a high hour.

The present officers of the National Evangelistic Association are:

Harry G. Knowles, President.
Ray Snodgrass, Vice President.
G. I. Hoover, Treasurer.
C. W. Cauble, Corresponding Secretary.
Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary.
J. E. Sturgis, Chairman of the Singers and Helpers Department.

To this Pre-Convention meeting all are invited. There are no registration fees. If you are coming to the Columbus International Convention, come in time for the evangelistic program to be given on Sunday night and on the Monday preceding the great Convention.

Some of the greatest speakers of our Brotherhood will be heard in addresses that will be timely and helpful.

Religious Education

PROF. P. H. MOSS, EDITOR

THE TEACHING FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH

(Continued from last issue.)

Training Through Vacation Church School

Through the Vacation Church School we are able to reach the child from five to fourteen years old, giving sixty hours of intensive training in song, worship, Bible study, hand-work, etc. Very few of our churches are putting on the V. C. S. It is not possible for the field workers to put on more than one such school a year. If the local church is interested, it could call the field secretary in to hold a normal class in the local school for the training of the teachers and principal to put on the Vacation Church School following the close of the public school.

Training Through the Organized Adult Class

The adults are the most unused assets of the church. Most adults when they have attended one of the church services on Lord's Day, they feel that they have done God's service. It seems to never enter their mind that they should train themselves to work in any department of the church. I know a church that is studying in its school "The New Testament Church" through its adult class of men. I am pleased to say that the president of this class is an officer of the church and there are three or four other officers members of the class and attend occasionally. Those who are standing most in need of such training never find time to attend this class. What does every adult of the local church need by way of training?

1. A minimum of knowledge. This should include an elementary conception of Jesus' life, His main teachings concerning practical conduct, and a sketch of church history which connects Jesus' earthly ministry with the present-day church. Whenever a church member knows less than this he is not a very intelligent Christian.

2. Opportunity for advance work. Every adult in the church should have an opportunity to go beyond the elementary subjects which are taught in the average Sunday School. Great modern questions challenge our thinking. Such questions should be brought to the attention of the adults and they should as Mr. Darsie calls it engage themselves in cooperative thinking. It seems to me that problems more grave than church rallies should claim the attention of the intelligent pastor.

3. Training for activity. It is the main function of the adult department to train adults to carry out the program of the local church and the kingdom of God. The adult department should be training all adults of the church to do those things that the church wants done. This will mean classes in personal evangelism, prayer meeting expressions, stewardship, missionary work and social activities.

The church will never come into her own until her leaders understand their task and prepare through training to execute it. Let us remember that the church is the great laboratory for social and religious service.

—P. H. M.

"THE ESSENCE OF AN EFFICIENT BIBLE SCHOOL"

THE numerous problems of religious education and its various phases are vastly growing as difficult as the problems of secular education. Books, magazines and other suggestive hints are constantly being published for the use of the public school teachers; similar publications are now being published for the teachers in the Bible School and other branches of religious education.

The need of standard efficient Bible Schools and teachers is as important as efficient public schools and teachers. The question may be asked: *What is an efficient Bible School?* Mr. Cope defines an efficient Bible School as follows: *One in which the working forces understand its purpose or aim, its conditions and the materials of operation and its method of procedure.* Again he says, *it is one which succeeds in developing most easily and completely Christian character in its people, both students and workers.*

Does your school meet the requirements of an efficient school? If not, let the workers endeavor to make it reach the standard. In order for one to make his school standard, he must first understand its purpose or aim. It is assumed that the purpose or aim of the school is to develop Christian Character in every pupil. The child, then, through careful training and preparation develops for himself a four-fold life from the beginners class to the adult. The classes must be so grouped as to consider the physiological, psychological, sociological and religious characteristics of all the pupils.

Let us consider the little child of the Beginners or Primary Class, he is at a period in which he is growing rapidly; he is very active, inattentive, unsympathetic and indifferent to the joys and sorrows of other people. Then when we come before our little folk let us consider their undeveloped emotions and teach them such stories and such games and show them such pictures as will tend to help them to develop physically, socially, and spiritually. To develop character we will have to begin early in training a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

When you survey the career of the adolescent child, you will find that he grows fast, that he is budding out into a new

personality or he is beginning to find himself in a new world. To meet the social and group instincts of these husky boys and girls, various simple organizations should be constructed to satisfy their many desires and begin the direct training of leadership.

The young people of the church are often neglected by the Bible School workers. They are thus led to seek other organizations for social and physical development. This is the time when every school should seek to help the young people maintain their places in the Bible School in order to prepare them to assume their duties as Christian citizens in the home and world at large.

With this general idea of Youth, we can strive to make our schools measure up to the standard of an efficient school. But still, there is another important phase which we must consider and that is the need of trained leaders. Leaders who possess Christian character, patience, persistence, sympathy and understanding. Ones who have the ability to guide and direct a group of boys and girls in training for service. In order for the leaders to become efficient, they must avail themselves of every possible opportunity for attendance at leadership training schools, community training schools and young people's conferences. The child who sits daily at the feet of competent teachers in the public schools immediately detects the inefficiency of his Bible School teachers and school and seeks other schools or organizations. If however, in the rural districts, the workers cannot advantageously attend such leadership training schools, study groups and workers' conferences can be held evenings during the week at the church. Such courses are already prepared and can be easily secured.

When we are reminded of Mr. Cope's definition of an efficient school we note that materials for operations are necessary. The general equipment of a classroom or department is very important, but the use of material for actual manual handwork cannot be over emphasized. The child can best grasp the thought of a story if he is allowed to make or draw with his hand something that would illustrate his thought.

Therefore the great challenge of childhood should ever be before the workers of every school regardless of the size of the school, in order to have a school that will tend to develop the child.

Bessie E. Chandler.

S. C. I., Edwards, Mississippi.

AT EVENTIDE IT SHALL BE LIGHT

At eventide it shall be light
When fades the day of toil away.
No shadows deep, no weary night,
At evening time, it shall be light.
Immortal love from realms above
Is breathing now the promise bright.
"At evening time, it shall be light."

At eventide, it shall be light.
We gather flowers from rural bowers.
Oh, sacred hope of glory bright!
At evening time, it shall be light.
Sweet evening time of joy divine
That makes the Christian's life so bright,
"At evening time, it shall be light."

At eventide, it shall be light.
No cares can harm, no fears alarm,
If one in Christ our souls unite
At evening time, it shall be light.
The heart will glow, no tears will flow,
It cannot then its promise blight
"At evening time, it shall be light."

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SEVEN DEADLY SINS

I. Policy Without Principles

THE political situation that exists in this country and in many states is a direct result of a policy without any principles.

Walton in Oklahoma, Duval in Indianapolis, Jackson in Indiana, Smith in Illinois, Thompson in Chicago, Sinclair and Fall in the cabinet and all the other cases of political corruption are due to the lack of stable principles in the average political engineers. "The people have no rights that the politician is bound to respect" is the modern version of the infamous Dred Scott decision of last generation.

If a man were without bone, all muscle, sinew, blood vessels and nerves, his progress would be nil, due to the lack of bones to hold the whole erect and stable. So the man whose life and dealings with others has no principle, has no ability to keep erect and straight. Policy is the clothing for those mighty supports—principles. As in the hotel lobby the post is festooned, decorated, painted and beautified so policies take care of the outward appearance. But the essential part is not the decoration but the support of the post to the building.

Turn a colt into the pasture and he may roam in any direction his nose and best personal interests lead him. But harness and bridle him and he must keep to the row to plow the field. So principles form the bit that guides always in the desirable direction.

Christian principles must be clothed in personal policies but the policies that are seen are temporal but the essential sturdiness that is not seen always is eternal.

If there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things.—Phil. 4:8.

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT YOUTH

IN THE *Front Rank*, a publication for the young people of our communion published by the Christian Board of Publication, there appears a page each week called the *Voice of Youth*. It is the residue of the Youth's Convention held in Memphis and it offers a medium of communication for the youth on the Columbus Convention topics for discussion.

But it is not alone interested in the Youth Convention. It allows for any topic to be published that is the product of the thinking of youth. Not very long ago, Miss Lula Mae Franklin, a student at the Southern Christian Institute and one of the attendants of the former Youth's Convention wrote an article on *Racial Relations* that was also published in the *Christian Plea*. In the *Front Rank* the picture of the authoress was run.

Not many weeks after, a settled, serious-minded and indignant South Carolinian white woman wrote to the editor of that page scoring him for publishing such agitation for social equality. It was really a clear case of Southern prejudice and attitudes of "Hands-Off" in racial matters. This was published also.

In a later issue of this page, Mr. A. T. DeGroot, a young student of Butler, the editor of the Youth Convention proceedings and a prominent Y. M. C. A. man of the campus, wrote an article in reply to this woman's unjust considerations.

We have in this three attitudes or rather four expressed in this matter of race relations.

1. *Miss Franklin's* is typically one of pleading for a more Christian attitude on the part of all in this social relationship that cannot be avoided now but must be met. Recreation of self to meet individual problems, recreation of society to better social relations and counting the cost are her points.

2. The *anonymous South Carolinian's* whose attitude is essentially

one that existed in all the South directly after the war and is one characteristic of her time and state. Servants they were destined to be and servants I shall help them to remain is her viewpoint.

3. *Mr. DeGroot's* is one that is entirely a student's academic interest in a problem. He answers the Southern attitude in platitudes of logical argumentation. Essentially a searcher after truth is his place in the scheme.

4. *The Editor of the Youth's Page's* attitude is that of throw it open to discussion and perhaps we can thrash it out.

Now, all these attitudes will be represented in the Second Youth Convention that will convene in Columbus, Ohio, April 19-22, 1928.

What have you to offer on this subject? Surely Race Relations will mean much to this next generation that is fast being made conscious of the limitations that are his because of the color of skin.

Your contribution should be preceded by study and to better do this the discussion groups are being organized. Put one in your Christian Endeavor Society. Study from the Pre-Convention Outline and ATTEND the Convention prepared to take part in the discussion.

"25 of our Youth by 1930.

15 in the Second Convention"

—V. G. S.

A COSMOPOLITE

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA for some months has contained news from every state in which there is a considerable number of Disciples of Christ.

These are not unique occurrences for in a month's time we have covered the same amount of territory in the weekly but in different issues. Our monthly contained a representative's news letter from every state and district cooperating with the National Convention since we started it.

The second thing to consider is the fact that this may remain true if the subscribers and church reporters get behind the movement to get the state in every issue of the *Christian Plea*. The need of a church paper is not the name alone but the service of expression in reports and impressions in subscribers reading the journal. Many subscriptions expire each month. So the real service for you is to get the *Christian Plea* into every home.

We can remain cosmopolitan with your help. Let every pastor appoint a secretary and reporter and send the names of the same to the editor. Then there can be some uniformity in reporting and an increase in subscriptions. DO IT NOW!

THINGS TO DO IN APRIL

- Conclude pre-Easter Evangelistic Campaign.
- Observe Easter Week of Prayer in W. M. S.
- Take offering for Ministerial Relief in Bible schools.
- Send a delegate to the Second Youth's Convention.
- Be represented in the International Convention.
- Start planning for Young People's Conference.
- Prepare for the Special Missionary Day in Church Department for May 6.

A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

AN APPEAL TO THE NEGROES

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples; If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

No people can be of any influence in any community or state until they have spiritual, intellectual and economical power. And no people who have this power can accomplish anything unless they are minded to use it for the common good and not for self. Those white people who strive to hold their power for the benefit of the white people are not only not progressing but they are retrograding. And those colored people who are seeking for power for the sake of advantage for their people will get nowhere. Not a single man who has called himself a race man and has sought power from that selfish standpoint has reached any place of power or of usefulness. It can not be done for it is against the eternal laws of right. He who would make himself great must lose sight of himself, his kin and his race and nation, and he must find a real desire to help those whom he can help.

Now with this in mind let us think of some things that will mean much for all the people.

1. The Economical Side

No people can do much until they are economically strong, until they can be a real factor in the economy of the community. That is not now true of either our white people or our colored people. While the white people own most of the land and do most of the business they are wholly dependent on what the colored people do; and while the colored people do most of the work they are wholly dependent on the white people. This would not be bad in itself if both would use the situation to do the very best they could for the other. But as it is, it is economically ruinous.

The big plantations met the need in slavery times and during the reign of the credit system, but they now have come to their end. Any man with the high taxes we now have will break up if he has big tracts of land. These plantations must be broken up into forty, eighty or a hundred and sixty acre farms, and these must be farmed by modern methods of soil restora-

tion and intensive farming. When that is done this land will leap up to two and three hundred dollars an acre and the people will gain power. This transition has begun. We know of thousands of acres that can now be bought and made into good small farms. But unless you have some money laid up to begin with you cannot buy this land. This transition will take place during the next twenty-five years. So if you are not ready, get ready as soon as you can. If you do not do it, other white people will come in and do it. The present white people cannot do it themselves.

2. The Spiritual Side

There must be a real spiritual growth before we can do much. The first step is as we have shown above to become unselfish in purpose. But out of this will grow great things for the happiness of the people. The church life must be built up and a school system must be created that will reach all the children. Of course the white people must help to do this, but our colored people need not think about that greatly. If they will do all that they alone can do the rest will easily follow. The destiny of the Negro is now largely in his own hands. If he does everything he should do the right things will follow. Next year, or some time in the next twenty-five years the two old political parties will break up and there will be a re-alignment along conservative and radical lines. My most earnest prayer is the Negro may make great gains economically and spiritually before that day comes, for then he is sure to be called in as arbiter.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS

REPORTER—UNKNOWN

On Feb. 5th The Bible School and services were good all day at Clark St. Christian Church even though the weather was inclement.

The lesson chapter was John 11: 1-13. And the subject "Walk, Light and Darkness." Eld. Johnson spoke of the Christian after leaving darkness, walking in the light, being filled with the spirit. He made all present feel like the apostles did on the day of Pentecost.

The offering for this morning was \$31.35 including the \$26.00 receipts from the Leap Year Party for benefit of the pastor's salary.

The month of February was excellent for the church and Bible

School both in attendance and financially. The Bible School Rally for the month was interesting for the children. Class number 5 raised the largest amount of money. Mrs. M. L. Veals is teacher. Class number 1 led in attendance—Mrs. L. A. Whyte, teacher. Class number 4, Mr. Wendell P. Fudgen, teacher won the banner on Feb. 26th for leading in the offering for the day—\$1.15 for that class. The two classes to be entertained are Classes number 1 and number 5.

We were glad to have our field worker among the W. M. S., Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs of St. Louis, with us last week.

LEXINGTON, KY., SECOND ST.

REPORTER—MISS ODIE BELLE LEWIS

We are working hard on our Annex Rally. The church is divided into two clubs, the men, headed by Mr. Gatewood, and the women, by Mrs. Luella Harris. The women are leading in the giving of entertainments. They have put on a pew rally and an oratorical contest in which two prizes were awarded. The rally will be in May.

V. G. Smith visited the church on Sunday, Feb. 19th, and spoke at the Bible School morning service and Christian Endeavor Society. He was in interest of the *Christian Plea*. He also delivered the evening message on "The Abundant Life."

The congregation was highly entertained with a moving picture of the Passion Play. The following reels were shown: "The Story of the Christ," "Joseph and His Brethren," and "Jonah and the Whale." The first two were very interesting and educational, outlining many beautiful scenes of the Holy Land. The last was a comedy. The entertainment was in charge of Prof. Crawford under the auspices of the Bible School.

MADISON, MO.

REPORTER—MRS. E. K. BURTON

Sunday, Feb. 12th was a great day in the Madison Christian Church. The day started with an inspiring sermon by the pastor, Eld. E. K. Burton from Matt. 18:1 on the subject, "Who is the Greatest in the Kingdom of God?"

And the day closed with an excellent program by the Christian Endeavor starting at 7:30 with the Christian Endeavor Day play, "Crusade with Christ" being rendered. This service was enjoyed by all who were present. The offering for the day was \$17.20.

The church is getting along nicely at present and hopes soon to liquidate the debt and burn the mortgage on the church.

Department of the Women of the Church

MRS. ROSA BROWN GRUBBS, EDITOR

SUNRISE SERVICE FOR EASTER

A CALL comes to the Missionary women of all of our churches to lead in the observance of the Easter Week of Prayer. An appropriate climax for this observance will be the Sunrise Meeting at the church, an early retreat on Easter morning at which time an hour will be spent with the Master, and to which we shall bring our gifts for the furtherance of His cause upon the earth.

The Missionary women should seek to lead the whole church to make a sacrificial gift for Missions on this day. What time could be more fitting for the call to sacrifice than this time at which we commemorate Christ's great gift to the world?

Be definite in your aim and let the aim be one which will suggest and call for sacrifice.

Every Woman's Missionary Society should observe the day, and every church in which there is a woman who believes in Missions should count it a real privilege to enter into this joyous fellowship.

A Glimpse Into Some of the Churches of Texas

W. M. Tucker is pastor of the Thomas Ave. Christian Church, Dallas, Texas. Under his efficient leadership the church is going forward. They are meeting the financial obligation of their splendid new church building in a fine way. They are also giving splendid support to the state and national programs. Prof. T. W. Pratt, principal of one of the city schools there and president of the National Convention of Religious Education Department of Disciples of Christ of America, is the enthusiastic superintendent of the Bible School there and is surely "making things hum." Mrs. Christian is president of the Woman's Missionary Society. Under her leadership the society is doing fine. There is one of the few societies which had sent in to the general treasury of the United Society one-half their quota by the close of the first half year. Their quota for the year is \$50.00. We count on them going over the top by June 30th. The choir, directed by Mme. Pratt, is second to none in the country.

Dr. W. S. Cleaver, a prominent physician of Dallas, Texas, is pastor of the Central Church there. The new location recently purchased by this group is a very splendid one and offers a fine opportunity for extending the Church of Christ in that city. The leaders and workers of this church are thoroughly capable of putting over a worth-while program. The Woman's Society under the leadership of Mrs. N. T. Wallick is alive and plans to raise in full their quota for general missions this year. A Triangle club has been organized there with Mrs. Robbie Pierson as the superintendent.

Eld. J. E. Quarrels is the far-sighted visionary pastor of the East Annie Ave. Church of Ft. Worth, Texas. Under his

leadership the church has become free of debt and self-supporting. Plans are being made for enlargement. The Woman's Missionary Society, under the leadership of Mrs. Whitehead, is enthusiastic towards the end of a paid-up apportionment by the close of June 30th that they may have a share in sending the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Eld. G. W. Taylor is "on the firing line" at Austin, Texas. He is bringing things to pass in a fine way. Not only the members of the Christian Church hold him in high esteem but the citizens generally of that city. Prof. Hurdle, principal of one of the city schools there is superintendent of the Bible School; and Mrs. G. W. Taylor, the very capable wife of the pastor, is the president of the Woman's Missionary Society. Speaking of their apportionment for World Missions, Mrs. Taylor said, "Our apportionment is not enough, we are going 'Over the Top.'" Mrs. Taylor is also interested in the Junior Missionary Society of the church. She has already had meetings towards the end of effecting an organization with the young people.

The church at Taylor, Texas, is in need of a minister. No church can long succeed without a shepherd to guide them. Even so, the departments there are continuing their work—the Bible school, the Woman's Missionary Society, and Christian Endeavor. The latter mentioned is especially alive. Mrs. M. A. Wicks, a great mother in our Zion, is not only the president of the Missionary Society, but active in every department of the church.

Mrs. Maude Davis, who holds membership with the church at Taylor, Texas, and who is active in its every department while there, is also pastor of the church at Holland, Texas. Mrs. Davis is a woman of vision and we believe we can expect great things of her in the work of the ministry. She is leading her congregation in an effort to build a new church building.

Eld. N. H. Johnson is still the pastor of the church at Greenville, Texas. Fine pastor, fine church and together they are putting on a real program and doing a fine service for the church and the community, and may I add the world? There the Bible School, the Christian Endeavor and the Woman's Missionary Society are actively at work. The Woman's Society, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Thompson, is earnestly striving to raise its apportionment of \$50.00 for World Missions this year. In the Greenville church there are some titheers and the church is interested in the study of Christian stewardship on the basis of tithing.

The church at Beaumont has an adequate, modern church home and a fine membership, but no minister to guide and direct. However the Missionary Society, which has been dormant for some time, under the direction of Mrs. Smith, has again resumed responsibility to the end of the missionary program. They plan to raise their entire apportionment even though they are beginning late.

The church at Palestine, Texas, is also without a minister. Some fine people are there of the type who can be depended on to hold high the blood-stained banner. The Woman's Missionary Society there has been inactive but has started anew and can be depended on to do an effective work.

The church at Paris, Texas, has no pastor, but it is very much alive and enthusiastically working in its new church with the Evangelist H. G. Smith supplying there. The Bible School, the Christian Endeavor, the Woman's Missionary Society and the Triangle club are all doing very effective work. One of the outstanding characters of this church is "Mother Crawford." She is active in every department of the work there and more than this, serves as chairman of the city mission, an organization made up of leaders of the various Negro churches of the city, which has for its objective the doing of local missionary work and specializing towards the end of establishing and maintaining an Old Folks Home in the city of Paris. Mother Crawford, though aged, has the vision and enthusiasm of youth.—R. B. G.

PROGRAM OF WORK

For Missionary Organizations

Preparation

Prepared for the Master's Use.—

2 Timothy 2:15-21

May—

GUESTS. Invite as special guests, since this is Mother's Day month, all women of the church who have been members fifty years or more; all women of the church who have passed their seventieth birthday. Give places of honor to women who have been members of the missionary society more than thirty years.

SERVICE. Appoint two divisions or groups to entertain by special supper or "party" the young women of the church, Bible School, C. E. and Circle who are between the ages of 18 and 24 and unmarried. A Mother's and Daughter's supper would be suitable at this season. Let one group issue invitations, work up attendance personally, arrange for decorations and give the program, the other group having charge of the supper. Do not ask the girls themselves to take part. Give a strong missionary program with definite appeal.

PREPARATION. Next month closes the year's work. Prepare now to have every aim met. Study the situation and plan to overcome every handicap. How about your quota? Membership? World Call?

June is Promotion month. Arrange for a united service of all Missionary Organizations in a special service, each group graduating those who have passed the organizational limits into the next higher group.

June is Election month. Prepare for this with the appeal for leadership which is the high point of the Pentecostal Program. We need the best and most consecrated for leaders. Let your committee choose such women.

TO THINK ABOUT. Did the quota we accepted this year as our share of the missionary work represent growth in our giving over last year? How is the work on the mission fields to be cared for when it makes a normal growth and the church here at home does not grow in giving in the same degree?

INFORMATION. The Young Woman's Missionary Circle is an organization for unmarried girls between the ages of 18 and 24. They should have at least two sponsors.

The promotion of young men's missionary organizations (18-24) will be a part of next year's work.

INDIVIDUAL. How deeply has my devotional life touched my giving? Am I giving to the Lord on the same standard that I spend? Is this giving extended to the giving of my time and ability that I may take the responsibility of leadership where I may be needed? May my communion with Him daily thrill me with a consciousness of what He may do through me.

Department of Church Life

ELD. WILLIAM ALPHIN—EDITOR

"THINK WITH ME ON THESE THINGS"

(Continued from last month.)

The Church

THE church itself must be outstanding in meeting the challenge to raise our National Missionary Budget. The church's action represents the pastor and officials. They in turn represent the church. The church should not excuse itself and place the duty of meeting the call of World-wide Missions on a few of its membership in any department and class. The church should not be excused, exempted, ignored or subordinated in meeting the call to the world task. It is the rating of the church as much as its agencies that meets the required standard.

We are not overlooking the fact that largely, as a rule, the local expenses of the church must be met from the church treasury in which the organized departments do not share. But this should not excuse the church from its duty and fellowship in leading in answering the call of kingdom-building in all the earth; but should be remedied by the financial and business system of the local church. This would make the church and every department more efficient in fellowship and cooperation and put "the whole church in on the whole world task."

We are thinking that if unified action could be had on the part of pastors and officials in bringing the church to its rightful place in the missionary program, it would reach a large number who are only members of the CHURCH (?). If members of the church, why should they not be appealed to by the church and given an opportunity and an urgent appeal to support their membership in the great mission of the church?

If we would have the church observe her missionary days to raise her quota for the national budget, prepare them by information and notification from the officary and the pulpit. We would secure a much larger response. In due respect to all else, why should not our pastors and officials give the church a chance, as a church to respond to the national missionary program of the churches in carrying out the great purpose of the church in the world? In our thinking it seems to us, that as the plans and program of our national convention are largely recommended by our pastors and officials, it is about as little as we can do to give the church a chance with our sincere and publicly expressed approval.

Unto Him, how can we act otherwise?

Our Financial Aim

The aim set by the National Convention for the church and all its departments is \$16,000—not as much as was required to support one of our schools last year to say nothing of the other schools or other work.

We have raised slightly more each year since we have been using the apportionment plan, but we have ever failed to reach our aim. It is clear that our failure each year has retarded the work in many respects. It has blasted our hopes and made void our contention. It has financially embarrassed the Joint Executive Committee in carrying out the work. It has and is unfavorably reflecting on us as a brotherhood. It places a question mark on our actions in Convention and promises in Conferences. At this writing it is causing a deficit in the spending budget and a retrenchment in the work. Do we desire and are we satisfied with this condition? What is the cause? In our thinking the cause is plain. We should take our feet off the brake and faithfully try to reach our aim this year. —Wm. A.

IN QUEST OF THE GOLDEN FLEECE OF COOPERATION

BY PRESTON TAYLOR

WE LEFT home Sunday night, Jan. 8., at midnight for Greenville, N. C. We were continuously on the train until we had covered nearly a thousand miles but the results of the meeting more than paid for any expense or any inconvenience that we were put to.

We met a group of loyal and 'devout Christian men. The two chiefs with their councilors were in a meeting long to be remembered. They received me with open arms and accorded me the time sufficient to deliver a message to them that brought about the unanimous action to recommend a consolidation of their forces with the forces of the National Convention and the brotherhood at large.

This recommendation will be handed down to all the district assemblies as well as the state meetings. The State Meeting at Kinston, N. C., last fall was ready and willing to give its fullest consent for a union with all the Disciples of the brotherhood but in order to get the head officials, we waited until the meeting in January.

The motion was made and carried with the great enthusiasm and they elected their chief men as delegates to represent them in the National

Convention in August, at Chicago. The rank and file of these Disciples are already making great preparation to come in multitudes to the Winston-Salem National Convention in 1929.

We, by appointment, came by the way of Winston-Salem, N. C., where met the representatives of the Tri-State and Piedmont conventions, and their presidents and the ministers in and around Winston-Salem. After hearing our plea for dissolution of their two conventions and the calling of the brotherhood to organize into one convention, they most heartily agreed to recommend that a convention be held at Piedmont Christian Institute at such time as might be agree upon when they would lay down all differences and be represented by one strong enthusiastic convention. Eld. R. L. Peters was not in the city at this time but I have a letter from him endorsing the action and for the sake of peace and harmony, he fully gave his consent to the action of the Winston-Salem meeting. No one could be louder in their praise through the communication that I have had with him than Prof. J. H. Thomas of the Piedmont School.

Things are looking brighter and more encouraging in the Carolinas than ever before in the history of the brotherhood. We should appreciate these agencies and look well into our own ranks that peace and harmony may prevail throughout the brotherhood.

DAYTON, OHIO

REPORTER—B. H. JOHNSON

Eld. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N. C., has just finished a two weeks' meeting for us here with an abundance of success.

Dayton says that Eld. Peters is a great preacher. His slogan on coming here was "Ye shall know the truth," and Dayton has heard it as never before.

There were seventeen additions, nine for baptism, and we realized three hundred thirty-seven dollars and forty-eight cents (\$337.48) for the meeting. The meeting as a whole was a surprising success. May God spare this man to live long in his service the Brotherhood should be proud to have such material.

We staged our fourth anniversary program Feb. 8-12, inclusive.

A SERIES of interracial meetings held in Alabama proved quite a success in November, 1927. Tuscaloosa had 45 present with 25 white and twenty colored; Montgomery had thirty present equally divided; Mobile had 25 present, and Birmingham had thirty present. In each of these meetings objectives were set for the efforts of the local commissions.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

REPORTER—MISS ETHEL TAYLOR

THE Twelfth St. Christian Church is in the highest pitch of enthusiasm for the \$1,000 Rally that closes March 11, 1928. We have ten small clubs at work, each of which is to raise \$100. Every member of every club is as busy as a bee putting on musical programs, recitals and Sunday afternoon services.

Eld. Shieff, one of the best singers of the city, brought his choir and preached and sang at our church for the benefit of Mrs. Mary Nickens Club.

Another great service was one put on by Eld. Cleaves and his people of the C. M. E. Church for the benefit of Mrs. Bertie Hughes Club. Eld. Cleaves is a wonderful preacher.

Mrs. M. W. Magowan's Club is also making great progress.

The American Woodman Society turned out with a wonderful program and sermon by Eld. H. D. Griffin. Commander Overton, District Manager A. F. Washington, Deputies V. H. Franklin and L. Whiteside, Mrs. A. F. Washington of the Green Cross Nurse Corp, Mrs. Deborah Whiteside, president of the Whiteside Club, Mrs. J. E. Gregg with her group of Brush-Burners who sang with Mallory E. Griffin leading, and many other Woodmen were present. This was a great service and our pastor was at his best. Many of the visitors and members of the society expressed a desire to return and hear him again. The finances of the evening went to Mrs. H. D. Griffin's Club.

The Amphion Glee Club, which is well known all over the country, rendered one of their musicals for the benefit of the S. C. E. Club, president, Mrs. Fannie L. Baker.

The church was graced with the presence of Miss Rising (white) one of the teachers of Hampton Institute, who delivered a lecture. She was accompanied by a number of white friends from the churches. She also came in behalf of Mrs. Griffin's Club.

The Missionary Society is taking on new life. The president, Mrs. H. D. Griffin, is putting forth every effort to increase the membership. February was a very busy month with her. She, with other members of the society, visited four of the white churches of the city and took part on the program. Aside from the report of our work, some spirituals were sung. Our February meeting was one of the best with quite a number of white sisters present who appeared on the program. This was indeed a great meeting with four new members added and \$6.00 raised.

Pray for our success.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

Pastor—Eld. Z. H. Howard

Reporter—O. M. Howard

The Second Christian Church of Muskogee is still moving upward. On the last Sunday in January there were two young ladies to make the good confession and on the following Monday night they were baptized at which service another young lady connected herself with the church by confession.

Feb. 5 was a full day. The Bible School, which opened at 9:45, was well attended. The morning services were inspiring. The subject of the message was "Light"—John 1:4-5. At 2:30 we gathered at the church to pay our last respects to the mortal remains of one of our members who died in St. Louis, Jan. 31, Viola Smith. There were about five hundred present at the services. The program was beautifully carried out with the eulogy by the pastor. Viola was fifteen years of age and until her illness was active in all of the organizations of the church.

The Christian Endeavor is doing fine with Mr. E. M. Barrett as advisor. Christian Endeavor Day was observed with the main address being delivered by Captain McVey, who has been around the world and is half around on his second trip. He is an air ace and noted for his daring feats during the World War, being the only colored soldier to obtain the American emblem. His lecture was quite interesting.

Woman's Day was observed and the pageant "Perfect Love" was presented to a crowded house.

Mrs. Howard, the wife of the pastor, who underwent an operation in 1926, is still under the care of a physician.

The spirit of the church is fine.

REPORT OF THE JACKSON DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

REPORTER—BESSIE E. CHANDLER,
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The Jackson District Quarterly Meeting was held at the North Jackson Christian Church, February 17, 18, 19. The sessions were all interesting and well attended, with delegates from all the churches in the district. The churches are all planning to launch a pre-Easter campaign. They are also making plans for the sending of a delegate to the Young People's Conference to be held at the Southern Christian Institute in the spring. The program and report are as follows:

No. of Churches Representing—5	
Amount of money raised.....	\$34.42
Disbursements	16.03
Balance for State work.....	17.39

FROM ST. JAMES

REPORTER—F. H. MOORE, WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

On Sunday evening, despite threatening weather, the Christian Endeavor met at 3:30 and as we failed to get the play, "Crusade with Christ," we put on a local program conducted by the secretary of the society, Miss R. L. Franklin and vice president, Mr. C. D. Nicks. The outstanding feature of the program was a paper by Miss Mattie L. Nicks entitled "Christ Wants the Youth." This paper claimed the attention of all present and she was highly applauded. An offering of \$2.05 was raised for world-wide missions.

We regret that only one of the Senior members of the church was present and we are indeed grateful to the members of the County Line Baptist Church who attended the services at the expense of their own afternoon services and furnished a part of the program.

The Christian Endeavor president who is also the *Christian Plea* secretary and reporter, arranged for a *Christian Plea* Rally on Feb. 19, succeeding a thorough canvass of the church members by the president and some members of the C. E. Society for subscriptions and renewals.

St. James, with all departments, is on the firing line and is taking for its slogan and recommending the same for the brotherhood as a whole: "A Christian Plea in Every Home."

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL, PORT GIBSON, MISS.

NEWS FROM THE C. E. SOCIETY

PRESIDENT—MRS. L. B. BRAZAND

REPORTER—OTTILIE E. BAKER

Our Society is still on the move. The topics for discussion are interesting and every one enjoys and takes part in the vesper services.

Our topic for discussion on Feb. 12th, "Choosing a Life Partner" was very interesting and well discussed. Below is the production on "What Are Some of the Qualities That a Young Woman Should Have For an Ideal Wife," given at the meeting by Mr. Mayo Brazand:

"CHARACTERISTICS OF A WOMAN TO BECOME A WIFE AND MOTHER"

She should not conform to the modern extreme styles such as wearing short skirts, bobbing her hair, using lipstick and blacking her eyebrows. She should not be fond of getting into every car she meets in the road.

She should know how to care for children, how to cook the correct kinds of food to give each person a balanced ration and the proper nutrients to promote health and strength.

She should also know how to keep a house clean. She should know how to discipline a child but never too severely. She should know how to treat her husband and children to make the proper mother and wife.

**ARKANSAS STATE
CONVENTION**

Elliot's Chapel, Wabbaseka, Ark.
Eld. E. L. Turner, Pastor

THE first day was given to the Bible School work. The work done by the Bible School evangelist, Eld. G. B. Hervey, was very encouraging.

We were greatly helped in the rendition of the program throughout all departments by the timely thoughts of Prof. P. H. Moss, National Field Secretary of Religious Education and V. G. Smith, Young People's Secretary.

The Bible School department retained the services of Eld. G. B. Hervey as general superintendent for the state for 1928. For the care and maintenance of that work each member thereof is asked to contribute 10c per month, the same to be collected by the officers of the local schools and forwarded to the Bible School treasurer monthly, subjected to drafts by Mr. Hervey.

We are looking forward to an improvement in the work for the current year.

Number of schools representing ----- 8
Aggregate membership ----- 200
Taylor E. Cole, Chairman.
Mary E. Moore, Secretary.
G. B. Hervey, Gen. Supt.

On the third day the church department began its sessions.

The report of the Evangelist was not very encouraging since a shortage in state finances handicapped his travels among the churches of the state. The larger part of his time was given to the local congregation at Little Rock which work was gratifyingly successful.

The convention as a whole was made very inspirational from the lectures and promises made for future work.

A contribution of 25c per member quarterly was requested and approved by the Convention to take care of the work in a financial way; said sum to be collected at the local church and reported to the District Meetings which are held quarterly and handled by the district superintendents. Eld. E. L. Turner was made superintendent of District No. 2 and Eld. G. B. Hervey, superintendent of District No. 1.

Our next convention will meet in Little Rock in August.

State Board

Eld. W. M. Martin, Chairman.
M. Gartrell, Treasurer.
Otis Holden, Secretary.
R. L. Brock.
Henry Martin.
E. L. Turner, Chairman Convention.
W. T. York.
M. M. Bostick, Evangelist.

Acting Officers

Eld. E. L. Turner, Chairman.
Mary E. Moore, Secretary.

(The minutes of the W. M. S. Convention appeared in the March issue of *Christian Plea*.)

NORTHEAST DISTRICT, MISS.

C. J. JAMES, DISTRICT EVANGELIST

THE writer was elected as pastor of the Johnson Chapel Christian Church in March 1927 and as District Evangelist in May, 1927. Since that time the work has made wonderful progress. The congregations are very much inspired and up-to-the-hour Christians. They are very much interested in the work.

During this time the writer has been elected pastor of the Palo Alto Christian Church in Feb. 1928 and is also serving the town church at West Point, a mission point of the state.

A report of some of the work done in this time includes the following: Jan. 22, 1928 conducted the funeral services of the daughter of Mr. L. R. Petty and the obsequies of Mrs. Sarah Belle Calvert, wife of Mr. Jesse Calvert. The deceased was nineteen years of age and left a husband, a father, mother, child, sister and five brothers. She was a faithful member of the church.

Organization of three W. M. S. among the congregation of the West Point District with officers as follows:

Johnson Chapel Officers

President—Mrs. Annie Jefferson.
Secretary—Mrs. Mattie M. Petty.
Treasurer—Mrs. Estella Ivy.

West Point Officers

President—Mrs. Lily Red.
V. President—Mrs. Lessey Scott.
Secretary—Mrs. Mattie Calvert.
Treasurer—Mrs. Dasie Robby.

Palo Alto Officers

President—Mrs. Johana Ivy.
Secretary—Mrs. Malissa Calvert.
Treasurer—Mrs. Minnie Quinn.

West Point District Officers

President—Mrs. Hattie Petty.
Secretary—Mrs. Estella Ivy.
Treasurer—Mrs. Alice Tompkins.
Key Woman—Mrs. Lena Brown.

These workers of the West Point District are looking forward to a great District Meeting Feb. 24-26 to be held with the Johnson Chapel congregation as host. There are also other congregations expected to join in this answer to the world's call in the near future.

**ARKANSAS DISTRICT MEETING
ELD. E. L. TURNER, SUPT.**

Our District Meeting will convene with the Pearidge Christian Church on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March. We hope to have a great meeting. Several interesting topics will be discussed among which are the following:

- Is the Church of Christ a sect or a unit?*
- Is the New Testament the Christian rule of faith and practice or should we go by something else?*
- Does a man have to be baptized or can he get to heaven without it?*

LOUISVILLE THIRD

PASTOR—ELD. F. T. FLOYD
CLERK—A. D. COOPER
REPORTER—I. HAIRSTEN

OUR beloved pastor, since coming to us, has acquitted himself admirably in the pulpit and has proven his calibre as a Gospel Messenger. Also he has shown his genius for organization. The church is prospering and has been on a steady increase.

Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Floyd, has won the heart of all with whom she has come in contact. As a worker she has wrought well at the piano and has shown good judgment in the selection of the music for the different services. In a musicale, Mrs. Floyd raised a sum of money that was spent in getting hymnals for the church.

The working of the church is systematized by the pastor into the following clubs with their leaders:

Star of Bethlehem—C. H. Brayboy.
Red Rose—Ollie McKee.
Silver Leaf—B. Kelley.
Rose of Sharon—H. S. Bonner.

The sewing circle will report in the near future of their planned activities as they are now probably taking a nap. But we are looking forward to an opening of the eyes of the needles in astonishment when they do wake up.

The Ladies' Aid under Mrs. Laura McDonald, their progressive president, is in the foreground at all times. No task is too large for them to tackle.

The children of the church have organized into clubs, boys and girls separate. The Young People's Circle is well organized and doing good work.

The Bible School, Mr. I. Hairsten, Supt., is prospering with a growing attendance. We have instituted an attendance honor roll, merits on memory and class reviews and have a Christmas Savings account.

Master Thomas Henderson is Bible School soloist and Junior Choir director. Mrs. Lena Matthews, Bible School soloist, was awarded memory merits for 1927 while Mrs. Alberta Caloway was warded first honors for attendance, having a perfect record for 1927.

Mrs. Will Hiatt, the mother of our church, is very ill at her residence, 725 South 19th St., and is unable to be out. The pastor and elders administer the communion each Sunday for her.

Eld. Floyd's presence has been felt here in Louisville and he has proved a valuable asset to all. He has been invited with his choir, to serve many other congregations on special occasions. He is rendering service to all and praises are ours.

FROM THE GREAT LAKES
REPORTER—ELD. R. W. WATSON
 Cleveland, Ohio

Our report for the year shows an addition in membership of twenty-five. The services are being well attended and a real co-operative spirit prevails among the membership.

Austin St. Clair, one of the most faithful members, passed away last year.

The missionary society is going forward under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Julia Gamby.

Our church is divided into four clubs for a rally the last Sunday in March. Mrs. Carrie Dabney, Martha Belcher, and Vivian Brendle are leading the women and Elder B. Gamby has charge of the men.

Our pastor addressed the Missionary Societies of Highland Church.

Mr. R. D. Wells is the new president of our Christian Endeavor Society.

The Official Board under the leadership of B. Gamby, is hard at work. In the last election, Abraham Smith was ordained an elder, Paul Scott and Daniel Moore ordained deacons and James Puryear elected a deacon.

Atty. W. D. Boger still leads our Bible School. W. O. Jackson was re-elected treasurer and W. E. Shirmate is chairman of the Finance Committee.

Our choir is improving under the training of Eld. Grinage and a group of our girls sang at the Boulevard Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Moore. Mrs. Joanna Allen, Clara Blair, Alice Moore and Paul Watkins are all off of the sick list but Mrs. M. McCall remains ill.

A very interesting class is enjoying the study of the Teacher Training Course.

OAK GROVE NO. 2, SCOTTS, ARK.
REPORTER—MRS. MAHALA HOLDEN MOORE

On Friday, Feb. 17 our church held a business meeting to make plans to finish raising the money necessary to lay the foundation for our church building. After a short discussion, the plan of family pledges was adopted and on that evening pledges to the amount of \$180 were subscribed. A number of the members were absent and we hope to see them and they will make their pledges in the near future.

We have raised our sum of \$2.50 for the special *Christian Plea* Fund.

We have the Birthday Bank at work in our Bible School.

And the Missionary Society has already sent in one quarterly report this year.

This is our motto for 1928:

*“Without halting, without rest
 Pushing better up to best.”*

NICHOLASVILLE, KY.

REPORTER—MRS. A. M. TAYLOR

The pre-installation week's meeting began on Jan. 23, 1928 of Eld. T. R. Everett as pastor of the Maple Ave., Christian Church. The program ended on Jan. 29. It was as follows:

Monday night—Eld. C. H. Dickerson and choir rendered the program.

Tuesday night—Eld. Judson King of First Congregational Church, Lexington, preached.

Wednesday night—Eld. A. Martin of Quinn Chapel, Lexington, preached.

Thursday night—Eld. Frank M. Reid of St. Paul, A. M. E. Church, Lexington, preached.

Friday night—Eld. G. E. Letton, choir and orchestra of Georgetown, rendered the program.

We enjoyed having all of these visitors with us for the week's services. We had a large audience each night and everyone seemed to enjoy the program.

Our church is doing fine under the leadership of our pastor, Eld. Everett and his good wife. The latter is now ill but we are praying a speedy recovery for her.

Our sister churches are working with us splendidly. We could not have a better preacher with us than Eld. Everett, a straightforward, clean Gospel preacher and that is what we need today.

Our special program of Sunday afternoon was a good one and a crowd greeted us. Every member responded and the offering for the week's program was \$40.16.

You shall hear from us again soon for we are going to do a greater work in the future than has ever been done in Nicholasville. Pray for our success.

PALESTINE, TEXAS

REPORTER—ELD. T. J. GREEN

This comes to say that on Feb. 5th at the Antioch Christian Church near Midway, Texas, we took into fellowship one, Eld. Prewitt, a minister of the Baptist Church.

MAYSLICK, KY.

REPORTER—A. D. GAULT

We are still on the battlefield fighting for the Master.

On the first Sunday in February, Eld. C. H. Johnson, our state evangelist, was with us preaching the gospel in his inimitable style. He certainly “steps on the gas” and every time he is better than before. His subject was “*Church-goers.*” and his points were so plainly brought that a man with no eyes could see them.

Mayslick is pushing to the front.

The Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of Louisville, Ky., contributed \$94,000 for a Presbyterian Colored Mission for that city. The Negroes contributed \$5,000 of this.

FROM CHICAGO, ILL.

REPORTER—MRS. HATTIE TYREE,
OAKWOOD BLVD.

Sunday, Feb. 5th, our pastor, Eld. Dorsey, preached a very impressive sermon on “*The Ordinances of the Church*”—Rom. 6:5. Baptism was the essential point stressed. After the sermon, two were added to the church by statement. At the eleven o'clock hour, three deacons were ordained—Messrs. T. R. Martin, C. B. Foster, and Irvine Robertson. Lewis Bingham was baptized at the close of the service. Our own Prof. P. H. Moss was with us all day. He was in the city as one of the faculty of the South-side Religious Leadership Training School. Prof. Moss left a great impression on the Bible School workers of other faiths.

In the evening, our state evangelist, Eld. R. E. Pearson, was with us.

On Feb. 12 another great service was held at the church. The pastor preached a sermon from Num. 13:33 and we had with us V. G. Smith who spoke in interest of the *Christian Plea* and three were added to the church, one for baptism.

Feb. 19th our pastor preached from Luke 19:11 with the following main points: The disciples thought that the Kingdom of God should immediately appear; we should use the talents given us. This sermon was full of thoughtful suggestions and at the close two were added by statement. In the evening a native African spoke to the congregation. He is in the city attending University of Chicago.

PROGRAM

of

**W. M. S. Convention of District
 No. 6, Kentucky**

**WHICH MET AT LITTLE ROCK, KY.
 JANUARY 14, 1928**

Morning Session

- 10:00 Devotionals -----Little Rock
- 10:30 Greeting and appointment of Committees.
- 11:00 Round Table Discussion—“How Can we Arouse the Young People of Our State, Spiritually? What can our Local Societies Do? What Can I do?”
- 11:45 Music, Offering, Adjournment.

Afternoon Session

- 1:30 Devotional -----Winchester
- 2:00 Welcome Address-----Little Rock
- 2:15 Response-----Aaron's Run
- 2:30 Remarks—Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, General Secretary of State, Mrs. S. M. Brown, State President.
- 3:00 Children's Half Hour—Conducted by Mrs. B. B. Hutsell.

The president then asked all to stand with bowed heads while Mrs. Hutsell offered prayer for Mrs. Fannie Young and Mary E. Taylor in their recent bereavement.

- 4:15 Memory Work-----Romans 12
- 5:00 Music, Offering, Adjournment.
- Mrs. F. D. Rucker, President
- Mrs. E. N. Brent, Secretary

TRI-STATE ECHOES

REPORTER—MRS. EUGENIA HARRIS,
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

THE Churches of Christ in the Tri-State Christian Convention are still making progress. The Executive Committee has recently employed Eld. G. M. Dickerson of N. Tazewell, Va., as state evangelist, who will give half of his time for field work and the other half for the church at which he has been pastor for a number of years at N. Tazewell.

We have been receiving a number of copies of the *Christian Plea* which we have distributed and find that it takes well with our people and is being highly boosted as a splendid religious journal.

Feb. 26 has been set apart to raise \$10.00 as the church's donation to the Christian Plea Fund.

The pastor, Eld. R. L. Peters has just returned from Dayton, Ohio, where he assisted Eld. G. H. Bundy, pastor of the Norwood Ave. Christian Church in a two weeks' meeting. He reports the meeting at the Norwood Church a success along all lines.

We began on Jan. 10 closing on Jan. 22. The attendance was fine, with a full house at every service and an occasional service with an overflow. Eld. Bundy is a fine young man and is doing a great work in Dayton and he is highly spoken of by all of the people. There were seventeen accessions to the church during the meeting and one to the home of Eld. Bundy, a fine girl-child weighing ten pounds. The financial results were around \$350.00.

While in Dayton, we visited several points of interest, namely Wright Brothers Air-Port and saw all grades and types of aeroplanes from the first to the latest models. The Cash Register Plant and Paul Lawrence Dupbar's Home, whose mother yet lives, but is old and feeble. She came out one night during the meeting in a closed car and heard us preach from the subject "The First Gentile Convert." She said it was the best sermon she had heard in thirty years. The members and officers of the Dayton church are a plucky set and all they need is a more adequate church building.—R. L. Peters, Evangelist.

Eld. A. J. Washington, pastor of the Ninth St. Christian Church, preached a powerful sermon at Spencer Memorial Church on Jan. 29. His choir and congregation accompanied him.

Columbus Convention

ARRANGEMENTS have been made under which applications for rooms in private homes can be obtained by addressing Mr. Chas. H. Bush, 584 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, giving date you expect to commence occupancy of room.

Convention delegates are urged to write immediately for reservation. It is not too early.

KENTUCKY VIA EVANGELIST

ELD. C. H. JOHNSON, EVANGELIST

We worshipped with the mission at Packard, Friday and Saturday nights and on Sunday, two came forward and made the good confession and were baptized, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Lucy Jones is working hard to make the mission be what it should. We hope to go back to them in May and hold a district meeting.

Danville is in need of a man; some young man could make good in Danville as there is no better church officers in the state than those at this church. It is a great field to work in. The choir is up to standard as are the rest of the auxiliaries. Write to Mr. George Fish, 521 Russell St., Danville, Ky.

CHURCH-GOING

It is a serious thing to stay away from the services of the church. Christians, do you realize the seriousness of this? The church is the power-house of the Christian religion. Paul said that the church is the fullness of Him that filleth all in all. A filled church doubles the power of the preacher while empty pews take the heart out of him.

Which are you doing? Are you adding power each Sunday morning? Or are you holding back the work of the church by your absence? If a man spent no time at home he would be disloyal to his family. When you stay away, can God say to you, "Well done" if you have not done well? Don't cut corners. Deal fair with your brothers and sisters in the church.

The character and influence of a church is determined by the number and character of the persons who attend its services. If all the members were just like you what would the church be?

Go to church! No one can take your place. It is always empty when you are not there.

SIDELIGHTS FROM KENYON AVENUE CHURCH

REPORTER—MRS. V. H. LAWS, CINCINNATI, OHIO

Our Christian Endeavor Society is doing nicely. Our young people are becoming more interested in the work. They appreciate the quotation "We learn to do by doing," and they are putting it into practice.

We observed a Martha Washington party and one of our promising young men (Mr. George Stoffer) won the prize for imitating the spirit of that day.

Miss Woody Barnett, one of our promising young ladies won two prizes. One prize was for the most charming dress made of paper, and the other was for the most money collected.

DR. E. H. BROOKES, of the University of South Africa, while on a visit to this country, spoke in flattering terms of the advance made in education, economics, industry and political influence of the Negroes in America.

WHICH?

IN SOME non-Christian lands, it is customary to put to death the aged and infants. In Christian nations, the regular practice is to put to death the flower of young manhood through organized butchery called war.

Which is more destructive to civilization?

In Africa and Asia, the vaunted western nations restore peace to warring tribes and set the man power of the country to the constructive tasks of gathering rubber, copra, diamonds and mineral resources. While in the Western world, these same nations war in deadly strife for the human units,—for the finished products of the heathen's labor and for preferred markets among the less advanced peoples.

Which is more justifiable?

In the jungle, personal, family and tribal wrongs are avenged in combat. In the League of Nations, diplomatic insults are avenged by those who know nothing and care less about these slights. The former demands the presence of the instigator, while the latter allows those most responsible to escape any danger.

Which is the more honorable?

To pagan nations war is a clarion call to evangelization or protection from an insurgent force to the religious life. In modern times, war is a distinct infraction of all recognized religious doctrines. Police handle any belligerency among individuals but the nations are permitted to teach and practice that which all religion, all education, all civic example, all national law is made to destroy in the individual. A war for the protection of that God-given right of democracy is fought with the greatest carnage of all history.

Which is more Christian?

These and many other questions will be the gist of the discussion at the Youth's Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in April. Only those with special preparation will be allowed to take part so let the Negro Disciple youth prepare to be there and contribute to this subject.

Sherman said, "War is Hell." Why? The YOUTH CONVENTION will KNOW. Will YOU?—V. G. S.

THE objectives of the Chattanooga, Tenn., Interracial Commission form a good example of what these cooperative organizations are doing throughout the country to better race relations. They read as follows: "Better living conditions, including streets and housing; closer and more sympathetic working contacts between the races and an aggressive campaign in behalf of law observance and good citizenship."

The Opening of God's Books

By B. C. Calvert, Evangelist of Mississippi

AS authority for the subject we have chosen for this article I call your attention to the twentieth chapter of Revelation and the twelfth verse: "And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works."

I wish to say, in the very outset, that the Bible is a looking glass. Individuals, as well as nations, may read it and see themselves. Our own American Nation can only be preserved by strict adherence to the demands of the Book of Books. For it is contained in the Scriptures that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

There are many things going on in the world that God is displeased with. The Negro who commits crime and disregards the law should be punished according to the law. The white person who commits crime and disregards the law, should be punished according to the law. There is absolutely too much cloaking of sin and crime in this country. The landlords should see to it that the Negroes on their plantations who commit murder and other heinous crimes be punished to the full extent of the law. In this way much of it will be broken up. To allow it to go on would be partaking of their sins, and "sin is a reproach to any people."

If I understand the word "reproach" correctly, it means to censure severely; upbraid. God in no age of the world allows sin to go unpunished. "If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." Gen. 4:7. Can't you see the soil is not yielding today what it used to?

I have traveled North and South, East and West, but I have found no place I like better than Mississippi. But I do want to see conditions better here. No intelligent Negro wants social equality, but we do want equal justice. I am absolutely satisfied with my race, but want an equal chance with all men. The only way to make democracy safe for the individual, races, and nations, is to apply the Golden Rule, "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye unto them: for this is the law of the prophets." Matt. 7:12.

Give us equal justice and an equal chance, and we will stay and cultivate farms, making the cotton fields blossom as the rose; yea, plant gardens, reap the harvest, build sidewalks, pave streets, build railroads and bridges, furnish the labor for sawmills, compresses, factories, care for children, and even prepare meals; for we love the South, and want to stay here, but the good treatment of other sections of the country is mighty enticing.

Let us consider some of the books that are specified in the Bible which will be opened up when Jesus comes to make up His jewels. First, the Book of Words, Matt. 12:36-37. "And I say unto you, every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment." "For by the words thou shalt be justified, and by the words thou shalt be condemned." Words go to the judgment. They are not idle things. No wonder David prayed unto the Lord, "Set Thou a watch at the door of my lips." Every word, whether spoken or written, must be accounted for in the day of judgment. Do we always write wholesome things in our daily papers, magazines, and other periodicals? All must be accounted for some day at the bar of God. Enoch

the seventh from Adam said, "The Lord shall take vengeance on men for their ungodly speech."

The next is the Book of Deeds. On the Divine Ledger is recorded the deeds of all men, whether they be good or bad. "And the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works." Rev. 20:12. Deeds are thoughts put into action. Therefore if we would have pure deeds we must have pure thoughts. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The sentiment of the world is wrong and must be changed before conditions will be bettered.

The third is a book of tears. "Thou numberest my wanderings: Put Thou my tears in Thy bottle: Are they not in Thy book?" Psalms 56:8. Every tear is preserved for judgment purpose. All men must know that when they come to stand before the bar of God every tear they caused to fall upon earth by their wrong doings, their injustice and inhumanity, will be exhibited. The mob proceedings have caused many tears to be shed, and many hearts to ache and bleed. There seems to be no help for it now, but the mob supporters will be helpless creatures before the throne of our God. If you must bow then, why not be submissive now and let the law have the right of way. Lynching and mob violence should cease. Justice must be meted out to all men.

The fourth is the Book of Warnings. Jesus came into the world to show the things that would come to pass and brought motives that would influence men to do right. He made the way so plain no one need to err. And in the day of judgment the book of warning will say to the children of men, those who have committed all sorts of crimes, the law breakers, "Did I not warn you of the dangers of the earthly life? I pointed out to you the pitfalls and the Niagara in the river of your life." God always warns before punishing. When men heed the warning of the Bible there will be no mob violence, no murders, no thieves, and the land will be in a prosperous condition.

The fifth and last is the Book of Life. If your name is not on the Book of Life when the great day of account comes, it will never be there. This book tells of past decisions. Jesus did not say "Rejoice because your names will be written there," but "because your names are written there." It matters little whether your name is written among those upon whom honorary degrees have been conferred by colleges and universities. It matters little whether your name is among the rich and famous of earth. But it matters everything whether our names are written in the Book of Life. Only one thing will enable us to send up our names to be recorded on the book of life, and that is strict obedience to the will of God. God says love your neighbor as yourself. What are you going to do about it?

PROGRAM

Jackson District Quarterly Meeting Held At the NORTH JACKSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

February 17-19, 1928

House called to order.—President.
Devotional service.—M. S. Brown.
Introduction remarks.—A. Elmore.
Solo.—Miss Florence Brown.
Sermon.—Elder L. R. Garrison.
Offering.
Adjournment.

Saturday Morning

10:00 Devotional service.—Mrs. B. C. Calvert, leader.
10:30 Business Period.
10:50 Report of Delegates and Churches.
11:00 New business.
11:30 Church Conference conducted by Prof. Bebout.
Offering.
Adjournment.

Saturday Afternoon

Woman's Period.—Program conducted by Sister E. A. Jackson.
Devotional service.—Mrs. Jane Heath, leader.
Key Woman Message and Future Plan. Conference led by Miss Bessie Chandler.
Paper.—Mrs. B. C. Calvert.
Business Period.
Offering.
Bible School Period.—Program conducted by W. M. Guice.
Future Plan discussed by Chairman.
Bible School address.—Miss Bessie Chandler.
Business Period.
Offering.
Adjournment.

Saturday Night

Christian Endeavor Program.—Program by North Jackson, Church Choir and Others.
Remainder of program in care of Mr. W. M. Guice.
Adjournment.

Sunday Morning

Bible School conducted by Mr. A. Elmore, superintendent.
Review of lesson.—Nelson Toles.
Devotional service.—E. B. Donerson and Mrs. W. M. Guice.
Offering.
Announcements.
Communion.
Sermon.—Eld. B. L. Jacobs.
Benediction.

E. L. Brown, Chairman,
Abe Elmore, Secretary,
W. M. Guice, Chairman
Bible School and C. E.
Mrs. R. A. Jackson, chairman
W. M. S.

INSTALLATION SERVICE OF ELDER T. R. EVERETT and WIFE

Pastor of Maple Street Christian Church,
Nicholasville, Ky., January 29, 1928

Song.—Congregation.

Invocation.—Elder Richardson.

Scripture Lesson.—Elder T. A. Young.

Spiritual.—Fee Memorial Inst. Quartette.

Welcome on behalf of the Citizens.—Mr. James Williams.

Welcome on behalf of City Schools.—Prof. J. C. Caldwell.

Welcome on behalf of Business.—Mrs. M. E. Smalley.

So'ce.—Miss Lucille Brumfield.

Welcome on behalf of the Church.—Mr. Morton Smith.

Welcome on behalf Fraternal Orders.—Mr. Ollie Elmore.

Music.—Miss Charles Anna Elmore.

Welcome on behalf of City Ministers.—Eld. S. E. Hoard.

Welcome on behalf First Christian Church.—Eld. Earl Rhodes Thompson.

Selection.—Harmony Quartette.

Response.—T. R. Everett, Pastor Maple Street Christian Church.

Offertory.—Mr. Frank Broadus.

The Easter Call

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

THE ministry is dear to the heart of all who love the church. This is especially true when we consider the great souls who have given a whole life of devoted and fruitful service to the church.

Easter is the time and the offering in the Bible School is the means by which we express our appreciation for those who have served the church and now rest a time from their labors.

There are four hundred such homes who are cheered and sustained by what we do in the Easter offering. Last year they received \$105,000 sent them in recognition of their service in the ministry.

Here are some of them, typical of the many who make up the full roll of four hundred homes.

The Young Widow

The preacher-husband went to his rest in the prime of life, leaving her with little provision for her needs. She was a trained nurse, her father was a retired minister. The baby never saw his father. The church steps in and helps to lift part of the load through the well-earned benefits of ministerial relief.

Breaking Under the Strain

In the midst of his strength and success he broke under the strain. The new church building in a hard field of a large city was too much. He is finding his way back to health that he may again pour out his life for the church. The Easter offering gives him the chance to come back.

The Widow in Her Prime

He went away one day when at the height of his power. His name was familiar on Convention programs, in college classrooms and in the best pulpits. A widow with three young children and a partial provision, was her lot.

She heroically took up the burden and with her former profession carried the load until she dropped. The love of the church intervened and now with this help, she is making her way back to health again.

Proud as an African Chief

He served the Negro churches for more than half a century, with a glory in his task worthy of the best of any race. A friend states that his bearing is as "proud as an African Chief," yet with a gentle humility that made him a universal friend. The benefits to him in his advanced age are received in honor of his long and valued ministry.

Love For the Children of the Ministry

After the father and mother both passed to their reward, they became the children of the church. One of the best business men became their guardian. Their lives are enriched by the love and blessing of a whole brotherhood. What church could fail them if she knew their parents had given their lives to the ministry?

Thus as the church honors her saints, servants and children, does she get for herself a new grace growing out of her fellowship with the ministry. Any school will be the richer in soul for having a share in the support of the ministry.

Each Face Telling Its Own Tale

Two faces were close together, the man's grim, tense; the other face was small and white, with two slender hands pressed tightly against it. It was those frail hands that riveted the man's horrified gaze.

"Lost!" he said still staring, and in his voice was hopeless, stark, tragedy; for that other face was the face of his watch, and those little hands told him that he had missed the last train home.—*Judge.*

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

The W. M. S. with the aid of the church put on the program for Woman's Day on Feb. 4, and over \$17.00 was raised for the national apportionment.

Mrs. Sylvia Harris, whose illness was reported last month, was able to be in her accustomed place March 4. Mrs. Harris is one of the oldest members of the church yet withal one of the most faithful when health permits.

The Christian Endeavor had its special day and program in April, giving at that time the play, "Crusade with Christ." Mr. Harry K. Craft, Executive Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was the main speaker of the morning.

The Brotherhood is fast growing into a reputable study hour with the two classes under the pastor and Prof. Hutchinson, a teacher at Sumner High School.

Miss Margaret Green, the daughter of the pastor, accompanied by her mother, made a trip to Tennessee where she stayed to regain her health which was impaired by her strenuous labors incident upon her school work. Mrs. Green has returned with glowing reports of Miss Green's improvement. The latter returned March 15.

Two young men were baptized at Centennial, Sunday, March 4.

The Bible school is planning to put on a special program on Easter Sunday. Each Sunday, in accordance with the pre-Easter Evangelistic Campaign, the invitation is extended in the Bible school.

The choir is rendering better music each Sunday with the cooperation of the new members recruited mostly from the young people.

Men and women who are interested in the welfare of the Christian church will always find the house of God when they come to a city to live. Then the only reason for staying away is the fact that the welcome is not as warm as it ought to be among those of the household of faith. But Centennial is not one of the cold churches. There is work to do and we are able to use all the talent and ability that comes to St. Louis, Mo., from any part of the country. If any of the readers of the *Christian Plea* know of anyone who has recently moved into this city, you would do the person and Centennial a great favor if you would put us in touch with such a one. Write either Eld. J. J. Green, 4406 Lucky or the *Christian Plea*, 425 De-Baliviere Ave., and there will be some effort put forth to engage that person in some active branch of service.

Mrs. R. M. Logan, Elementary Supt. for Missouri, went to the Tri-State Institute and Conference in Kansas City, Kan., Feb. 22. District No. 1 held its regular meeting in connection with this Conference.

Mrs. R. M. Logan, Elementary Supt., has accepted the position as assistant director of the Mid-West Young People's Conference to be held at Dalton, Mo., June 25-July 1, 1928. She will also act as dean of women at conference.

The little it takes to make life bright
If we open our eyes and get it.
And the trifle that makes it as black as
night

If we close our lids and let it.
Behold as the world goes whirling by
It is gloomy or glad as it meets your eye.

As it suits your eye, I mean by that
That we get what we look for mostly.
You can feel your happiness, full and fat,
And make your miseries ghostly;
Or you can forget every joy you own
By coveting something beyond your zone.

—E. F. Cooke by kindness of Mrs. Viola Laws, Cincinnati, O.

"GRANDMA ROSE GOES TO CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR"

An original poem composed by Miss Alma Guice of Jackson, Mississippi, and read at the District Convention on Christian Endeavor night, Feb. 18.

"SUSAN, my gal, wher is you gwine?
Good lans, chile, you is gone all time.
Dare you go a powding you face,
T'would be better if you had grace."

"Aw, grandma Rose, now dare you go,
I'se jest gwine down to church you know,
Dey have a meeting on Sundays forever,
It ain't a thing but the Christian
Endeavor."

"Susan, you'd better hurry back here,
I'se by my-self near bout all the year,
I can't see why dey hold so late.
Say, how come you don't never call Kate?"

"Grandma, you know Kate never do
Like Christianity things jest like you.
You will go to hear the preacher,
I guess dats why you call him teacher."

"Dats another things too, Kate never do,
She don't take books with her like you
You put dem books up on de sheff,
And go'n way fom here just like yourself."

"Come on Grandma here's your best chance,
Better'n if you ere going to dance,
You must come on and go with me
Then you'd see how jolly it be."

Then Grandma Rose and little Susan,
Reached church so soon I guess they ran.
There Grandma listened with both her ears,
While Susan took part in spite of her fears.

"We have a visitor," said Miss Clever,
The one who presided over the Christian
Endeavor,
"I know she'd like to say a word."
And Grandma's word surprised all who
heard.

"Brudders and sisters I come fore you,
I'd like very much to join you, too,
Kase my grandchile dare, she told me
To come wiff her to see what be.

"I see how come she comes to it.
If she didn't come she'd have a fit.
Now please lemme come and be wid you.
I'd always try to be faithful and true."

How things did change with little Susan
While she could dress as fast as she can,
Grandma would scold, "I'm late forever,
Waiting for Susan to go to Christian
Endeavor."

Advertising That Brought Results

"I advertised that the poor were made welcome in this church," said the vicar to his congregation; "and as the offering amounts to ninety-five cents, I see they have come."—*Western Christian Advocate.*

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Probably Both

Dietitian: "—a few leaves of lettuce without oil, and a glass of orange juice. There, madam, that completes your daily diet."

Mrs. Amplewaite: "And am I to take this before or after meals?"—*Goblin.*

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Loaded for Game

Harold: "Your daughter and I are to be married, Mr. Smith. I suppose you've been expecting it."

Mr. Smith: "Yes, I have. I've kept a shotgun loaded with rice for six months."—*Life.*

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Who's Who at Conference

JUST a few words about the training, experience, ability and caliber of those who will form the faculty in our Conference for the Young People would not be amiss.

I. Mr. S. W. Hutton, Dean of S. C. I. Conference.

MR. HUTTON is Associate Secretary of Religious Education of the U. C. M. S. and has been holding the present position three years. Ere that he was regional secretary of religious education for Texas for eleven and a half years.

Mr. Hutton was instrumental in raising \$30,000 for the establishment of the Chair of Religious Education in Texas Christian University of which he is a graduate.

He is well known to *World Call* readers by the monthly contribution of "Hymn Stories and Interpretations" that are so interesting. He has served as dean of many Conferences and brings a wealth of experience to the Third Negro Conference.

II. Mr. V. G. Smith, Director of Both Conferences.

V. G. SMITH is the young people's secretary for our brotherhood and also the editor of the *Christian Plea*.

He graduated from Butler University and took a year of graduate work in University of Chicago. He has served in this dual capacity for over a year.

He was one of the students of the First Young People's Conference, and last year assisted in the directing and taught young people's methods as well as directing the recreation.

III. Prof. P. H. Moss, Dean of Mid-West Conference and Instructor of S. C. I.

PROF. P. H. MOSS needs no introduction. He has served for thirteen years as the secretary of religious and missionary education in our brotherhood. His field work has carried him to all parts of the United States and even to Jamaica.

He finished the Southern Christian Institute and has had some academic work in a Kansan college and a term of special religious educational work at Boston University.

He is best known for his continuous service to the Bible schools and lately to the Adult Department particularly. He it was who first agitated a Young People's Conference in our brotherhood.

IV. Mrs. Rosa Brown Grubbs, Dean of Women at S. C. I. Conference and Instructor in both Conferences.

MRS. GRUBBS is also a well known personage in our midst. She has served as Secretary of the W. M. S. for a dozen years. She formed one of the Golden Jubilee Rally Team who made possible the new building program in our schools and urban centers.

She also is a graduate of S. C. I., and has taught at Alabama Christian Institute before its dissolution.

While her work has been primarily among women, yet she has been interested in the young people's organization for missionary purposes. She served in the Second S. C. I. Conference last year and is experienced in conference activities.

V. Miss D. L. Blackburn, Instructor in Both Conferences.

FOR Seven years Miss Deetsy Blackburn served as elementary secretary for our national brotherhood. She, too, is known in every Bible school and though she has resigned, she is yet competent and willing to serve in the interest of religious education.

Miss Blackburn is a third graduate from Southern Christian Institute and has had both teaching experience in Alabama and Piedmont Christian Institutes and business experience in Oklahoma City, Okla.

She has served in both conferences held previous to this year and is well acquainted with the ideals and methods of young people's work.

VI. Miss Bessie Chandler, Instructor in the S. C. I. Conference.

MISS CHANDLER is the elementary superintendent to fill the vacancy created by Miss Blackburn's resignation. She is just starting in the field work, but as few have been able to start with her breadth and depth of training. Her literary work has been done at the Tennessee State College with a year of graduate work at S. C. I. She has attended both Young People's Conferences, three National conventions, many state conventions and has successfully held positions of leadership in her local church of Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Chandler is a promising young lady and one who can and will add much to the Conference in which she teaches.

VII. Mr. J. B. Lehman, Instructor in S. C. I. Conference.

MR. LEHMAN is one of the well-known characters of our work and is well known also in Conference work. He has served in the two Conferences held and has proven himself a valuable asset to the directing of Conference in his grasp of the local situation.

His lifelong service among young people at S. C. I. has peculiarly fitted him to teach certain subjects better from experience than anyone else could from the syllabus. He has been so long interested in youthe that his teaching is specially adapted to their comprehension.

VIII. Miss Mary E. Monahan, Instructor in S. C. I. Conference.

MISS MONAHAN has served at the S. C. I. in capacity as librarian for a number of years. She has also been active in local church affairs in other places and comes to the Conference with a breadth of experience that will add to the course she is asked to teach.

She is a well informed woman and one that can open vistas of new thought and

inspiration to the youth that is fortunate enough to take her course.

IX. Eld. P. A. Gray, Vesper Speaker in Both Conferences.

ONE of the best prepared men we have in our brotherhood is Mr. Gray. He finished his college work at Cotner College, Lincoln, Nebraska. Then he took up pastoral work in Missouri and is now serving as state evangelist of that state.

Mr. Gray is the president of the National Christian Endeavor Convention and has a great interest in young people. He holds state and district offices in the Bible school and C. E. departments, all of which further his interest in the line of work Conference is endeavoring to do.

He is a fluent and thoughtful speaker and one versed in Biblical knowledge and able to do well his part of the program.

X. Prof. John Long, Instructor and Dean of Men in S. C. I. Conference.

MR. LONG has a long experience among young people, though not so old himself. He finished Eureka College in Illinois and later went to S. C. I. to teach. From the position of instructor he has risen to the principalship and head of the educational department of the school.

He was a Conference student in the early days of Conference and has served in the S. C. I. Conference one year. Besides all of his work is among the young people and what he has gleaned will be available to those coming in contact with him in the classroom and at the dormitory.

XI. Miss Grace McGavran, Instructor in S. C. I. Conference.

MISS MCGAVRAN is a member of the Missionary Education Department of the U. C. M. S. While new to this department, she is not a novice by any means. She has served as director of missionary activity in local churches and has written many playlets and dramatizations on missionary subjects.

Also her work has made her thoroughly acquainted with the general principles of work in the Young People's Department. Her subjects are worship and dramatization at this Conference and she has had graduate work in both and is prepared to bring much to Conference.

XII. Mr. J. B. Hunter, Foreign Missionary at S. C. I. Conference.

J. B. HUNTER, a missionary to Japan, is a native of Texas, and one of a family of fourteen children to whom their community points with unusual pride because of their sterling Christian character and intellectual attainments.

Mr. Hunter was well prepared for the mission field by experience as a successful school-teacher and preacher in addition to his college training and deep devotion to the Christian cause. Hence his service in Japan in both educational and evangelistic lines has been most satisfactory.

Mr. Hunter is a good speaker of fine personality.

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Religious Education

PROF. P. H. MOSS, EDITOR

FORWARD FOR CONFERENCE!

THIS summer marks the first extension of the Young People's Conference movement among the young people of the Disciple brotherhood. Two Conferences were held on the campus at the Southern Christian Institute and a third one will be held there this year. But in addition to this one a second region will have a training agency for the young people in Dalton, Mo., called the Mid-West Conference, projected especially for the youth surrounding this section of the country in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and a part of Illinois. However, it can also serve better both in matter of time and distance for Ohio, Indiana, and Western Kentucky. It meets later in the year than the S. C. I. Conference, thus allowing school youth to be there.

NO CONFERENCE IS PROJECTED EXCLUSIVELY FOR A STATE OR REGION. "Whosoever will, let him come." To serve the youth of our land through the Conference program is our hope. There are yet three natural centers for Conferences to be established before there will be any sense of completeness about the national program. There should be a Conference for the Southwest in Texas, perhaps best located at Jarvis College. There should be one in the Central states for Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and a part of Tennessee. A third undeveloped region for Conference is the Piedmont region centering around Piedmont Institute in North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia and East Tennessee. But in no place are Conferences set up for the exclusive use of that region. Convenience is the motive behind the establishment of new Conferences. The largest number to be benefited will mark the place and any financial aid will be a third or last consideration. Our churches are all relatively small, without unlimited finances, and the Conferences are placed where the largest number will get the most good at the lowest rate. Thus often \$75.00 will take one person to the S. C. I. Conference from Kansas, while the same \$75.00 will put three into a Conference in Missouri.

So two things ought to be laid on the minds of every leader of the local and state work at this time:

First, **Have a young person from your constituency to take the work in a Young People's Conference THIS YEAR.** There is no time

better than the present to start and you will thereby hasten the coming of Conference into a region nearer your church. The white youth of Missouri have three Conferences, but they did not get the second until they had made the first self-supporting with 125 students in attendance. The third followed the overflow of the other two. Thus Conference comes within a radius of less than a hundred miles from nearly every church in Missouri. Our growth can mean the same in our expansion if we can fill to overflowing the present Conferences. So permit nothing to prevent YOUR ORGANIZATION being represented.

Second, bear in mind the fact that *you may hasten the coming of this agency into your state or region by some liberality on your part.* The funds that are necessary to put on a Young People's Conference without deficit are about \$350.00. This can be taken care of through the registration fee if the attendance is 125 or more. But until the attendance reaches that, we must plan to take up the deficit elsewhere. Hence anticipating the first year's deficit, we are asking state organizations to subsidize Conference. This will mean two good things to a state:

1. You will have "put out to the exchangers His money that at His coming He should receive His own with usury" in young life prepared for Kingdom-Building.

2. You will have a definite financial interest in getting the Conference attendance built up where Conference will be self-supporting. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

So plan to send a representative to the present Conferences:

S. C. I. Third Annual—May 28-June 3, 1928.

Mid-West, Dalton, Mo.—June 25-July 1, 1928.

And plan to have a Conference in your region by donating a subsidy for this purpose from your Convention treasury.

V. G. Smith,
Young People's Secretary.

GREAT it is to believe the dream
When we stand in youth by
the starry stream;
But a greater thing is to fight life
through
And say at the end, "The dream is
true."

THE RELATION OF THE Y. P. S. C. E. TO THE CHURCH

JASON COWAN, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

THE Y. P. S. C. E. is the only organization in the church where young people are presumed to have unrestricted self-expression. Not the self-expression of the school of thought which says that youth must "out," regardless of the social or moral consequences involved, but self-expression directed in channels of Christian comparisons and Christian growth is the one here stressed.

Young people, except possibly the new Ford, are the most-talked-about objects in the world today. Certain groups in our churches are inclined to stand afar and lament the horrible trend of modern youth toward perdition, without a thought of how they might relate themselves to those agencies which seek to bring these young people into an appreciation of the Christ.

Especially is this true within our group, when state and national conventions, representing hundreds of churches, of varying strength and activities, reveal the weakness of our program for young people. Usually where some attempt has been made to provide a program for them, it has been done in such a bungling manner that the means defeats the end in view. It is obvious then that the church is yearly losing its life's blood in scores of youthful recruits who might be wholly won for effective service now, instead of partially won some fifteen or twenty years hence through high-pressure evangelistic campaigns.

As a student and a free-lance for the last two years, it has been my privilege to observe the young people's departments in a number of churches, both large and small, and compare their methods and programs. Out of these observations have come three very definite conclusions regarding this particular field which are vital to its success. These may be summed up as follows: a cheerful, comfortable place for assembly; the necessity for self-expression; and the need of intelligent, sympathetic supervision.

Socially inclined as young people are, it is quite natural that the place offering the most attractions, whether it be a church, a dance hall, or a movie, will be the place where they will be found in greatest numbers. We need not comment on the provisions made by secular institutions for the accommodation of their patrons, nor the barrenness and the ugliness of most of the places provided for the young people in our church buildings. Knowing these things, it

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SEVEN DEADLY SINS

II. Wealth Without Work

WEALTH is a much maligned term. Most people think it applies to currency that is not needed for the use of the family or person to supply the bodily needs.

The truth about wealth is summed up in the term, more than is needed for the bare necessities of life, whether applied to money, talent, personality or time. A modicum of all of these are needed to live in any degree of comfort. Money to supply material needs, ability to meet the daily circumstances, personality to make agreeable contacts, and time to work, read and play, all of these are needed and must be had before there is real life.

But the real happiness comes from the right use of the surplus. If all that went into a lake stayed with only the natural depreciation by evaporation, it would contain all the impurities that are emptied into it. If all the natural gifts that form the wealth of every individual receives no outlet in real service, it soon collects all the bad qualities that are put on such things. A financier becomes a miser; a talented individual becomes a "crank"; a pleasant personality becomes perverted; and leisure time becomes a period of morbid reflections.

The one sure way to manage this wealth that is yours is to apply it to the task of the day. Problems of the day call for all that humanity possesses in every line of activity. Adjustments require the surplus as well as the capital. Wealth without work is a deadly sin.

"But if the SALT have lost its SAVOR, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men."

PULLING POWER

FEW human beings have the qualities so well exemplified in the mule in the correct proportion of those of a mule. This long-eared quadruped has unusual pulling power. He is able to draw loads that his more high-strung cousin—the horse—cannot budge. He is able to work more hours under disadvantages than any other beast of burden. He can support a better average in amount of work done in terms of horsepower than the horse can.

But the mule is not a perfect beast by any means. He is the possessor of three very unpleasant habits. One of these is its power to make unearthly noises at most unseemly hours. The bray of the mule is notoriously unmusical. His voice has received more unfavorable criticisms than ye editor's monotone. In truth, a mule's voice is a liability.

Also this quadruped is noted for the facility that he sometimes exhibits in the use of his hind legs. The kick of the mule has named an illicit product of these arid days. A sturdy blow from the rear extremities of this animal is one of the feared calamities in the life of the human who must drive this animal.

A third unusual quality of the mule finds expression in the term, "As stubborn as a mule." The obstinacy of the mule has reduced many a devout man to profanity. The unseemly strength of conviction often displayed by this animal is truly amazing. Science cannot account for the rambunctiousness of the "Pesky brute."

Now, as church leaders and followers, we have found some people possessed of the loud-mouthness of the mule. We have discovered the type of individual who has all the power of "kicking" that is displayed by our prototype. We have even found a person or two that is as obstinate as our friend of the animal world. But, there are few if any who have even one of these qualities of an adverse nature coupled with the great pulling power of the mule. "Kickers" cannot pull because to kick correctly one must be free of the harness. Oh! a

display of temper may be made in harness but no real kicking can be done when the individual is truly tied to the task.

The bit in the mouth of the mule often acts as a mute to his tones. So the person who has taken upon himself the guidance of the Holy Spirit as shown in the leadership of his organization, has little or no breath or space left for much braying about his accomplishments. The "Puller" is rarely the "Boaster."

The contrariness of the individual is almost a sure sign that his power to pull is lessened. To really have "Pulling Power" one must pull in the direction that the load is moving. But if the pulling is in another direction, it is not pulling with, it is pushing against.

If there is one among you who can combine either the braying of the mule, the "kick" of the mule or the stubbornness of the mule with his unusual pulling power, then the church will be as tolerant with you as the work world is with the mule. But be sure it is not the braying nor the "kick" nor the obstinacy that recommends you but the "PULLING POWER."

TO THE STATE CONVENTIONS

OFTEN a long period elapses between the meeting of the Convention and the appearance of the Convention minutes. It is five or six months before the work of the Future Work, Business or Recommendation Committee of the Convention can get to the churches. Thus half of the conventional year is past and nearly all of the enthusiasm has ebbed before the churches have an opportunity to really have before them in printed form the plans of the year's work.

So the *Christian Plea* is making the following offer to any state or district Convention that has been having trouble in this line:

We will print in the pages of the *Christian Plea* the Future Work report of any Convention or department that will sent in **ten subscriptions** to the *Christian Plea* from the Convention **through the secretary of the Convention**. These subscriptions can be either new or renewals, taken there at the Convention or brought up from the churches and turned over to the secretary or some authorized person. They must be sent from the Convention and not made up after the return home of the delegates. The Future Work report must accompany the list of subscriptions and the remittance. Hence we mention the fact that the secretary of the Convention would do well to send in all. This applies to the departments if the church does not wish to take up the matter.

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OBSERVE CHURCH RALLY DAY MAY 7

Prepare for Children's Day.
Promote Conference Attendance.
Have a Delegate at S. C. I., May
28 for Third Young People's Conference.
Start Collecting Deficits in All Missionary Claims.

A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

WINNING OUT WHERE WINNING MEANS THE MOST

"I pray not that thou shouldest take them from the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil one." (John 17:15.)

"By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the pleasures of Egypt." (Heb. 11:24.)

In studying the history of mankind we see how they picked up and migrated to some other place rather than to stay and win out where they were. In many instances this proved a great blessing to mankind; as for instance when the Pilgrims came to the bleak shores of New England rather than remain in England to work it out with the lords of that country. In this country they could set up a new order of things and the world has been greatly blessed because of what they did.

But in no instance did it prove a blessing when the motive for migration was to get an easier thing for self. Whenever they went because they wanted a better chance to do a work for mankind, as, for instance, when the Children of Israel came to Canaan, it proved a blessing.

During the last twenty-five years fully one-third of the rural Negro population of the South migrated to the cities. During the last eight years this migration has been mostly to northern cities, but during the twenty-five years about three-fifths went to the southern cities while two-fifths went to northern cities. A careful observation will show that some of this migration was the wise thing and will prove a great blessing; but that which has justified it has long since been satisfied and the migration cannot go on without doing great harm to the future of the race and the country.

The Survey, a paper published in New York, has made a careful study of the situation and has just published a very thoughtful article entitled, "Rush of Negroes to Cities Has Created Grave Problems." After studying that we could not help to say, "How much better it would have been for many of these to have remained in the rural South and have stuck by it till they would have won a good place as yeomen of the land. The battle was sure to be long and

hard, but in the end they were sure to become a great force in our land. Below we give extracts of this article from the Survey."

RUSH OF NEGROES TO CITIES HAS CREATED GRAVE PROBLEMS

"Since emancipation, nothing more astounding than the recent shift of Negroes to both northern and southern cities has occurred to affect the contact between the races. From 1900 to 1920 Negro city population increased more than a million and a half, while the Negro population of rural areas gained less than 72,000 or about 1 per cent. The white drift to the cities was also striking, especially in the South; but despite this drain the white rural population managed to increase slightly.

"The greater part of this migration occurred from 1910 to 1920. During that decade the Negro population in cities increased 875,000 and the rural population actually decreased 240,000. The 1925 estimates of the Census Bureau indicate a further increase of some 600,000 in the Negro urban population, making a total increase of more than 2,100,000 for the twenty-five-year period, a growth of more than 100 per cent.

"Contrary to the general impression that the Negro migration has been chiefly northward, a study of the census figures shows that from 1900 to 1920 southern cities gained 886,173 Negroes, while northern and western cities gained 671,292. On a percentage basis, however, the increase in the North was 105 per cent. as against 65 per cent in the South. During the latter half of the twenty-year period the gain in the North was considerably more rapid than between 1900 and 1910. This only serves to emphasize the fact that both in South and North the trend of the Negro population is definitely cityward, and that both the North and the South are concerned with the problems of the city Negro. Such a wholesale displacement of population necessitates fundamental readjustments in the communities from which Negroes move, in the communities to which they come, and in the whole pattern of Negro life.

"The plan called for intensive studies in sixteen cities—Philadelphia, New York, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Chicago, Gary, Dayton, Louisville, Lexington, Knoxville, New Orleans, Memphis, Charleston, Winston-Salem, Lynchburg and Richmond. These comprised four of the six cities with a Negro population of more than 100,000, and six of the sixteen with a Negro population of between 25,000 and 100,000. In addition, a few smaller places were taken merely for the sake of contrast and comparison. The study therefor was concerned primarily with the most intense form of urbanization—that of large cities. The staff included Madge Headly Priest, who specialized on housing, W. A. Daniel, who specialized on schools, Henry J. McGuinn, whose special study was recreation, and the writer, who served as director.

"It is remarkable that a million, or two-thirds of the increase between 1900 and 1920 should have been concentrated in the metropolitan centers of the East and the Middle West. Abnormal concentration in large cities and neglect of the smaller cities is more characteristic of the North than of the South, because each city in the South is immediately surrounded by a rural

Negro population which can be drawn in as trade and industry expand. The migration to northern cities, however, comes from long range. In most cases, the destination is selected by the migrant on the basis of knowledge that others who have moved to that city have made a success. This tends to draw newcomers to places where migrants have already gone in large numbers.

"In eleven tenement houses, selected as typical by the Division of Housing of the Health Department of Philadelphia, 175 families were living in 354 rooms, an average of two rooms per family. Forty-one families lived in one room, 75 in two, 45 in three, and 7 in four. One hundred and sixteen families shared 48 public toilets. In New York, Chicago, Buffalo, Louisville, Memphis and New Orleans, similar conditions were found in tenements, arks, rookeries and rows in old changing areas where multiple dwellings are crowded with migrant families.

"In these dense neighborhoods overcrowding saps vitality and moral vigor. Many people attribute the excessive Negro death rates from tuberculosis, pneumonia and the diseases of infants to inborn racial traits; others attribute crimes of violence and irregularities in family life to peculiar emotional equipment of people of African descent. Whether or not these conditions are influenced to some extent by heredity, the institute's study of the effects of environment indicates that they are also profoundly influenced by the conditions of life in cities.

"There is no question that the inferior living conditions of Negroes contribute largely to respiratory, intestinal and venereal diseases, and to the high infant death rate. It is also evident that wherever control has been undertaken, improvement immediately results. In Lynchburg, a highly organized and effective health department keeps down its rates through education and supervision. In Richmond, the health officer holds each nurse accountable for the death of any baby from intestinal disease.

"In the study of the schools made by Mr. Daniel, it was found that 'school funds are not adequate to meet the needs either in the North or in the South. The South, however, is not only poorer than the North but also less disposed to distribute such funds as are available according to the school population.'

"In such items as salaries of teachers, preparation of teachers, courses of study, and laboratory and literary facilities, the contrasts between Negro and white high schools are greater than the contrasts between Negro and white elementary schools. No cities south of Washington have Negro normal schools that measure up to the standards of accrediting agencies in this field. The training of those teachers assigned to the training of Negro teachers, and the facilities at their disposal, do not entitle these schools to consideration as professional normal schools.

"One of the most encouraging signs of advancement revealed by this study is the tendency among the Negroes toward home ownership. The number of home owners had increased materially in every city visited except New Orleans, and the increase from 1920 to 1925 in northern cities was especially rapid. In most cases the slum sections were relatively constant in population, with income and outgo about equal, while the population of the home-owning sections was increasing."

He who believes a thing possible of accomplishment really makes it so, for, "faith is the substance of things hoped for."

Department of the Women of the Church

MRS. ROSA BROWN GRUBBS, EDITOR

A GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

An Address Delivered at the Annual Session of District No. 2 By Mrs. Mary VanBuren, State President of the W. M. S. Convention

IN THE New Testament, we find the women are always presented in relation to the Christ and the work of the Christian church. Elizabeth is the mother of the forerunner, John. Mary is the blest among women, the mother of Jesus. It was women in their quiet and unassuming way that followed Jesus when He was in His public ministry in Galilee and Judea. Nearly all of these women were mature women of good position, excellent standing and wealth. Two of these were mothers of apostles—Salome, mother of James and John; and Mary, mother of James the lesser. Others of this company were Joanna, wife of Herod's steward; Mary Magdalene, Susanna and others. These "ministered of their substance." Doubtless they did personal work among the women of that land since it was difficult for a teacher to reach them. This was the first W. M. S. though it did not possess that name. It was a missionary society in operation and in objectives. Martha and Mary who joyfully received Jesus and His disciples into their homes were the forerunners of the army of women who later made possible the advancement of the cause of Christ by entertaining religious services in their homes. Mary the mother of Mark, Lydia of Philippi, Priscilla, were ever opening their homes for Christian services.

Hospitality became of special value in the early church, not only for circuit preachers and traveling ministers but also for all traveling Christians and missionaries. Inns at that time were always poor accommodations and the company of rough guests rendered them less desirable. To wash the feet of the saints was offering hospitality. Paul tells us that he found shelter in many Christian homes on his journeys and was grateful for it. He spoke of Euodia as having labored with him in the gospel. In another place he also refers to the financial help given by the churches to extend the gospel and it was Lydia who was their generous leader. Paul found the same sort of assistance among the women that Jesus has used before in Galilee. Priscilla's teaching of Apollos of the things that she had learned of Paul, was done in her home in collaboration with her husband. In Paul's later writings, he refers to the widows who were already becoming an order in the church, receiving support and rendering service like the present pastor's aid societies. Deaconess also began in the apostolic church and gradually replaced the order of widows. Phoebe who bore the letter to the Romans, was an active worker and there were many others who cannot be named.

In the sub-apostolic age, women became active as organizers, singers and in service in other capacities of the church. With the rise of clericalism, the nunneries took the places of free work resulting later in founding hospitals and educational work among the poor and needy. Many of the early followers of the church owe their conversion to the influence of sterling womanhood found in mother, wife or sister.

PROGRAM OF WORK For Missionary Organizations

June—

GUESTS. Let each member bring to this meeting one woman of the church who is not a member of the missionary society. Do this personally, individually, not by telephone or public announcement. Call for her and bring her with you as a guest of honor. In the fellowship hour following the program, give special honor to these and to all those who have become members through the year.

SERVICE. A Promotion service arranged by all Missionary Organizations. Make this attractive and a real event of the year.

Collection of all funds, remitting quotas in full by June 20 to the United Christian Missionary Society, St. Louis, Mo.

Checking up to see that reports from woman's society and all the younger groups of missionary organizations had been sent to State General Secretary.

How well is your Missionary Organization work graded? What do you lack? June is the month to finish the discussion and study and the time to act.

PREPARATION. Meeting of the new and old executive committees together to consider the work of the old year and plan for the new, meeting of new divisions in preparation for work which begins July 1.

The thought of 1927-1928 has been Preparation; that of 1928-1929 is Purpose. Prepare the executive committee to enter the new year with a high purpose for all organizations.

TO THINK ABOUT. Have we taken the approved plan of graded organizations and put it forward with all our heart? Do the younger groups have the right leadership? Are they reporting and remitting regularly?

Should we not take a larger quota next year and meet it quarterly?

INFORMATION. Juniors having had their 12th birthday are promoted into Intermediate Triangle.

Intermediate Triangle members passing 14th birthday, into High School Triangle.

Girls of High School Triangle passing 18th birthday, into Circle.

Boys of High School Triangle passing 18, into Young Men's Organization.

Circle Girls reaching their 25th birthday, into Guild.

Circle Girls married before June 30th, into Young Matron's Society.

Young Matrons passing their tenth wedding anniversary, into Woman's Society.

INDIVIDUAL. "For me to live is Christ."

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.

—St. Patrick.

So we trace the early stages of the development of woman's work and influence in the early church, always and ever rising to meet the current needs. While she has been quiet and unassuming, never seeming to crave places of distinction, she has served well in her sphere and has always been alert and ready for any opportunity that came to her.

In the 19th century in the fullness of time, the opportunity came to woman to respond to the missionary call which was first sounded in our land at a haystack

prayer-meeting in 1809. The answer was instant and whole-hearted. Those who could not go to the foreign fields, formed organizations in the local churches at home. These earliest missionary efforts were purely local in effort and consisted of a small number of faithful women who raised small sums of money that were given to the officers of the church for distribution. It was only a question of time until information from the foreign fields began to break in on their consciousness and they were made to realize that a unique and challenging task belonged to the women of the church. Soon they felt the inability of the local societies to the world. In 1834, they attempted to organize a general society but met with determined opposition and the attempt was abandoned for twenty-seven years.

In 1861 they again attempted to organize and the result was a Woman's Union Missionary Society with auxiliary societies in all of the local churches about New York City. This was a federation of the societies of different churches. Later, it was abandoned and Woman's Boards of Missions were formed by the various denominations. All of the large Protestant communions formed these organizations between 1868-1874. At this time there were a few W. M. S. in the Christian Church but these were unable to meet the needs of the day. An organization that would represent the entire womanhood of the church was the great need.

A call was issued for a meeting of the women at the general Missionary Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, October, 1874. This proved to be an historic hour for the women of the church. Simply and quietly were the women of the church organized to meet the outstanding challenge of the twentieth century. Today we see the result of a faith that lent courage to a broadening vision of service in the following developments:

1. A regular educational monthly program which small as it sometimes is proves a growing power in giving the entire church missionary education.

2. A systematic method of giving that serves as a training school for consecration of larger gifts.

3. The teaching and training of the youth in missionary vision and inspiration that will recruit men and money for the missionary service.

So we move on in perfect order from the work of women among adults to the work of women among children and now there is a department of children's work to direct our young ones into missionary paths. Now there has come into being young people's circles, triangle clubs, junior endeavors—a veritable army in a great movement to spiritualize the whole church and evangelize the whole world.

In 1920 the Christian Woman's Board of Missions merged with the United Christian Missionary Society and in that period its one mission had grown into stations in ten fields of the world, its original two missionaries had increased to more than one thousand, its annual offering has leaped from \$430.00 to approximately \$10,000 the largest of any single board of the church.

THUS we trace the path of one of the auxiliaries of the church from a most insignificant beginning to the heights of a most glorious achievement. In a like manner let us develop our district work. This will mean cooperation of all not only in the larger program of the church but in the entire program of our Lord. We are engaged in a great cooperative effort with the state and the success depends upon every woman in
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Department of Church Life

ELD. WILLIAM ALPHIN—EDITOR

WE HAVE not complied with the financial promises of the National Convention to the general fund. The promotion of the work must be met by this fund. On the account of our failure the Joint Executive Committee has been in a financial strain during the missionary year. It has been forced to release and "park" general workers to continue the work and prevent a growing deficit. The *Christian Plea* had to be made a monthly issue instead of a weekly. The program of the field and evangelistic work has been retarded. It is facing the close of the missionary year with a larger deficit. The promotion of our National work can't continue with this deficit.

This condition is the result of our failure to comply with promises made by the National Convention.

The **First Sunday in May** is the **National Rally Day** for the churches to raise their apportionments for the General Fund. We are sincerely appealing to the pastors, officers and churches to observe the day. If not the first Sunday, one Sunday in May, and report to the U. C. M. S., 425 DeBaliviere Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

TO THE STATE CONVENTION

OUR state convention period begins in June. The plan is to send uniform report blanks for the local churches in all states for their report to state conventions.

The state secretaries will be requested to make the state's report to the National Convention from the local church reports.

Each convention is requested to elect **one delegate for each five hundred members**, or fraction thereof reported in the convention, to the National Convention in Chicago. Also each state convention is requested to elect *one person to be a member of the Recommendation Committee* of the National Convention.

In case the National Convention meets before your state convention, the state boards of such states are requested to appoint delegates for the state to the National Convention. Also each state is requested to represent in the National Convention with an enrollment fee of **five dollars from each organized church represented** in the state convention. (See National Minutes, 1927.)

It is necessary, from all viewpoints, for all our churches to make a faithful effort to raise their apportionment on the first Sunday in

May and wipe out at once this paralyzing deficit.

To wisely make plans for the National work another year, this deficit must be wiped out before June 30. We should be faithful to our promises and program of the National Convention.

—Wm. A.

NORTH TAZEWELL, VA.

REPORTER—ELD. G. M. DICKERSON,
PASTOR

King's Chapel Church of Christ closed a very successful meeting. Eld. S. Kenny of North Main Street Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., did the preaching.

Eld. Kenny proved himself a great evangelist. He preached a series of interesting Gospel sermons which were both spiritual and Scriptural. The church was much revived and the entire community was stirred. There were twenty-two additions and all except two were between the ages of 15 and 30 years.

We heartily recommend Eld. Kenny to churches desiring meetings. He is president of the Tri-State Convention and is making a fine record in establishing new churches of Christ. The spirit and courage of the church is prophetic of still greater progress. The Christian Woman's Missionary Society has recently put a piano in the church of which pastor and congregation are justly proud. These women can be counted upon to stand by the church in any effort and emergency.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS

REPORTER—L. A. WHITE

Eld. N. H. Johnson is still holding his own at Clark St. Christian Church. All of his sermons are good but especially fine was one on "Labor and Self-Development"—Scripture lesson, Luke 19. The market place represents the world. The different stages in which men entered the vineyard represents the different ages men enter God's work but he emphasized the best time as youth.

Another great sermon was on "A Dreamer" taken from the incidents surrounding Jacob's flight from home with special emphasis on selfishness as the greatest enemy in the world to Christianity.

Our Bible school is doing nicely. The offering for March was \$5.98 and for the last two months it has totaled \$16.90. This department has an Easter program.

If we would be good to the world—just pretend the world wide, great, wonderful, is a sort of heaven and we are angels of mercy—how loving and kind we would be to one another and what a happy place the world would be to live in.

The Clark St. quartet under the direction of Mr. W. P. Fudgen, a graduate of Jarvis, sang at the Colonial Theater for the Men's Bible Class on Sunday, April 1.

We are grieved over the death of our beloved sister, Mrs. Lola Price, who passed away Thursday, March 22.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

REPORTER—I. Q. HURDLE

Twelfth St. Christian Church is still on the "firing line" with pastor G. W. Taylor at the head of our little band. We have made rapid progress under his wise guidance. Our efforts for the ministerial relief and missionary drive has had our attention for a few weeks and resulted in a glorious success on Easter. We are looking forward to Children's Day. We keep a goal in front of us at all times.

All departments of the church are at work.

Eld. J. H. Tatnell, who has been away for two years, has returned to Austin and we greeted him happily and gave him a class in the Bible school, the same he had ere he moved away. Both he and his wife, who is now in bad health, are Christian leaders indeed. He has our sympathy and we are yet hoping that Mrs. Tatnell will improve in health.

Eld. L. Leatherman and wife are regular attendants at Bible school. Eld. Leatherman held the congregation together in his home for twelve years, previous to securing the present edifice where we now worship. And he has been the shepherd for us during the time we were without a regular employed pastor. He has been in the ministry many years.

We are going to see that we do not fall short of our part of the budget for this year. We respond to our pastor when he calls. He ranks among the best ministers of the city regardless of creed. The citizens of Austin have learned much more about the church of Christ since he has been in the city. May God bless Mrs. Taylor who is doing all she can for the Master here.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

June 30 closes the Missionary year.

State Conventions meet soon.

Young People's Conferences meet the weeks of May and June.

Schools of Methods meets in June.

HAPPENINGS AT JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

L. M. Whitehead

SPRING seems to be in the air and the beautiful song birds have come back to tell all Jarvis that spring is almost here. We feel that, of all times of the year, spring time at Jarvis is most welcomed.

We look with grateful hearts to President J. N. Ervin as we see the trains stop in front of our campus daily. We realize that this has been a rare piece of work and no one but a man with a forceful personality like that of our president could accomplish this.

The Music Department of Jarvis has been rendering programs at towns near by. The reports from these programs have been very favorable.

Addresses to the student body were made at the 11:00 o'clock services on Sunday by the following out-of-town friends: Mrs. B. E. Campbell of Greenville, Texas, on Feb. 26, and Eld. J. E. Quarles of Ft. Worth, Texas, on March 11.

President Ervin, an executive member of the Y. M. C. A. Older Boys' Conference, met in a meeting with other members at Prairie View College, March 2, 3 and 4.

Coaches H. Ward and J. H. Ward are planning to have the best baseball team in the state.

The mid-term examinations are over and the students have settled down to the work of the second term with increased interest.

Miss Lula B. Jennings of Port Gibson, Miss., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Berry.

Mrs. L. B. Ross, a member of our faculty, has been seriously ill and is at present receiving medical attention at Sheppards Sanitarium at Marshall, Texas.

Hon. M. H. Thomas of Dallas has made several short visits to the school recently.

On Feb. 26 Mrs. J. N. Ervin directed a play, "The Questioner," for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society. A nice sum of money was realized from this performance.

President and Mrs. J. N. Ervin entertained the graduating class of the College Department at their home Monday evening, March 12. A two-course luncheon, consisting of chicken salad, punch, ice cream and cake, was served.

On March 18, Mrs. Parthena Hill, most Ancient Matron of the Heroines of Jericho, in company with the Secretary and Treasurer, visited the morning services at Jarvis Christian College. Before the close of the services she presented to President J. N. Ervin, in honor of Mrs. W. E. Ervin who is a member

of the lodge, the sum of fifty-one dollars (\$51.00) to be used in furnishing the new Jubilee building. The lodge is located at Big Sandy, Texas. Mr. George Hill, the Ancient Joshua, was presented to the student body and voiced the sentiment of good will as expressed from his lodge to Jarvis Christian College for its worthy stand taken to help the youth of the land. He expressed himself as being very much pleased with his visit to Jarvis. Prof. C. A. Berry spoke in response to the remarks made by Mr. Hill, mentioning how he had watched the interest of the people of Big Sandy grow toward Jarvis. He also made mention of other gifts that the lodge had made to Jarvis in years past. President J. N. Ervin, on behalf of the United Christian Missionary Society, student body and faculty of Jarvis and the community friends, thanked Mrs. Hill and the other members of the lodge for their gift and assured them that it would be used for the purpose given.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK,
N. LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

It is gratifying to know how faithfully and self-sacrificingly the members of the Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, are pulling together to finish raising the money for the last note on the church lot. Their leader, Eld. M. M. Bostick, is leading them rapidly and all are working earnestly with him.

The writer was asked over to speak to the Christian Endeavor on March 4th. The president, Mr. Taylor E. Cole presided. The subject for that evening was an interesting one on "What Example Was Christ to the Children?" An offering of \$2.00 was raised. Mr. Cole is a faithful worker for the Christian Endeavor and he puts his whole heart into the work.

After the Endeavor, a message on "Confidence" was given by the pastor, which all seemed to enjoy. The clubs then made reports and laid on the table two hundred and seven dollars and thirty-five cents (\$207.35). We all enjoyed every part of the service that night. Just a few more dollars and the note will be met.

IN South Carolina, seven new school buildings have been erected in Charleston County alone for Negro children. The largest is a four-room structure costing \$4,600, of which the county supplied \$3,000, the Rosenthal Fund \$1,000, the Negroes of the county \$600 and the land on which it stands. The others also are the product of cooperative effort.

—Interracial Commission, Atlanta, Ga.

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

REPORTER—MRS. LAURA PALMORE

OUR church seems to be taking on new life. The outlook is bright now, but we have our struggles with so many critics, but thank God our prayers are being answered.

On Sunday, Mar. 11, Eld. and Mrs. Roy L. Brown, white State Secretary, also Eld. R. V. Saylor, pastor of the First Christian Church of this city, and his congregation were all with us and their visit will long be remembered. The necessity of a W. M. S. was made plain to us by Mrs. Brown, and Eld. Brown in his lecture brought home to us some interesting thoughts. We pray God that they will go onward and upward until they reach the mark of their high calling in Christ Jesus.

They both spoke in glowing terms of the work of Prof. P. H. Moss and Dr. J. B. Lehman. They expressed a desire that we try to get Prof. Moss to hold a meeting for us, which we would be glad to do if we could only get him, for we all love Prof. P. H. Moss.

Our Christian Endeavor is a "live wire" and we have some very promising young people. The writer is the president and with the Lord to strengthen us, the Bible to guide us and the cooperation of every member, we intend to make our C. E. Society second to none.

We solicit the prayers of the entire brotherhood for our work here.

Our pastor, Eld. S. H. Henderson, has been on the sick list for a couple of weeks and has been unable to leave his bed. But we trust that he will soon be well and at his post again.

If anyone reads this and knows a way or means to arouse the women of the church, please write me. We need something to make them see how important a W. M. S. can be made in a church if they will only support it.

GEORGIA is not more free from the stain of lack of fairness in educational matters than North Carolina. Atlanta, Ga., voted a bond issue for school building, the Negro voters throwing the balance in favor of it. \$700,000 of the total of \$3,500,000 was the agreement with the Negro voters. Now the present situation demands that for the 21,555 Negro children, which are one-third of the total, that two or three sessions per day be held in some of the schools to accommodate them. The Atlanta Christian Council is protesting the plan of the Educational Board to expend less than two-fifths of the promised amount of the bond issue.

—Interracial Commission, Atlanta, Ga.

Among Our Honored Dead

CARLISLE, KENTUCKY

REPORTER—BETTIE S. JOHNSON

On Monday morning, Feb. 13, the church suffered the loss of one of its most devoted members in the person of Mr. Joe Hawkins, who had been a member of the church thirty-two years and an officer for five years. As a member of the trustee board, he was faithful and while not a man gifted in speech, yet when he spoke his word carried weight for he was a man unbiased in his decisions. Mr. Hawkins was a friend to all the preachers and his door was always open to them. He treated all alike. He suffered much but his sufferings were true to the Scriptures since he was made perfect through suffering. He was highly respected by both colored and white of the community. Through the death of Mr. Hawkins the church has suffered a severe loss, as he was always ready to assist in whatever he was called upon to do. He was faithful not only in words but also in deeds.

His funeral services were conducted by Eld. W. H. Brown, under whose ministry he united with the church, assisted by Eld. J. P. Blades.

His wife, Mrs. Bettie Hawkins, was very attentive and cared for him most tenderly until the call came.

Mrs. Mattie Thomas was buried here Mar. 1. She had been an invalid for several years and her death was not unexpected.

The seven tribes are working like bees and we hope to raise a goodly sum toward the payment of our debt. The popular Baby Contest, under the leadership of Mrs. Aurelia Hamilton, is attracting great interest.

Pray for the work here at Carlisle.

PALESTINE, TEXAS

ELD. T. J. GREEN, PASTOR

On Feb. 27, the death angel came and took from our midst Mrs. Fannie Morgan, a member of the Fulton Street Christian Church. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the above mentioned church, with a large audience paying its last respects.

She leaves a husband, three children, four sisters and other relatives to mourn their loss. "God's children are gathering home."

BELLEVILLE, TEXAS

REPORTER—JAMES YOUNG

Mr. Lewis McDonald was called from labor to rest on Sunday, Feb. 26. He departed this life at his

home after a long illness. He was seventy-five years old and had been a member of the church for forty-seven years. He served in the office of an elder for many years in the Miller Chapel Church and was zealous in all church work.

He was a man of family forty-eight years, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattie McDonald, one son and one daughter. He was also a Mason.

The funeral services were held Feb. 28 at the A. M. E. Church and were attended by a large number of friends, Eld. James Young officiating.

FROM ARKANSAS

REPORTER—J. BOSTICK, KERR, ARK.

Obituary

It is with sorrow we announce the death of Mrs. Rebecca Cunningham, who departed this life Feb. 20, 1928. She united with the Pearidge Christian Church about twenty years ago. She loved the church and attended the services regularly. She stood firm in the one faith.

She was loving and kind in her home and tried to make it pleasant for those who came around her. It seems that she was loved by all who knew her.

The funeral services were held at the Pearidge Church where she was a member. Elders W. M. Martin and M. M. Bostick conducted the services and spoke of her commendable Christian life. The community has lost a good neighbor and the church a faithful member.

TAYLOR, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. MAUDE DAVIS

Feb. 25, 1928, Mr. Isaac Crayton fell asleep. His funeral was conducted by Eld. G. L. Taylor from the Murphy Ave. Christian Church, Feb. 27. Mr. Crayton had been in the ministry fifty-four years, converting nearly eight hundred souls, being one of the old pioneer preachers who helped to blaze the way. He used to ride horseback some time, walk some time to carry the Gospel and would take neither script nor purse for his journey.

Mr. Crayton left a large number of relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Whether his soul rose to a more glorious sunrise or whether he awoke in the celestial city we do not know, but we do know he did preach the Gospel and tried to make the world better to live in, which assures our citizenship in Heaven where awaits Jesus Christ.

PROGRAM

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February 20-22, 1928

Departmental Directory

Church: *H. S. Merical, president.*
\$3.00 enrollment; 25c per capita.
Bible School: *Mrs. Anna Willis, president.*
\$2.50 enrollment; 10c per capita.
Missionary Society: *Mrs. Aleria Terry, president.*
\$2.50 enrollment; 10c per capita.
Endeavor Society: *Miss Lillian Kemp, president.*
\$2.50 enrollment; 10c per capita.

Monday Evening

Bible School and Endeavor

Devotionals.—Napton delegate.
Welcome address.—Mrs. Mary Brown.
Response.—Blackwater delegate.
President's messages.
(a) Endeavor.
(b) Bible School.
Solo.—Miss Hattie A. Whiteside.
Address.—*Young People's Conference.*
Sermon.—Wm. Ellis.
Appointment of committees.

Tuesday Morning

Devotionals.—Lathrop delegate.
Report of C. E. societies and schools.
Address.—Mrs. Retta Logan, Elementary Supt.
Solo.—Mrs. Blanche Napier.
Address.—Mr. Paul Raines, Director of Religious Education, Country Club Christian Church.
Address and Conference.—P. H. Moss.

Tuesday Afternoon --

Devotionals.—Independence delegate.
Committee reports.
The State and National program of the C. E. society.—P. A. Gray, C. E. National president.
Song and prayer.
Address and conference.—P. A. Gray.

Tuesday Evening

Church and Missionary Society

Devotionals.—Blackwater delegate.
President's message.
(a) Missionary society.
(b) Church.
Special music.
The Springfield W. M. S. Conference.—
Mrs. Cammie Doolen, Field Secretary.

Wednesday Morning

Devotionals.
Report of Societies and Churches.
Address and Conference.—Mrs. Rosa V. Grubb, National Field Secretary.
Address.—Mrs. Anna Scott Carter.
The State program.—Mrs. Mary Van Buren, State president.
The National program.—Mrs. Mary Alphin, State president.

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotionals.
Reports of committees.
The State's program.
Developing the District Work.—C. E. Craggett.
Address and Conference.—Wm. Alphin.
Final business.
Sermon.—W. C. Richardson.

To Superintendents and Sunday School Workers of the Christian Churches of the U. S. A.:

THE year is growing old. Two of the national days have passed. I am wondering just how many of the Bible Schools have kept up with these days and have sent to the U. C. M. S. all claims for their school. These days are published on a beautiful CALENDAR and mailed to every Bible School that is a regular contributor to our DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. You say that you have not received a calendar, well that means that your school has not kept faith with this GREAT BIBLE SCHOOL MOVEMENT. This movement has fostered the splendid labors of Prof. P. H. Moss and Miss Deetsy Blackburn. These two Secretaries have gone throughout the length and breadth of this fair land of ours. They have preached the gospel of inspiration, organization, and new methods of conducting our Bible Schools. Wake up, Superintendents. Put your school in line. See to it that your people are in line with the best.

What is the matter with our great men of Tennessee, Kentucky, Mo., Mississippi, The Carolinas, Texas, Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, California, Indiana, Maryland?

Now, Leaders, Ministers, Bible School Superintendents, Presidents of State Conventions, show your colors. Push your EASTER PROGRAMS AND YOUR DELEGATES CONTRIBUTION. By June the first, let's have these two items off the program.

On to Chicago. Big Delegation. \$5,000. OVER THE TOP.

Our Contribution to Our Delegate to the World Bible School Convention

THE following schools have sent in their \$1.00 for the hundred needed for this purpose:

- Oklahoma—Chickasha, Ardmore.
- Missouri—Frankford, Salisbury.
- Texas—Pittsburg, Bay City, Glenfawn, Jarvis College, Greenville, Tyler, Herndon Community near Paris.
- Kentucky—Mt. Sterling, Louisville, Hancock.
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—From *Interracial Commission*, Atlanta, Ga.

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

12th Annual Convention Disciples of Christ to be held

Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church Chicago, Ill.

August 27th to September 2nd

J. E. Durden, Chairman

FOR the success of the National Convention and the uplift of mankind for the Kingdom of God, we the Committee on Transportation authorized by the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, do hereby submit our plans to you for your co-operation for the success of the 12th Annual Convention of which this Church will entertain. We are making arrangements for rates on all railroads for a required number of delegates from Churches in the various sections of the country. We would suggest that upon your itinerary you would present this statement of rates which you will find in paragraph below:

For 250 delegates and friends, a rate of one and one-half fare; for three hundred, one and one-third; for three hundred-fifty or more one fare.

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TOPEKA, KANSAS, MAR. 2, 1928
REPORTER—UNKNOWN

The Second Christian Church at Topeka, Kansas is located at the corner of 12th and West Streets. Eld B. C. Duke is pastor. The church has advanced rapidly, and has had much improvement under his leadership.

The church building was remodeled last year. On the same corner where there was a paint-faded building is now a cozy house of worship. Eld. Duke has a very efficient staff of co-workers with Mr. G. T. Murray as President of the staff.

On January 5, 1928 Eld. A. W. Davis, Evangelist began a series of revival services. They lasted two weeks and were very successful. Eld. Davis gave instructive and educational sermons each night, and there were twelve converts.

On Sunday evening, February 19, 1928 the entire group of converts were baptized. The baptizing was very impressive and the church is greatly strengthened.

Eld. Davis closed the meeting with high honors.

The Bible school and Christian Endeavor are doing fine. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. G. Gaitskill became active members of the Endeavor a short while ago. We are looking forward to a greater success in the near future.

Houston, Texas, is a great commercial center and surely a strategic point so far as our church is concerned. The church there is progressing under the leadership of the Evangelist H. G. Smith. The one regret on the part of the people of Houston is that they cannot have his full time and the association of his family. The Missionary Society of this church, under the leadership of Mrs. W. F. Thomas, missed its goal last year by just a few dollars. This was because of a miscount. This year they plan to raise their entire quota of \$50.00 and go over the top sufficiently to make up for the deficit of last year. Can you beat that for spirit and loyalty!

—MRS. R. B. GRUBBS.

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

THE Brotherhood under the presidency of Mr. J. H. Heatley has just about finished the text on *Recruiting the Bible Class* and plans to start some real experimental work as to the effectiveness of the methods advocated in the near future. They are also studying Moniger's *Training for Service* as a Bible study text. Prof. Hutchison and Eld. Green are the teachers of these courses.

The Missionary Society under Miss Elizabeth Givens, observed a special prayer service on Friday and the Sunrise Prayer Meeting Easter Morning. Mrs. Ruth Flowers is secretary and Mrs. A. B. Moore is treasurer of this organization.

The Christian Endeavor Society with its special social hours on the second and fourth Sunday evenings, is contributing much to the vesper sessions. The committees have not only been working but also reporting which is something unusual for committees around most churches.

The Bible School is yet under the leadership of Mrs. R. M. Logan with Mr. R. B. Welch as her able assistant. Miss Elizabeth Givens is the secretary and Mr. Joseph Stevenson the treasurer of this auxiliary. The difficulties now are reduced to getting classes out on time and getting teachers for the classes when they are on time. Leadership is especially needed in this auxiliary. The quality of that now active is unsurpassed but the quantity is woefully small. With Eld. Green, Miss Portia Payne, Mrs. Geneva Dowell and Miss Elizabeth Givens the classes they teach are taken care of, but there are four other classes with intermittent teachers.

The Bible school's Easter program with Mrs. Dowell in charge, was a success, and \$13.00 was taken, for National apportionment.

Centennial is yet campaigning for Christ through evangelism. Sunday March 25, three young people were baptized and there is yet one candidate for baptism. On Easter Sunday four more were added. This raises the total to about ten since the first of the year. Most of these are young people and members of the Bible School. We would save the life for service as well as the soul for righteousness.

Recent news tells of the marriage of Miss Staeye J. Maupin, daughter of Mrs. R. M. Logan, to Mr. Henry Admathy of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Admathy was once a resident of St. Louis while Miss Maupin was prominent in church work of the city and state, having served in many official capacities in both.

Mrs. Ophelia Bieham, formerly of Memphis, Tennessee, but now a member of Centennial, was called to Chicago in March on account of the illness of her niece, and the latter's husband. She returned and reported both convalescing.

Due to forces over which we have no control, the special rally and missionary days have been postponed or omitted in many and delayed in all departments. But that only means that there must be more strenuous effort during this last quarter. The State and National Conventions are just a few months off. The close of the missionary year even nearer. Young People's Conference is to be looked after and all of the man-and-dollar-power of Centennial is needed. May you do your part in this. The support of all is necessary.

Mr. Joseph Stevenson, an elder of Centennial, was indisposed but is better now.

Three *Christian Plea* renewals and two new subscriptions were turned in Sunday, April 1, 1928.

CINCINNATI NEWS

REPORTER—MRS. RUBY T. KELLEY,
KENYON AVE. CHURCH

The first Quarterly report for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1927 for the School of Religious Education.

Enrollment on Oct. 2-----112
Enrollment Dec. 25-----150

Month	Teachers	Pupils	Offering
Oct.	14	98	\$11.56
Nov.	15	88	15.24
Dec.	14	68	10.22
Quarter Aver.	14	82	12.37

The above figures are the averages for the months of the first quarter.

The Woman's Missionary Society is moving along well. We observe all of the special days and have regular monthly meetings. We have raised about half of our national and about a fourth of our state apportionment. Our reading contest is arousing much interest also. Our program on Woman's Day was quite a success with \$21.75 as the financial results.

The Young People's Circle is growing also. A party was given for the young people during the Christmas holidays by Mrs. A. B. Franklin, president of the W. M. S. with the assistance of her husband, Mr. James Franklin.

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AT THE EVERGREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

March 14-16, 1928

Conducted by

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Field Secretary of Religious Education
Kansas City, Kansas

SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM

- 7:15 Get acquainted Session.
- 7:30 Worship Service.
- 7:45 The Underlying principles of Religious Education.
Prof. Patrick Henry Moss.
- 8:45 Conference.
- 9:15 Adjournment.

Second Evening

- 7:30 Worship Service.
- 7:45 (A) Lesson Plan and Presentation.
(B) The Teachers Tools.
Prof. Patrick Henry Moss.
- 8:45 Conference.
- 9:15 Adjournment.

Third Evening

- 7:30 Worship Service.
- 7:45 The Three Outstanding Factors in the Church School Program.
Prof. Patrick Henry Moss.
- 8:45 Conference.
- 9:15 Adjournment.

Supt. Perry Carbett

A FIELD of activity opened to Negroes at present and one offering an opportunity for constructive amelioration of social and race conditions, is the positions opening for trained social service workers in the various cities.

—Interracial Commission, Atlanta, Ga.

MAPLE ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LOCKLAND, OHIO

"ME"

BY. W. H. DICKERSON, MINISTER
TEXT—

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

"Who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

"For necessity is laid upon me." 1 Cor. 9:16.

I HAVE no right to expect so much more good of other people than I should expect of MYSELF. Charity begins at home. "Save YOURSELF from this crooked generation." Acts 2:40.

"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31.

What would Christ's church be, if every member in it were just like ME?

Like ME in attendance; like ME in praying; like ME in working; like ME in giving?

What would my home be, if every one in it were just like ME?

What would my community be, if every one in it were just like ME?

What would my country be, if every one in it were just like ME?

Begin with YOURSELF. Work with YOURSELF. Work on YOURSELF. Subdue YOURSELF. Save YOURSELF.

"Think on these things." Phil. 4:8.

Location of Mid-West Young People's Conference

The Bartlett Vocational School is situated near the center of the State of Missouri 100 miles east of Kansas City and 32 miles west of Moberly on the main line of the Wabash R. R., at the little town of Dalton, Mo. The school is about one-fourth mile from town, upon a site overlooking the village and the fertile Bowling Green prairie. The scenery is not excelled in the whole state. The climate is salubrious and unsurpassed for healthfulness. The campus is beautiful, high, rolling, and healthful.

BETTER BIBLE SCHOOLS—HOW TO IMPROVE THEM

A paper read at the District Meeting of District No. 2 at Danville, Ky., Jan., 1928.

By Mrs. Bertha Peaks

THE first step in my mind in the making of Better Bible Schools is to fill each office with the best qualified person available. The superintendent should be a wide-awake man or woman who can and will give his or her time to the work. Each officer and teacher should be chosen to fill the position he is best able to fill.

Second—Literature. These officers should see that the proper literature for each age and group is used in the Bible school.

Third—Program. The Bible School

should by all means have a definite program for the year. Every member should do his part to carry out the program successfully. Each person should have his specific work to do and give consideration to the requests of the superintendent, co-operating with every plan for the betterment of the entire school.

Fourth—Work for Young People. Young people are active beings—busy most of the time out of the church. Why not give them something to do in the Bible school aside from their class study through which they will have the opportunity to express themselves? Most any girl or boy would rather tell or listen to a good missionary story during the closing exercises of the Bible school than sit idly waiting for the secretary to finish the report or hear the superintendent make the same speech over and over again.

Fifth—Punctuality. We should encourage promptness in opening and closing the school and punctuality on the part of every member.

If these five points are kept in mind: Best available officers, proper Literature, Definite Program, Employment of Young People, Punctuality; we will find better and improved Bible schools.

"MY CALLING TO THE MINISTRY"

By Eldress Maude Davis

ON a summer night the moon was shining
Sad and lonely I sat repining.
Out west amidst the picturesque mountains
Musing over bygone days accounting.

The August night seemed long and dreary
My poor soul sorry, drenched and weary.
Thinking of the past and longing to see
Wondering what will become of me?

The hand of time marked the noonday of
Life
Fighting life's battles in bitterness with
strife.

When trouble assails, life seems in vain
Sorrow grips my heart and chokes in pain.

There I sat in deep thoughts plodding
Presently sleep overtook me nodding.
I was aroused by a noise outside the door
The paper I was reading had fallen to the
floor.

Disturbed from slumber I took from the
table
God's living word, to view and understand,
if able,
To the land of Nod, I visit once more,
Hush, "a still small voice inside the door."

To my humble couch I thus did go
Sought God's aid as oft before.
The dawn of day sighing and repenting
Through prayer and pleading began la-
menting.

Out of the Heavens I heard a mighty
voice
Saying, "Take up the cross and follow thy
choice."
A glorious vision beautiful trance
Came an odor of flowers rare sweet fra-
grance.

The Power of God descended on a garland
of roses
Sweet peace and rest found in a bed of
posies.
Shall I go unhealed without recognition
God says, "I called thee out of the furnace
of affliction."

To this humble hut an angel descended
Bid me say farewell to the past, with the
future mended.
Lead me to a Rock, a firm foundation,
Go preach my Gospel to all Nations.

CHRISTIAN PLEA NEWS

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THREE CHRISTIAN FESTIVITIES

H. H. Peters, State Secretary of Illinois

CHRISTIANS generally do not realize that the radical Protestants in the days of Luther came very nearly throwing out both Christmas and Easter. They did not find in the Scriptures a single line of evidence that the twenty-fifth day of December is the birthday of Jesus, nor did they find anything in the Bible about Easter. Those who were protesting vigorously against the Roman Catholic Church were tempted in their efforts to purge the church of paganism to throw out certain festivities and sacred days.

We are glad that the radicals did not prevail. We do not defend Christmas and Easter from the standpoint of the Scriptures but historic Christian consciousness carries us back to the early days of the church and leaves us with the conviction that both these festivities should be observed.

As strange as it may seem Pentecost is the only one of the three mentioned in the New Testament and it has been rejected by Protestants while the other two have been accepted. The second chapter of Acts opens with the announcement that when the day of Pentecost had fully come the Spirit of God came into the world and the church began.

We have the program of our religious year made out for us if we observe properly these three seasons. It is easy to begin the first of September and conduct the services of the church with an eye single to the ascending climax of Christmas. Then, we usually begin the first of January and go on through the months of January, February and March, reaching a grand and glorious mountain peak on Easter.

It has been the custom of the church to expect the anti-climax to begin the next day after Easter. It usually does and will until we learn the meaning of Pentecost.

This celebration comes at the end of seven weeks after Easter. What an opportunity to continue the high plane of Christian activity culminating in the celebration of the birthday of the Church. Why we have not done this is one of the strangest things in Christian history.

We are celebrating the birthday of the Church of Christ. It is a short-sighted vision that sees only the local church. We have been accustomed to say that it only is divine and some of us would cease our celebration by the development of the local church. Much more is said in the New Testament about the Church in general than about local churches. The Church is the Body of Christ. He does not have many bodies. The Church is the Bride of Christ. He does not have many brides. All the great figures of speech in the New Testament used to present the Church are singular. This is a campaign for the celebration of the birthday of the Church of Christ. It is well to use it in the development of the local church, but we must not lose sight of the larger idea of the Christian enterprise.

We ought also to revise our Communion Table talk. Ever since I can remember, the brethren have said in breaking the loaf, we do not have Communion with each other but with Christ. We do commune with Christ, but we have fellowship one with another. The Christian who takes his place at the Lord's Table not only communes with his Savior but he has fellowship with all the saints who ever have lived, who live now, and who shall abide until his coming.

In this holy enterprise of preparation for the celebration of the 1900th Pentecost, let us lift our eyes beyond boundaries and barriers and think of the Church of Christ, one, holy, and representative, of Him throughout all the world and to the end of the ages.

MEETING OF DISTRICT NO. 6

The Christian Bible School Workers Institute of District No. 6 held its quarterly session at the Little Rock Christian Church, March 24-25, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jackson and Mrs. B. H. Johnson of Dayton, Ohio, were present and Mr. Jackson gave us a very interesting talk on efficient work in the Bible school.

We are glad to say that this was our banner meeting since organization at this place ten years ago. We feel that the success of the institute has been due to the sincere efforts of our president and state evangelist, Eld. C. H. Johnson, who has labored to make District No. 6 an ideal district for the state.

We were honored in having with us in these sessions, Mrs. M. E. Taylor, State President of the Bible School Convention. She brought us an inspiring message on "The Necessity of Trained Future Teachers for the Bible School." Miss Anna Bramlett of Little Rock read an interesting paper on "Which is of Greater Importance, the Saving of Life and Soul or the Saving of Money." The subject "Does the Bible School Need Trained Men and Women" was ably discussed by Mr. Joe Lockridge of Mt. Sterling, Ky. A number of fine papers were read by delegates from Winchester, Fairview, Aaron's Run and North Middletown.

The Little Rock Church wished to thank all the workers for their loyal support in making this a banner meeting of the district.

\$56.00 were raised.

Committee:

Anna Bramlett,
C. W. Duncan,
B. F. Freeman.

Laughs, Grins and Giggles

Proper Care of Husbands

"So you let your husband carry a latchkey?"

"O just to humor him. He likes to show it to his friends to let them see how independent he is—but it don't fit the door!"—*Canadian American*.

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Thrift

"I hear that Scotty, the owner of the Highland Restaurant, is pretty thrifty." "Thrifty? Why, do you know, he has the little pieces they punch out of the checks swept up and sold for confetti."—*The Christian Register*.

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Needed a Rest

"My word, I'm badly overworked."

"What are you doing?"

"Oh, this and that."

"When?"

"Now and then."

"Where?"

"Here or there."

"Well, you must need a holiday."

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An Up-to-date Elephant

Muriel had been to the zoo for the first time and was giving her grandmother a long account of what she had seen. "And which animal did you like best, dear?" asked her grandmother when Muriel had finished. "O the elephant!" was the reply. "It was wonderful to see him pick up buns with his vacuum cleaner!"

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Reverse Evolution

The motorist had had an accident with his light car on the Brighton road. He limped painfully to a telephone box and called up the nearest garage.

"Hello," he said. "I've turned turtle. Can you do anything for me?"

"I'm afraid not," came the sweet feminine reply. "You've got the wrong number. What you want is the zoo."—*Vancouver Province*.

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His Joke Not Appreciated

A man stole a saw, and on his trial he told the judge that he only took it for a joke.

"How far did you carry it?" inquired the judge.

"Two miles," answered the prisoner.

"Ah, that's carrying a joke too far," said the judge, and the prisoner was sentenced to jail for three months.—*Confederate Veteran*.

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Demanded Competency

The dear old lady entered the drug store and looked doubtfully at the youth behind the counter.

"I suppose," she said, "that you are a properly qualified druggist?"

"Yes, madam."

"You have passed all your examinations?"

"Certainly."

"You've never poisoned anyone by mistake?"

"Not to my knowledge."

She heaved a sigh of relief.

"Very well; then you can give me a nickel's worth of cough drops."—*The Western Christian Advocate*.

Relation of C. E. to Church

(Continued from page 2.)

should be "up to the church" to spare neither expense nor ingenuity to provide a social center for its youth. A clean, wholesome, social atmosphere under the roof of the church will save more young people for the Kingdom of God than a thousand continuous sermons.

One evening I chanced to hear a young white man unburden himself of his ideas regarding the relation of his people to the other races of the world. To him everything that is not white is to be taken as a symbol of inferiority, and should therefore occupy an inferior position. On another Sunday evening I heard a Negro lad denounce in no uncertain terms all missionaries and missionary enterprises because of the commercial influences which have followed the trail blazed by the evangelists of peace and good will.

In each instance, after the flushed champion had finished his outburst, the awed silence was broken by the voice of men whose experience and contact with life added weight to their words as they presented the other side of the question. Truth, tolerance and experience, tempered with love, set each of these erring young men aright and prevented the entire group from falling into grievous error.

This is only one example of the necessity for competent supervision in this and other phases of the C. E. work. The young men simply had to relieve themselves of their pent-up feelings, which was a good thing. But think of how much damage would have been done without the timely intervention of the director.

The results derived from a balanced program for young people may be summed up in this phrase, "a growing church." One has only to watch the steady growth of the ones who do, and the gradual decline of the others who do not concern themselves with a youth's program, to be convinced that it pays, and pays, and pays to relate the C. E. and its work to the church in the same manner that the Bible school, missionary societies, and the church proper are related and integrated.

Back-Talk

"For two cents," said the policeman angrily, "I'd run you in."

"Good thing you made it two," declared the bold bad college youth, "because one copper couldn't do it."—*Boston Transcript*.

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Part of His Tackle

"Is Bill getting ready for the fishing season?"

"Well, I saw him buying an enlarging device for his camera."—*Bucknell Belle Hop*.

O H, WORLD, thou choosest not the better part!

It is not wisdom to be wise

And on the inward vision close the eyes

But it is wisdom to believe the heart.

Columbus found a world and had no chart

Save one that faith deciphered in the skies

To trust the soul's invincible surmise

Was all his science and his art.

Our knowledge is a torch of smoky pine

That lights the pathway but one step ahead

Across a void of mystery and dread,

Bid then the tender light of faith to shine

By which alone the mortal heart is led

Unto thinking of the thought divine.

—George Santayana.

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To the State Convention

(Continued from page 3.)

For the state whose departments and church convention want the future work reported the following are the terms: For the church—ten subscriptions and for the departments five additional subscriptions. That is, if the W. M. S., Bible School, and C. E. Conventions wanted their Future Work reports printed, there would be a total of 25 subscriptions coming from that state.

This applies only to Future Work Reports. They may be called differently, as Business or Recommendations Report, but it means the outline for the work to be done by the Convention in the next year. This is a service to the State Conventions that the *Christian Plea* is able to offer.

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A Glorious Achievement

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every missionary society in every district. In addition to co-operation there must be faithfulness to the little tasks that are to be done. The sum of the little things make up the large accomplishments. We must also be loyal—loyal to our office, to our district, to our state, to the brotherhood, to Christ and to His program. When loyalty is not cultivated in the local church, the lack manifests itself in all of the work. Our success depends wholly on the local societies. If the average woman would apply half she knows about Christ and His principles to the ill of the day, this would be a lovelier and more beautiful world in which to live.

Let us determine anew to devote ourselves to the task of building up our district work with the same fidelity, loyalty and devotion that enabled our pioneer sisters to build one of the greatest auxiliaries of the church. We must build our work as suggested by Isaiah,

"Precept upon precept, line upon line,

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In Praise of Childhood

In praise of little Children I will say
God first made man, then found a better way
For woman, but His third way was the best.
Of all things created, the loveliest
And most divine, are Children. Nothing here
Can be to us more gracious or more dear.
And though when God said all His works were good
There was no rosy flower of babyhood,
'Twas said of Children in a later day
That none could enter Heaven save such as they.

The earth which feels the flowering of a thorn,
Was glad, O little Child, when thou wert born.
The earth which thrills when skylark scales the blue,
Soared up itself to God's own Heaven in you;
And Heaven, which loves to lean down and to glass,
Its beauty in each dewdrop on the grass—
Heaven laughed to find your face so pure and fair,
And left, O little Child, its reflex there.

—William Canton.



Religious Education

PROF. P. H. MOSS, EDITOR

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION

"**N**O MAN liveth to himself," is as true today as it was when it was spoken a long, long time ago. We cannot have an American breakfast without calling on several states if not countries. If we are using the old-fashioned cook stove, we go to Alabama to get the metallic substance out of which the stove is made; if you are having tea, we go to Japan; sugar, you go to Louisiana. You come to Kansas to get your flour, etc. I am glad to say that we are learning the lesson in the religious world. Teamwork and co-operation are mighty big words in our thinking today. In the preparation of the textbooks in the New Standard Teacher Training Course, it was discovered that no one Communion had enough talent to write all the books, hence the publication boards syndicated to produce the best material. This spirit of co-operation is beginning to manifest itself among the Sunday School workers and field secretaries.

February 5-12, the Southside Training School, of Chicago, Illinois, put on an effort that listed 17 churches, with an enrollment of 109 church school workers, a faculty of six coming from the following Church Boards: A. M. E. Church, represented by Dr. J. C. Calwell; M. E. Church, Dr. F. H. Butler; A. M. Z. Church, Dr. Lee; C. M. E. Church, Dr. Martin; Baptist Church, Dr. J. T. Brown, and the Christian Church, the writer. These several days of fellowship gave each of us to know that we could work together, for we have a common task. Mr. Prince of the Wabash Y. M. C. A. was the dean of the school. Mr. Eichelbuger, of the A. M. Z. Church was much responsible for the success of the school. There were others who contributed time, talent and money that this first effort might not prove a failure.

The writer conducted an interdenominational Leadership Training Institute, March 14-16, at Valdosta, Georgia. There were nine Sunday Schools represented in this institute. We gave a lecture course which seemed to have been appreciated by all attending. The attendance was fine and interest high. The writer was invited to attend the Baptist Sunday School Convention to deliver a series of lectures. This invitation was turned down because of previous engagements.

In passing I spoke of an interde-

nominal council for superintendents. I think the suggestion will be put into effect. There should be more teamwork done among the workers of the Bible School. You will find that our problems are the same. These young people and children go to the public schools together on week days, they meet in the several churches on Lord's Day, but the Sunday school lessons, Uniform or Graded, are the same. There is no reason why we should not train our leaders together when it is feasible.

We are planning to hold Schools of Methods in Virginia and Ohio in the month of June. We are holding two Young People's Conferences this year. We hope to direct at least one Vacation Church school and conduct many week-end conferences. Invite your friends of other communions in to take part in this training.

—P. H. M.

Who's Who at Conference

MANY of the persons used on the faculty for the Third Annual Young People's Conference at the Southern Christian Institute will be used on the Mid-West Conference faculty. The May issue of the *Christian Plea* carried an account of the following who will serve in the Mid-West Conference and will not be repeated here:

Mrs. R. B. Grubbs, Instructor.
Prof. P. H. Moss, Dean and Instructor.
Miss Deetsy Blackburn, Instructor.
V. G. Smith, Director.
Eld. P. A. Gray, Vesper Speaker and Instructor.

Others who will serve are as follows:

ELD. C. E. CRAGGETT, DEAN OF MEN AND INSTRUCTOR

The Second Young People's Conference last year was thrilled with the thoughtful and exhaustive messages of Mr. Craggett as the Vesper speaker. This year he is being used in the Mid-West Conference in a little different capacity but he has proven himself as one able to work well with young people and will be an inspiration to all who will come to this conference. He is at present minister of the Woodland Ave. Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo. Ere this he was located in Kansas and was the author of those gems of thought that used to appear in the *Gospel Plea* under the caption, "From the Plains of Kansas."

MRS WILLIAM ALPHIN, INSTRUCTOR

Mrs. Alphin is the president of the National Woman's Missionary Convention and has served well in the three years she has held the office. This Convention has grown faster than any other and has made more real advances than either of the other conventions. Her local work in the Kansas City, Mo., church has long marked her as

an executive and woman of power and vision.

While in Texas, she was prominent in club work and has traveled extensively. Her wide interests and her vital personality will mean much to those who will be at Conference. She is at her best in assembly but yet she has had experience in the formation of a Christian Home, which course she is to teach.

MRS. RETTA M. LOGAN, DEAN OF WOMEN

Mrs. Logan has held the position as Elementary Superintendent for the state of Missouri for many years. While her title is Elementary Superintendent her work has been extended over all departments since she is the only Bible school worker of the state. Her acquaintance with the state and the young people has been invaluable in promoting this Conference and the interest manifested is indicative of her ability and consecration to the task.

She is also a loyal worker in all of the activities at the Centennial Christian Church of St. Louis, Mo., serving as Bible school supt. and singing in the choir.

MISS ADELINE E. GODDARD, INSTRUCTOR

Miss Goddard is the Young People's Worker in the state of Oklahoma. As soon as she learned that there was the prospect of a Conference for the Mid-West region she offered not only to help promote it among the churches of Oklahoma by personal visits and sending her former Conference-ites to these churches, but she also offered to take a position on the faculty.

She has had the distinction of building the Conference up in Oklahoma from a point where the faculty exceeded the student body to the place where two conferences have been organized to take care of the overflow. Such a veteran in Conference work has much to offer in this line.

MR. RAYMOND BALDWIN, INSTRUCTOR

Some have the experience, others the enthusiasm. This latter will be the property of Mr. Baldwin who will come from graduation at the Sun Flower Conference of Kansas to serve as recreational director of Mid-West. He is a graduate of Cotner College, Lincoln, Neb., and is to act in Conferences all over the country as recreational director.

MISS CAMMIE GRAY, MISSIONARY

Miss Cammie Gray has spent ten years in China. Practically her whole service has been in Wuhu, a city of 150,000, where she has worked among the women and children.

Miss Gray is a graduate of Baker University, Kansas, and has had work at Northwestern University. She is a woman of very pleasing personality and untiring energy. Few women on the mission field have given themselves with more abandon to their task to the native people than has Miss Gray.

She went to the foreign field because she considered the missionary task the most needy field in the world and she has given herself to the work with the same conviction from the beginning. Miss Gray is a strong speaker. Coming from China just now during the difficult transition going on in that land, she brings a message which is especially helpful.

All that can be done in selection of a trained, inspired, worthy faculty has been done. All that could be accomplished in promotional letters both to the church leaders and prospects has been accomplished. All that is required for a suitable place and terms has been done. So

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SEVEN DEADLY SINS

III. Pleasure Without Conscience

THE Puritans excluded pleasure in all forms but the modern religionist believes that the educative and instructive value of play and pleasure mean much in characterization and Christian living. So pleasure has its place in the category of useful elements.

But like all really good things when carried to an extreme, it becomes a curse rather than a blessing. The popular way for the enjoyment of an evening of pleasure by a church member has come to mean something of a psychological surgery. The pleasures are so much contrary to their professed beliefs that an amputation of the conscience is needed.

At first the still, small voice is chloroformed, drugged, dulled. Finally the anesthetic becomes powerless to stifle all the whisperings of conscience, and an operation is necessary. After many such little concessions to the medicinal value of physic short-cuts, the conscience is gone completely and only functions by proxy in the judgment passed on the acts of other people.

Pleasure thus becomes the sole aim of all life but like the butterfly that settles on the hand when free but is most elusive when pursued, pleasure flees. Pleasure without conscience has come to be almost as obligatory as conscience without pleasure was to the Pilgrim fathers. Both are sins that one would do well to avoid.

"And the glory of the Lord shone round about them."

WATCH! WATCH!!

Let not June 30 come without the rest of your National Apportionment being sent in.

WATCH! ! !

THE LAME WALK

IN THE days of vast turmoil in Jerusalem, with reports and rumors contradicting each other, with confusion and tumult rife, with religious and political factions contending, with slander and hatred apparent, John, from his Herodian prison, was loth to accept the Christ as the One of whom he prophesied and who was baptized by the forerunner. So he sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the one who was to be sent. Christ sent back the message "Go and report to John the things that you see and hear. The blind are regaining their sight and the lame can walk, the lepers are being cured and the deaf can hear, the dead are being raised and good news is being preached to the poor."

To refer to some of these cures will bring out two things of note.

1. To the leper who had faith, Jesus said, "I do choose! Be cured!" Matt. 8:3.

2. For the centurion's servant, He said, "Go! You shall find it just as you believed." And this cure was effected while Jesus was yet away from the afflicted one. Matt. 8:13.

3. For Peter's mother-in-law, "He touched her hand and the fever left her." Matt. 8:15.

4. Two blind men received their sight when Jesus "touched their eyes, saying According to your faith, be it done unto you." Matt. 9:29.

5. The epileptic boy was cured by Jesus "reproving the evil spirit and it came out of him." Matt. 17:18.

6. The man born blind received his sight when Jesus "spat on the ground and made clay of the saliva and He put the clay on the man's eyes and said unto him, 'Go and wash them in the Pool of Siloam.'" John 9:6, 7.

7. The woman with an issue of blood, "came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His coat." Mark 5:27.

(These references are from the Goodspeed translation.)

THE first point that is astounding in all of these is the cure of all manner of diseases. From palsy to hemorrhages, from leprosy to death, all were subjected to the power of Christ. And the Christian has not lost that power to heal all manner of ills. The native diseases of the mission lands have confounded the witch doctors for generations. Unless the people

have developed an immunity there is no possible way of salvation. But the Christian physicians, in the short time they have worked, have practically stamped out some native diseases and are far on the way to conquering all others. Thus the Christian ideal of healing the sick, of "the lame walking," was not lost with the death of the Master. Men are yet devoting their lives and energy to the task of curing the ills of men on the physical side.

THE other emphasis can be placed on the so apparent fact that Christ used many methods and modes of procedure to heal those who came unto Him. To some He spoke, others He touched and some were healed by His word while absent, some He placed clay on their injury, some touched Him, and some He spoke to the demon in them and it came out. With all of these ways recorded in healing bodily ills, is it possible to think that Christ had only one way to cure spiritual diseases? Yet there are those who would adopt a formal method and condemn any departure therefrom. Some would decree the form of baptism; some would ritualize the confession; some would call for the experience of remission of sins; some would regulate the method in getting into the organization. All of these would fain limit Christ to one method in healing spiritual ills. Ritual has its place but not in healing the human heart. The Disciples are as iron-clad in some of their practices as any church. Baptism has come to mean immersion and immersion alone to them. Those that sprinkle are not of the faith when they come to our church to take membership. As visiting Christians, they are perfect. As members, they are all wrong. The question is really one of church usages and not one of human conversion.

The main idea of all is to engender tolerance. "For which is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee or Take up thy bed and walk?"

WHAT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MEANS

I. To the Brotherhood

TWELVE years of history have placed our National Convention on such a plane that it is no longer a luxury but a necessity of the brotherhood.

Before its inception there was no organization that could in any way represent the sum total of the Disciples in their progress, sentiments, ideals, aims and genius. The state groups like Jew and Samaritan had no dealings with each other. To individuals whose ideas and vision

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Things To Do in June

OBSERVE CHILDREN'S DAY

GET TO THE U. C. M. S. ALL OF YOUR MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT

Have a young person at the **MIDWEST CONFERENCE**

Plan for your State Convention representation

Prepare to prevent the **SUMMER SLUMP**

A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

THE DESTINY OF AMERICA

FOUR hundred and thirty-six years ago the entire western hemisphere was unknown to the civilized world. Was there a divine purpose in this vast continent lying hidden away on the other side of the world so long? At any rate we can now see how it worked out.

When we trace the development of civilization in the eastern continent from the beginning of the time when they began to know God to the discovery of America we can see how it was a struggle with old systems that were wrong. If America had been known from the beginning and had developed along with the civilization of the East, it would have been far more difficult to work out anything. But America lay hidden until such time as a very considerable element of Europe began to see the hope of better things and then it was discovered.

It Became a Spillway for Reformers

Soon after America was discovered, the reformers of Europe who had about despaired of winning out against the old systems began to migrate to the new continent. The Puritans and Quakers of England, the Covenanters of Scotland, the Huguenots of France, the Mennonites and Dunkers of Holland, all came to America as the very cream of advanced thought. England later made the mistake of trying to hold the lid down on them with iron bands, but it failed and America became free.

All Nations Came Here

It was manifest from the beginning that no one race or nation could preempt America. Every nationality of Europe came and then a conspiracy of fate sent the African slaves here and now they are about twelve per cent of the population. Later came the people of the Far East, the Chinese, the Japanese and the Hindus. And now economical conditions have forced us to put a ban on further immigration. This means that the element of our population that has the most virtue will rapidly increase in proportion to its virtue. The Hebrews in Egypt increased nearly a hundred times faster than the Egyptians and greatly alarmed them. A very considerable element of our well-to-do white people have gone off into the vagaries of birth control and trial and experimental marriages and this will rapidly eliminate these people from further influence in the life of the

nation. Many of our Negro population that has gone to the cities is fast eliminating itself also. The future of America belongs to the virtuous, modest, simple living and purposeful elements of our people, be they white, yellow, brown or black.

The Future Measured by the Present Problems

Whenever an issue of right has advanced to the point where it begins to "stew" it is not far from a settlement. I think this was what Jesus had in mind when he said to His disciples,

"Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you."

As a rule we pout and complain and grow discouraged when such difficulties come up, but Jesus wanted us to know that our only hope is in overcoming evils and that when they get into a "stew" we may know that the evils are being overcome. When the "stew" over slavery came the Civil War and Emancipation were not far off. When the liquor traffic began to "imagine vain things" a clean America was not far off.

When the American constitution was made they enunciated the great principle that all authority of government was to be lodged in the people. But before they got through they resorted to the cunning device of assuming that some persons were not people and so they recognized slavery. But it could not live and thrive always in a republic like ours and so slavery was abolished. Now the question of franchise is up, and it too will be settled right. One reason why it is slow in settlement is that the franchise is in a very satisfactory moral way with those who can use it. We wonder once in a while whether the franchise, as it is used now, would not be a curse to the Negro race. But America is founded on the principle that all authority is lodged in "the people" and since the people are made up of all races and colors and nationalities, we must adhere to it.

What Interracial Work Can Do
Orlando Interracial Committee Renders Valuable Service, Says Leading Daily

The Orlando Star, leading daily paper of this city, comments as follows on the

work of the local Interracial Committee, appointed two years ago by the Chamber of Commerce:

"Few people in Orlando realize the good work being done by the interracial committee of this city. . . A committee of representative white citizens has been working in conjunction with a committee of representative colored citizens for the betterment of the conditions of the colored people and the consequent betterment of the entire community. That section of the city occupied by the colored population has been made more sanitary, the streets are better lighted, the homes are made more attractive and the business houses in that section are up to higher standards by reason of this cooperation between the two races. Playgrounds and a lake for swimming are other improvements noted as a result of these efforts.

"The colored population of Orlando has shown its willingness and its ability to assume its share of responsibility in the affairs of the community", says the Star. "Colored people are taking a commendable interest in their schools and in the beautification of the grounds. The two committees cooperate for a better observance of law and order. When Orlando was making contributions to the flood sufferers, the colored people of this city made a magnificent contribution in both money and clothing and products to the people of their race in the flood districts."

A Square Deal is Tennessee's School Creed

"Equal Opportunities for Every Child", Says State Education Department

The State Department of Education, headed by Hon. Perry L. Harned, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has adopted the following as Tennessee's educational creed and is giving it wide circulation throughout the state in the form of attractive banners:

WE BELIEVE That every child is a future citizen of the state, asset or liability.

WE BELIEVE That it is the obligation of the state to see that every child has equal educational opportunities.

WE BELIEVE That every child has the right:

To attend school every day during the school term;

To go to school the same number of days as every other child;

To be instructed by a trained teacher;

To go to a school in a building free from fire hazard;

To attend school in a building that is located in a healthful environment, that is scientifically built and equipped and kept sanitary;

To be transported to school if travel distance is too great;

To succeed in school.

WE BELIEVE That every child has the right to attend a school;

Where medical and dental inspection are available without charge;

Where organized play is considered a normal activity and is provided;

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Department of the Women of the Church

MRS. ROSA BROWN GRUBBS, EDITOR

RETRENCH

Many hearts ached last summer, when the word went out of the retrenchment that was necessary in all departments of our united work. Missionaries held at home, orders cancelled, work closed, children refused entrance to schools and the sick to hospitals—all after the final receipts in June had shown that they would not justify carrying out the regular plans for the fields. Were receipts less? No, indeed! Receipts have increased steadily and those last year were the largest in our history. But we have a healthy live work on every field, and this has meant normal growth. The growth on the mission field has been greater than the growth in giving of our people. Did you pray for the Lord to bless our work last year? Well, He did! That blessing came in increased opportunities, but because of our unwillingness here at home to meet the cost, the word had to go out—Do not grow! Do not increase! Cut your work!

We are now at the end of another year. What about your aims? Are you reaching them? If you do not collect all your pledges; if you do not reach that aim which was sent to you from your state office and from the United Society; if you do not make your own personal offering adequate—it will mean further retrenchment!

ELECTIONS

This is election month, and next year's work depends largely on your choice of officers. Are you holding those who have been in office for years? Do you not think it wise after one has served three years, to have a change? Not to depend too much on one or two? To train new people, thus having a whole organization of capable members rather than the few? To get out of the ruts which continued office-holding brings?

Are those you are choosing optimistic? Will they take the suggestion of new plans and higher aims for the Pentecostal Program as work that can be accomplished? Are they the hopeful, courageous type? We need women of executive ability, but above all we need those who love their

NATIONAL GOAL

THE National Aim of the W. M. S. for this year is \$5,000.00.

Every W. M. S. will want to reach this quota and its own apportionment. Every church where there is a woman should make a gift to represent the women.

The third Sunday in June is Pew Rally Day for the W. M. S. Let every church observe it.

Wherever it is practical the women may to an advantage serve dinner at the church with tickets sold before hand or the dinner widely advertized. After the dinner may follow the meeting of the Society and the special service. The financial aim of the Rally should be no less than the remaining amount needed to finish the entire apportionment.

Lord and His work so completely that they will have the courage and the faith to undertake great tasks for Him. **The work in every mission field will be affected by your choice of officers.** Choose right!

PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR

The Program Year Books for next year will be ready for your June executive committee meeting. These should be ordered early enough to insure their delivery in time. They will contain the Programs and program suggestions as usual and in addition the service emphasis formerly covered in the program of work. This will give in one booklet the most essential points to hold before the membership—programs and service. The Programs will be based on the survey of the fields and will cover all work of the United Christian Missionary Society. Programs for this year will be arranged for the different organizations, Woman's

Society, Young Matrons' Guild, Circle and Triangle. **WHEN ORDERING PLEASE STATE FOR WHICH ORGANIZATION you desire the program.**

GROUPS OR DIVISIONS?

There have, through the years, been many objections to the use of the word "Division" when describing our well-established group plan of work. In some churches, the objection to the word "Division" caused the use of the word "Sections," while in many they used the word "Circles." This latter caused misunderstandings for the word circle should have but one meaning—the organization for girls from 18-24. We are now asking that in the future all use the word "GROUPS." The new manuals and constitutions use the word "GROUPS" entirely—no division any more.

NEW MANUALS

Manuals for Woman's Missionary Societies, Young Matrons' Missionary Societies, Missionary Guild, Young Woman's Missionary Circles, Triangle Clubs and Juniors are just off the press. These are what you have been needing. They cover methods and plans of work and all phases of the organizational needs. These should be ordered for your new officers and the new executive committee should spend an afternoon or evening studying them together (10c each). This is just what you have been wanting. It is just what you need. These may be secured for all organizations together in a handbook binding separately. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IN ORDERING YOU STATE CLEARLY WHICH MANUAL YOU DESIRE. DO NOT simply order a MANUAL FOR THERE ARE FOUR! STATE FOR WHICH ORGANIZATION YOU ARE ORDERING.** If you wish all four order the **HANDBOOK.** Order from United Christian Missionary Society, 425 DeBaliviere Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

From

*The Department of Missionary Organizations,
United Christian Missionary Society.*

**Have You Raised Your Apportionment?
June 30 Marks Close of Missionary Year.
Take Up Your Deficit
SEND IT IN AT ONCE**

Missionary Programs, 1928-1929

Woman's Society

Theme, From Survey to Service

The Lord giveth the word: the women that publish the tidings are a great host

July: The Love of Christ Constrains Us.

August: After Fifty Years.

September: A United Task.

October: The Church, Minister, Maintenance, Building.

November: Early Americans.

December: Later Americans.

January: Japan, Philippines and West Indies.

February: Latin America.

March: Forty-five Years in India.

April: Africa in One Generation.

May: China—Tibet.

June: Purpose and Performance.

Guild

Theme, Comrades of The Way

And a highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness

July: The King's Highway.

August: Who? What? Why?

September: Comradeship in Service.

October: With the Road Builders.

November: Traveling Together 400 Years.

December: From Europe to the Orient.

January: On the Highways of the Seas.

February: With Other Americans.

March: By Waysides in India.

April: Comrades of the Congo.

May: Trials and Triumphs of the Way.

June: Love and the Way Forward.

Young Matrons

Theme, The Gates of the Nations

Life up your heads O ye gates, yea lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory will come in.

July: "That the King of Glory May Come In."

August: What is Beyond?

September: 6 in 1.

October: See America First.

November: Color Harmony.

December: A New America.

January: The Isles Await.

February: Widening Gates of the West.

March: Widening Gates of the East.

April: Ethiopia Shall Stretch Out Her Hands Unto God.

May: Through the Moongate.

June: Conquer the Earth for Your King.

Department of Church Life

ELD. WILLIAM ALPHIN—EDITOR

SYSTEM IN CONVENTIONS

THE Missionary Year is from July 1 to June 30. Work is planned. Workers employed. Budgets made to finance the work. Individuals to supervise the work are appointed. All this is done finally by the National Convention which meets early in the Missionary Year.

But the report of work and activities is to June 30, not Sept. 1. By this plan the work is retarded. Two months of the Missionary Year is passed before the plans, budgets and apportionments are passed on by the National Convention. At best one fourth if not one third of the year is passed before the plans and apportionments reach the pastors and churches. This then comes in late fall or winter which is not a good time for missionary offerings in most of the churches. So often in the rural churches especially, they only have four or five months of the year for real action on the national program before the year closes.

The present plan makes confusion in book-keeping at headquarters. Often the reports sent from headquarters are not understood because they are made according to the missionary year rather than the conventional year.

The last of August is the time of the ending of the "summer slump" with pastors and teachers vacations ending, preparation for the opening of school and in the rural sections of the Southland, the period for revivals. I believe that we should think through this matter together and see if some way cannot be devised to better systemize our work of the missionary year and of the conventional year. These two should prove an asset and inspiration for each other in cooperative work.

STATE CONVENTIONS

THE state conventions are supposed to represent in the National Convention. So prepare to send delegates and to appoint or elect your member of the Recommendations Committee. Send a state enrollment fee of \$5.00 for each church in the state.

STATE CONVENTION DATES

Texas—June 19-24, Cason, Texas.
Tennessee—July 11-15, Rogersville.
Kentucky—July 18-22, Georgetown.
Missouri—Aug. 8-12, Kansas City.
Tri-State—Aug. 8-12, Jonesville, N. C.
Mississippi—Aug. 15-19, Mound Bayou.
South Carolina—Sept. 9-14, Holly Hill.
Alabama—Oct. 24-28, Birmingham.

National Convention—August 27-Sept. 2, Chicago, Ill.

The states of Arkansas, Kansas, Maryland-D. C. District, Ohio, Illinois, Oklahoma and Piedmont District have not been heard from to date. Four of the state conventions meet after the National Convention. It would be a better system for co-operation and reports if all the brethren in these states would agree to have the convention in that state before the National Convention, and while I know that this is not an easy thing to do all of the time, we are sure that with a little consideration all can see the importance and necessity for such a change for the constructive system. For a constructive co-operation and uniformity, there must be self-denial, tolerance and sacrifice on the part of all. We have a great and glorious task and it is worth all that it will cost us.

APPORTIONMENTS

DURING the year we have received many replies to letter and statements saying, "We cannot now but we shall before the books close June 30, pay up." In most cases these letters were from our city churches. Therefore the reports from the churches for the first Sunday in May and during the months of May and June ought to be good. All churches and departments are far from the National goal and as a result the work has suffered greatly. It is hoped that the response in these two months will greatly reduce the deficit made in trying to keep the work up.

We must rally and during the remaining time sincerely do our best, reporting promptly before the books close. We want to show that the work is not going backward. We should all take up all of our National Apportionments and come to Chicago able to read "Our title's clear" in loyalty to the cause and to the brotherhood.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. D. A. DALLAS
Activities of the Month of April at
Twelfth St. Church

APRIL 8 which was Easter, our pastor preached a wonderful sermon. The Bible school on that day was good but due to the inclement weather the Easter program scheduled for the evening was not given.

April 15th Bible school and services were good all day. The text was found Matt. 16:13. The church of Christ was compared to the corn plant—1. the blade, 2. the corn, 3. the full corn in the ear. This was illustrated down through the third dispensation. That evening we were able to have our Easter program which was witnessed by several visitors. It was exceedingly good, conducted by Mrs. I. Q. Hurdle and Mrs. D. A. Dallas. Amount raised for ministerial relief was \$10.30.

April 22 Bible school and service were again good and attended by several visitors. Sermon text and subject were Gal. 5—"Right Living." And the evening discourse was on Job 13—"Forgery Against Divine Justice." Our pastor made all present feel like the apostles did on the day of Pentecost.

We have an efficient Bible class taught by the pastor, which is growing. We enjoy the way he explains the Bible to us.

I have been appointed Christian Plea secretary and reporter and I shall do my best to get the paper into every home of the church and the home of as many visitors as possible.

SCOTTS, ARKANSAS

Oak Grove

REPORTER—PROF. J. D. HILL

This comes to tell of our Easter program which was conducted by Miss A. L. Moore and that was enjoyed by all.

The program embodied readings, Bible references and vocal music, all very fitting for the day. Offering—\$3.37.

At the eve of the program, Miss Cora Armstrong of Oak Grove and Mr. G. M. Thomas of Pearidge, were married. The ceremony was read by the pastor, Eld. William Martin.

On April 15th we had with us Eld. G. B. Hervey and Eld. W. T. York. Eld. Hervey gave us an address on the improvement of the Bible School which was very instructive. Eld. York remained over the week-end and preached four impressive sermons. We are always pleased to have such men in our midst.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Two great services at the Forrest St. Christian Church, Sunday, April 22. Eld. T. J. Green preached two able sermons. In the morning the discourse was from Phil. 4:13, "Doing all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," and in the evening it was from Luke 10 and John 5, "Who is my Neighbor?"

The offering for the day was \$76.30. Eld. Green has been with us for about a month. He is a great preacher and revivalist should you need him.

MT. STERLING, KY.

REPORTER—MRS. L. D. MAGOWAN

We are getting along nicely in all departments of our church.

Eld. Brown, our pastor, has not been so well since he returned from a visit to Springfield, Mo., where he was with his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hunter.

We have had four deaths since our last writing.

Mrs. Biby, quite an aged lady, was found dead in her bed.

Mr. Patrick Henry, a young man, joined the church about four years ago and was a faithful member until affliction came upon him.

Mrs. Joseph Lockridge passed away in the full triumph of the faith.

Mrs. Phoebe Marshall, eighty-six years old, passed away after a short illness. She had been in the Cause of Christ for sixty years.

We had a very splendid Easter program and raised \$21.80. Our Easter sunrise prayer meeting was enjoyed by the women in attendance.

LOUISVILLE, THIRD

Pastor—Eld. F. T. Floyd

Clerk—A. D. Cooper

Reporter—Isira Hairsten

The month of March has been a banner one, full of thrilling experiences and radiant sunshine. The clubs have concentrated their efforts in a hopeful campaign to bring about a material as well as a spiritual climax that will be worth while. Centering their attention on their goal of "One Thousand Dollars by Third Sunday in May" the clubs have worked. "Star of Bethlehem" is in front line trenches, "Silver Leaf" in flank guard, "Red Rose" in rear guard and second line trenches and with "Rose of Sharon" reconnoitering and sharpshooting. Our pastor-commander-in-chief is at the look-out post, preaching every Sunday.

At the services, April 1, he preached from the subject, "I Want to See Jesus" with eloquence and divine fervor and the entire congregation was exalted. He concluded with an admonition to the clubs to keep the Banner of Christ in front to crown their efforts with success.

On the third Sunday in May, the Christian Endeavor which has been inactive for a number of years was revived and reorganized by the Superintendent of the Bible School at 8:00. The superintendent was elected president; Mrs. Julia Ramsey, Vice-President; Miss Odell Thomas of Louisville High School, Secretary and Mr. T. S. Dodd, Treasurer.

Eld. Floyd and wife are enjoying club work. On April 27, they presented a playlet, "The Church Fight," a comedy full of wit and humor of the side-splitting, seat-shaking variety.

A church in action will grow and we are favored with additions right along.

The Missionary Society, Miss E. M. Alcorn, President, is extending a helping hand in club activity.

"Who's Who at Louisville Third?" Ask the Stars of Bethlehem.

Decision Day Sunday, April 8th, the morning services were well attended and a large and appreciative audience heard Eld. Floyd's timely message laying great stress on immortality of the soul.

The collection was above the average.

Eleven decided for Christ in the Bible School.

CONVENTIONS

State and National Meet Soon

Be Represented.

BETWEEN TWO HILLS

REPORTER—ELD. D. W. BRADLEY,
ROGERSVILLE, TENN.

For fear that the readers of the *Christian Plea* may think we are lost or that we might be somewhere in Dreamland, I shall let you hear from us. I am glad to say that we are still "on the map" and trying to "keep the home fires burning."

Eld. R. F. Hayes, pastor of the Vine St. Church, Knoxville, Tenn., has been here with us engaged in a ten-day meeting and while we had no additions I feel that the church was much revived and that each one of us received great inspiration. Eld. Hayes is a gospel preacher and he knows how to deliver it in an intelligent manner. I am sure that the church he pastors will do a great work if they follow his leadership.

We were very much disappointed in February in not having the anticipated visit of the editor of the *Christian Plea* with us since we had planned a party for the twenty-second for his benefit. He failed to come preferring the "eats" of Johnson City. But I want to assure him and all others that this church always cares for its visitors.

On Sunday April 8th, I was invited to Tazenell, Tenn., to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon for the Rosenwall Consolidated School. I went and had a fine time and they said the sermon was O. K. Prof. J. O. Mitchell, a young man of our church, is the principal. He is doing a fine piece of work. He has been re-elected for the coming year with an increase in salary.

I do hope that the Bible School is doing its bit to raise the National apportionment. Don't forget to send it to the U. C. M. S., for they are engaged in a wonderful work.

Strive to make a full report at the State Convention in July when we meet in Rogersville.

HOLLAND, TEXAS

The church at this place was invited to be the guests of the Murphy St. Christian Church, Taylor, Texas, on Sunday, March 25. A number of the citizens of Holland motored over to Taylor for the occasion.

The program had been arranged by Mrs. Maude Davis the pastor of the Holland Church. It was enjoyed by all. Eld. P. F. Jackson, pastor of the A. M. E. Church preached an inspiring sermon. A solo was rendered by Miss Annie Ferguson. Music was furnished by Miss Orra Garrett of Granger, Tex., and an instrumental solo by Miss Marie Hendricks of Chicago, Ill.

The offering of \$12.50 was donated to the Holland Church toward their new church building.

FRANKFORD, MISSOURI

REPORTER—MISS PAULINE OFFORD,
SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Easter week of Prayer was observed by the church under the supervision of the W. M. S. Much interest was manifested and much good accomplished. Mrs. Bertha Toney is president and Mrs. Cammie Doolin, secretary.

The remodeling of our church building is completed and we are again having services in the same. Our Easter service and program were well attended by both persons in our immediate locality and visitors from New London and Gurrysville. Much credit is due the Supt. of the Bible School, the organist and our public school teacher who had charge of the direction of the program.

Our State Field Secretary of the W. M. S., Mrs. Cammie Doolin made an official visit to New London, Mo. March 29.

Eld. P. A. Gray of Fulton, Mo., our state evangelist, addressed the church and held a conference with the state officers of this church on Monday, April 9. Eld. Gray is a big man with a big job and his program of work will mean much in winning souls for Christ. "Go, ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mrs. Emma Toney is at home worshipping again with this church after ten months in Kansas City where she worshipped with the Woodland Ave. Church.

Attend all the auxiliaries of your church. They need you and miss you when you are away.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

HANCOCK-HILL ST. CHURCH

Eld. T. B. Frost, Pastor

The Hancock St. Christian Church has bought and moved to 913 W. Hill St. We now carry the name Hancock-Hill St. Church. And we want to say to the brotherhood that we are planning great things for the Lord. Our work is moving along nicely and we ask the prayers of the brotherhood for success.

All the departments of the church are working well. Miss Fannie Harris gave an entertainment on March 24 for the church which was a success. Mrs. Beulah Hoeker gave a fish supper on March 31.

Prayer services were held at Mrs. J. H. Thomas on Ormsby Ave., April 2, and at Mrs. Winklefield's on Jacob St., April 4, leading up to the Easter Sunday.

The Hancock-Hill St. Christian Church will have its formal opening and rally day on April 15 with dinner served at the church in the new dining room. A full program is expected of representatives of both the colored and white churches of the city.

NOTES FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS

REPORTER—I. Q. HURDLE

THE Twelfth St. Christian Church has done more in the past twelve months under the leadership of our efficient pastor, G. W. Taylor, than it has done in any one year since the church has been established. We celebrated the pastor's first anniversary in March with an appropriate service. Other churches of the city responded readily to the call for a united effort.

Eld. Taylor has added twenty-eight members in this period and fifteen of these are regular attendants.

The Bible School and Y. P. S. C. E. as well as the W. M. S. are doing splendid work. We are gradually paying our budget claims as we think the churches everywhere ought to do.

Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs filled our hearts brimful of new inspiration when she was with us. We have taken new courage and the church must help support so noble a cause that has such faithful servants as Mrs. Grubbs. She is truly carrying the message of Christ and we should build up the work in order that we might have more whole-hearted workers on the field.

We have just completed our Easter Drive with all departments of the church assisting and the Bible School leading with an offering for the aged ministers who are heroes now suffering oftentimes.

Expect to hear from the Twelfth St. Church and all of its departments.

TO ALUMNI AND FORMER STUDENTS

of

The Southern Christian Institute

Dear Fellow-students:

We, the members of the S. C. I. Club of Chicago, Ill., feel that the Alumni and former students of the S. C. I. should do something constructive to help our Alma Mater directly.

We find that one of their greatest needs is for a concert piano. Wouldn't it be fine to see or hear that a nice grand piano was on the stage in the chapel of the new building?

Now we are asking that each Alumni, former student and friend will send as much as possible for this cause. We want everyone to share in this. Any amount will be accepted. We will appreciate any suggestions.

Send all remittances to

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, Pres. of
Chicago S. C. I. Club.
4550 Michigan Ave. Chicago, Ill.

CHICKASHA, OKLA.

REPORTER—MRS. ESTELLE FULLER

Having lately been appointed reporter for our congregation, I take this method of letting you know by sending in this report of our church work.

The work here has been somewhat slack here for the past four months, since we have had no pastor. But we have been doing our best under the circumstances and I am glad to say that we are yet alive and hoping for better things.

We have called a pastor in the person of Eld. G. W. Scott of Beaumont, Texas, who we feel is able to lead us on to success.

We were favored with a visit on March 16 from our National Field Secretary of the W. M. S. in the person of Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs who as usual, brought us a wonderful message which was much enjoyed by all as well as inspiring us to greater service. We were also inspired by a visit from Eld. S. S. Myers of Oklahoma City on March 14, who spurred us on. We are thankful that the outlook seems bright and we are asking the prayers of the brotherhood for our success.

We shall let you hear from us again.

TAYLOR, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. MAUDE DAVIS

The Murphy St. Christian Church was very artistically decorated for the Easter services. Green and white was the color scheme. Easter lilies, posies, cut flowers and potted plants made a beautiful scene.

The Bible School enjoyed a program rendered by the little folk with a special solo by Miss Dolores Hall—"Thank God for a Garden" to close the program.

The Christian Endeavor program bade fair to be the best ever given by the Society but it was handicapped by the rain and inclement weather. Master Charles Hughes, who is not twelve years of age, was planning to tell the story of Jesus in his own way. Charles is aspiring for the ministry and he is a wonderful little boy who can sing well, pray better than some of the men who have been in the church for ages. We all regret that we did not have the privilege to hear Charles but we hope to have the opportunity real soon.

On April 27, a Night of Fun and Feast of the Seasons was given at the Murphy St. Church sponsored by Mrs. Maude Davis to raise money for the painting of the church building.

CENTENNIAL CHURCH

St. Louis, Mo., put on a Pew Rally, May 13 under the W. M. S. Mr. C. Yocum of the United Society was the speaker. Over \$35.00 was realized.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

REPORTER—ELD. J. E. BLAIR

Upon my arrival in Youngstown, January 8, 1928, I found the church in a very despondent state. There were only about ten active members and I immediately declared an evangelistic war on the Satanic forces and triumphed in capturing seventeen additions and one confession in the period Jan. 8-April 1.

Youngstown is a great field for spiritual culture and intellectual improvement.

We are contemplating a \$150.00 rally for June 24, 1928. The congregation seems to be very much pleased with the procedure.

Eld. D. W. Scott, pastor of Central Christian Church has cheerfully granted us the use of the baptistry and also expressed his desire to share with us our effort.

I solicit the prayers of the brotherhood for the continuation of this great work.

GEORGETOWN, KY.

REPORTER—MRS. BELLE S. JOHNSON

The Sunrise Prayer Services on Easter Sunday were very nicely attended and everyone seemed filled with the spirit. We returned at 11:00 o'clock to receive the message that the pastor delivered in a beautiful and instructive way on "The Resurrection." After the services two were buried in baptism.

On April 15th when the pastor extended the invitation in the Bible School one came forward and made the good confession.

In the afternoon, Eld. Judson King and his choir of the first Congregational Church, Lexington, Ky., rendered helpful service. This meeting was planned by the pastor and with the cooperation of the members it was a success. The collection for the afternoon was \$117.11.

Two officers of the Midway Christian Church worshipped with us on this occasion.

Eld. Letton is doing wonderful work in a spiritual and financial way. We trust that he will live long to carry on this great work.

MAYSLICK, KY.

REPORTER—A. D. GAULT

The good ministers still stop by to see us. April 1 Eld. C. H. Johnson, our state evangelist, was with us. His was a good sermon of the morning. In the afternoon he preached a sermon for the Baptist Church and was with us again for the night services.

Every time Eld. Johnson comes, he brings us something new and leaves us something to think about. After the evening services, Eld. Johnson and the church went to the M. E. Church to be with Eld. Rich in his closing services.

CHICAGO, ILL.

REPORTER—MRS. FLOYD,
LANGLEY AVE. CHURCH

EASTER week was a great week at the Langley Ave. Church. The W. M. S., Mrs. E. Crawford, president, observed the Easter Week of Prayer. On Good Friday evening the choir under Mrs. Lanier rendered a very beautiful cantata entitled, "Jesus Lives." Mrs. Lanier exemplified her years of experience in the training of the church choir in a masterly way on this occasion. All present enjoyed the program.

On Easter morning the women of the Oakwood Boulevard and Langley Avenue W. M. Societies met in a joint Sunrise prayer meeting at 6:00. Mrs. LaTouche was the leader. The program that was used was the one outlined by Mr. Bader in the *Christian Plea*. It was carried out very successfully. A deal of enthusiasm was shown in this service by these consecrated women; they really fed the hungry and thirsty soul present with the spiritual food.

At 10:00 the Bible School met and gave a touching program. Superintendent Perry and his teachers did not fail to thoroughly train the pupils for this occasion. The invitation was extended by the pastor and ten young people came forward, nine to make the good confession and one by letter.

At 11:30 the regular services started with a full house. The music was inspiring. The pastor used for his theme Luke 34:41, "Easter Doubt." This was another glorious meeting throughout.

We closed the week's program with eleven additions and \$65.00 in offerings with wonderful inspiration gained from the service of the Risen Lord. We plan to go forward in this spirit. Pray for us that we faint not.

NEW LONDON, MO.

PASTOR—ELD. E. K. BURTON

SUNDAY, April 15, was a full day for Pastor Eld. E. K. Burton. The services started with the Bible School on time and with a large group of pupils.

Church services began promptly at 11:00 o'clock. The sermon on "Division" was preached: 1. A Divided Home; 2. A Divided Church; 3. A Divided Kingdom. Eld. Burton was at his best.

In the afternoon he preached the funeral sermon over one of our sisters who lived in Hannibal. She had written home just three days before her demise saying, "Mother, I shall be home Sunday," and the subject of the sermon was "How far are we from home?"

Endeavor meeting was held at the
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NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CITY

REPORTER—MISS ALPHA D. PENN,
ROANOKE, VA.

Christian Endeavor Day was observed at the Ninth Ave. Christian Church, Sunday, February 5, 1928, at 11:00 o'clock. Eld. Whitfield delivered a special Christian Endeavor sermon on "Christian Service" from the text of Romans 12:1 and developed under the following headings:

1. The confession of Jesus Christ as foundation for Christian Service.
2. Training for Christian Service.
3. Loyalty to the church.
4. Christian fellowship through Christian Endeavor.
5. Expressing the Missionary Spirit.
6. Practicing world brotherhood.

Special music preceded the sermon.

The young people rendered a very fine program at 8:00 p. m.

The Ladies Aid Society was organized on Sunday, March 25, with Mrs. J. F. Whitfield as president. Much success is hoped for in the activities of the society.

The Pre-Easter Evangelistic Campaign was carried out in the Ninth Ave. Christian Church. Eld. William Martin of Johnson City, Tenn., and District Evangelist for Eastern Tennessee, conducted the services.

The Centennial Club, an organization of young people, announced a morality play, "Every Youth," for April 17th for the benefit of the church.

The church is moving along nicely and the Bible School rendered valuable service in the evangelistic campaign.

ATCHISON, KANSAS

REPORTER—MRS. ARCHIE S. WILSON

The Beginners Class of the Second Christian Church Bible School of Atchison, Kansas, gave a Farewell Party in honor of Cerial Arlean Jones who is leaving this city for her new home in Kingsport, Tenn., with her grandmother. There were sixteen members of the class present and the little ones had a fine time during the afternoon playing games, telling stories and other activities.

Miss Jones was presented with a token from each child. The party was held at the home of the teacher of the class, Mr. Archie S. Wilson, 625 Second St. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Carrie Wilson is superintendent, Mrs. Mary Wilson, secretary and Eld. F. H. Coleman, Pastor of this church and Bible School. And some of the classes of the Bible School are the largest in town among the colored churches.

LYONS, TEXAS

REPORTER—F. H. MOORE,
ST. JAMES

On Wednesday evening, March 28 we were thrown into sadness through the death of our much loved sister, Virginia Washington, who was the last female pioneer of this community.

Her remains were laid to rest in the Center Line Cemetery, March 29 after the funeral services conducted by father William Green assisted by his son Eld. R. W. Green. Father Green's text was from 2 Cor. 5:1. He was barely able to speak above a whisper on account of his advanced age and feeble health but he was ably assisted by his son.

Sister Washington's age is not known exactly but it is thought she was about four score. She joined St. James when it was organized forty-one years ago.

One sister, one brother, seven children, thirty-three grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends mourn her home-going.

As she often expressed it on other occasions;

A loved one from us has gone.
A voice we love is still.
A space is vacant in our midst
That only she can fill.

TO THE BIBLE SCHOOLS SCHOOLS SENDING IN THE MONEY ON THE FUND FOR THE DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO THE WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL CONVENTION.

IN 1927.

Nov. 26—Frankford, Mo.	\$1.00
Nov. 28—Paris, Texas	1.00
Nov. 28—Salisbury, Mo.	1.00
Nov. 28—Pittsburg, Texas	1.00
Dec. 1—Chickasha, Okla.	1.00
Dec. 2—Mt. Sterling, Ky.	1.00
Dec. 5—Bay City, Texas	1.00
Dec. 6—Glenfawn, Texas	1.00
Dec. 6—J. C. C. Hawkins	2.00
Dec. 5—Greenville, Texas	1.00
Dec. 9—Topeka, Kansas	1.00
Dec. 13—Ardmore, Okla.	1.00
Dec. 20—Tyler, Texas	1.00
Dec. 26—Little Rock, Ark.	1.00

IN 1928.

Jan. 16—Louisville, Hancock	\$1.00
Jan. 24—Cincinnati, Kenyon Ave.	1.00
Apr. 17—Hustonville, Ky.	1.00
Apr. 17—Mayslick, Ky.	1.00
Apr. 17—Winchester, Ky.	1.00
Apr. 17—Fairview, Ky.	1.00
Apr. 17—N. Middletown, Ky.	1.00
Apr. 17—Little Rock, Ky.	1.00
Apr. 17—Aaron's Run, Ky.	1.00

PAID AT THE CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON

Hagerstown, Md.	\$1.00
Washington, D. C.	1.00
Tri-State District	1.00
Chicago, Langley Ave.	1.00
Baltimore, Md.	1.00
Roanoke, Va.	1.00
Chicago, Oakwood Blvd.	1.00
Kansas City, Kan.	1.00
Total	\$32.00

Dear Workers:

Only one month remains until the World Bible School Congress opens in Los Angeles, Calif. We have not raised half of the necessary \$100.00 to make this trip possible. Each school in the brotherhood is asked for at least \$1.00 to help defray the expenses.

Make the money order out payable to Prof. T. W. Pratt, Dallas, Texas, and send to—

Mrs. Hattie Tyree
4817 Indiana Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

From the Banks of Old Kentucky

Eld. C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky.

"I write unto you, young men, because."

Then as now, young people received their meed of praise and the cross-currents of condemnation as well. Then as now, many had lost the bloom and in the sere and yellow leaf were acrimonious and impatient, nervous and ill at ease when some real boy or girl broke through some conventional lines, hoary with supposed sacrament.

Young people as well as older ones (and it's difficult to distinguish them now) present an interesting study which withal should be a sympathetic one, for much depends on the angle from which we approach it. Without thoughtful research, the young folk of today are often "*Found Wanting*" when compared with the yesterday; which raises the question, "Are the young folk of today better or worse than those of fifty years ago?" Most people say they are worse, but in this I do not agree.

One generation is uncovered in the next. That is their deeds mature. If many of the present calamity-howlers were not so forgetful and even blind they could remember some of their own fanciful tricks, veiled perhaps, but none the less vile; which would compare favorably with some present day misdemeanors.

While no attempt here is made to justify meannesses, but 'kettles' should be the last to call the pot black."

I think the emphasis should not be upon comparisons of people under different environments. Hence the further and saner question is "*Are our young people what they should be in the light of the present opportunities?*" "Judged according to what one hast, not according to what he hast not."

Here comes room for improvement, and the major part of that lies in the grown-ups. Did you ever stop to think that most of the habits and customs charged against our young people are ARRANGED by older people? Who makes the decks and the dice? Who builds and rents the infamous halls? Who decrees the fashions and styles? Who "*spoils the rod and spoils the child*"? Who has no books but "*Diamond Dick*" and dime novels? Who has no devotion, meditation or prayers? Who loves (selfishly) until all correction is forbidden? Who reminds you of the old hen who hatched ducks eggs and now runs up and down the bank while the ducklings stand on their heads in the water? All of this is too sadly true.

But let us be careful when condemning the muddy stream to chase the hog out of the spring.

"I write unto you, young men, because."

ARE WE LOSING OUR OBJECTIVES?

I Have Guarded the Faith—2 Tim. 4:7.

SIGNIFICANT, expressive and marvelously meaningful is this triumphant note sounded in the sight of death by the giant hero of the Cross of Christ who boasted that in nothing else would he glory. Never since he met his Master at his milepost had he "wobbled" but true to his single objective as the needle is to the pole, "*This one thing I do*". The record shows that some such indomitable courage and conviction actuated the movers of this current reformation.

They with all the heart believed some definite things. They had a burning message, without which they thought the world was lost. It was unlike any other. They braved all forms of privation, but they pressed on and planted the banner on the ramparts of many a fort.

A sharp contrast might be seen when we are placed alongside this altruistic host "*who loved not their lives unto death*." Are we "*fighting the good fight of faith*" or are we "*keeping school and marking time*"? Whither has gone the incentive and zeal of "*Ye Olden Days*"? Has boundless enthusiasm melted into soulless platitudes? Has that righteous urge to win additions to the church given place to rallies, committees, pow-pows and other meaningless conventionalisms?

The old worthies had an objective of which they never lost sight. Sidelines and supplements are threatening to absorb most of the energy of many of our best men who only have time (and matter) left for a brief lecture on some mooted ism or supposed ology. Can we wonder that so few apply for leadership in the church? How can they believe in a God of whom they have not heard and how can they hear without a preacher and how can he preach without an objective?

Have we fallen a victim to the trade winds? Has our ship anchored where two seas meet? Have we a private conviction and a public attempted explanation? Are we guarding the Faith?

Paul pictured the future run of the gospel in relays when he said in 2 Tim. 2:2—"*All that you have been taught by me . . . you must pass it on to trusty men who in turn will pass it on to others*" and so on ad infinitum. "*Oh, Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust. Guard the truths entrusted to you.*"

Dr. M. F. Robinson, now of Hagerstown, Maryland, tells the story of the preacher preaching of the bird that "*flew and flew*," until some one reminded him "*Brother, you done lost your bird*." I sometimes fear, lest we should lose our bird and shoot aimlessly into space. The gospel message we hear now is mighty tame and entertainers are in demand—mixers of social and institutional types.

True we count our additions but where are they at communion times? "*The unused cups*" have a sad message. What new resort must be found to extract a Sunday night audience? Our penal institutions are full and our pews remind one of a freckled-faced child—a bump here a splotch yonder.

Perhaps our sires did not conform to the firstly, secondly and thirdly as in some later days but they keep the cobwebs out of the baptistry, taking the message to the people, never high-collaring around about "*How much salary I could get.*"

Let us read anew the autobiography of that foremost servant of God, "*I have gone through the glorious contest; I have run the race; I have guarded the faith.*" Thus he says I have handed it down to those who must pass it on to others. He never lost his objective. Had he lost himself in the maze of worldly ambitions around him we would not have known of truth in him. Some one must catch the torch thrown from our hands and carry it down through

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Special Agencies in June

Third Young People's Conference, Edwards, Miss., May 28-June 3. Piedmont District School of Methods, Martinsville, Va., June 11-16. Ohio School of Methods, Dayton, Ohio, June 18-22. Mid-West Young People's Conference, Dalton, Mo., June 25-July 1.

the ages. God grant that it shall be brilliant and this it can never be unless we ring true to our objective and guard the faith committed to our trust.

And are we yet alive?
Still occupying space?
And praises to each other give
Instead of God for grace?

What pleasures have we seen?
What conflicts have we shunned?
Instead of backbone we have spleen,
And moon instead of sun.

But out of all the Lord
Will bring us if He can.
And still His patience doth afford
A chance for every man.

BETTER HOMES IN AMERICA

Charles H. Williams, State Chairman
for Missouri

THE Better Homes in America Movement is now spreading rapidly over the entire United States. Already there are state organizations with state chairmen in charge in thirty-five states. President Coolidge is at the head of the Advisory Council. Four members of the Cabinet, as well as many other nationally-known men and women, are also on the Advisory Council or are directly interested in promoting the work. The movement is absolutely non-partisan in every respect, its object being to encourage more attractive homes and to inspire better home life. In this day when so many influences are tending to detract from ideal home life, this movement has for its object the preservation of all that is best in the home and the continuance of its helpful influence amid the complexities of modern life.

It should be emphasized that the movement is not intended to encourage the building of expensive homes or the purchase of expensive furnishings. Indeed, its purpose is quite the opposite: it is trying to give information as to how present homes may be made more attractive at a very small expense; to inspire beautifying homes by economical interior decoration and by the planting of inexpensive shrubs and flowers; and wherever new houses are being built to encourage the construction of well-built, modest, attractive ones. Above all else, the movement seeks to encourage the intellectual and social side of home life and to stimulate character training in the home.

The fourth week in April, from April 22-28, was chosen as Better Homes Week for the entire United States. Throughout the United States, during this week, special attention was given to measures that will increase the attractiveness and efficiency of American homes. Men's and women's clubs, civic organizations, and Better Homes chairmen are giving special demonstrations in home construction and furnishing; ministers are preaching sermons on various aspects of better home life; the schools are giving programs related to better homes; and everywhere people interested in the progress of our country are seeking to inspire the youth of our land with respect and affection for home life.

The conditions under which people dwell have an important influence upon their health, efficiency, character, and welfare. Children especially are deeply influenced by attractive, helpful and inspiring surroundings. Missouri is a splendid state in which to live—one of the very best in the entire Union—but many things might be done to make it an even finer place in which to live. The Better Homes Movement is trying to assist in realizing this ideal.

THE CHURCH BIBLE SCHOOL

An address delivered at the First District Meeting of Missouri by the president,

Mrs. Anna Willis, Kansas City, Mo.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that need not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."—2 Tim. 2:15.

Paul in writing to Timothy, one he loved as a son, advised him to study that he might be able to do the will of God. The last and greatest commandment of Jesus to His disciples was to "Go and teach" and although that commandment was given over two thousand years ago, it is as binding today as it was then.

We cannot be soldiers for Jesus without preparation. Does Uncle Sam take untrained men out to battle for this country? No they must be trained. To accomplish this training military schools are established and a limited amount of training is carried on in the high schools throughout the country. So day by day, through study and drill, the youth of the land are trained for service on the battlefield and when the hour comes for battle a trained army faces the enemy.

Will a true American boy or girl let the American flag touch the ground? No! Why not? They have been taught from the cradle to stand by the flag if it costs life to do it. Are we as loyal to God in whom we live, move and have our being? My answer is no and yes. We have a religious training camp but it has been sadly neglected. We have our Bible Schools, our leadership training schools and classes, our adult classes. Have we any excuse for not being prepared?

We are so glad to have our field workers both state and national telling our people everywhere that our religion is a teachable or rather the religion of Jesus Christ is a teachable religion. We cannot serve God with our feelings; and that is why Paul told Timothy to study. He could not be a fit soldier of Christ without preparation.

The Bible school is to the church what the filling station is to the automobile. We may have the best machine that money can buy. But if it has no "gas" in it, it is no good. So it is in the business world. We must prepare ourselves before applying for a job or position with any dignity attached.

Does the same hold true in the religious world? No, for we have been sleeping on the job. Listen to Romans 13:11-12 "And knowing the time that it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent. The day is at hand; let us cast off therefore the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light." Brethren, this is individual. How can we put on this armor of light? My answer to this is that every adult Christian do his best to see that we have a wide-awake Bible school and in lieu of depending on our women and children to make our schools, our elders and deacons should lead out in this work. Instead of standing around the church door Sunday morning about 10:45, I wonder what would be the result if they came in instead of waiting for the Bible school to get out of their way for 11:00 service. They should be actively engaged in promoting the work of the church school. Officers, please come over into Macedonia and help us!

The Bible school is the recruiting station or supply house of the church and we cannot have the proper material to choose from without preparation. The other day I asked where Prof. P. H. Moss was and was informed that he was in Chicago, going to school. We thought

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TO DELEGATES OF Twelve National Convention Aug. 29—Sept. 2, 1928

As representatives of the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, we are authorized to inform your church that the Oakwood Boulevard Church has endorsed the Twelfth Annual National Convention of The Disciples of Christ. The same will convene with the Oakwood Boulevard Church August 27th and September 2nd.

We extend a hearty welcome to delegates and friends from your section of the country to come to our delightful city of culture and industry, the great Cosmopolitan City of conventions, Capital of the Middle West, with its atmosphere of freedom. We know that you will more than appreciate coming to attend the National Convention.

The National Workers are putting every effort forth to secure the largest delegation in the history of the church. For the success of this cause, we want to cooperate with you in regard to transportation. By doing so, we ask you to secure as large a number of delegates and friends as you can. If 250 persons are secured, the rates will be one and one-half fare. If 300 are secured, the rates are one and one-third fare. If 350, a rate of one fare for the round trip can be obtained.

We desire an early reply so that we may arrange ample accommodations for all delegates and friends that attend the National Convention.

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MEMORIAL

IN LOVING memory of my dearly beloved aunt, Mrs. Alice Weeks Mayo, who departed this life May 13, 1927, after living a full, consistent, Christian life, never faltering, never tiring in the service of the Master.

Over forty years ago, Mrs. Mayo and her first husband, the late Daniel Weeks, after they had moved to Emporia, Kan. from Johnson City, Tenn. with a number of others who had moved to this place, founded the Emporia Christian Church. Mrs. Weeks-Mayo is the last of the old church to pass on, having lived to a ripe old age and as mother of the church saw it grow from a small beginning to a substantial-sized congregation with many young members which means a future church.

Some of our most able ministers and their wives started their professional career at Emporia and surely gained some inspiration and Christian training from the ever-smiling, ever-willing Sister Mayo. Among these men are Prof. P. H. Moss and his wife Mrs. Anna Moss and also Eld. William Alphin.

Sister Mayo stayed in His service to the end and was on her way to the Aid Society of the church when death struck her.

Sadly missed by all of her friends and relatives.

Alice Duncan Henry.

CHURCH NEWS FROM MISSISSIPPI

The Nine Square Rally at Fayette resulted in raising \$219.00.

The pre-Easter meeting at Lorman was good. None were added to the church, but it was not because they did not hear the gospel, but because they did not believe the gospel and obey the Lord's commands.

Elders S. L. Watts and Davis preached the gospel without mixture.

The weather prevented the Forest Grove congregation from having their pre-Easter meeting.

Elder Johnnie Miller is serving the Antioch church.

The church building at Fayette is indeed a beautiful building. The small congregation has worked very faithfully to complete it.

The Mound Bayou church held a week's meeting after Easter Sunday. They had a big rally April 29th. They are planning on having a nice church building.

The State Convention will be held at Mound Bayou Aug. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. We are in hopes the churches and preachers will report many souls added.

Miss Mary Etta Wells visited Miss Willie Jackson. She was present at the social party given by the Pine Grove 7th and 8th grade students.

Mr. John Martin is recovering from his spell of sickness.

Eld. Davis preached a soul-stirring sermon at Lorman Tuesday night, April 3rd. His wife and Rev. Gilbert accompanied him.

Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va.

REPORTER—PROF. J. D. HILL

I THINK we hardly need to speak of the health of our school as all who are acquainted with this section of the country know it is one of the healthiest spots in the world. We have comparatively no sickness here at all.

While our enrollment is not extremely large we have had good attendance and punctuality throughout this session.

We are now beginning to arrange things for our closing, May 30-June 4. Our athletics, under Profs. Spaulding and Alphin have done well. The basket ball teams have won half the games they contested, and the baseball team is three-fourths winner to date. We have not had any football this session.

Our work in oratory and expression was demonstrated April 6th in a strong play "The Girl Who Forgot." The players showed splendid ability and excellent training.

Our last term examinations showed decided improvement in all the departments and excellent efforts on the part of the majority of the pupils.

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THE MEANING OF CHILDREN'S DAY TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

"The World Moves Forward On The Feet Of Little Children"

COMING forth out of an ardent desire to proclaim the gospel everywhere has grown a long continuous effort to reach the generation of children with the story of Jesus.

If we should survey the numerous mission fields and note the conditions existing there we would ask ourselves the question: "What does Children's Day mean to the children in America and to the children of other lands?"

We do want the boys and girls to know what their offering will mean to the children of the world. Let us glance at the oriental children of the world, and observe what Children's Day would mean to them.

China and neighboring countries are constantly waging in warfare, robbing and destruction of buildings. Through these barbarous acts hundreds of men and women are killed, thus leaving thousands of children starving, diseased, homeless and clothesless. Children's Day would mean to these unfortunate children several new comfortable orphanages where they would be fed nourishing food, given warm clothing and sent to hospitals when they are sick. What a glorious service you will be giving to these children whose hearts were sad but now brightened because of Children's Day.

We hear the same cry coming from the children of Africa and other countries. It will mean that teachers and evangelists will be sent to tell them the story of Jesus. It will aid in building and sustaining boarding schools and printing of books and papers from which the boys and girls can learn to read the stories about the Man of Galilee as we read them.

It will mean that churches and Bible schools can be built at every mission station so that the children in other parts of the world can gather on Sunday morning and sing with happy hearts as we sing, "Jesus Loves Me This I Know."

The time is fast approaching when Children's Day will be observed. Let us commence now to make our plans for the observation of this day. This day is observed by more churches than any other day, greater efforts are being made on this day than on any other day toward promoting World-Wide Missions. Let every Negro Church throughout the brotherhood endeavor to make their offering the largest of the entire year.

Let every superintendent personally ask all of his Bible school pupils and Church members this question: "How Big Is Your Heart?" You will find that some hearts contain only self, others will include both self and friend, still others will have the true Christian heart which should be as large as the Master's and include the WHOLE WORLD.

Those who do not have the true big hearts try expanding them on Children's Day and give with the rest of the World for World-Wide Missions. For this year we urge every school to take the offering and make it as big as possible. Collect all the money at once and close a successful year.

Bessie E. Chandler, Elementary Supt.

New London, Mo.

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usual hour followed by the evening service in which the pastor preached on the subject, "The Rejected Stone," Acts 4:11. He made it very plain that the sinner was rejecting Christ.

May the Lord be loving and kind to all of us.

Laughs, Grins and Giggles

It Suits Him Nevertheless

"A moth leads an awful life."

"How so?"

"He spends the summer in a fur coat and the winter in bathing suit."—*The Boys' Monthly*.

A Discovery of Uncertain Merit

A local man has discovered a method of getting to work early each morning. He has made arrangements with his daughter to call him when she comes in.—*Alva (Okla.) Record*.

Where the Chef Comes In

Marjorie—"Isn't it odd that a good chef gets more pay than a college professor?"

Ted—"Why wouldn't he? A lot more people take his courses."—*Western Christian Advocate*.

Carried Without a Second

Recently there was a distinct earthquake shock which disturbed a small Western city and rocked the municipal building so that the Councilmen, then in session, left without the usual ceremonies. The clerk, a man of rules and regulations, was hard put to give his minutes the proper official tone. Finally he evolved this masterpiece: "On motion of the City Hall, the Council adjourned."—*American Boy*.

Piedmont Christian Institute

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Prof. Calkins has paid us another visit since we wrote last. We always enjoy his visits.

The county schools had their meet with the city school. The morning was given to athletic contests and the afternoon to literary contests. We were unable to get the names of the winners. President Gandy of the Virginia State Normal made the address to the schools at the High St. Baptist Church.

After the school meet, President Gandy and his son, Dr. Gandy, were the guests of P. C. I. and stayed that night for the play, "The Girl Who Forgot."

The K. of P. and court of Calantha of East Martinsville had their annual Thanksgiving on the first Lord's Day. Elder Hill preached for them.

The Presbyterians held their presbytery April 9, 10, 11th. All matter was dispatched in a business-like way and the meeting was very inspiring.

The Preps had their hike April 8th and the seniors and juniors had theirs on the 12th. Both were caught in a rain shower.

The Freshmen have organized "The Jolly Kazokers," and will have their annual social on the 24th.

Rev. Baumgartener was returned for the next year to the A. M. E. Church.

The warm spring rains are falling and the plum, apple and cherry blossoms are beautifying the mountainsides in every direction.

What the National Convention Means

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transcended state boundaries and local horizons, was given this composite picture of Christian unity so well exemplified in our Convention.

No concerted effort could be undertaken, no consistent advances could be made, no appreciable unity was apparent, with nothing to unite they fell apart and all because there was no blest tie to bind. The brotherhood lay apart in several units like a divided snake. "Each for himself and God for all" was the moving principle.

With no unity in organization there were no possibilities for a unity in history, desires, hopes, aims, and interests. The disjointed condition obtained to matters of procedure, dogmas, beliefs and in some cases doctrines. The more advanced had no way to know of the problems of the backward. The backward had no opportunity to see the light of the more advanced. The genius of the Disciples rested largely on the traditional teachings of the founders and there was no place to trace the real course of sentiments that made of our brotherhood a coherent body.

Thus the National Convention brought a medium of expression and impression to the brotherhood.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"—**Ps. 133:1.**

The Church Bible School

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that he had finished long ago. But my dear friends we can never graduate completely from training for service for Christ.

How many of our schools are using the new program of work? This was explained in our last convention. Have we a Committee on Religious Education?

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it—Prov. 22:6.

A Christian Service

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Where the love of home, the desire for its improvement and an appreciation for the beautiful and the good are taught;

Where co-operation in activities is encouraged;

Where appreciation of society, its struggles and victories are made clear, its challenge to the future made personal;

Where the selection of the life work of each individual is not left to chance;

Where the individual is trained for his life work;

Where the problems of the school come from the problems of the community, state and nation and not altogether out of books.

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FOR I dipt into the future, far as human eye can
see,
Saw the Vision of the World, and all the wonder
that would be;
Saw the heavens filled with commerce, argosies
of magic sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with
costly bales;
Heard the heavens filled with shouting and there
rained a ghastly dew
From the nation's airy navies grappling in the cen-
tral blue;
Far along the world-wide whisper of the south-
wind rushing warm,
With the standards of the people plunging through
the battle-storm;
Till the war-drums throb'd no longer and the
battle-flags were furled
In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the
world.

From Locksley Hall—Tennyson.

Religious Education

PROF. P. H. MOSS, EDITOR

CONFERENCE TIME

THE Third Annual Conference at the S. C. I. was a success in more ways than one. The good points are too numerous to elaborate upon but to mention them will be sufficient.

First, the weather was ideal. Old Jupiter Pluvius only succeeded in spoiling two events of Conference. One day out-of-door recreation was cancelled and on Sunday the Friendship Circle was confined to the dining hall. Otherwise the sun shone and sometimes the clouds prevented too much of this from spoiling the complexion of the Conference-ites.

Second, the spirit was incomparable. Every person at all times seemed to feel that it was incumbent upon him to make the conference a success. All worked harder than ever before but none complained or shirked. In the classroom, on the recreation grounds, in the demonstration, in the dormitories, the spirit of conference which is co-operation prevailed. Relationships that were indicative of the Jesus Way appeared to actuate all.

Third, the quality of the student body left nothing to be desired. While the numbers were not so large as hoped for, the personnel was up to the standard of any Conference yet held. Talent was indicated and some discovered that was used with a right good will in whatever it was needed for. Worship, dramatics, leadership, pageantry, recreation, all brought to the fore much that was to be utilized in kingdom-building. Every church may well congratulate itself if it had a young person in this Conference. All can do a number of things well, and some one thing better than most.

Last but not least, the personnel of the faculty left nothing to be desired in leadership. To the Religious Education Department of the U. C. M. S., the conference is grateful for the services of Miss Eessie Chandler, Mr. S. W. Hutton, and Prof. P. H. Moss. Each of these under Dean Hutton's administration brought to conference a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. From the Missionary Education Department of the same organization, came Miss Grace Mae-gavran who was responsible for two of the most interesting features of the Conference program,

the dramatics and worship. A pageant of the Christmas story on Friday evening, a melodrama of the nickelodeon type on Thursday evening and the worship programs of vespers and chapel were examples of the best in that line. To the Missionary Organization Department goes the thanks for the services of Mrs. R. B. Grubbs who acted as dean of women and made a lasting impression on those in her home missions class as to the importance of that type of missionary endeavor. The Home Mission, through the S. C. I., furnished Prof. Long, Mr. Lehman and Miss Monahan to the faculty. The state of Missouri furnished vesper speaker in the person of its evangelist, Eld. P. A. Gray. Miss D. L. Blackburn did her usual good brand of classroom work in elementary methods and added to the spirit of Conference her share of good humor and enthusiasm. The Promotional Department furnished the foreign missions teacher in the person of Mr. J. B. Hunter who saw service in Japan. The writer directed

Withal the **Magnolia Conference** (The NEW NAME), was a success and to all goes the credit of making this possible.

—V. G. S.

WHAT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MEANS

V. To the Visitor

IN THE last few years, the National Convention has been held in places of interest that draw persons to the city for local reasons as well as for the convention itself. Also for a few seasons the Convention has been held in places of national import to some phase of the mission work. It is well that the first three Conventions were held in Nashville with all of the brotherhood viewing the educational facilities that are being built up for our young people in that city as well as learn the personal prestige of our National President, Eld. Preston Taylor. The remaining ones have met in such places as Indianapolis, a monument to the efforts of our esteemed secretary of the Joint Executive Committee and associate editor of the *Christian Plea*, Eld. H. L. Herod; as Hawkins, Texas, where is located our college, Jarvis; in Washington, D. C. where one of the special

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Dear Brethren:

Eld. D. W. Bradley, pastor of the Rogersville Church and his congregation are hoping to get their new church completed in time for the Tennessee State Convention, but to be more certain about its completion they are requesting that the convention be changed to **Wednesday, July 25th**, continuing over Lord's day.

This request has been granted. Let all take due notice and be fully represented both in your apportionments for state and National work with a strong delegation to put over the task that lies before us.

Preston Taylor.

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

SUNDAY, June 3rd, marked Children's Day at Centennial with a special program by the Bible school and special recognition by the church. An offering was taken for the National Apportionment at this time.

Friday, June 1, the Missionary Society met with Mrs. Carrie Adams. The meeting was very much enjoyed by all present. Miss E. Givens is the president of the society and is planning an attractive summer program for this auxiliary.

Mrs. Ruth Flowers and children have been in Mississippi visiting friends and relatives. They were present at the commencement exercises of the Southern Christian Institute in which Miss Willie S. Smith, Mrs. Flower's niece, was graduated.

Eld. Smith, an old friend of the pastor, spoke for the church in May. He is one of the first to make an impression on the pastor in a religious way and there grew up a cordial friendship between the two before Eld. Alphin went into the ministry.

Mrs. Ruth Sheldon presented a comedy, "Deacon Brown," at Centennial in May, and the proceeds were turned over to the building fund. Mrs. Bella Mace was instrumental in securing the services of Mrs. Sheldon.

Reports from Colorado bring the glad tidings that Miss Margaret Green is convalescing and is looking forward to a speedy recovery.

Another victim of Cupid has been reported in the person of Miss Helen Macklin that was, Mrs. that is.

One addition came into the church June 3.

Mr. J. H. Heatley has returned from New Orleans where he went for a short visit to his relatives.

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SEVEN DEADLY SINS

IV. Worship Without Sacrifice

“Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”

ONCE the question was rampant concerning the alleged destruction of the beauty of Niagara Falls by harnessing the tremendous water-power that was going to waste. The one faction held that the loss in beauty would be equal to or greater than the good accruing from that course. But notwithstanding the turbins were installed and the machinery harnessed to the Falls. Now, men and women that would neither be interested in the mere beauty of scenery of the Falls nor in the fashion that dictates a visit to that place as a honeymoon, travel miles to see the great power house that contains Niagara Falls at work. Now the worship of the beauty of scenery remains but added thereto is the great worship of the gospel of usefulness taught by this plan.

So there exist individuals today that are GOOD, MORAL, UPRIGHT, CHURCH-GOERS that worship in beauty of humility, courage and intensity. But the real holiness that is attached to GOOD WORKS is not the beauty that shines from his life. Time, talent, money, personality and life are too precious to be sacrificed in the service of the King but the worship remains. I have always considered the building of the altar as much a task of worship as the burning of the incense.

Sacrifice gives faith practicality; hope, assurance and love, generosity. Sacrifice gives hearing, reality; belief, conviction; repentance, holiness and baptism, meaning. But sacrifice more than all gives worship “the BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.”

WHAT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MEANS

II. To the Departments

THE church was something of a dissected map and required an expert to put the pieces together to fit and make a completed whole. The departmental idea was so strong that there was even a feeling of rivalry and antagonism between the departments. There grew up a tendency to departmentalize the church membership. From 1-20 covered the period of attendance in Bible school. From 20-30 one merely helped move pop-cases and carried freezers for entertainments. At thirty, one got a life-time job on the official board if one had been an efficient pop-case handler. About fifty, one became an elder from the deacons board and set himself to oppose everything for the remaining years granted him. The women graduated from the Bible school to the W. M. S. and served in all and various capacities there until death did them part. Only the leaders of the Bible school stayed after twenty years of age.

So the idea grew, embellished by the departmental character of the missionary societies then doing work in the general field. And when state conventions came in vogue often there were two or three in a state of the departments. But only one or two states now have separate conventions. Yet the departments remain separate and usurp each others' places at every opportunity in the local church.

The National Convention has done much to destroy the walls between the departments by showing through precept and example the advantages of each and the special field of each. There are some things that cannot be done except by the cooperation of the departments in the National Convention and the matter-of-fact approach in this body has done much to level the barriers and show each the good to be derived from a correlated program rather than an individual interest.

The National Convention has been a help to the departments in relegating their exclusiveness to the background to lay stress on the unique character of their field of activity.

“And we know that to them that love God, all things work together for good.”—Rom. 8:28.

Things to Do in July

Prepare to be represented in the State Convention.

Pay your State Apportionments

Get ready for the National Convention, Aug. 27-Sept. 2, 1928.

CHRISTIANITY?

IT IS interesting to note two things of relatively recent occurrence in the academic world.

Despite a determined fight on the part of the Negro population of Indianapolis, Ind., the school board passed a resolution and acted upon it building for the Negro children a separate high school. This school was opened last September. A sop to Indiana Klanism.

Immediately Gary, Ind., in the extreme northern part of the state, staged a students' riot and walk-out because Negroes were admitted to the white high schools of that city. So far temporary quarters are being recommended for the Negroes until the Negro High School is built. Though as yet there is no action taken to build a high school for the Negroes. Meanwhile things are at a standstill and we see what that will mean to the Negro youth of that city.

Butler, ye editor's Alma Mater, voted through the Board of Directors, to limit the number of Negroes allowed to enter the college each year. The number allowed to enter was ten. A direct insult to the Negro constituency of Indianapolis and the brotherhood is all that such a move is. Another sop to Indiana Klanism and Butler's false values.

Heretofore, Negroes have not shown in the major sport of football at Butler. Of course, Dixon in track, Pierce in tennis and others have been stars that would shine in spite of Butler. But this past year the only man on the Butler team that was worth a six-pence was the fullback, who literally carried Butler to the few victories it did attain. It is a case of subtle irony to find the first real star of the school among the Negroes appeared in the very year the rule of limitation passed.

Butler is sometimes called a Christian college. It is NOT—It is a church college that panders to the unchristian attitudes of the church members and Klanism.

D. R. R. MOTON, of Tuskegee, refers to something that has had voice through these pages heretofore, namely, the recent prevalence of white criminals to blame their crimes on Negroes especially in the case of murder. He too would not excuse the Negro criminal from the deserts of his depredation but the closer investigation especially in cases involving mob violence, would often change the complexion of public sentiment in regard to this social evil. The average community will at once attach all the irrational bugaboo of racial superiority and purity in the event of an atrocious crime and there is the removal of suspicion from the guilty party. An appeal to such is a double menace to the Negro and to the community.

A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

LET US ENCOURAGE THE NATURAL COURSE OF EVENTS

THERE is a natural trend in the right direction and all we now need to do is to encourage and cooperate with it. The temptation is great to look back to the old sores and claw them open again till they get raw, but that settles nothing. We feel that this was done by the Southern Methodist leaders when the question of union with the Northern Methodist Church was up for consideration. All of the ill feelings of seventy-five years ago were aroused and defeated union. We must not repeat this in our work. The tendency is now in the right direction for cooperation without distinction to race, color or nationality. Our wisest course is to encourage and never refer to the ancient wrongs that will reopen old sores.

Here are some of the tendencies:

1. **The League of Nations** is in a very real sense creating a Parliament of Man. In it are all the races of the earth that represent governments. The only reason that the Negro is not there in a very large sense is because he has no government of great importance. But he does not need to worry about that. All he needs to do is to forge ahead in his own development in all lands and in another twenty-five years things will begin to happen. High League-of-Nations officials are now in this country holding model League of Nations Assemblies. The first was held at Amherst made up of students of New England Colleges. Others will be held elsewhere. Wherever foreign students are in these colleges they are usually chosen as delegates. Wonderful things will flow from this.

2. **Great assemblies of religious workers** are making no distinction as to race or nationality. The International Convention of the Disciples of Christ was attended by a large group of Negro Disciples. All our state conventions are entitled to send delegates to the recommendation committee, but this year none were sent. Here is a right and privilege that should not be neglected. Our people have acted like the man who heard that there was a run on the bank and he rushed to the window to ask for his deposit. When the cashier began to count it out, he said in surprise, "If I can have it, I do not want it. I only wanted it if I could not have it." The Youth's Convention made no distinction of race but showed every deference to the Negro delegates. The World Sunday School Convention that will meet at Los Angeles will be made up of all races. The Student Volunteer Convention at Detroit was made up of all peoples. Some of the Georgia white delegates told with pride that they came in the same sleeper with the Negro delegates from Georgia.

3. **The hope in calamity.** The story was told in one of the readers of half a century ago that a barber refused to work on Sunday and so lost his trade. A man rushed in on Saturday night for a shave. The barber with tears in his eyes asked to borrow

a few coppers that he might buy a candle. The man's curiosity was aroused and he asked him his name and when he was told, he informed the barber that he was hunting for a man of that name who has fallen heir to a very large estate. He found out the poor barber was the man. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. Our race relations will not be fully settled till a disaster sweeps over America. It may be a war, or a famine, or an economical panic. But whatever it is, it will sweep away our senseless race prejudice. Any man who has any of the prophetic in him can see that we are fast rushing towards a conflict between the radical and conservative elements of our country. The Negro's nature and training in the missionary schools ought to make him the deciding factor in this and thus give him a very large place in the life of our nation.

4. **The industrial condition** of America will work towards a race understanding. Race narrowness and prosperity will not go hand in hand. We must either seek to make all our citizenry capable of economical efficiency or we must remain poor and undeveloped. Every state in the union now recognizes this principle. All our southern states are now adopting a good educational policy. No Negro teacher should complain at the low wages for teaching. He should work like a Trojan to develop a better school system and the salary will take care of itself.

Let us turn our faces to the front and forget the things that are behind and press forward to the prize of excellence and efficiency.

THE BUILDERS OF A WORLD

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

JESUS sent his disciples out into the world to build a better world, not to spend their time in berating the world for its faults. He stated his fundamental principles of right and He wanted his disciples to restate them to the world. He knew that soon they would be attacked for doing so and then they would be on the defensive as martyrs. But He wanted them to take the offensive all the time in publishing the truths the world needed.

But so often we miss this entirely and spend our time in complaining about what the world does to us. We can give some concrete examples of this. There are two classes of white people. One class, the good class, has spent millions of dollars and dedicated thousands of the best lives to the upbuilding of the Negro race. Never before in the history of mankind has there been a more outstanding thing done for the kingdom than this. And these good people have lived in the South as well as in the North. Without their aid no work could have been done. Without the effort of the Northern people the Negro would have been left in a more deplorable condition than slavery, and without the cooperation of good Christian people of the South they could have done nothing.

The other class, living in both the North and South, is harsh, inconsiderate and prejudiced. They are the ones that force the conditions that we so often complain of. They are selfish and think only of their

own happiness and advancement, and feel that others are created to serve them.

Now what we are contending for is, that Christians begin to be constructors instead of complainers. Here is a group of the best people in the world to begin to construct something. If we begin to hunger and thirst after righteousness we will get it, and if we go about our work meekly we will soon inherit the earth. We know the Negro is discriminated against but there are many thousands of things that he can do yet does not because he spends his time in complaining about the things in which he is curtailed. If he would do the things he can do without hindrance he would soon inherit a larger kingdom.

Let us illustrate. Suppose he would make himself so efficient in farming that he could make the land produce like the Illinois or Ohio farmer makes his land produce. The landowner would either have to sell him the land or pay him a good price to cultivate it for him. In this way a good share of the land in Mississippi would fall into the hands of thrifty farmers. The same thing holds good in building a school system. Our school system is now top-heavy. That is, the higher institutions of learning are growing faster than the public school system. We need highly educated men and women to make a real sacrifice in building high schools in the towns and villages. But some one will say, "They do not pay enough wages to do it." This is due to the fact that we do not yet have a public school system. We are just building it, and somebody must make the sacrifice to build it. Somebody must do it. Nobody can hold back those who know great things and are willing to become martyrs to make them real.

Our trouble is, we are more influenced by our methods of politics than by the teaching of Jesus. Our political method consists of complaining and faultfinding of the opponent. This is not the Jesus method. His method was to state the truth and then if the advocates of errors want to attack them they may. This was the course pursued by the apostles. If they had adopted the political method and had gone out complaining of the ruling Jews and the governing Romans they would have arrived nowhere. Instead they went out and stated the positive fundamentals of truth and when they were attacked they became the greatest force in the world.

Providence has fitted the Negro into the American life in a way that he can make himself a positive force instead of a negative force. But so far many of the leaders have taken the negative course. Those Negroes that took the positive course are now rated as among the great of the earth. Of course there is no harm in stating the discriminations and the hardships when the occasion is ripe, but when that is done, let us forget that there are discriminations and let us do the thousands of things that we can do and do not. Injustice always hurts the man who perpetrates it far more than the man against whom it is aimed.

Some of us now see that unless we build a better civilization than our fathers gave us the world will go on indefinitely in its harmful way. Complaining and growling and faultfinding will not build it. We need world-builders after the order of the apostles, men who can press hard the truth and take the consequences like martyrs. If all the newer peoples like the Japanese, Chinese, Hindus and Negroes would adopt this course now the Caucasian would soon lose his kingdom. If they do not do it, they themselves will perish soon. Then let us quit complaining and take the world as we find it and begin where we are to build a better world.

Department of the Women of the Church

MRS. ROSA BROWN GRUBBS, EDITOR

A visit to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma revealed that no mistake was made by securing Eld. S. S. Myers as pastor of the work there. The church is making wonderful progress. With the continued cooperation of the pastor, officers and members of the church soon they will be ready for the completion of their splendid new church home. The Missionary Society there under the leadership of Mrs. G. C. Robinson is among the first to get in their full apportionment for this year.

The church at Clearview, Okla., is holding its morale in spite of the fact that its numbers are greatly reduced by the moving away of members into other sections. Possibly nowhere in all of the country is there a more consecrated and sacrificial group than is found here. Courageously are they in every department of the church striving to meet apportionments for both State and National work which were made for twice their number. Their great love for the cause lightens the labor.

Eld. Z. H. Howard is fitting into the work in Muskogee in a very fine way. Muskogee is a field with wonderful possibilities. If the force there could realize the worthwhileness of unity they would know no limitation. The W. M. S., under the leadership of Mrs. Giles of this church, will meet its apportionment. Mrs. S. A. Pirtle has organized the Young People and of this splendid bunch you may take notice.

The field at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, is virgin and laden with possibilities. Eld. S. A. Williams of Muskogee is Pastor. Eld. Williams is a fine man, but both he and the church are handicapped because he does not live in that city. The W. M. S. of this church is under the leadership of Mrs. Mattie V. Roberts, the daughter of the late Mrs. S. E. Barnett who was its faithful visionary president for many years. Surely Mrs. Roberts will carry to worth-while fruition the cause to which her mother so courageously gave her life.

The church at Boley, Okla., is at a standstill because it has no outlook and is interested in "Nothing in particular" except saving itself. In conference with a fine group of women there during March, they face squarely the situation and pledged themselves to share definitely this year in the world program of Missions. The conference resulted in a reorganization of the W. M. S. with Mrs. M. E. Pattan as president. We are expecting great things under her leadership.

The church at Chickasha, Oklahoma, is alive and working. Recently they called as pastor, Eld. S. A. Scott of Palestine, Texas. We are hoping that the church and Bro. Scott may join hearts and hands and together "Press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling which is Christ Jesus." Mrs. Emma Harris is the president of the W. M. S. We are sure she will lead them to victory this year.

On the 25th day of March the 8th and Everett St. Church observed Woman's Day in their celebration of the 60th anniversary of the church in Kansas City, Kansas. I never saw in any church a finer, a more congenial and harmonious spirit than was demonstrated that day. Eld. L. H. Crawford, the pastor, is putting over a great program in a great way. The Woman's

Missionary Society last year gave \$100.00 for missions. This year they will not do less.

At Atchison, Kansas, we found the church, though small in numbers, great in enthusiasm and spirit. According to its strength this is one of the greatest churches in the brotherhood. Their departments are striving towards the end of attained goals for both state and national work. Eld. F. H. Coleman is their very efficient pastor.

The church at Emporia is alive and working. A very fine group of people make up this congregation. They are greatly handicapped because the numerical and financial strength of the church is not adequate for the support of the leadership they need. Emporia is a college town and offers splendid opportunity for a young man who is consecrated to the work and who desires to do some extension work along educational lines. The Woman's Missionary Society of that church will "Go over the top" this year.

Parsons, Kansas, our church there has enjoyed the pastorate of some of our fine ministers. This year they called from the east, Eld. J. D. Henry who is now serving them. Eld. Henry is a young man, full of enthusiasm and evidently capable of leading the church to higher planes. Mrs. Lucy Bridgewater is the president of the Missionary Society there. She is a wonderful mother in our Zion and will doubtless succeed in closing the year not short of the goal.

Topeka, Kan., with Eld. B. C. Duke as pastor, is doing a very fine work. Recently they have remodeled their church home. With added Sunday School rooms, beautiful walls and hardwood floors throughout the place, there is an atmosphere of beauty and a shrine for worship and service. The W. M. S. of this place has been inactive account the absence of their president, Mrs. Grace Sawyer. She has had to spend many months in California because of illness in her family. When a call was made for some one to take up the work and carry on in the absence of Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Ivy Gaitskill accepted. We are satisfied that in Mrs. Gaitskill the society now has a competent leader who will do her utmost to lead the society on.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KY. ELD. C. H. DICKERSON, LEXINGTON, KY.

State Convention days are again upon us. Graciously did we accept Georgetown's invitation to again camp with them and to Georgetown we go July 18-22.

Remember we vowed a vow to Georgetown at Georgetown for Georgetown. Rash though it was, Jephtha kept his vow. Shall we break ours? Every church in the state was to remember Georgetown in a large way, helping on their debt which is a monument to their faith in God and in us. "We shall not forget thee."

"Faith of our fathers, Holy Faith!
We will be true to thee till death."

WHAT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MEANS

IV. To the Local Church

WHILE representation by states is stressed in the National Convention, the increasing number of local churches that are sending delegates to this body leads to the conclusion that the Convention offers something of value to the local congregation. Business forms a part of the program of the Convention and must be taken care of but the real values of the Convention from the standpoint of a delegate or visitor from the local church are the inspirational addresses and instructive conferences.

Good sermons, excellent addresses, interesting conferences and pleasant contacts are the portion of those who come with no knowledge of the business on hand. The printed page carries permanency clearness and coherence but personal touches carry depth, understanding and sympathy. Often the church needs re-vitalization as well as methods. To glow, inspiration must be there; to grow, enthusiasm must be present; to go, information must be on hand. But the glowing and growing processes precede the going one. The first contribution of the National Convention to the local church is INSPIRATION.

The second that we would mention is information. A great many do not because they heard not. When the local church has a representative on the grounds, a participant and voter in the Convention, there is no excuse for not working during the next year. The life and circumstances out of which an issue arises and the forces that are present and active in its passage mean often the real human equation in deciding the course taken. To know all of this background is the right and the obligation as far as possible of every church. A delegate from the local church thus gets all the facts and conditions and all that is necessary is a little reminder during the year to stimulate to action.

At the end of the first convention recorded in Acts 15:1-34 the following is the result—"They were delighted with the encouragement it gave them."—Goodspeed.

"Beginning in Jerusalem, and into Judea." Your State is your Judea. Let your Jerusalem, local church, carry forth into your Judea, State, and on into your Samaria, or National Convention.

Department of Church Life

ELD. WILLIAM ALPHIN—EDITOR

ADVENTURING IN MISSIONS

C. E. GRAGGETT, PASTOR WOODLAND AVE. CHURCH, KANSAS CITY, MO.

THE spirit of adventure has been the secret of progress in all the great achievements throughout the world. The adventurer has beaten new paths across the earth. His uneasy bark has tossed upon all seas. He has gone in every direction, pushing the line of progress to the ends of the earth. He has conquered the elements above and made the trackless air a high-way over land and sea. Famine and pestilence have been made to bow at his feet, and even death itself has felt the power of the adventurer.

By him new worlds have been founded, kingdoms established and lines of trade and commerce built around the earth. Just as it has required adventuring to push the lines of progress and bring about new conditions of living in the world. The adventurer has beaten venturing to extend the kingdom of God to the ends of the earth. The adventurer in missions has been the world's greatest benefactor. Had it not been for the spirit of adventure the kingdom of Christ would not have been extended beyond the boundaries of Palestine. In no field of adventure has there been greater need than that of religion. The extension of the kingdom of God has always depended upon adventurous spirits. Abraham must needs leave his own country and kindred and go out into an unknown land and people. Paul is constrained to cross race and class lines to carry the message of love and light to the lost everywhere. And, thanks be to God and to those who have gone forth in His name, in no field has the spirit of adventure been more conspicuous and heroic than in the kingdom of God. It was this spirit that moved Livingstone to blaze a trail through Africa; that kept Judson hammering at paganism in Burma; that sent Shelton out upon the roof of the world; that caused our beloved Jacob Kenely to meet an untimely death in Liberia.

Back of every church both at home and abroad is the heroic spirit of the adventurer. He who does not believe in missions, most evidently is blind to both the teachings and example of Christ

and dull exceedingly in the history of the church. What and where would the church be today had it not been for the heroic efforts of those who left all to go out and bear the message of Christ to those lost in sin. Would we be able to count ourselves among the saved had not some adventured to tell the story of Christ. If the countless millions throughout the world are saved from sin, it will be only when the professed followers of Christ rise up in earnest and preach Jesus with power and enthusiasm. It remains for us, the living, to carry on the unfinished task of those who have adventured and suffered to extend the kingdom of Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth.

To this end missionary agencies have been organized and set in motion to recruit men and women and train them for service throughout the world. Our own National Convention has been organized for this one purpose—to promote the spirit of missions in the hearts of the members constituting the Negro Brotherhood. We have been called upon to contribute \$16,000 with which to push the lines of progress just a little further out. This sum of money is indeed very small when compared with our actual power to give, and yet we find ourselves failing in this brotherhood responsibility. How many of our churches have failed to have any fellowship in preaching the gospel any place except their local territory. How many have failed to contribute one penny for the train-

I LOVE and have cause to love the earth,
She is my Maker's creature therefore good

She is my mother for she gave me birth.
She is my tender nurse for she gave me food.

But, what's a creature, Lord, compared to thee?

Or what's my mother or my nurse to me?

Without thy presence, earth gives no reflection.

Without thy presence, sea affords no treasure.

Without thy presence, air's a rank infection.

Without thy presence, Heaven itself's no pleasure,

If not possessed, if not enjoyed in Thee
What's earth, or sea, or heaven to me?

—Francis Quarles.

ing of men and women for the ministry as preachers, teachers, missionaries and leaders in the church and society?

We have but come to the borderland of kingdom building and extension. The churches now established need to be more thoroughly taught, new ones should be established, colleges and universities should be built and maintained—all of which requires united action and giving on the part of our churches now established. Before us lies the promised land, but only through the spirit of adventure can we go in and take possession.

CONVENTION STARS AND HOW SELECTED

R. L. Peters, Field Sec'y for Tri-State Convention

THE convention season is now at hand and the local churches throughout all the states will soon meet in annual conventions. Now, may I offer some suggestions as to how to select delegates?

First: Don't send a delegate to represent the church because he, or she, can dress finer than anyone else in the church. It takes brains and not clothes to do business for our King. If you want a good suit of clothes go to the tailor's shop; tailors make clothes. If you want real men and women, go to God for God makes men and women. Hear the Word: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into His vineyard," Matt. 9:38.

Second: Don't select delegates by the color of the skin or texture of the hair; I mean don't simply because they are good-looking. Remember beauty and sense seldom go together (Josh Billings). Therefore, send the best talent, and the most faithful men and women to represent you regardless of their physique.

Third: Do not send your greatest critic, for it is easy to criticize but hard to be exact. Any man can tear down a house, but it takes a carpenter to build one.

Fourth: Don't select a delegate because of financial standing. Hear the word, "Not by might (money) nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Go to our conventions, Districts, State, and National, who are the stars? Listen to the answer: Dress, Beauty, Money, Critics. Where are the men and women? Christian men and women who have made sacrifices and built up the church? Answer, at home, hard at work, building up the "Master's Kingdom." My advise to all churches in sending delegates this year: Send men and women and not tailors' dummies.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS

REPORTER—MRS. L. A. WHYTE

THE Clark St. Christian Church is still on the active list. April was a rainy month and sometimes we were almost rained out but even so the record was good in attendance and offering in both the Bible School and the church.

The Missionary Society is doing well. The East Side Division is wide-awake and we are proud of their activities. We all look forward to our joint meetings the first Monday in each month because of the inspiration for that month's work. We wish for the ladies of other mission societies to listen to our program as we are assembled.

On April 1 our Scripture lesson was found John 15 chapter with references to Gen. 2:7-9; 2 Peter 1:4 and the subject was "Can a man be saved out of the church?" The Harmony Club, under the direction of Mr. Fudgen, rendered two beautiful selections at the morning service.

April 15 the Scripture lesson was from John 21:15 and the subject, "The Measure of Love." The message was beautifully delivered and we all felt as if we were having our pentecostal shower. The appeal was so forcibly presented that four came forward amid great rejoicing and joined our forces.

April 29th the Scripture was read from Mark 10:21; 2 Cor. 4:2, and the subject was on "The Cost of Discipleship." Our visitors on this day were Dr. and Mrs. Cook and Mr. S. Grant.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

REPORTER—MRS. MARY FRANKLIN, RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.

THE meeting of District No. 1 convened with the Edwards Chapel Christian Church on April 28-29. The meeting was a success, largely attended, with a fair representation from all the departments.

On Saturday night a very interesting program was presented by the young people.

Sunday was high day of the sessions with good services throughout the day. Our state Evangelist, Eld. M. M. Bostick, preached a soul-stirring sermon.

The financial results were \$23.00 from all departments.

The following week, May 2, we were blessed in having Prof. P. H. Moss in our midst. He gave an interesting address to the church touching on the training of the youth along the lines of Christian education.

Medals have been presented recently to those men who in performance of their duty have protected prisoners committed to their care from instances of mob violence.

REIDSVILLE, N. C.

REPORTER—MRS. ADDIE HENRY

THE Easter service of the Missionary Society was indeed a success at his church. The day was beautiful, we had a good crowd and all seemed interested in the great work. The president had anticipated the day and had a good program planned as follows:

Hymn—"Does Jesus Care?"
Invocation—Simeon Williams.
Hymn—"Jesus Paid It All."
Address—"Are You Enlisted for Christ"
President.
Special Music—"I have Found a Friend"
—Mrs. Crisp.
Sermon—"And ye shall be witnesses of me"—Eld. Wooten.
Music—"Must I Go and Empty-handed"
—Choir.
Offering Doxology Benediction.

The address of the president was enjoyed by all. She spoke in parables, making all see the necessity of giving life's service for Christ.

Those contributing \$1.00 were as follows:

Mrs. Susie Fontaine	Mrs. Maggie Davis
Mrs. Edith Watkins	Mrs. Bettie Lindsley
Mrs. Addie Henry	Mrs. Sarah Wright
Mrs. A. M. Reid	Mrs. Carrie Settle
Mrs. Lelia Walker	Mrs. Alberta Crisp
Mrs. Annie Stockton	Mrs. Martha Scales
Mrs. Mary Wattex	Mrs. Ida George
Mrs. Annie Gunning	Mrs. Lottie Strong
Mrs. Mary Harris	Mr. S. R. Jefferson
Mr. John Meadows	Mr. W. J. Jeter
Mr. George Stockton, Sr.	

This occasion put us "Over the top" and we have already sent in to the U. C. M. S. our entire apportionment. Hurrah for Reidsville!

Mrs. Susie Fontaine, Pres.
Mrs. Annie Gunning, Secretary.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

REPORTER—WILLIAM J. AYERS

The Mt. Olive Church of Christ is striving steadily to maintain her goal. Church officers have been ordained; choir, Bible School and Bible class organized; and everything looks bright for the success of the church. On the third Sunday in March the following were dedicated and ordained for the Lord's service:

For Elders—William J. Ayers, Steven Coleman.

For Deacons—William Sumner, James Sumner.

The ordination sermon was preached by Eld. Gamby of Cleveland, and the charge delivered by Eld. Meek of Youngstown. We were honored by eight visitors from Cleveland and one was added to the church on that Lord's Day.

On April 22 Eld. R. W. Watson, his wife and daughter and Mr. William Jackson of Dayton visited us. The two brothers encouraged us by their helpful talks.

Beginning with next quarter, we are planning to form a class in Religious Education which will be taught by Elder Blair and Eld. Coleman.

TAYLOR, TEXAS

REPORTER—MAUDE DAVIS

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Murphy St. Christian Church was the guest of the First Church (white) on Sunday April 29, 1928.

Miss Hall had been asked to sing by the president of the Society of the First Church. The daily press on Saturday carried an announcement of the program and the special number by Miss Hall, the talented singer.

On Sunday evening the room where the meeting was held was crowded with representatives of both races. Miss Arah Garrett, who is a soloist, furnished some of the music and led the spirituals for the group. Miss Hall's number was the spiritual "Go Down Moses" rendered as a solo. The rendition delighted all who were present. Miss Mary Hendricks played an instrumental solo.

The rest of the program was enjoyed by all.

MAYSICK, KENTUCKY

REPORTER—A. D. GAULT

Eld. C. H. Johnson was with us on the fifth Sunday in April. He preached us two excellent sermons both morning and evening to large audiences. The weather was fine. The evening discourse was from the subject, "Walking with God." Visitors from the other two local churches were present.

Eld. Johnson is making a fine evangelist and he is doing a good work for Mayslick. He plans to be with us in our rally on the first of June. We hope to reach our goal here at Mayslick some day.

A CORRECTION

I write to correct an error in the April issue of the *Plea* touching agreement to consolidate the Piedmont and Tri-State Conventions. I wish to say that no place was agreed upon for a meeting to effect such consolidation, nor was there any agreement to consolidate.

The Tri-State brethren passed a recommendation to dissolve the two conventions and consolidate in a STATE CONVENTION, but the Piedmont brethren have not voted on the recommendation and nothing definite was accomplished.

Signed:

S. Kenney.

Pres. of Tri-State Convention.

Editor's Note—The April issue carried an article by Eld. Preston Taylor stating the plans for consolidation.

The editor was privileged to sit in a meeting of the leaders of the Piedmont District in Martinsville. There a vote was taken and the recommendation passed that the two Conventions consolidate, if voted so by the Convention. Plans were then made by Pres. Ragsdale of Piedmont Convention to invite a representative body of the Tri-State Convention to consider the mechanics of consolidation, if so voted by conventions.

"SHOWING THE PEOPLE THE WAY."

READ AT APRIL DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION BY JULIUS V. JAMES

Blessed, indeed, the man or woman who can truly show people the way of salvation, of which the Holy Scripture speaks. To be able to lead any one from the paths of sin to a life of holiness is the most glorious of all acquirements. All other gifts or success pale into insignificance compared to this. It is a real alliance with the Omnipotent which every Christian should most ardently desire.

In the Book of Acts we read of an unfortunate young woman following the Apostle Paul and his companions in Gospel labors and for days crying out, "*These men are the servants of the most High God, and show unto us the way of salvation.*" She was demon-possessed and some sort of a so-called fortune teller. But God overruled Satan's designs and employed her and the evil spirit within her to proclaim the real character and work of Paul and his co-laborers. Thus God often makes even his enemies to magnify His truth.

Certainly all Christians ought to be able to show people the way of salvation. While this is the chief business of the preachers, yet the lowliest of God's children may do so. They should never lose sight of the holy principle, "*Saved to Serve.*"

Nor should they overlook the fact that the more truly consecrated they are, and the better they are acquainted with the word of God, the greater will be their success in showing people the glorious way of salvation. We are informed that an angel said to Cornelius, "*Tell the words whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.*" That is, Peter would tell or show him and his family the real way of salvation. But to do so merely theoretically, or according to the letter only, is not sufficient. An unsaved man might do that. We need to sustain such blessed and vital relations with God that he can make us the instruments in actually leading people into the possession of salvation. That is God's high and holy purpose concerning every Christian.

Ah, yes, it is truly saved men and women, and not angels, that God rises to show people the way of salvation, so that no real Christian need despair of winning souls. While angels are commissioned to execute various purposes of the Almighty, they were not chosen to tell sinful men how to be saved. Only persons themselves redeemed

from sin through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ have been selected to tell the story of redeeming mercy, love and grace to the unredeemed.

Oh, the distinguished honor conferred upon us, and how it should humble us and lead us to praise and adore our Heavenly Father! And how greatly we should seek the highest possible equipment for so sublime a work! And surely it should constitute life's greatest and sweetest mission to carry out God's design concerning us, namely, to experimentally show the unsaved the way of salvation.—*Christian Dispatch.*

MISSIONS

DISTRICT MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By Miss Eula West

It affords me no small pleasure to speak to you along the line of Mission Work.

First of all, we are Christians, we are missionaries. And if we have our work at heart, nothing could keep us from doing a good work.

We all cannot cross the ocean and the mountains, but we can do a work for Jesus. We can help those at our feet.

Christ was the greatest missionary we know of, and on his mission he was persecuted on every hand. Did he stop? No, he continued his work to its end.

These are facts of a kind, fascinating to the uplift of all classes and we must get souls to look at them. Foreign Missions, are human possibilities under the light of God.

We see more clearly the thoughts of man, grasping with the thoughts of God, until we cry out "O Almighty God, we are thinking thy thoughts after thee."

Then let us be up and doing, with a mind to do the work for God, who died to save us all.

We, as Christian people, are to stand up for purity. Not only for private life, but also of public life, and for standard public morality as against corruption.

The parable of the sower lets of four different kinds of hearers of a message of God's.

(1) Those who will not allow the message to sink in their hearts. It is as binding to their lives and so refuse to carry it out. (2) Those who hear it enthusiastically and think it a fine thing to have endurance and courage but leave their soul in dangerous conditions. (3) Those who hear it but give it up to the care and the riches of the world, and forget that Jesus

died to save us all. (4) Those who hear and are honest, sincere and unbiased and so carry it out with patience and to the good of the world the fullness of the kingdom of God.

Christian people ought to stand up for purity. Of public morality against corruption. And what are we as Christian people doing with this message? Some say it is not the business of the church to convert people or to try to do anything at all about them. But it is the business of the church to do this and to get these to convert others.

We rightly aim at the conversion of the world, but the conversion of the world will never be if we are not converted ourselves from evil conditions.

Let us put more of our time in doing good work for the Master. Learn to labor and to work.

"*God bless us from whom all blessings flow.*"—*Christian Dispatch.*

THE BIBLE SCHOOLS OF DISTRICT NO. 2.

REPORTER—MRS. S. J. JACKSON

The Bible School Quarterly meeting was held at Lorman, Miss. Can say, though the rain and storm, a few turned out each day, and the meeting was good.

Mrs. C. A. Watts was present both days. We all were indeed glad to have Mrs. Watts with us. Come again, Mrs. Watts.

On Sunday Elder N. R. Trevillion brought us a heart-felt sermon. His subject, "A Home." Text, "Think on These Things." Philippian, 4th chapter, 8th verse.

Money raised, \$49.44.

PERSONALS

Elder J. H. Bell of St. Louis, Mo., is in the state. He held a meeting for Bro. Calvert at Indianola. He was also present in our district meeting at Fayette.

Mrs. Carrie Fitzhugh of Jackson spent a week with her parents, Elder and Mrs. G. T. Trevillion.

Elder and Mrs. I. C. Franklin motored to Mound Bayou to be present at the preaching of the Baccalaureate sermon of the Bolivar County Training School. There was an audience of 700 or 800. Elder I. C. Franklin was the speaker.—*Christian Dispatch.*

PIEDMONT DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Piedmont District Convention meets at Martinsville, Va., Aug. 8-12 with the Fayette St. Christian Church.

Miss Justina K. Spencer, Sec.

DAYTON, OHIO

REPORTER—B. H. JOHNSON

The month of April was a great month for us here. We have met our obligations to the Church Extension Board and most of our general expense. We are doing fair spiritually.

The Sunday School is growing. Church attendance also increasing.

A Men's Club has been organized in our church which is doing a wonderful work. Its purpose is to create a greater interest spiritually and to assist in financing the church. This club was favored with an address by Pres. J. N. Ervin of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, on the 4th Sunday in April. He stopped over in our city on his way from the International Convention, in Columbus, Ohio.

Eld. R. Hancock and wife of Covington, Ky., was a visitor with us in April. We are glad to have these good people come to us. They always bring us inspiring messages.

FROM ARKANSAS

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK, N. LITTLE ROCK

We wish to report the funeral of one of the oldest members of the Cross St. Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Lillie Galispie departed this life April 17 and was buried on April 20. She was a very faithful member and earnestly contended for the faith.

Ere sleep overtook her, she had written out the songs and sermon that she wished the pastor, Eld. M. M. Bostick, to use and she felt she was nearing her resting place. Her selected hymns were—"A Soldier of the Cross" and "The Old Rugged Cross." She had been ill over two years.

The pastor did not fail to preach this funeral. The pallbearers were T. E. Cole, O. B. Garner, I. Dean and Isiah Martin. We hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

She leaves a husband, three neices, a stepmother and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

LOUISVILLE CENTRAL

REPORTER—MRS. M. L. FRENCH

The Central Church has just closed a successful ten-day revival. It was conducted by Eld. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N. C. There were ten additions and the church was greatly revived. Eld. Owens is carrying on the good work of soul-saving.

The W. M. S. held a very inspiring prayer service at 5:00 on Easter morning. The Thank Offering amounted to \$12.00.

DANVILLE, KY.

Second St. Christian Church

REPORTER—WM. MARTIN

The writer landed in Danville on the 1st of May and entered into a two weeks' meeting the same night. We fired hard on the battle front. We lost two nights because the writer was ill. The faithful brethren and sisters continued the meeting with prayer services and kept up the spirit. Sunday, May 6th we were able to go back to the pulpit. The meeting closed with two additions and \$135.00 raised during the meeting.

The Danville Church seems to be in good shape now, having disposed of their Main Street property, applying the sum received on their debt, thereby reducing the indebtedness to \$1500.00.

They extended a call to the writer for part time until the State Convention, after which full time will be given. The work is a good work and Danville has some fine people in the Church there. The members are loyal, as a whole. Watch Danville grow!

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.

REPORTER—MRS. MARY B. FRANKLIN

The State Board of the W. M. S. Convention met in North Little Rock, Sat. May 12. The meeting was a success with many interesting things discussed concerning the state convention.

We wish to urge each society in the state to represent in the state with \$3.00 and in the National Convention with \$2.00.

Now sisters, let's get busy and raise our apportionment ere June 30. Our aim is \$200.00 for this year and each society had an apportionment on this amount which you received a long time ago. So please raise your apportionment.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

REPORTER—I. Q. HURDLE

Twelfth Street Christian Church (Mission) is still on the firing line. Revival spirit began to creep out last Sunday when Dr. Holmes from Hyde Park Christian Church (White) came to us and preached a missionary sermon to the Woman's Mission Department. Dr. Garrison, and Deacon Moore of Hyde Park were with us and talked also. Dr. H. C. Garrison, Minister of the Central Christian Church (White) also came to us with a great message on Thursday night. Eld. A. Taylor, brother to our pastor, is the special revival minister. The spirit of Christ is permeating

gradually in Austin, and the people are beginning to hear the Gospel in its purity, and we do not know how much good is now being done. It is only left for the future to divulge.

Eld. G. W. Taylor, and his good wife are still faithful at their task. We are beginning to look forward to the time of State and National meetings. Children's Day has passed and we have not neglected the offerings. The one dollar to Superintendent T. W. Pratt, the Delegate to the International convention in Los Angeles, has been sent. May God bless Prof. Pratt. He is a noble man, and we hope all the schools will respond in time without fail. Go on to the meeting. Schools, respond to the call. Send the one dollar.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

REPORTER—MRS. HATTIE TYREE

All departments of the Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church are wide awake and working.

Our pastor, Eld. Dorsey, is preaching some masterful sermons. Each Sunday they seem better than the previous efforts. May 28th the subject of the discourse was the "Lost Boy," taken from the parable of the Prodigal Son. We all knew the story but our pastor brought out many new points, including the lesson of sweetness and gentleness to those of the family circle. There should be no jealousy and envy in the teaching of the Savior. At the close of this sermon, one from the Methodist Church united with the congregation.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Rev. A. W. Davis held a successful three weeks' meeting in April at the Sixth Street Christian Church. Eighteen souls were gained to the Church and \$425.00 raised.

Brother Davis is a great preacher. He is true to the old Jerusalem Gospel. His sermons gripped the people from the beginning to the end. The one sermon that was paramount in my mind was "Jesus the light of the world." He dramatized this sermon at the Aldridge Theater, which seated 950 persons, and more than 300 mere turned away. I am sure that was the greatest demonstration he has ever made with this sermon. That night the church realized \$170.00 as her part of the door receipt. The people of Oklahoma City welcome him back any time he wants to come. He is the giant of the Church. He has our prayers wherever he goes.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky.

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO CHRISTIAN UNITY

THAT Christian union is "in the air" is evident from the reports of committees self-appointed and otherwise; but the question is how to get it down out of the air into our lives is the problem.

When our folks speak of *Christian Union* it is a veiled way of stating how all communions may join us which an opposer has termed *Snake and Frog Union*. It might occur to us that we have some contribution to make, if ever the Master's prayer that *they all may be one* is answered.

1st. When we say what Jesus said we must mean what Jesus meant. It is here that our profession breaks down. *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men to me. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved. By the grace of God, He tasteth death for every man. For God so loved the world, etc.*; all of these statements stand or fall together. All are true or all are false. Now instead of philosophizing about it, we should accept His word at face value without any ifs buts and excuses or quit the field. Jesus knew that a divided church, whether, over race, clan, country or clime, could never convince a lost world; hence He said, *That the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.*

2nd. The church that runs its lines of demarcation as the world does, is doomed now. Had Jesus and the apostles done so there would have been no church. In the union that some day must come I wonder where some of us will set!

3rd. Then what kind of a contribution can the Negro Disciples make? Most of the assets and many of his liabilities came from the *other brethren* directly or indirectly, and like many of them explain away all that is worth while in religion, presenting the stark, naked bone with no flesh. This makes conversion a cool calculation of four steps or forms, and then wonder why the convert does not render service. When you rid religion of all mystery, you emasculate the Gospel.

4th. Another clinical error is that we preach to the head instead of the heart—if there is such a distinction. Preaching the gospel is not *matching wits with intelligences*. It is not *Addressing a crowd* nor making a speech, no oration. It may contain all of these and more, but it must carry the persuasive tone that will move the emotions to decision for Christ and a love for His cause.

5th. Then we have much combativeness to lose. After any great message, the first man on the floor is the one who knows the least, nibbling at what he misunderstands. Our officary has some *Making up to do*. A minister of another communion declares he has never seen one of our churches without a sleepy official board. The charge, while perhaps too sweeping, is not a lie out of whole cloth.

The membership will need to improve in attendance, contribution and piety. Perhaps the greatest contribution that we can make is the plea for the ordinances, scriptural baptism, scriptural communion, and scriptural observance of the Lord's Day if we would save ourselves and those who hear us.

What the National Convention Means

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objects of Negro giving is being reared in the Washington church; in Louisville, the closest city to the Central Christian Institute then an

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Preston Taylor

To the Brethren of Tennessee:

THE forty-ninth annual state convention of Tennessee will be held at Rogersville beginning Wednesday July 11, 1928. All Churches, Sunday schools, Women's Missionary Societies and Young People's Christian Endeavors are urgently requested to send delegates and their quota of money to meet all requirements.

Tennessee is lacking in all departments and it is lagging in many respects far in the rear from her sister states. Money is needed as well as delegates. See that all of these necessities are duly supplied.

We are seeking for improvement from beginning to end. See that the reports of all departments are made out so we may better judge our strength and be more competent to build up the waste places and strengthen those who are weak.

Each department will have their full time: The church, Sunday school, Woman's Missionary Society and the Christian Endeavor. A letter from Bro. D. W. Bradley informs us that they are hoping to have their new church ready for dedication during the convention.

object of interest; in Kansas City, Mo., in Chicago, in Paducah all places of interest for the brotherhood. The Christian Church is unusually fitted to capture the cities due to the freedom and liberty allowed for personal conduct and congregational government. So it is with pleasure that the National Convention has been held in places where the working of this communion can best advance.

To the visitor, the National Convention can mean first a pleasant pleasure trip. Due to the number of leaders of our brotherhood that do attend the Convention it is especially profitable to one who has heard and read extensively about our church in its national aspects.

The inspiration that comes from one visiting our Convention in the addresses and sermons means much in giving back the faith that was once and forever delivered unto the saints. Many, like Elijah, despair thinking they alone have not bowed the knee to Baal. But here they learn that there remain hundreds who are true to the still small voice that calls.

The greatest experience for one who has been harassed with little cares of local disturbances is to get a glimpse of the really fine men and women that are partners in this great task and to see the advances that are being made despite the petty annoyances.

Next year the Convention will meet in Chicago. That city embodies many things that all should know. The visitor both of our communion and of the denominations, is invited.

"Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?—Come and see."—**John 1:46.**

COLUMBIA, KY.

J. S. CONWAY

To the Disciples of Christ in the United States:

Greetings, beloved in the one faith. Why not start a movement in the United States to have a law passed making it compulsory for everyone between the ages of 6 and 69 to attend worship once each week.

This should decrease crime of all sorts from huge numbers to small fractions, empty prisons and make our country glorious indeed. Such a law would work hardship on no one but would help all even the infidel who does not believe the gospel. Neither would it be a step to unite the church since it would state no more than the 18th Amendment or any other law.

Of course few of us would live to see this a law but the next generation would benefit greatly. The law could be made broad enough to permit everyone to go to the church of their preference. To go to some church regularly is the main point. Who will be the first to start the movement?

FROM ARKANSAS

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK,
STATE PRESIDENT

To those whom are interested in the program of the church:

After hearing the words of Prof. P. H. Moss on the sad problems that are facing Africa and other foreign mission fields, I do not see why every member of the church around Little Rock and North Little Rock is not a member of the Missionary Society. After learning of the great impression made in this field by the teaching of the dear missionaries on the truer type of civilization, the hearts of each one should be stirred. Then turn to the *WORLD CALL* and read the news written by Emory Ross and the great sayings of S. J. Corey, and if you are not inspired to go forward in this great work both in the local participation and in world redemption, then you do not believe what you read and see.

Take notice that our State Convention will convene at Little Rock, Aug. 15-19. Start today to get your representation fees of \$5.00; for the National Convention \$2.00 and for the state work \$3.00.

May 15 we were pleased to have Pres. J. B. Lehman of S. C. I. to visit the Little Rock Church to help them in their struggle. Their leader, M. M. Bostick extended the invitation to Mr. Lehman.

What are you two district workers doing to raise your apportionment which is \$100.00 for each department on June 30. WE are praying for results.

FACTS ABOUT YOUR RACE!

Garnered From the Bulletins of the
Interracial Commission,
Atlanta, Ga.

THAT the "Burly Negro Criminal" so often referred to in the news items of the paper is often the neglected of the society whose laws he violates, has been shown by a recent study of the prisons in North Carolina. Of 1036 Negroes in 33 prisons in that state, not one was a high school graduate and only three were of any high school grade. Thirty-four per cent were illiterate and 83 per cent were unable to read the newspapers. This lack of consideration on the part of the state has filled its prisons. "Ignorance Breeds Crime."

The National Convention

Time and Place

THE element of time and place is a philosophical problem as well as a practical matter that concerns all. A few suggestions of the available times and places as they enter into the lives of the National Convention may enlighten some and more fully impress others with the problem as it relates to the life of our work.

I. TIME—*a. Present.* The present time is usually the last week in August of ten running over into September. This is a good time for it in reference to most of the state conventions. It is at the end of the summer and permits many to take their summer vacation at that time.

But on the other hand, it is just before school starts in most of the cities. Thus many school-teachers and many mothers are compelled to be absent making preparation for the opening of school. Many of the young people are going away to school and cannot attend the Convention. All are preparing to start somewhere and thus cannot handicap their start by being away. It comes two months after the beginning of the missionary year. All apportionments and quotas are voted on in the Convention. All reports are to June 30. This makes for confusion on the one hand and a quarter of inactivity on the other. Three months have passed of the missionary year before the churches receive their apportionments.

b. A changed time. The matter of changing the time always brings up the task of picking a time. Any time will be unsuited for some persons. But the convention could well consider some of the better times. In July, it would be nearer the close of the missionary year. It would come before the summer slump had decimated the church attendance, activity and interest. It would allow teachers and young people to attend better. Most people could look forward and take their vacations at that time.

Conversely, most of the state conventions have not met and the finances are liable to take a drop. Reports from these would have to be made by the state board which in some places is notoriously inactive. Delegates would have to be elected a year previous with reservations as to natural calamities. Issues that would bulk large with the state and influence whatever instructions the delegates might receive from the state will not have been thrashed out. The recommendation committee would suffer.

In April or May, the objections of the above are still true with the added ones of not having reports from either state conventions or U. C. M. S., and of breaking in upon the schedule of farmers and taking the minister off in the midst of his spring program.

Still, the advantages of that time will be apparent in the ability of the Convention to have a part in the planning of the year's work on the missionary program. Also the program of the Convention could then more seriously affect the character and aims of the state assemblies. The financial returns would be very small due to the limited treasury of the states. Attendance would be curtailed since in the south, schools are closing or are in examination times. Young people, parents and teachers would thus be prevented from coming.

A third period that might be suggested, is later in the autumn but there are so few compensations that it need hardly be considered. Now, four of the conventions in

the states meets after the National Convention, so these would come before the Convention.

II. PLACE—*a. Present policy.* The present policy of leaving the selection of the place to a temporary committee appointed and empowered to receive and act only upon invitations has its drawbacks. Worse still is the habit of the officary deciding what place they want to go and pulling the Convention to it. More things than a willingness to entertain the assembly ought to enter in the decision. The focal point of the brotherhood ought to be one thing since the expense should be equally divided. The attitude of the populace to religious gatherings ought to be investigated. The condition of the host church, the racial feelings that exist, the number and character of delegates it can reach, the conditions of travel, the wideness of local appeal and the leadership of the state ought to be considered; all are matters that materially affect the spirit and result of the Convention.

b. A Proposed policy. If the "Time and Place" Committee was appointed in the preceding Convention and empowered to proceed through correspondence to receive and consider invitations and with its own efforts and that of the Convention officers, it would do well in rating the Convention abilities of a town and choosing it for the assembly.

Also, the church would have a longer time to prepare since it would get its invitation in earlier than the Convention assembling. The work of this committee if given this way would demand the recognition of the Convention as competent and would receive more consideration than a group appointed at noon and expected to report at three o'clock. The social and racial elements that enter in could well be investigated and reasons stated for the choice of one and the rejection of another place. The present plan allows for the selection of a place two years in advance and thus no precedent would be set by this longer continuance of the committee as well as assuring more matured consideration.

TIME and PLACE mean more than a date and a town but materially effect the character of the Convention.

A Delegated Convention

A VOTE on any question shall be taken by states when any such vote is called for by three (3) delegates representing three (3) states. In such cases, the roll shall be called in alphabetical order. In all other cases, the vote may be taken as the President instructs.

6. Each state and district represented in the Convention shall be entitled to one vote for each five hundred (500) members or fraction, thereof reported in the last Convention. Where there is no state organization shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

THE above passage from the newly adopted constitution of the National Convention is one of the things that has been the stumbling-block of the International Convention for years. Thanks to the astute judgment of the revisers of the National Convention constitution, this was included in the revision and passed without a dissenting vote.

A delegated convention permits a just and fair counting of the opinion of the country on any one sub-

ject. With the means of publicity at hand, the major questions of the Convention are well known and the different parts of the country have an opportunity to see the merits of the case and protect itself and the Convention from any show of partiality. In the cities in which the Convention meets there may be membership of the local church greater than the representatives of the entire brotherhood from other places. With the host church, behind a proposition all that was needed in the old day was for the church and a few more to sponsor the issue and all was well. Now however while every person registered in the Convention may vote, yet the vote is judged upon the number of persons he represents and not on the unit one. That is the truest democracy. A person from Florida might represent 200 persons and another person from Kentucky represent 3,000, and a person of the home church represent only 1 person.

The appeal to the loyalty of a group is more often made on the basis of who sponsors an issue rather than the merits. In the Youth's Convention in Memphis, the nominating committee selected with care those who would have made the best president. The Memphis group with Tennessee backing got behind a local favorite and put him in without regards to his fitness. The merits were subordinated to the person and the same could well be true of many things that come up.

A delegated convention we have, but the question is can we use it rather than abuse it. We have a chairman or president but he is more often abused than used. We have vice presidents but they are never used. We have a corresponding secretary but he is never put to any service. Assistants never receive any more than a name and a position with no responsibility. Even the practice of instructing a committee has come to be a good way to render these ineffectual. So the delegated convention won't mean a thing unless those best able to understand it will undertake to use it in times where it is necessary.

What the National Convention Means

III. TO THE STATES

IT IS so easy for a state to come to the place where it considers itself the ultimatum of religious thought and achievement. It is so easy to hold the penny so close to the eye that all of the solar system is blotted out. The state ties up its loyalties to the state program so closely that it has no time or

vision for the national and world problems. The programs, discussion, business, board meetings and problems went on in a merry-go-round existence with no future and no variety in past.

The National Convention stepped in with a broader aspect of the brotherhood and the constant emphasis on unity and coherence and welded the states into a vast whole. The field became the world and not the adjacent mission church alone. The horizon was broadened to include all that were of the household of faith. The uniting forces continue and there is a determined effort to bring some sort of co-operation among other groups and our own.

Each state had a vain illusion that it alone had troubles and disappointments. If a Kentuckian met a Kansan the good points of each state organization was stressed and each left believing that the other had a perfect piece of social machinery. But after the inauguration of the National Convention the problem of evangelization, of state missions, of pastoral supply, adequate church buildings, complete local programs and so on were all found to be the piece de resistance of every state. With the pooling of their problems came the gathering for themselves the most adequate solution. And thus the National Convention meant to the state a real medium of understanding and co-operative effort from the states.

The National Convention uses much of the best talent of many states and uses these leaders of the state in giving to the states the unified program of the national work. Representation from the state in both numbers and quality of intelligence leads to the best being winnowed out and used to the advantage of all. The program is built with two objectives, one to get the most competent before the people and the other to have the program as representative as possible.

"For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content."—Phil. 4:11.

The Recommendations Committee

1. **T**HIS Committee shall consist of one member from each state, who shall be elected by the state conventions or state boards. Women may be members of this Committee. When members are qualified by credentials, the President of the Convention shall name the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

2. This Committee shall serve also as a Nominating Committee, and shall nominate all officers for Church Department of the Convention and the members of the Joint Executive Committee.

3. It shall hold sessions during the sitting of the Convention at the call of the Chairman, and recommend to the Convention at the business period all business matters, recommendations and resolutions.

All business matters, recommendations and resolutions, for the action of the Convention, shall be submitted to this Committee to be considered and recommended with its approval or disapproval to the Convention.

4. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Art. VII, Sec. C.

Constitution

THE above passage from the constitution of the National Convention provides for appointment, work and place of the Recommendations Committee of the Convention. This has been a distinct step upward from the old appointed and sometimes instructed committees that owe their loyalties to the presiding officers rather than to the state or people from whom they come. The International Convention has its recommendations committee and all matters of business, future work, resolutions, recommendations and election of officers comes through it. Nearly the same duties are set apart for our Recommendations Committee.

With one credentialed delegate from every state or district convention, representing in the National Convention, this committee will have an opportunity to be representative of all the best thought in every convention. The issue and problems of one state can be contrasted in a place where the matters might be weighed rather than supported and brought to the Convention.

Some will say but suppose the committee doesn't approve of a recommendation, what then? The committee is to bring every matter to the Convention, WITH its approval or disapproval. This method allows for the introduction of resolutions and the making of them "fool-proof" before they become the storm center on the Convention floor. Often some person has a half-formed purpose that he insists on submitting. By first conferring with the Recommendations Committee, he may see the incompleteness of the idea and agree to withdraw it. Thus immaturity would be materially reduced in the realm of business. Most of the belligerence on the floor is due to the insistence of some leader on a set action or mode. This leader would no doubt be a member of the Committee and thus do his objecting there rather than take up the valuable time of the Convention, exploiting his ego.

The great need of the National Convention is a better way to expedite business and the Recommendations Committee offers one means. The means will lead to no ends unless observed by two groups. Our co-operative efforts have an opportunity to come to light. The states must do their part in selecting, appointing, electing and credentialing the member of the Recommendations Committee. The Convention has the other two thirds of the task in first recognizing and using the Committee and second in placing its activities on a high Christian basis. Scandalous to relate but nevertheless true, some of our brethren are neither tolerant nor forgiving in their attitudes and personal grievances bulk larger than Kingdom-building in their eyes. A danger is apparent that the pugnacity of an individual may carry the bitterness of disagreement from the Committee to air it on the Convention floor.

But dangers notwithstanding, given a fair trial, The Recommendations Committee has much to offer in the way of doing business and of accomplishing worth-while ends.

Laughs, Grins and Giggles

What Makes It Ignorance

Teacher: "Willie, how do you define ignorance?" Willie: "It's when you don't know something, but some one finds it out."—*Milwaukee Sentinel*.

Corroborates His Diploma

Patient: "So you've really been practicing since 1895?" Dentist: "If you don't believe it, just look over the magazines in the waiting-room."—*Pathfinder*.

Progress

Patron: "Here's a piece of rubber tire in my hash."

Waiter: "There's no doubt about it. The motor is displacing the horse everywhere."—*The Congregationalist*.

Powerful Poison

'Arry: "Heard of the latest in poisons?"

Plane: "No. What is it?"

'Arry: "Airplane poisoning. One drop is usually sufficient."—*Selected*.

Knew the Sound

"Are you a clock watcher?" asked the employer of the candidate for a job.

"No, I don't like inside work," replied the applicant, without heat, "I'm a whistle listener."—*Dallas Hurry Back News*.

Willing to Take It for Once

Mother—"Robert, you're a naughty boy. You can just go to bed without your supper."

Bobby—"Well, mother, what about that medicine I've got to take after meals?"—*Western Christian Advocate*.

Poetry Aids Grammar

"Mummy, do you say 'It is me,' or 'It is I'?"

"Always remember the rhyme: 'It is I, said the spider to the fly.'"

"I see—but couldn't you say 'It is me,' said the spider to the flea?"—*The Congregationalist*.

A Correction

"Half the City Council Are Crooks" was the glaring headline.

A retraction in full was demanded of the editor under penalty of arrest.

Next afternoon the headline read, "Half the City Council Aren't Crooks."—*Lethbridge Herald*.

Safety In Chicago

"John, what made you jump so?" asked the Chicago wife. "Oh," he replied, "when I heard those two bangs I thought at first it was our two old tires blowing out, but when I heard the bullets whiz by I knew we were all right."—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

The Minister Has His Day

"Will you please see that your engine-driver on the 11:50 does not blow the engine's whistle when passing Rose Avenue on Sundays?" said the complainant.

"That's impossible," protested the official. "Why shouldn't he?"

"Because our minister always preaches until the 11:50 passes. Last Sunday it was twenty-five minutes late."—*Methodist Advocate*.

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The Reason Back of the Lord's Supper

By Chauncey R. Piety



The Last Supper

Zimmermann

THE ancient Egyptians built the great pyramids as tombs and memorials for their princely dead, the English have made Westminster Abbey a memorial shrine for their kings and statesmen and distinguished citizens, Americans have built great monuments to commemorate their honored dead; but these are fixed and local. Not one will compare with the memorial of the Lord's Supper in its universality, beauty, and meaning.

Only a master mind could conceive such an institution. Take the emblems: Bread is a common essential article of food among all peoples. Many of the earth's poor have meat only occasionally and never pie and cake, but bread is their staff of life; and the rich never dine without it. The grape bears its luscious fruit under the tropical sun and in the temperate zones and even amid the scanty summer vegetation of the far north. The bread and the grape are within the reach of all mankind at a small price. They are universal and that is why our Lord chose them.

Why should we observe this feast? Immediately the answer rises: because Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me." That is true, but he does not command as a tyrant; and, if we obey for duty's sake, our act loses all its spiritual significance. The command was given for our good. It is just a marker along life's highway to guide us; and we should greet it with joy as we would a trail marker

if we were lost on an American road. Greet it with joy and proceed and it will guide you the way of brightness and beauty into nearness with God.

We should keep the memorial for love's sake. I knew a woman whose sister's body rested in the cemetery and she erected a memorial there and went every week to the grave with flowers and tears. It was because of love. We treasure letters and photos and mementos of friends and relatives because we love; and love should be a sufficient reason to draw every child of God to the Master's table.

Here we have fellowship one with another and with the mystic presence of our Savior. We should idealize the fellowship about the Lord's table, and keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." It is said that on one occasion the Duke of Wellington went into a little chapel to worship, and it was the custom there to kneel at the altar to take the communion. The Duke went forward and knelt and there came a poor peasant and crowded up against him. An usher seeing this rushed to the peasant and said, "Move over. This is the Duke of Wellington. Give him room." And then the great Duke put his arm around the peasant and said, "My Brother, stay just where you are. There are no dukes here." The Lord's supper should remind us that there is neither high nor low, there is neither rich nor poor, there is neither race nor color, and that there

is no enemy; but all are one in Christ Jesus; and, "Hereby do we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren."

Some have said to me, "I must not go to the communion table, for I am unworthy, and I would be condemned." That is the more reason why they should go. They are conscientious. If their heart condemn them God is greater than their heart, and they are condemned, if they stay away. This is the place of examination and reconsecration. Paul writes, "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." No person should partake of this memorial until he has first examined himself and repented of his sins, remembering that, "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Then we are ready to partake. I believe Jesus had this in mind when he instituted the ordinance. Oh, what a power for good it would be, if every church member would come once a week to this place in penitence and prayer. We would all live better and there would be fewer backsliders. Let us be ashamed, if we partake of this ordinance as a ceremony, not discerning the Lord's body, and neglecting our soul cleansing.

We should be praying and resolving with all the might of our being as we take of the bread and the wine, the symbols of our Lord's body and
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Department of Religious and Missionary Education

P. H. Moss, National Secretary, Bessie Chandler, Elementary Supt.

1929—The Challenge of \$3000 is Yours—1930

(Observe Easter Sunday with Program and Offering)

AN OPEN LETTER TO BIBLE SCHOOLS

My Dear Coworkers:

Half of the missionary year is gone. Two days out of the four special days are left to bring up your full apportionment as a school. I am glad that some of the schools have reached the halfway mark. We thank you for this expressed spirit of co-operation. There are a few schools that have taken only one of the four offerings. I am sorry, but you can by an extra effort reach your quota in the two remaining special days. There are still other schools that have not taken a single offering. This is painful. We hope you will not be listed with the non-giving schools this year. You have Easter and Children's Day left. Take this matter up with the school, tell the needs, urge each teacher, officer and pupil to make a sacrificial offering on each of the remaining days.

Do you not want to share with those who are trying to give a little comfort to those who have about spent their lives in the extension of the Kingdom of God? Do you care whether or not that old worn-out minister or missionary finds succor for the few hours left in their day? Will your school join with those who are striving under God, to do their full part through the department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society, to preach the gospel to every creature? **EASTER SUNDAY**—the offering for ministerial relief. **CHILDREN'S DAY**—offering for those in other lands.

If the Bible Schools and Christian Endeavors do their very best, we will reach our full apportionment of \$3,000.00.

Send for the Easter and Children's Day programs on time, take the offering and report promptly to:

Department of Religious Education
Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana
Yours for full co-operation,

P. H. Moss

Secretary of Religious Education
MISS BESSIE CHANDLER
Elementary Superintendent

P. S. This letter is personal, but it should be read to the school in session. Place it in your Bible and be sure to take your Bible to school with you.—P. H. M.

AN OPEN LETTER TO STATE BIBLE SCHOOL PRESIDENTS

From the National Bible School President
By Prof. T. W. Pratt, 3612 Thomas Ave.,
Dallas, Texas

To the Presidents of State Bible School Conventions, greetings: I have just received a letter from the Department of Religious Education stating that Miss Bessie Chandler, our National Elementary Super-



Easter Sunrise Service

IF THERE is no other organization within the church to lead and foster a sunrise prayer meeting on Easter, then let the Sunday school take this delightful responsibility. Hundreds of these early services will be held. The day will be better, the atmosphere will be more spiritual and the soul-winning results larger if this early prayer service is held. A day begun in prayer cannot help but end in victory. A suggested order of service may be had from the United Society.—Illustrated by N. G. Wuenschel.

intendent, cannot be retained after a certain date unless \$100 be forthcoming from some place. The National Bible School Department has been appealed to. We do not have the funds. Therefore I am now calling upon the presidents of the several states to issue an appeal to each local superintendent to secure a donation of \$1.00 and mail it to the Department of Religious Education, Indianapolis, Indiana, 222 Downey Avenue, Missions Building, care of Roy G. Ross (for Miss Bessie Chandler's work).

Miss Chandler has done a fine piece of service for our schools and we cannot afford to permit a few hundred dollars to hamper her usefulness. We are asking each of you to raise \$1.00 from every school in your state by making this a direct appeal to the local schools and superintendents, urging them to raise the amount on April 6 and forward it to the United Society, as stated above, at once. This is an emergency appeal to all and we ask for your hearty co-operation. Fraternal yours, T. W. P.

AFTER EASTER, WHAT?

Every wide-awake Sunday school has definite plans for Easter. There is preparation and prayer for a large attendance, offering, and additions to the church. The

question that needs to be asked by every school is, After Easter, what? What about attendance? There is only one answer. As large an attendance on Pentecost, June 8, as on Easter Sunday. What about evangelism? There is only one answer to this question. As many added to the church through the Sunday school on Pentecost, as on Easter. What about the offering? There is only one answer here. June 1 is Children's Day. As large an offering, and if possible larger, on Children's Day, for foreign missions as was given on Easter. "On to the nineteen hundredth Pentecost in the spirit of the first Pentecost!"

SIMULTANEOUS BIBLE-READING PLAN

From Easter, April 20, to Pentecost, June 8, the Protestant churches of America are planning to read Luke and Acts simultaneously. There are fifty days and fifty-two chapters in these two books written by Luke.

The Sunday schools of America will want to participate to help make this a Bible-reading revival. This is needed over America. The superintendents and teachers can lead in this in every school. Some members of the school can be urged to follow the daily reading in their own Bibles. Others can be provided with penny portions of Luke and Acts from the American Bible Society depositories.

The Sunday school is interested in the distribution and teaching of the Bible. As one of the Pentecost aims for the fifty days, why not enlist your school in this reading plan?

IF I WERE A SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

If I were a Sunday school superintendent there are some very definite things I would do from Easter to Pentecost in commemoration of the nineteen hundredth birthday of the church.

First, I would commit every member of my Sunday school to attendance for the eight Sundays. This I would do by a signed pledge. I would ask each member to sign a card promising to attend every Sunday. I would pass this card out on April 13 and 20 to be signed. There would not be any letting down, letting up, or letting go, on attendance.

Second, I would plan for the greatest missionary offering of the year on Children's Day. What is a birthday without a present? Since the nineteen hundredth birthday of the church occurs on Pentecost, June 8, I would urge the school to honor this

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- (1) Those who want the point or "the coconut without the hull or milk."
- (2) Those who want "editorial slant" on topics of vital concern to the church.
- (3) The masses who may wish to remember a particular editorial statement of special interest.
- (4) Those who prefer to do their own thinking but (as far as the church is concerned) may need something to think about.
- (5) Those who think they are too busy to read and think about lengthy editorials but want to know if the editor "thinks he thinks" and how he "sees it."

When the church has urgent tasks that must be done, ask the busiest members; the man who never does anything hasn't time!
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It is almost a universal rule that the people who give little or nothing do the most complaining and fault finding because the church "talks money."

THE 425 AND EASTER SUNDAY

The actual necessities of life to the 425 devoted servants of our churches, who are honored members of the Ministerial Relief roll, will be provided this year on April 20, Easter Sunday, through the offerings of our Bible schools and churches.

Easter is a fitting season to remember the ministers, their widows and the missionaries who, having given their substance, their energy and their all to our churches, find themselves without provision in their old age. It is fitting that those who gave life to countless people during their ministry, who interpreted life in our churches, and who followed the life of Christ in their deeds, should be provided for in the season when new life is promised to the world. At a time when the seeds they sowed are beginning to blossom in beauty and fragrance, it is especially appropriate that these aged people should be furnished with the means of life in their last years.

There are 201 ministers on the roll, 207 widows of ministers, and 17 missionaries. The total active ministry of the preachers alone amounts to 13,452 years, an elongated Christian era in which their baptisms have been conservatively estimated at 439,499. The total churches organized by the 97 preachers who reported such service numbered 609; the earlier ministers were not asked this question. The average salary of ministers on the roll during their active ministry was \$744.87 and their average monthly payment is \$25.14, an amount which falls far short of their actual needs. Their average age is 73 years while that of the 207 widows, whose average monthly relief is \$20.80, is 66.

The days of Ministerial Relief are numbered. With the operation of the Pension Fund its work will be absorbed but the need of generous support is now greater than ever. Let us prove to these 425 veterans that their labors have not been in vain; that there is reality in Christian fellowship and gratitude in Christian hearts.

NO DISTINCTION AT WASHINGTON CONVENTIONS!

On February 12th, 1930, the Joint Executive Committee passed a motion accepting the following resolution:

"To avoid unnecessary embarrassment as respects the Pentecostal Celebration in Washington, D. C., be it resolved that the representatives of the U. C. M. S., holding membership on The Joint Executive Committee, be asked to submit to The Joint Executive Committee, at its next meeting, complete information as to the registration, entertainment and freedom of access, and participation by Negroes (who attend) in Convention Hall or other places utilized for convention purposes, at The Pentecostal Celebration."

The following statement comes from the chairman of the Joint Executive Committee for publication in *The Plea* in response to the above resolution:

THE WASHINGTON CONVENTIONS IN OCTOBER

Word has come from the committee of the International Convention and the World Convention to be held in Washington in October that there will be no distinction made with the Negro delegates. They will be registered just as other delegates and they may be seated just as other delegates. They will be expected to look after their own entertainment in the city.

State conventions are entitled to send delegates to the Recommendations Committee of the International Convention and I hope the States will avail themselves more of this privilege than they have hitherto.

The World Convention will be made up of delegates of all nations and races. It is not a mass meeting and no doubt we should not send more there than representatives of the various organizations. More will be said of this later on.

J. B. Lehman,
Chairman Joint Executive Committee.

Letters of the Same Purport But Different!

Two letters came. One was chuck-full of praises and expressions of deep appreciation for *The Plea*, improvement, etc. The writer's subscription was far past due. He had been notified. In turn he sent a new address with the comment "be sure and send *The Plea*, as I would be lost without it and its Brotherhood inspiration." There was no "news items," no "announcements" or articles for publication; not even a postal money order covering a year's subscription.

Letter No. 2 came the following day. It was brief; enclosed a postal money order covering a year's subscription and also included an article for publication in keeping with requests. Which of the two writers, according to your idea of co-operation in a great undertaking, really appreciated *The Christian Plea* most?

It is said "We beg for our needs and pay for our wants." Obviously it is becoming increasingly necessary for us to actually pay for both the things we need and want. If we want a church paper we must begin, actually begin to pay for it.

When we ask every member of the church to pay \$1.00 for a year's subscription, even where there are several members of the same family, we are not asking very much; but, even if only half of the church's membership would pay we could publish a very worthy church journal. Money alone, however, will not make a paper. We must have local, State and Brotherhood news items, announcements and contributing numbers by the clergy and laity on topics of vital interest. Briefly stated: we must have money, writers and readers to make a worthy *Christian Plea*.

There isn't a man alive—or a woman either—who doesn't like to receive letters.

You never hear folks tell the postman not to call. When he comes you can't get to the door fast enough.

We're like that—when the postman passes us by we're unhappy—when he calls with letters from friends we rejoice. Just so it is with the Editor in the Watchtower!

*If it's a letter of praise, we appreciate it.
If it's a suggestion which will guide us in improving the service, we appreciate it.
If it's a letter of honest criticism, we appreciate it.*

Put your ideas down on paper—send them along.

It's a practical way of showing your interest.

A PLEA FOR "THE PLEA"

All those that take "The Christian Plea" Await its coming eagerly.
The reason why? There is no doubt,
It gives them news to talk about.

It gives them facts they did not know,
Shows how to make the churches grow;
Thoughts from those that know life and its needs;
And a poet ever ready to sing of your deeds.

Some compliments to this poet are due.
For as a booster, he rings true blue;
He tells the world the good you've done
His name is C. H. Dickerson.

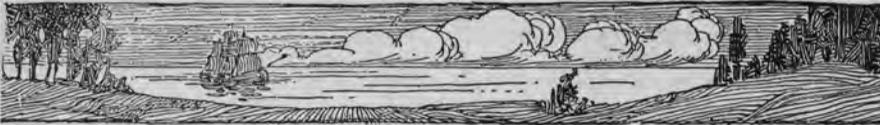
Get "The Plea" and never hesitate
To read the poem from the "Blue Grass" state.

It inspires, it spurs, it thrills the soul,
As Dickerson sings, like the bards of old.

There are things in life we all must miss,
You've often heard, "Ignorance is bliss."
But don't be ignorant, just promise me
Each month you'll read "The Christian Plea."

Baltimore, Maryland.

Christian Service In Cooperation



J. B. Lehman, Supt. of Missions
Associate Editor

The Grace of Knowing Our Opportunity

The greatest tragedies in human history are the tragedies that came because men did not see their opportunities. If the ruling Jews had seen what Jesus could do for them and they had fallen in line under his leadership the destiny of the world's civilization would have been in their hands to this day. They did not see it and lost out forever.

It was this thought Jesus had in mind when he was at the house of Mary and Martha. Martha was what we would call a good housekeeper and kept up her home in a neat condition. Her fault was that she could see no further than the things present. She had none of the vision of the prophet. Mary, on the other hand, saw clearly that here was a man who had his hand on the ages and she sat at his feet like a primary pupil. Martha came in and scolded her and felt like boxing her ears and demanded that Jesus help her to reprimand Mary. Jesus said to her, "Mary has chosen the better part."—She sees the future and you Martha see only dishwashing.

This, then, is a great lesson for us. At every convention we see the dishwashers and the prophets. That is; then those there who see only the offices to be filled and, the honors to be had and the profits to be derived. They see this so clearly that they will even see their friends privately and try to get everyone posted to act on their side. But under their lack of vision they could not succeed if everything were given in their hand. On the other hand the prophets know that in the end all will come out right and they can afford to wait till all will come out by its natural development. The eternal years are theirs.

Now to apply all this. The Negro Disciples of Christ have an opportunity to do a work that no others can do. The Baptists have a church on every plantation in the South but they have no such an opportunity as this. They cannot affiliate with the white Baptist church of the South. They can have no fellowship with the Baptist church of the North, except to get a "handout" from them. But the Negro Disciples of Christ can here buy the groundwork of a relationship that will yet be the model in India and South Africa.

But you say the Negro must take an inferior position. Yes, that is true till such time as the leading Negroes envision their opportunity. No man is given a commanding place for the sake of giving it to him. No man can be kept from a commanding place if he sees the better part as clearly as Mary saw it. If our Negro Disciples would see as clearly as Paul saw, and if they would go about it as meekly as he went to his task, people would come from China and India to see them do it. Before we can fill a larger place in the great world program of the Disciples of Christ we must make Marys out of our great number of dishwashing Marthas.

God is no respecter of persons and men are not either when true merit is shown. The way is open for our Negro men and women to become the greatest in America; but they must quit their "dishwashing" and they must sit at the feet of Jesus.

America has some of the very greatest problems to solve and they will make heroes of any man or woman who will show that he sees the way to the solution. No man or no nation will give any man privileges because he has them not. But they cannot help giving them if he comes as a true leader to greater things.

Oh, Negro Disciples of Christ, why will you not see your great opportunity and quit coming to the conventions canousing for this and that! The one motive in our heart should be to find the men and women who can do the task and then lay it on them and let them be martyrs to the cause. No greater disaster can come to a man than to appoint him to a task for which he is intellectually, morally and spiritually unfit. But if we find the right man for the place and we pray the grace of God on his head we do a great thing for the Kingdom.

Reason Back of the Lord's Supper

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blood. Why? Pray that we may take the Christ spirit into our souls and resolve to live the Christ life. We should ask God to help us take the principles, the virtues, the graces of our blessed Lord into our souls and let them be woven into our characters. This is one of the chief reasons for the communion, that it may be a real spiritual experience.

Finally, Paul writes, "As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew forth the Lord's death till he come." According to Paul the Lord's Supper is a memorial and a prophecy. It is a transition, a connecting link between Jesus' death and his coming. It should stir the heart of every worshiper with two contrasting pictures: The picture of our Lord's unjust trial by men and that of the judgment of men by the justice of our Lord, the picture of the thorny crown and the crown of glory, the picture of nail-pierced hands and the hand that holds the sceptre of the universe, the picture of the mocking and scourging and abuse of Jesus and that of the redeemed and the angels, arch-angels, cherubim and seraphim singing in unison his everlasting praise.

If I Were a Sunday School Superintendent

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glorious anniversary by bringing a worthy gift for the children in lands afar.

Third, I would plan for a decision day on Pentecost. For the seven weeks, previous, I would talk, pray, and plan for this, that if possible every person old enough to do so, would be a member of the church.

Fourth, I would get the whole school committed to the reading of Luke and Acts, a chapter daily, for the fifty days. To help in this, I would order penny copies sufficient to give each person one.

Fifth, I would put all the officers, teachers, and other key people behind this and the church's Pentecost program. I would get some enthusiasm myself on this great program now before our Brotherhood and then seek to pass the fire on to others.

Prayer and Evangelism

By Barclay Meador

Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of them.—The Master

EVANGELISM is the proclamation of the evangel—the good news from God to men. Prayer, in connection with the spread of the news, is communion with God concerning the undertaking to build his Kingdom on the earth; an undertaking, initiated through Jesus Christ, which, in the final analysis, depends upon God, but in the processes incident to human experience, depends first upon men who are willing to be evangelists and second upon those who are willing to accept the terms of salvation.

Since God related the one to the other, he decreed that both should be employed by his messengers in enlisting men under this banner. By evangelism, the preaching of the word, the seed—truth, is sown in the soil of the human heart. By prayer, the spiritual energy of heaven is called down that the seed may be made to germinate and grow.

The Ground of Paul's Belief in Prayer

When Paul said, "Pray that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified," he borrowed language from the Grecian races with which he had become familiar during his sojourn at Corinth and his brief visit at Athens.

He had observed that contestants on the race course were divested of clothing that might impede progress. He had also seen how the race course was cleared of obstacles. He knew that the owners of the race track had been instrumental in having obstacles removed. He was persuaded also that God, the owner of all the highways to the hearts of men, could have them cleared.

Impediments and obstacles are as much in evidence today as in Paul's time. The evil habits of men; the designs of evil men; the toll of heredity, the fetish of false gods; all hinder the gospel, with a subtlety and a power that only means and agencies which God appoints for their destruction can prevail against them.

Paul believed that the Word of God had in it the power of God, as every word spoken should have in it the power and personality of the speaker; he believed that as he was a worker together with God so also that God was a worker with him; and, moreover, that a line of communication should be maintained by prayer. Therefore, he said to his brethren, "Pray."

Preaching and Prayer

To the Corinthians who were more or less under the influence of a philosophy that regarded the preaching of the gospel as foolish, Paul declared that it was through preaching that God purposed to save the world. His words, according to Moffatt's translation, are:

For when the world with all of its wisdom failed to know God; in his wisdom God resolved to save believers by the sheer folly of the Christian message (1 Cor. 1-21).

"Prayer and preaching work together," says a great preacher, who makes interesting comparisons:

Prayer speaks to God for man; preaching speaks to man for God.

Prayer seeks to bring God to man; preaching aims to bring man to God.

Prayer moves God toward man; preaching persuades man to seek God.

Prayer makes known to God man's request; preaching reveals to man God's mind and will.

Preaching is doing the practical work which man can do; prayer is asking for what God only can do, and for that which is necessary to the success of that which man can do.



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"HONOR TO WHOM HONOR"

Elder A. J. Thompson
By Georgia May Campbell

Editor's note:

Miss Campbell will give Christian Plea readers a series of fine articles on "Honor to Whom Honor" regarding those of us who have labored faithfully or shared the labors of a loyal and devoted ministry and are now on the Pension Fund List as a result of that service age or failing health.

IN CYPRESS, FLORIDA, there lives a preacher whose health has been very poor in the last few years, whose eyes are dimmed with approaching age, and whose active days are almost finished. Two years ago he was placed on the Ministerial Relief Roll, the honor roll of the church, to receive a small monthly allowance to provide the necessities of his existence.

He still preaches occasionally, but more and more, as the days come and go, his strength is going, and he can meet fewer and fewer appointments. Behind his dimmed eyes, however, he still recalls the active years he spent in the ministry. He can still remember the days in Georgia and Florida when he preached over an hour to eager audiences that wanted to hear "the old, old story."

Brother A. J. Thompson was born in Leon County, Florida, in 1863. He was brought up, though, in Georgia, where in 1880 at Thomasville he made the good confession and joined the Christian church. Two years later he began his ministry in Thomasville, and was untiring in his efforts of Christian service during the next forty-six years, when he preached in the Georgia and Florida churches.

Over two thousand people were baptized by him—many of them in creeks or rivers in the summertime following a successful protracted meeting, some of them in the cold winter, when earnest folk gathered to pray for those who were following Him, and others in the more modern baptistries of the churches.

Elder Thompson organized twelve organizations, led in the erection of the church buildings at Cypress, Gray's Point and Blomstown, Florida, besides several mission points, and influenced twenty young men to enter the ministry. He preached over forty-six years, and, though he was one of the most successful ministers in those days, his salary from these young churches was never enough to meet his needs. He often supplemented his income with manual labor.

It was not surprising therefore, that when his health failed, when his eyes grew weak, and he became too old to preach regularly, he did not have money laid away for his old age. And it was not surprising that a monthly allowance from Ministerial

Relief was immediately granted him as a small appreciation of his noble life.

Ministerial Relief is providing for 425 similar needy cases—for 201 retired ministers, who cannot longer serve the churches, for 207 ministers' widows, who were left



Easter Hope

"HE IS not here, but is risen." Ever since the first Easter, the hope of eternal life has animated human struggle, fortified men and women against their adversaries, proved its power to create Christlike character and inspire lofty human service. Faith and reason lead us to the empty tomb on each recurring Easter Day. They have a single message for all believing hearts. "He is not here, but is risen." That empty tomb is God's answer to our question, "If a man die shall he live again?"

without a means of support upon the death of their husbands, and for 17 missionaries, who are spending their last days on home soil, dreaming of their active years in foreign lands.

Ministerial Relief is supported by the Easter offerings in our churches. It is supplying only the real necessities of life to these 425 souls on the roll. Without it they would be subjects of charity and charges of the county. Our churches must not fail this year to make their offerings larger than ever for the need of Ministerial Relief is a definite and continuous one. When the Pension Fund is finally operating, Ministerial Relief will gradually be abolished. A systematic pension system for

every preacher will automatically replace the freewill offerings of Ministerial Relief.

In appreciation and love for these soldiers of the cross, who have planted and nourished our churches in their younger days, let us support Ministerial Relief and the newly formed Pension Fund. Without our co-operation this great brotherhood enterprise cannot be unanimously successful.

PENTECOST AND SHARING

By H. B. McCormick, Promotional
Secretary U. C. M. S.

CAN the nineteen hundredth anniversary of Pentecost be observed fittingly unless we make a serious attempt to reproduce in our churches today the experiences of the first great Pentecost? Can we discover the prime purpose of this first Pentecost in any better way than in the words of Jesus as recorded by Luke who gave us the story of Pentecost and linked it definitely with the closing scenes of Jesus' ministry as recorded in Luke 24:46-49?

Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Christ makes clear in these compelling words that the one purpose of Pentecost was that of sharing him and his saving power with all men. "You are my witnesses, go share my message of salvation with every creature, but tarry for power." Any interpretation of Pentecost that leaves out this central fact misses the whole meaning.

Certainly one of the deepest needs in our church today if we are to reproduce the experiences of the first great Pentecost is that of tarrying for and of receiving the divine power. Jesus said, "Tarry," and as they tarried they were in constant prayer. It was only after days of prayer that the divine Spirit came.

If these needed to tarry for power, surely we even more than they need to tarry.

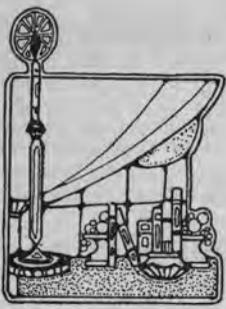
But if we fulfil the conditions which make possible the coming of the Spirit divine, how will the Spirit be manifest in the Church? The note of pessimism will give way to the note of victory. We shall feel with Paul, "Who is sufficient for these things?" But we shall also say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

We can discover the action of the Spirit as we read the story of Pentecost in the second chapter of

The Acts. Surely if the Spirit divine comes, the first great activity will be that of giving testimony. Can anyone be filled with the Spirit of God and withhold the testimony concerning the good news of salvation for man which has been made possible through Christ?

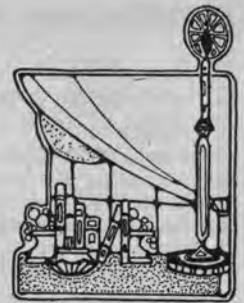
Like those early apostles it will be "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel." The giving of testimony will begin at the fire-side and in social and business circles; it will by no means end there. The Spirit will prompt any many or woman into whose life he comes to yearn for the last man, woman and child who is still without a saving knowledge of Christ.

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Broadcasting Local News

["What Thou Seest, Write . . . and Send it
to the . . . Churches"—Rev. 1:11.]



"AND IT CAME TO PASS"

(From The Banks of Old Kentucky)

By C. H. Dickerson

After six years' service with the grand old, historic Lexington Church the writer has "felt" called—something "tugging at his coat tail"—to another field. Lexington is no mean city; couldn't be here in the heart of Fayette County with Blue Grass too well known to need description. The Lexington folk have been good to us and will stand by the next man. He, however, must be a "hustler," going ahead or he'll get "run over."

Wasn't Greece the head of Europe, and Athens the head of Greece, and Pericles the head of Athens? Just so with this church; it claims some four hundred members here, elsewhere, good, bad, different, indifferent, lazy, crazy, able and disable! A splendid working force—as loyal and true as may be found anywhere. I am told, and I believe it, that when the preachers got word "Go ye into all the world" most of them rushed to the station saying "gimme a ticket for Lexington." Political, Racial and Denominational atmosphere in Lexington would readily yield "As You Like It." No better place on earth to live! Here they make or unmake, raise or lower the preacher's monument and his administration becomes his glory or his grave.

One thousand, twenty-four dollars and sixty cents (\$1,024.60) were raised and placed in the bank here for the building of an annex, which the majority of the officers did not think best to tackle last fall. This money is "tagged" and to attempt to use it otherwise would start another revolutionary war. Don't do it! The next captain of the ship will find smoother waters, friendlier winds, fewer torpedoes and Leviathans than we found. He must build, like Solomon, of the stones which we, like David, quarried. Needless to say he must be a man of God. Nothing doubting, "This kind goeth not out except by fasting and prayer."

Present indications are that, having our own home here at 446 Ohio Street, we'll live here for a season, taking the Quantrell Oath to "help and not hinder" the new man. All applicants for the pulpit may address the Church Clerk, Mr. E. F. Bruce, 204 Vertner Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky.

NEWS ITEMS FROM AARON'S RUN, KENTUCKY

By Elder C. H. Johnson, Pastor

We are giving half time to Hustonville. We had splendid services there on last Sunday. The church clubs and auxiliaries are working nicely. Brother Sam Yawell is Superintendent of the Bible school and is doing a great work. Sister Alice Frye is president of the Missionary Society and keeps the good work going. Sisters Peyton, Bailey and Brown are on the sick list. We are glad Brother T. M. Cooper is able to be out. District No. 6 held its quarterly meeting at Aaron's Run on March 22 and 23.

FROM THE GREAT LAKES (CLEVELAND)

Elder R. W. Watson, Pastor

F. T. Barnett, Reporter

Dear Readers of The Plea:

We wish to say a word about our work here in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, under the leadership of Elder R. Wesley Watson, who is doing a most effective piece of work. There is a steady increase in interest and attendance in all departments of the church. Elder Watson has been preaching a series of able sermons on "The Life of Christ." Elder Watson's sermons are well prepared, effectively delivered, inspirational and well received. Also his pastoral work is proving a great success, as may be seen by the increased interest and attendance. We are now looking forward to our National Convention and Pentecostal Celebration with great expectancy. With each month bringing the National Convention nearer and nearer to our doors we are beginning to feel our responsibilities and are beginning to realize we have a good deal to do, if the convention is to be a success.

It was very encouraging to have Brother Moss and Miss Chandler in our midst. They always add inspiration to our efforts as well as give definiteness to our Sunday school efforts. We are always glad to see these workers and regret their going.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WICHITA, KANSAS

Elder I. K. Hicks, Pastor

W. A. Scott, Reporter

Dear Christian Plea Readers:

Our pastor, Elder I. K. Hicks, and officers have sponsored a plan by which we hope to repair the church. Our pastor is laboring hard and has received pledges to the amount of approximately \$800. We are yet climbing in Wichita and hope to keep in sight of the brotherhood and its program.

Three of the members of Indiana Avenue attended the Leadership Training School in January, promoted by the Christian churches of Wichita. We can now say the Bible school is on its way to success under the leadership of Brother J. H. Butler, its superintendent. The Christian Endeavor, under the leadership of Miss C. Francis Neal, the president, has a bright future ahead of it. Mrs. P. F. Fort is president of the Aid Society and is doing a commendable piece of work. Generally it may be said that our church work is making splendid progress under the leadership of Elder Hicks. We have had some real winter here, and of course that has made some difference. In spite of this the membership is facing the future courageously.

Sister Ada Mayberry is much improved at this writing. She is one of our loyal workers who has been on the sick list. We were glad to welcome our pastor's wife, Mrs. C. B. Hicks, home after an extended visit on the coast of Texas. We have sixteen members, including the pastor, on our tithing list. We hope to be able to announce that our entire membership is tithing. Wonderful progress has been made and we are glad to recommend tithing to churches that experience financial trouble.

ELD. F. C. COTHRAN, ROCKFORD, ILL., PASSES ON

By Eld. Robt. E. LaTouche

Chicago, Ill.

On February 13th I had a long distance call from Sister Cothran of Rockford, Illinois, saying Bro. Frank C. Cothran passed away.

I consider this a striking blow to the state of Illinois and to the brotherhood at large, as I notice the splendid progress Bro. Cothran made since he went to Rockford.

Our church in Rockford has had some splendid ministers in the past, but I am sure none of them has been able to solve the real problem as well as Frank C. Cothran.

He was just about to march the Old Zion forward into a glorious church where the saints of God could worship Him in spirit and in truth. He began his ministry there last May in a revival meeting, and was elected pastor of the church in July. I was present when this was done. He won the confidence of the entire church which of course secured for him a glorious ministry.

The church in Rockford has a fine group of loyal workers which was plainly demonstrated by them at the funeral. They stood by their leader to the end.

Sister Cothran wanted me to come over and take charge of the funeral on Saturday the 15th. I went and found a loving group of people awaiting my arrival. Among them were three of our white Christian ministers and three colored ministers, one Methodist and two Baptist. They spoke very highly of Bro. Cothran as a minister and as a Christian. I used for my text 2 Tim. 4:8 ver.

His remains were placed in a vault until his widow decides on a final resting place. He left to mourn his loss a widow, two daughters a brother and a grandson.

Servant of God well done,
Rest from thy love employ
The battle fought the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ANTIOCH CHURCH

(Clayton, North Carolina)

Elder W. G. Best, Pastor

Mrs. Roberta Prunty, Reporter

Dear Readers of The Plea:

We are glad to say that we are getting along splendidly. Elder Best is doing a great work and we want to thank God for him. The membership feels that Elder Best is a high class Christian gentleman and a faithful worker in the Master's cause. There is great demand for men of his standing. We now feel as though we could not accomplish very much without Elder Best.

We had our quarterly meeting on last Sunday and our pastor seemed at his best at 11:30 as he broke to us the "bread of life." One of the visiting ministers brought us the message for the evening. We had several out-of-town visitors, among whom were Mrs. W. G. Best, Mrs. Margarette Bradshaw, Mrs. Powell, Elder G. E. Ellis, Eld. A. L. Bridges, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crudup of Selma, N. C.

A CORRECTION THAT DOESN'T CORRECT

(From the Banks of Old Kentucky)

By C. H. Dickerson

The type brings Prof. Lehman's "To the Rescue of Our Schools." While I am not attempting to correct a correction with a solution that doesn't "solute" I do note the inapt heading of the article. For want of a finished syllogism may I call Brother Peter's "A" and Brother Lehman's "B." I wish to suggest to all who may not know both of them, that each is an acknowledged captain of his crowd—but neither knows (understands) the other.

Brother "A" begins with familiar words, every one of which brother "B" coined and patented (hence his objection to Brother "B" using them—plagiarism). Brother "B" objects to some phraseology of Brother "A's" in his second sentence and proceeds to correct it by stating that he has done the very thing complained of and asks us all to "quit it,"—smile! Our schools have not been "attacked" hence no "rescue" needed.

Brother "A" only made a suggestion which might be illustrated thus: But for General George Washington and Lord Cornwallis America and Great Britain would be different; General Grant and General Lee made strong their sides in mortal combat; take Generals Haig, Petain, Pershing, Hindenburg, and Foch from history and you have a different story. The question is: Shall we have generals or shall we hope to win with every man a general? We have never seen it after this fashion!

Lincoln told Nancy, "I can't us a shirt 'all collar.'" An army of lions led by sheep is Aesops fable. Let us hear more from both Brothers "A" and "B."

HANNIBAL, MISSOURI, CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY

Elder G. H. Bundy, Pastor

Dear Editor of Christian Plea:

This comes to inform you that we are celebrating our 50th anniversary from March 9th to the 12th inclusive. The Hannibal Church was organized March 1880. During these years The Second Christian Church of Hannibal, like many churches of the Brotherhood, has had its ups and downs. Some times we think it has had more downs than ups. However, we now occupy a very attractive location on a beautiful hill. The building is one erected under the leadership of Elder Mike Handcock who served this congregation faithfully for 17 years. Like most of our churches Hannibal has its problems and obligations but bids fair to take her place "in the sun" of a new day.

NEWS ITEMS OF MURPHY ST. TAYLOR, TEXAS

By Eld. T. J. Green, Pastor

The writer has just returned from Holland, Texas, where we conducted the funeral of our beloved and faithful Sister Mandy Dickerson, age 66. She leaves a husband, two children, twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren as well as several other relatives. The body was laid to rest in The Sunshine Cemetery. The funeral was very, very impressive.

Sister Dickerson was a faithful member and was well thought of by her church and the community, white and colored. Her funeral was largely attended. The people came from far and near, both white and colored. Many of the neighboring towns were well represented. Two ministers, Steward and Polk, of the A. M. E. Church, including our Sister Maude Davis, assisted us.

Our Murphy Street work is moving along nicely. We are looking forward to greater things in the future. Best wishes to all of "The household of faith."

REPORT OF EAST TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION

By Mrs. W. A. Scott, Johnson City, Tenn.

The East Tennessee Christian Churches have just closed a very successful District Convention at Bristol, Tennessee on February 14-16. The meeting was considered a success from every angle. The hospitality of the Bristol people is well known. Every moment of the delegates' stay was made delightful. The spiritual phase of the meeting was helpful and inspiring. Finances were very encouraging. All the sermons and addresses were laden with timely messages that deeply interested the hearers.

One of the outstanding events of the meeting was the visit of the ministers' Union from Johnson City. All of these well-prepared city pastors made excellent addresses.

The Silver Loving Cup (awarded to the church making the best all around report) was awarded to the Johnson City Church, which had nine active delegates in attendance and every auxiliary of the church represented. It may be said that this church, under the leadership of Elder S. Kenney, is doing splendid work. Elder R. L. Peters has just closed a great revival for the Johnson City Church. The interest constantly increased until it finally became necessary to hold the concluding services in the City Auditorium. Many of the best white citizens participated in the great spiritual and financial effort, which was a great success.

The Women's Missionary Society held an excellent union meeting on the first Sunday in March. The Willing Workers are also doing a splendid work. The visits of Bro. Moss and Miss Chandler were very helpful to the church and others, visitors and friends, who heard them. They brought helpful and inspiring addresses. We pray they may continue long in their excellent work as they are rendering invaluable service to our churches and Sunday schools.

Yours in His Name, Mrs. W. A. Scott.

To the Churches and Other Departments of the Texas State Convention

N. H. Johnson, State Pres.

Since our churches have not been able to receive the intelligence of the proceedings of the last convention we are sending through the columns of *The Christian Plea* the work of the "Future Work Committee." This report was left in the hands of a publishing committee at Jarvis College, but has failed to be sent out to the brotherhood, therefore many are wondering and asking what they should do. We are hoping that our next convention will be a record breaker since this is the Pentecostal year for all the churches, but unless we cement our forces together a very little can be done. As a request to the brotherhood let us not forget our dear brother and minister who once labored with us saving souls for Christ and send him an offering and a word of cheer in the person of Eld. W. M. Tucker and pray the Lord's choicest blessing upon him.

Report of Future Work Committee

We your committee of Future Work beg to submit the following report:

1. We recommend that election of local Bible School officers be held immediately after the return from the convention.
2. We recommend that the Supt. of each local Bible School file with the State Secretary the names of the Supt. Sec. and number of pupils in each school by the 15th of October.
3. We recommend that a vigorous and intensive program be put on in each local Bible School pursuant to this idea—we recommend that each local school use "The Program of Work" as published by the Department of Religious Education of U. C. M. S. Missions Building, Indianapolis, Ind.
4. We recommend that all schools observe

our four special days. Thanksgiving (for American Mission) Christmas (Benevolence) Easter (Ministerial Relief) and Children's Day for Foreign Mission.

5. We recommend that at each session of the convention a special literary program be fostered one night during the convention by the joint effort of the Bible School and C. E. Society.

6. We recommend that each local Bible school elect a director and that a social and physical life program be put on once a month.

7. We recommend that each Bible School send a representative to the Young People's Conference June 1930 at Jarvis College.

8. We recommend that \$100 subsidy be appropriated by the four departments of the convention for the second Young People's conference and alloted as follows; Church \$40, Bible schools \$25, Women's mission \$25, Y. P. S. C. E. \$10.

9. We recommend that we try to project three vocational church schools in Texas another year and that special attention be given to organization of adult classes.

10. We recommend that a form of a report blank be printed in the back of the minutes.

11. We recommend that each local Bible school send one delegate to the state convention also a representative from the State convention to the National convention.

Signed,

T. W. Pratt, ch.
P. H. Moss
W. M. Henry
N. H. Johnson
Thaddeus Faulkner
N. T. Fudgen, Sec.

ANOTHER SOCIAL GOES OVER "BIG"

(Sponsored by Woodland Ave., Conference Club)

Margurette Brashears, President

Martha Jackson, Reporter

Tuesday evening, March 18th the K. C. C. C. of Woodland Avenue gave a Saint Patrick's party which was largely attended by the young people. The Kansas Conference Club members were our guests for the evening. They made themselves very much at home and took active parts in all club activities. It was indeed a delightful affair, thoroughly enjoyed by both the young folk and the older-young folk. Our young men took it upon themselves (especially Messers Hambrick, Allen and Gatlin) to see that the Kansas young ladies enjoyed themselves and were well provided for.

The Service Committee Chairman provided us with a delicious luncheon for the small sum of 15c per plate. The entertainment, mostly games and stunts, were lively and full of wholesome fun as usual. Two mental games were played and prizes given. The first was an Observation Basket Contest in which 27 took part. The four making the highest number of observations were: Mr. Floyd Dotson, Misses Martha Jackson, Margurette Brashears and Steward (Kansas), each having 17 to their credit. The Word Contest, a game in which some word is used as the basis for making one-syllable words, was won by Lucile Howard who had 20 words.

Our K. C. C. C. is very fortunate in so much as it is made up of a group of fine young people who believe in "team-work,"—no one disagrees with the plans sponsored by the club. Once we agree, as a group, every club member gives his or her full co-operation, and it means so much towards the success of our efforts. I am sure this will mean even more to the club members as we grow into womanhood and manhood and go into the busy world to take our places where "team-work" and co-operation is invaluable. Doubtless we will always remember The Mid-West Conference and our Conference Club where we learned our early lessons in "team-work" by "playing the game" and co-operating in conference and club activities.

Just two more months before conference time! We can hardly wait until the time comes. If you ask us what conference means to us, we who have had the experience.

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Lincoln Institute An Opportunity

(Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky)

By Hugh S. Calkins

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Lincoln Institute is one of the best equipped colored schools in Kentucky. It is an "A" class High School and an accredited Junior College. Its credits are accepted by standard colleges in other states. Its teachers are carefully selected from many applicants for their respective positions. It has a library of nearly 8,000 volumes, approved for High School and Junior College work.

The Institute seeks students of such spirit as will go forth from its halls definitely to help solve the problems of their race.

Parents should not send their children to the Institute for purposes of reform. Such are not desired.

While the expense for a year is less than in many other schools, it should be remembered that Lincoln Institute gives a school year of THIRTY-SIX FULL WEEKS, besides offering superior opportunities.

Moreover, for every two dollars which a student pays, the Institute has to spend five, and then, in the majority of cases, it has to provide labor, often at a loss to itself, whereby the student may earn a good part of his two dollars.

It will easily be seen that the Institute must insist on prompt payment of all bills, and that it needs a large number of supporting donors.

The Institute has graduated 217 students from full courses in fourteen years.

Moral and Religious Atmosphere

There are few, very few schools in the country whose students are surrounded with finer moral influences than one finds at Lincoln Institute. The school is located in the wholesome atmosphere of the country. The larger towns and the cities, or even numerous colored families near a school are not the best environments. Lincoln affords protection for her boys and girls that very few homes can supply. The boys and girls are protected from many of the temptations to which they would be exposed even in walking to and from school. These helps to good conduct are essential to students of high school age.

There are fine influences here, all distinct, that contribute to the wholesome atmosphere of Lincoln:—

First there is the student church. The President is the pastor, and the students and faculty all contribute to its activities. The regular Sunday services are observed, including Bible School. The particular missionary interest of the student body is the support of a missionary in Africa. The Bible School is conducted upon a very high plane and is participated in by the student body unanimously.

Second, the student religious organizations are the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. These organizations hold their regular meetings throughout the year: and, which attendance is voluntary, the interest of both students and faculty members is high. The very finest opportunity is afforded for the self-expression of the students' religious life. The discussions are always wholesome and breath out a fine moral atmosphere.

Next, the Department of Religious Education deserves special mention. Classes are offered in the Life and Teachings of Jesus, The Life of Paul, Bible Geography, The Social Teachings of Jesus, and in the study of the Prophets. In the more advanced groups special attention is laid upon the practical applications of the fundamental principles of the Christian Religion. All the students are required to take these courses during all five years of the school. The course is elective only to the Seniors of the College. There probably is no school in the whole land that accomplishes more in Religious Education than does Lincoln Institute.

Finally, the splendid spiritual attitude and high moral tone of the faculty cannot be overemphasized. One authority on Negro education said that the moral tone of a school can be determined very accurately when the moral tone of the Principal is known. In this regard, Lincoln is especially happy in the selection of President and Mrs. Robison. They are fine Christian characters of great faith, consecration, and intelligent progressiveness. Their faces are toward the

future. The whole faculty partakes of the same fine spirit, and it goes without saying that the same spirit is reflected in all the students.

The General Education Board of New York shares this opinion as expressed in their recent help offered the Institution, indeed, this very reason was advanced by their agent in determining the nature of the aid offered. This is certainly a fine place for boys and girls of the Negro race.

The Central Young People's Conference will be held at Lincoln Institute this summer July 7-13, 1930.

HUGH S. CALKINS.

THE MANNERS OF A CHRISTIAN

By T. B. Livingston, Pastor

Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church, Chicago

The importance of good manners cannot be overestimated. It is a great thing to be winsome and lovable. Disagreeable good people are poor advertisements for goodness. They are hinderances rather than helps to any cause. It may be said, generally speaking, that good manners are not insured by the puerile observance of the rules of etiquette. One may know and yet fail to merit the commendation of being "well bred." Good manners may be said to be somewhat of an art and are worthy of cultivation.

Of what do good manners consist? Tyrone Edwards gives an answer: "GOOD SENSE, KINDNESS OF HEART AND A PROPER SELF-RESPECT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF THE BEST MANNERS."

Good Sense!

That uncommon thing which we name *common sense*. This is the basis of worthwhile behavior. Surely, the regenerate mind of the Christian must possess this element. It connotes sane, balanced thinking. The followers of Christ recognize that life is complex and cannot be made beautiful without the constant balancing of seeming opposites. Therefore, he eschews hastiness and in calmness of spirit finds a poise that compels admiration. Whatever he fails to know of the "frills" of social intercourse does not necessarily embarrass him, for those who observe his bearing and conversation are forced to say he is sensible.

The Christian, other things being equal, is equally at ease in the company of the great or lowly ones of the earth. He is never snobbish. He never cringes. He reverences personality in all men, women and children, for he knows that fundamentally humanity is the same.

Kindness of Heart!

Is there anything that the world prizes more than this? Everyone has his burdens to carry and his problems to be solved. If we actually knew all the griefs and heartaches that many brave souls carry about with them we would never envy anyone the honors and recognition that come to them, and thus, in this particular, there is a kindness of heart that may be possessed by everyone! "The art of being kind" is to humanity what sunshine is to the plant. Our kindness is love manifesting itself in speech, act and demeanor. *Kindness of heart* implies gentleness, tenderness, patience and cheerfulness. It is possessed only by those who have habitually learned to think of others.

A Proper Self-Respect!

It is what we are that makes what we say and do valuable to others. To hear some people speak of *humility* is to become nauseated. It connotes making of oneself a doormat. Nothing could be further from the principles and teachings of Christianity. We should respect others but must first learn to respect ourselves. Dr. C. E. Jefferson

has well said: "Only the strong man can be really humble, for *humility* is *willingness to lay aside one's rights. It is a refusal to use one's powers for oneself.*"

The Christian has learned that rights imply responsibilities. He manifests his companionship with Jesus by promoting the well-being and comfort of others regardless of what it means to him. He is strong. He hears the infirmities of others. He is a joint-heir with Christ who lays claim on all ages and all the riches in glory. Therefore, the Christian graciously emulates the examples of the One through whom he was made an heir. The good manners of a Christian are the "fruits of the new life within him."

We wish to commend to you Winifred A. Querson's poem on "Christian Character" based on Titus 2:12, 13:

Sober should a Christian be,
None more sensible than he!
Balanced, sane, without excess;
Marked by ever-temperadness;
Adding virtue to his faith,
Being, doing, all he saith!

Righteous should a Christian be,
None more honourable than he!
Honest as the day, and straight,
Just in measure, just in weight;
Truth and fairness having learned,
Right where others are concerned.

Godly should a Christian be,
None more fixed of heart than he!
God within him, God around,
God in all life's working found;
Loving God with strength and soul,
Godliness his aim and goal.

Watchful should a Christian be,
None more opened-eyed than he!
Seeking for the signs of day,
And his Lord upon the way;
Trained with life and work to cope,
Looking for that Blessed Hope!

PENTECOST AND SHARING

(Concluded from page 5, col. 3.)

Another great result of the coming of the Spirit in power was the character and beauty of the fellowship. Surely if the Spirit come much that is trivial in the life of the local church and in the life of our organized enterprises will fall into the background. In the face of a fresh vision of Christ upon the cross and of a needy world for which he gave his life how can these trivial and un-Christlike attitudes prevail? If the Spirit come they will be swept out of the Church's life just as the evil spirits were driven out by the Master and they will be replaced by beautiful friendship and co-operation which will make possible the moving from victory unto victory.

Truly we cannot have a reproduction of the Pentecost unless we carry out the pentecostal purpose of sharing.

Could we do a more fitting thing this year in our United Society missionary activity than to bring a great love gift from the heart of our Church inspired by the Spirit of Christ as an offering of loyalty and love to our King, and lay it once more at the feet of Christ's workers and send them forth heartened to their tasks?

Another Social Goes Over "Big"

(From page 7, column 3.)

we answer, "Conference means companionship, fellowship, friendship, recreation, inspiration, work, study, meditation and leadership training for active service." These are some of the things that conference will mean to any normal, loyal conference-ite earnestly endeavoring to "follow the gleam." Do you not think Conference is worth a week of any young person's time? We hope to make this our greatest conference and urge our young people to think about conference, plan and work for it and be present on time for one of the very best weeks of your life! It will be a real vacation—worth while. Let's make conference *bigger and better than ever!* Why not with a Conference Club of fine, enthusiastic, young folk? Mid-West, you can count on us; we're for you!

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Convention Theme—**PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST**

Text.—*And I if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me*—John 12:32.

Monday, August 27

- 10:00 Meeting of the Joint Executive Committee.
2:00 Group Conferences.
8:00 Local Program of Welcome.
9:10 Music.
9:15 Response of Welcome—Eld. Preston Taylor.
9:30 Address—*The Antecedents of Pentecost*, Eld. B. C. Calvert, Miss.
10:00 Announcements and adjournment.

Tuesday, August 28

Woman's Missionary Convention
Mrs. William Alphin, President

- 9:00 Devotionals—*Apostolic Women*, Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Ark., Mrs. A. Staples, Md.
9:15 Appointment of Committees, Mrs. W. Alphin, Pres.
9:30 Report of Officers:
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Susan Offutt, O.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. C. W. Mayberry, Okla.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. L. Herod, Ind.
Supt. of Children's Work—Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Ky.
Field Secretary—Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs
10:30 Special Music.
10:35 President's Message and Report, Mrs. W. Alphin, Mo.
10:55 Address—*Woman's Response to the World Call*, Miss M. Bedford, Ky.
11:10 Address—*Missionary Information Necessary to Missionary Growth*, Miss J. K. Spencer, Va.
11:30 Address—*Women and Pentecost*, Miss Alma E. Moore, Mo.
12:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Tuesday Afternoon

- 2:00 Devotionals—*With Jesus and His Disciples*, Mrs. E. Dyson, Mo., Mrs. L. Devine, Ky.
2:15 Conference—*The Missionary Program of the Church*, Mrs. H. Singleton, Mrs. R. Grubbs,
3:30 Special Music.
3:40 Address—*Recruiting the Teen Age Girls for Missionary Endeavor*, Miss L. O. Christmas, Miss.
3:55 Address—*What of Our Children?* Mrs. N. S. Taylor, Ill.
4:10 Business Period.
Report of Committees
Unfinished Business
4:40 Report of Joint Executive Committee.
5:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Tuesday Evening

- 8:00 Devotionals—*And She Constraineth Us*, Mrs. Cynthia Martin, Ill., Mrs. M. G. Haygood, Ala.
8:15 Special Music, Oakwood Boulevard Church Choir.
8:20 Scripture Study, Eld. C. E. Craggett, Mo.
8:30 Music.
8:35 Invocation, Eld. I. C. Franklin, Miss.
8:40 Address—*The Response of Our Women to the Pentecostal Program*, Mrs. H. G. Smith, Tex.
9:00 Music, Oakwood Boulevard Church Choir.
9:10 Sermon, Eld. W. H. Taylor, Md.
9:40 Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Wednesday, August 29

Religious Education Department

Prof. T. W. Pratt, President

- 9:00 Devotionals—*These Things Command and Teach*, A. Jefferies, Ala.
9:15 Appointment of Bible School and Christian Endeavor Committees.
9:30 Report of Officers.
9:45 Report of States.
10:20 Report of Field Secretaries.

- 10:50 Address—*The Child and the Church*, Mrs. R. E. LaTouche, Ill.
11:05 Address—*The National Birthday Bank in the Local School*, Mrs. P. H. Moss, Kan.
11:15 President's Address—Prof. T. W. Pratt, Tex.
11:30 Address—*The Great Beginnings of Pentecost*, Eld. R. E. Pearson, Ill.
12:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon

- 2:00 Devotions—*Teaching Them to Observe All Things*, Mr. Raymond Walton, Ill.
2:15 Conference—*Bible Knowledge, the Responsibility of the Church*, Mr. W. M. Jackson, O., Eld. R. H. Davis, O.
3:30 Address—*The Challenge of Christian Education in the Local Church*, Prof. R. H. Peoples, Ill.
3:45 Address—*The Spiritualization of the Public Education*, Prof. S. W. Spaulding, Ill.
4:00 Business Period.
4:40 Report of Joint Executive Committee.
5:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Wednesday Evening

- 8:00 Devotionals—*A Little Child Shall Lead Them*, Mrs. R. E. Hancock, Ky.
8:15 Address of the Christian Endeavor President, Eld. P. A. Cary, Mo.
8:35 Echoes of the World Sunday School Convention, Prof. Pratt, Tex., Prof. Moss, Kan.
9:10 Sermon, Eld. P. C. Washington, Mo.
9:40 Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Thursday, August 30

Eld. P. A. Gray, President

- 9:00 Devotional—*Let No Man Despise Thy Youth*, Eld. S. C. Devine, Ky.
9:15 Business Period:
Report of Christian Endeavor Committees.
Unfinished Business of Bible School Department.
Unfinished Business of Christian Endeavor Department.

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Religious Education

PROF. P. H. MOSS, EDITOR

AMONG THE BIBLE SCHOOLS

BESSIE E. CHANDLER, ELEMENTARY
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A Beginning

Magnolia Conference

AT THE third annual Young People's Conference, now known as the Magnolia Conference, held at the S. C. I., we began our work serving as a teacher in this Conference. The spirit that existed during these seven days can scarcely be surpassed anywhere. Every Conference-ite and faculty member readily and willingly cooperated in every activity of the day's schedule.

At the close of the Conference this year nine pupils were graduated of whom we are exceedingly proud. We are now looking forward to a greater and larger Conference next year under the leadership of the new president, Miss Fannie Lee.

Piedmont School

After spending a few days at Nashville, we left for Martinsville, Va., where we assisted in the second Leadership Training School for the Piedmont District. The school opened on June 12 for a week of real work and study in teacher training. Each day the classes and lectures became more interesting and beneficial. The school enjoyed the lectures on "The Social Teachings of Jesus," given each day at chapel period by Prof. J. H. Thomas. These addresses furnished much food for thought.

At the recreation hour, which was a required part of the school work, the students and teachers were full of pep and energy to utilize the time profitably. Many games, stunts and entertainment features were put on by the group under leadership that would be suited for the church.

At the evening sessions a series of Conferences on Missionary Endeavor were held by Mrs. Rosa Brown Grubbs. The women attended regularly each evening. The evening services were well attended and all enjoyed the inspiring sermons preached by some ministers of the district. On Friday evening twelve students were awarded credit cards. We feel that the school was a great success and appreciate the assistance of the visiting ministers.

Ohio School

Immediately after leaving Martinsville, the team journeyed to Dayton, Ohio, to conduct another School of Methods. We arrived on Sunday and worshiped morning and evening with the Norwood Ave. Christian Church.

On Monday morning at 9:00 the school began with an enrollment just under twenty. The week was well spent in intensive leadership training, study; all students working diligently to gain all possible information that would tend to help them become efficient leaders in their local churches.

The recreational period was immensely enjoyed by all, teachers, students, members and other friends who came in. Again there was the design to give those games and plays that could be utilized in the local church social programs.

Each evening a large number of women and others enjoyed the Conferences conducted by Mrs. Grubbs on the various phases of the missionary work. At the close of the conferences and the worship period the audience was greatly benefited by a series of addresses given by Eld. Smail of "Cooperation in Kingdom-Building." After a week in this school, over twelve received the credit certificates. We appreciate the hospitality of the members and friends who made it very pleasant for the group.

As we spent two days in St. Louis, at which time we worshiped with the Centennial Church on Sunday morning, I found the Bible School well organized and progressing fine. We left with the group to attend the first Mid-West Young People's Conference.

Mid-West Conference

On Monday immediately after a faculty meeting, the students were all registered. Our group was small in number but strong in talent and enthusiasm. We spent a profitable week in study, wholesome recreation and spiritual development, everyone including the community people, cooperating to make the Conference a success. The students entered heartily into all the activities, the classroom work, chapel exercises, setting-up exercises, competitive sports, vespers and social activities. Each afternoon the wanjis and accompanying wicotas were led into splendid competition under the leadership of Mr. Baldwin, recreational director. The enthusiasm and competitive spirit ran high each afternoon. At night, the Conference and friends enjoyed a series of social activities all varying in general make-up, under the leadership of Miss Margaret Spray.

Each day's program tended toward the development of the four-fold life of the students. The Jesus Way of Life was ever kept before

the group in the vesper lectures, morning watch, group devotions and chapel services.

At the close of the week, the faculty felt proud of the success of this Conference and we are looking forward to a greater and better one next year. Our slogan is "49 in '29." We are sure with Mr. Dale Bougness as the efficient leader and the cooperation of the students we shall reach the goal.

Vacation Church School

Vacation season has now arrived and the writer with Mrs. Deetsy L. Gray, is at this writing out in Roanoke, Va., conducting a Vacation Church School. The school opened July 9th with an enrollment of 66 children. At the close of the second day there was an increase and 80 had started with the prospect of rapid growth during the first week. The principal, Mrs. Gray, and teachers are planning great things for the children and are planning a fine school during the entire four weeks.

The school is a cooperative one, four Methodist churches cooperating with the Christian Church. Truly the spirit of unity is growing fast.

NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CITY

PASTOR—ELD. J. F. WHITFIELD,
ROANOKE, VA.

REPORTER—MISS A. D. PENN

ELD. W. H. TAYLOR of Baltimore, Md. passed through Roanoke, June 29th and delivered a wonderful sermon on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit"—Acts 1:5. All were glad to have Eld. Taylor.

The dinner given by the Minute Men's Club June 29th was a great success.

The Ninth Ave. Church is glad to welcome Mrs. Nannie and Miss Alice Turner back into our midst. Mrs. Turner has been indisposed and recently underwent a serious operation in New York City.

The Centennial Club wishes to announce that "Every Youth" a morality in three acts was a great success to the extent that \$80.00 were raised on the night of its production. The club has made a name for itself and feels that it has bettered the community by putting on such a play. It will be repeated both here and in the vicinity at a very early date.

The evangelistic Campaign which was conducted by Eld. William Martin of Johnson City, Tenn., was a success financially and spiritually. Fourteen people were added to the church.

The District Convention is approaching and every department of the church is working in order to make a favorable report. The Bible School has on a National Convention Contest.

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SEVEN DEADLY SINS

IV. Knowledge Without Character

KNOWLEDGE is power," is a noted saying. The ability to grasp the fundamentals is not confined to those who have finished a course in some academic institution. Power is to him who can in all things know just what to do and how to do it.

Power in Christian service is vouchsafed him who knows how to serve intelligently. Each new truth fully realized by the individual or the church is another bit of power put into their hands. For a long time the church forgot the missionary impetus and there was the Catholic church that was really catholic, including all. Then with the rise of Protestantism, came the real need for missions and the missions of the nineteenth century took all that science, hygiene, industry, social theory and religion had to offer in helping lift the morals and life of the unfortunate.

The same amount of power is needed to run the runaway steam engine a mile as is needed to run a loaded train under the hand of the competent engineer but the former is not guided. So it is with knowledge. It is power but unless guided and given direction it can cause as much destruction as an unleashed engine. Knowledge in and of itself has no morals. Truth and fact is its only realm of investigation. It delights as much in the discovery of a poison gas as in the isolation of a disease germ. To know is good, but to know how to use that knowledge is character. All truth is useful but it is also harmful if not manipulated by one of sound morals and intelligent convictions.

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

WHAT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MEANS

VI. To the One Who Is Not There

THE majority of the church members never get an opportunity to attend the National Convention and unless this body does something for them, it has missed half of its value.

1. To the one who does not attend, the Convention systematizes and outlines the work of the church for a year or more. For a long time all that was the "Tie That Binds" was the presence on the field of some general secretaries for the departments and the only mechanism to cause unified action were the special days promoted by these secretaries. There were no real plans or national aims. There were no objectives universally known and understood. There were no projects that were the outgrowth of a distinctly felt need by the Negro Disciples. The process of getting the ideas of the entire brotherhood was too desultory to make it count in any constructive program. All of this has been remedied for those who have to do the work of the church in its program of home and foreign work. The persons who stay at home can by interviewing their delegates and reading the minutes get the full plans of the National Work. By reading the Christian Plea they may often enjoy some of the best addresses of the Convention.

2. It forms a body to which any differences of opinion and understanding may be straightened out for those who stay at home. With its administrative function, it is in a position to recommend and explain the workings of the Co-operative agencies. Often, a distorted rumor will cause a general lessening of interest in a section of the brotherhood. The greatest possible results can never be realized if there is a feeling of offended justice and unfairness rankling among the laity. To clear up and explain is often the value of the National Convention to this laity that does not go to the annual assemblies.

"And the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter."—Acts 15:6.

A HINT TO THE WISE

THE Christian Plea has never been stressed in the churches or brotherhood as a necessity.

Eld. W. H. Dickerson of Lockland, Ohio, made the following suggestion that might help in placing the Christian Plea into every home.

So often the laity of the church follow only the suggestions of the official board. And too often the official board is not a ready board, for it is not a reading board. So the suggestion is that the pastor

make strenuous efforts to get the elders and deacons in the church to qualify as officials by reading the Christian Plea. The rule would be something like this: "No person may hold an office on the church board or in any department who doesn't have access to a Christian Plea"

The elders and deacons as well as Bible School, W. M. S. and C. E. officers ought to know what is going on in their field. The departments inaugurated in the Christian Plea for each of these departments of the church are not only inspirational but also informative and absolutely necessary if the work in the local church is to be up to the standard. The Christian Plea Secretary ought, with the help of the pastor, to exhaust every resource in getting the Christian Plea into every home where an officer of the church or a department resides.

Also, the state Conventions would do well to place the matter of the reading and keeping informed upon its officers. Often the positions are only honorary and tend to make the holder honorary. He has nothing placed upon him by his office and hence he does nothing. If the reading of the Christian Plea was put in as one of the qualifications for office, then the office might take on some sort of significance beyond the one of name only.

If the offer of the Christian Plea to publish more of the State Convention matter is taken up, it will be an advantage to the state to see that every officer at least knows what is being asked by the Convention. Only intelligent leaders in the state program make intelligent National Convention delegates. The work of the whole is often impeded by the crass ignorance of the elected leadership. A Hint to the Wise is sufficient.

IN A meeting in November, the Kentucky Interracial Commission was able to review some worth-while achievements accomplished during its existence. But more important was the objectives adopted for the future. These were: 1. Continued vigilance in prevention of lynchings; 2. Improvement of teachers colleges for Negroes with more generous state support; 3. Securing justice in the courts, including the right to jury service; 4. Better transportation facilities and 5. An intensive year-round health program.

If the conscience is educated by the Bible and kindled into light by the Holy Spirit it is then an infallible guide.

No man should be discouraged because he is imperfect, but he should be discouraged if he has lost the will to perfection.

A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

WE ARE FOUNDATION BUILDERS OF A NEW CIVILIZATION

"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: for he looked for the city which hath the foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

THINK of a man whose spiritual head was up in the air like Abraham had his. The ordinary men see only what is transpiring around him, but here was a man who could look up and on to things that were to come. If Abraham could step down to us now and we could with him go over the four thousand years that have come and gone since his day, what a conversation we could have with him about the kingdom for which he was then laying the foundation! We could talk about the fourteen centuries of the Jewish national life. Then we could talk about the nineteen hundred years of the sweep of the kingdom of Christ. Then, he with his wonderful faith, could tell us what is yet to be. What an interview that would be!

But we are in as strategic a position as Abraham was. God has great things in store for the world because of America. It was not discovered until such a time as Europe had progressed sufficiently to begin to reform. Then America became the "spillway" for the martyr-reformers of Europe. The Pilgrims came from England to New England, the Quakers to Pennsylvania, the French Huguenots to almost all the seaboard, the Mennonites and Dunkers to Pennsylvania and Virginia. And into this was introduced the native Africans who did not suffer for their belief but they came in as martyrs of their person. Thus was accomplished what men would not have done voluntarily; namely, a nation was formed of every nation under the sun. God means for us to work out a situation that can be used as a model throughout the world.

But to accomplish our task we must lift up our heads and look beyond the little difficulties of our day. The great majority of the people of America are thinking of nothing but to carry on the old feuds that have come down to us through

the centuries. Look at what the denominations are thinking about. It is nothing but to carry on the quarrel started in Europe three and four hundred years ago. Look at what the political parties are thinking about. It is very largely what was started in the first fifty years of our nation. How the Republicans want to carry on the quarrel Alexander Hamilton started. How the Democrats want to carry on the quarrel Thomas Jefferson started. And then look at the relation of the colored people and white people. Lynching is nothing but carrying on a quarrel that started in the reconstruction period, and that was a quarrel that started in slavery times. With those people who are not living by faith the old quarrels have become instinctive and they are going wholly by impulse and not by purpose.

THEN how are we to get a better situation? Our only hope is prophets. We need men and women who can raise their heads above the little instinctive quarrels of the past. We need leaders who will feel that they are civilization builders. Our trouble in race relations is wholly due to what our fathers did. If we are not careful we will give down to our children just as bad a situation as our fathers gave down to us. We can settle nothing of the past. Our job is to build something new for the future. Then let us forget the old quarrels. But, some one will say, what are we to do if the other fellow will not forget them? **Forget it anyway.** That is why Christ said we should not do evil for evil. One Abraham is worth ten million Lots. Until America develops a new spirit of politics, a new spirit of business, a new spirit of social relations, a new spirit along all lines, it cannot do much. But we have a fine group of builders at work and they will build a new house for the future. The architects are at work now drawing the blue prints. They are the men and women who are preaching the idealisms. We have a fine group of carpenters and masons who are laying up the walls. They are the teachers and preachers struggling with the people.

Then if this is true, the best that many of us can do is to do what we can do to prepare architects and builders. Every church should go carefully through every family of its membership and pick out the best-spirited and send them off to school. The U. C. M. S. is spending nearly

fifty thousand dollars annually to build schools. Let us cooperate with them and fill these schools with fine boys and girls who will prepare to become leaders in this civilization building enterprise.

SIN AND ERROR CANNOT SUCCEED

A GREAT many times people think they can do as they please and it is nobody's business but their own. The error they commit is that they can always go on with their course and that it is nobody's business. A good many years ago a young colored man became a minister in the African Methodist Church. Then he turned to business and finally grew lukewarm in his religion and then he lost it entirely and went so far as to curse God and Christ. He thought it was nobody's business but his and he thought he could go on in that course in his even tenor of his way. But finally business difficulties came up and his moral anchors were all drawn in and he yielded to the temptation to do what was illegal. Then came the time for him to be inspected. His soul had nothing to lean on. He was like a ship out on the deep in a storm without rudder or pilot. He got nervous, awfully nervous, and finally he knew nothing else to do but to get a pistol and blow his brains out. It was just another illustration of the Scripture, "The wages of sin is death." No man can make an error successful.

WE HAVE a good many serious errors in society today. Some of them have gained such a foothold that they will have to be permitted to go on to the period when they will bear their bitter fruit. One of these is the modern picture show. I do not go in often, but I have been watching the billboards to find one that I thought would be really uplifting. Recently I saw one advertising what the great dogs of the North could do. I went in feeling now I would find it. But about one tenth was about the dogs and the other nine-tenth was about highwaymen, shooting killing and amorous approaches of the sexes. A few weeks later I saw a bill showing great feats of the aeroplane. I went in. It was about a gang of smugglers who kidnapped girls and shot men and used the flying machine to do it. Those who see these picture must either steel themselves against them or they must become vile in their thoughts. It is contrary to all the psychology of child training.

We need to think of our politics most seriously. The doctrine now is that we must be loyal to the party and the party often falls into the power of designing men and then we must choose between being called a holter or being hustled off to do that which our conscience forbids. The politician asks just one question. He is an opportunist. He wants to know what will win the most votes. The time has come when Christian people will have to find out how they can express themselves in accordance to their conscience. The party was made for the good of man, not man for the party. This is even true of the government. The government was made for man and not man for the government. We have vested all authority in the people and the people must sacredly discharge their duty. The Association for the repeal of the 18th Amendment has maneuvered the Christian people into a very perilous position. The coming battle will be a battle of wits and conscience that we have not had for a long time. Unless we are spirit-led we will not know what to do.

Department of the Women of the Church

MRS. ROSA BROWN GRUBBS, EDITOR

OUR TWELFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

MRS. WILLIAM ALPHIN, PRESIDENT
OF W. M. S. CONVENTION

WE ARE hoping and praying that our women are thinking of our Convention in Chicago and that they are planning to come. It should be a great joy to each of us to come up once a year and report what we are doing at the home base to keep the gospel fires burning around the world.

It is not a time of big speech-making of what I have done in the past years, but the burning question should be, "What am I doing today?" "Am I interested in the program of the church?" "Am I enough interested to help in every department and the church proper to see that each one has reached its goal?" If our programs have failed this year—who is to blame? May we each ask himself and herself, "Lord, is it I?"

If we come to the convention with notebook and pencil to jot down the information that we need to strengthen our weak spots and then go home with a will to work and do our best with the new ideas and enthusiasm received from the addresses and reports; we will have gone another round in Christian stewardship.

This year, at the request of Miss Daisy June Trout, we are having a number of Conferences beginning Aug. 25 on Saturday at 8 a. m. and lasting all day Saturday and Sunday p. m. We are asking each state president and secretary to be in Chicago, Friday night in order to be ready to attend the morning conference. We shall expect all national officers and the local presidents will be welcome. Shall we make this first conference our best? We do not have time to thrash out everything in the one day allotted the women. So in the conferences, we may ask questions and discuss some of our chief difficulties and problems.

The women's sessions will be the first day of the Convention starting on Tuesday a. m. and consuming the entire day. Come and bring all you can, that as we come up from the states, we may return to the states with a new vision of kingdom-building and be able to pass it on to those who could not come.

There is one thing of which we may be sure, absolutely sure, and that is that no permanent union can be effected if the New Testament is ignored. Union by anything else will not last a day.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KY.

REPORTER—ELD. C. H. DICKERSON,
LEXINGTON, KY.

MAY your servant in all kindness call attention to at least two grave errors in the July *Christian Plea*, page 3, article "The Lame Walk."

The anonymous writer uses Goodspeed's translation which recalls what Pat said of prohibition, "Faith it beats no licker at all." So I think of that translation.

But the attempt to comment "flies the coop." Among the false conclusions drawn is the statement, "to the Disciples, baptism has come to mean immersion and immersion alone to them"—Is that so? When did baptism come to mean immersion? Has it not always meant immersion since Pentecost?

But he again wabbles when he says it means "immersion alone." Verily it means immersion as well. We never leave one immersed in the water, but raise him up therefore signifying the resurrection from the dead. To leave one immersed would be criminal.

The writer of the article in question uses the third person, then the first person then arrives at this false conclusion, "The question is really one of church usages and not one of human conversion." Now what do you think of that? The whole argument forgets that all the healing of Jesus while on earth was done "under the law of Moses," before the Christian Dispensation—hence Christian baptism has no relation to the facts the writer mentioned. Jesus lived and died under the Mosaic law. These seven cures, the writer cites were physical cures and should not be made to "walk on all fours."

I am aware that sometimes we have "Something to say" and sometimes we have "to say something," but let us be careful that the "filling" fits the "chain" lest we take unwarranted liberties with God's closed record.

Editor's Note.—Three grave errors would I point out in the above article, yea four there are present therein.

1. The article so mentioned appears on the page always written by the editor and there was nothing anonymous about it. From the inception of the *Christian Plea* that page has been written by the editor unless credited otherwise. And at no time and under no circumstance has the editor striven to hide the articles written by him under the coat of anony. The editor wrote that one as well as the other two or three on that page and has been doing so for nearly two years.

2. The writer of the above has been guilty of leaving out part of his knowledge when he asks "When did baptism

come to mean immersion? Has it not always meant immersion since Pentecost?" Since every historical student knows that for the ages when the Catholic church was preeminent, immersion was not baptism. There could well be a quibble over the fact that there was no baptism but the same fellows that argue that call the Catholic institution a church which is a group of baptized believers. If there is to be a quibbling at terms in Goodspeed and change of pronoun there might well be in the terms of communions that are accounted churches yet have not meant immersed believers. If baptism meant immersion with its counterpart emersion, at Pentecost, directly after Apostolic Christianity, and down unto the present moment, it did not and does not mean immersion, Disciples to the contrary.

3. There was no attempt to draw a long analogy between baptism and physical healings in the original article. Baptism was merely picked as an example of a church usage that has grown such venerable whiskers in its form that form is mistaken for content. The idea of the article was to throw out a suggestion that in spite of the tenacity of the dogmatists and the fluency of the debaters, there might be other avenues of approach to God than through the roads they are ballyhooing for. There might be methods yet unsanctioned by the green mossbackness of tradition known to Christ to save men from the world of ignorance, crime, superstition and fear. Honored critic, there was no attempt to bring into disrepute the sacred and divine institution of immersion as a form of baptism. I know it is divine and sacred because the Disciples say it is and have been vociferously saying it since A. Campbell.

4. Last, the writer would like to know who gave anyone the right to close God's record. Inspired men live today and in a deep devotion, as large a consecration, and as intelligent a manner are opening God's way to men as ever did live. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork," so the works of nature are not closed records of a dead deity. "The kingdom of God" that is enthroned in an ideal for human society is nearer completion than ever before, so Christ and God in mankind is not God's closed record. He who closes God's record has as much to answer for as one who dares to use immersion as an illustration. What think you?

S. C. I. CLUB BANQUET

THE S. C. I. Club is entertaining the National Convention, Friday evening August 31st at 10 P. M. Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, 729 Oakwood Boulevard.

MENU

Fried Chicken—Green peas
Creamed potatoes—Combination salad
Olives—Celery—Hot Rolls
Pie A la Mode—Fruit punch
Price per plate—\$1.00.

Lesly Page, Chairman Publicity Committee.

God's Angels Guard His Own

God's angels are a mighty host,
Who do His holy will,
And Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Employ them daily still.
The old, the feeble, and the young
Are their especial care:
So, in and out, between, among,
They lead, protect and bear.

And none of us need ever fear
That we are left alone,
For day and night through all the year
God's angels guard his own.

—H. W. Pope.

Department of Church Life

ELD. WILLIAM ALPHIN—EDITOR

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

IN CONSIDERING Church Life it may be wise to consider our National Convention.

I. The National Convention is an agent of the representing states and churches. It is made an agent by the delegates and representatives in convention assembled. These delegates or representatives are bound by their constituency—the churches. They make and give the convention authority. Thus a vital relation exists between the churches and the convention.

The delegates of the churches, or those in any respect representing the church, should be students of the churches' life and program; consecrated servants of the church at all time and places. They should sincerely recognize and fully appreciate confidence and responsibility; granted to represent others is a great confidence and responsibility bestowed. There is not a more sacred trust, or graver responsibility, than representing, at any time or place, the church of God. The church and its welfare should be held by them preeminently above all else.

The church and the world are perfectly justified in expecting sincere and worth-while service from a Christian convention. It is the last place an informed person would expect to see wilful selfishness or insincere and dishonest proceedings.

II. The National Convention serves the entire church life—the larger church life—where a larger fellowship is made, to build up and support a reliable cooperation to extend His Kingdom in the earth. Surely this fellowship and cooperation should be brotherly and Christian—thus reliable. The good of any cause is at least greatly retarded, if not destroyed, when it is largely in the hands of those who for some reason do not recognize, appreciate and freely accept responsibility and confidence. The continuation of building up an unreliable and irresponsible cooperation will not get a good cause anywhere except where it don't want to be.

The convention is created and made an agent by the churches. It is subordinate to the expressed will of the churches. It is supported, in its endeavors to carry out the expressed will of the churches, by the churches. In carrying on the administration it should be supported by the pastors and churches, by moral influence and financially. Possibly along these lines the machinery

of our cooperative work needs adjusting and oiling.

The convention serves the larger life of the churches not by legislation, but by agreed upon methods, builds up a fellowship and cooperation for uniform actions—an effective moral Christian obligation. The convention must receive much from the local church life. There is no other legal resource. The pastors and churches must be promoters of the National Convention. It can be greatly promoted by giving it, in convention assembled, a sane, practical and business-like program for execution and supervision. It is difficult, if at all possible, to make a good administration working by bad plans.

III. From the writer's viewpoint, with increased and larger responsibility each year, the National Convention and its alliances have not taken one backward step. Of course, steps that missed the landing but directed forward.

The Chicago Convention is coming at a critical period, with weighty and vital matters, in our organized work. I think this is a fact generally recognized. We must face a grave situation in Chicago. Conditions that must be dealt with for the good of our church life in all its phases. There is inspiration in a great challenge; advantage in disadvantage. If the Chicago Convention will adjust itself to the real situation, and prove equal to the task, it will prove its worth as a servant of the larger church life.

The National Convention is the one clearinghouse of our cooperative work. It is the center from which all our cooperative efforts must radiate. Therefore we should rededicate ourselves to the task of making the Chicago convention really equal to the situation. To make it the clearinghouse it must be, we should have our own convictions with kindness and tolerance for the convictions of others. No convictions for sale at any price, but for investigation, consideration and comparison. The spirit of the kingdom we represent should be the spirit in which we serve in meeting the situation and real condition.

IV. From my viewpoint I see some matters the Chicago Convention must deal with.

1. To make the convention a democratic convention.
2. The report of the committee respecting the school in Kentucky.
3. The *Christian Plea*: Its continuation on a reliable, sound and business basis.

4. Our evangelistic work: The raising and the distribution of the money to support it.

5. Paying the deficit; the Joint Executive Committee was forced to make, on account of the convention's failures to redeem its promise to publish the *Christian Plea*.

6. The consideration and election of the field workers and appointing of committees, so as to get the most efficient service in the most needy and fertile field.

7. Institutional and departmentalism in our fellowship and cooperative work.

8. Find a method that will be popular with our pastors and churches and bring out their ability to support our evangelistic and school work.

V. The real need of our larger church life is begging for more than resolutions in the convention. Simply resolutions will not be equal to the task in Chicago. Less resolutions, and faithful loyal actions will accomplish the task and greatly promote the cause. The plans to carry on the work is largely made according to the promises and resolutions of the convention. The promises and resolutions of a Christian Convention should be reliable. They should not be ignored and set aside at will. They are moral obligations and have to do with our Christian character.

The constitution provides for one member from each state convention for a member of the recommendation committee of the convention. This member to be elected by the convention or "state board." This ought to give full representation from all states and make a wise and efficient clearinghouse for the work.

Also that each state's enrollment fee in the National Convention shall be five dollars for each church representing in the state convention.

If there is uniform action in the state conventions to abide by and carry out the agreement of the National Convention we will do a constructive and commendable work in Chicago for our larger church life. Shall we work and pray for a good and great meeting in Chicago? We can make it what it should be.

IT IS well to note that in this time of agitation about lynching and a Federal Lynch Law that one whom the South has good reason to consider the embodiment of all the Southern chivalry, was responsible twice of protecting a victim of mob violence and preventing a lynching. I refer to Gen. R. E. Lee, who is credited with these evidences of humanity in Riley's—"Gen. Robert E. Lee after Appomatox." One of the victims was a horse thief and the other was a Negro that wounded a white person.

CHICAGO, ILL.

OAKWOOD BLVD. CHURCH
REPORTER—MRS. HATTIE TYREE,

On June 24, was a memorable day for us, for just two years ago, our pastor took charge.

The services were as follows:

9:30 Bible School.

11:00 services with Scripture Reading John 13:1-20.

Subject—*I have given you an example.*

Main Thoughts—I have tried to hold before you a living God as a real friend; the ideal Christ as a savior, your model. God is our standard. As for your pastor, the correct mode of procedure is to go to him as brothers and not wait until later and criticize him. Uphold your leader. I love you and am willing to serve you as an instrument in God's hand. "I will go where he wants me to go. I'll do what he wants me to do." I bid you in that spirit to remember the words of the Master, "I have given you an example."

Two were added to the church by statement.

Solo by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch.

Doxology—*God Be With You Till We Meet Again.*

This was Eld. Dorsey's farewell sermon to the Oakwood Blvd. church and as the doxology was sung everyone passed and shook the minister's hand and wished him God's blessing.

Mr. Perry Rice was present and spoke briefly of the honor and esteem with which Eld. Dorsey was held by the City Mission Board. He also pronounced the benediction.

At 3:00 the funeral services of Mrs. Virginia Foster were held. She was a great worker and will be greatly missed in all departments of the church life.

At 8:00 P.M. the weather was decidedly stormy and only a faithful few ventured out but the services were very impressive and at the close of the sermon, Eld. G. R. Dorsey united with the church. He is an English teacher at Wendell Phillips High School. Eld. Preston Taylor is taking charge of the church.

MAYSLICK, KY.

REPORTER—A. D. GAULT

Eld. C. H. Johnson was with us on the fifth Sunday in April. And he was greeted with a pleasant day. Eld. Johnson spoke to a good crowd both morning and night and his sermons left nothing to be desired.

The subject of the evening discourse was "Walking With God."

We had visitors from the other churches.

Eld. Johnson is making a fine evangelist and doing a great work for Mayslick.

He has promised to be with us on the first Sunday in June and we are to have a rally. We as a church hope some day to reach the goal.

ARKANSAS

REPORTER—MRS. S. L. BOSTICK,
N. LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

WE WISH to report the funeral services of one of the oldest members of the Cross St. Christian Church, Little Rock.

Mrs. Lillie Gilispie departed this life April 17 and was buried April 20. She was a very faithful member and earnest contender for the faith, regardless to the cost. She had planned out the songs and the trend of the sermon she wished her pastor, M. M. Bostick to use at the service, in advance. She had felt that she was nearing her final resting place and had done this over a year previous to her death.

One of her selected songs was "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" and another was "The Old Rugged Cross." Both were fitting as she had been ill for over two years and had borne her affliction as a soldier with confidence in the power of the Cross to save. Her pastor did not fail to preach her funeral.

The pallbearers were T. E. Cole, O. B. Garner, I. Dean and Isaiah Martin. We hope that our loss was heaven's gain.

She is survived by a husband, three nieces, a stepmother and a host of friends who mourn their loss.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

REPORTER—W. H. MARSHALL

It has been a long time since I have written through the *Plea* but looking backward over the past and trying to see as far into the future as I can in relation to the cause of Christ, the church at Muskogee is yet a part of the army and is yet on the firing line, which is something to joy in. She knows no retreat but only awaits orders to go.

Eld. Z. H. Howard preached his annual sermon June 11th. It was one of the ablest sermons he has ever delivered to us. Text—Heb. 10:25—*Forget not to assemble yourselves together on the first day of the week.* The writer was present and it seemed that the entire church took inspiration for the performance of better things in the work of the Master.

The church is planning big things. We are all headed in the same direction and our goals are set which we hope to reach by June 30th and National Convention time.

Mrs. G. B. Williams, one of our beloved sisters, left for Chicago to visit her children. We shall miss her as one of the leaders of our clubs and her presence in the church. We wish her a pleasant and joyful trip.

NEWS FROM OLD CINCY

REPORTER—MRS. RUBY T. KELLEY,
KENYON AVE. CHURCH

The revival services held Sunday, March 25 to Sunday April 7, inclusively, were very inspirational to all who attended. At each service, the evangelist, Eld. R. L. Peters of Winston-Salem, N. C. made a special effort to impress upon our minds some good thought that would not only prove beneficial during his stay but far into the future. At the end of the meeting we were glad to fellowship into the church sixteen persons. Six were converts and ten from other churches.

Our School of Religious Education is "Up and Doing" with the awakening of Class No. 13, the adult class. This class has an enrollment of 75 but of these one-half are actually workers. Our record offering for the entire school is \$81.30.

Death has visited our midst and removed Hattie Sallee, Lela Bolden and Jane Gray.

CHICAGO, ILL.

REPORTER—MRS. A. FLOYD,
LANGELEY AVENUE CHURCH

The Langeley Ave. Church is doing some very splendid work within the various organizations of the church. The conventions are soon to convene in this city. And each one is making an effort to make this the best convention that has ever been held here. God is in the work.

Our Pastor, Eld. LaTouche knows just how to handle the members as well as how to preach the gospel. He is wide-awake.

Our missionary society met June 3, Mrs. Ella Crawford, president. Some interesting talks were made. Then we had election of officers.

State Evangelist, R. E. Pearson was in town for a few hours Monday enroute to Champaign.

The Bible School is doing fine with seventy-two in attendance and you might know that the superintendent and teachers feel great. June 10th was observed as Children's Day with each class taking an active part.

On that Sunday, our pastor was absent and the pulpit was filled by Eld. J. W. Williams, a young minister from the Oakwood Boulevard Church both morning and night. The subject of one of his sermons was "Love." We pray for him guidance and strength that he may become a strong minister for the Master. Mrs. Mattie Lanier, our chorister, rendered some very splendid special music.

The Junior Christian Endeavorers have organized and are doing some splendid work. They meet each Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Pray that we grow not weary in well-doing.

JACKSON, MISS.

PASTOR—ELD. B. L. JACOBS
REPORTER—M. S. BROWN

Sunday, July 8th, was a high day with us.

Our pastor, Eld. B. L. Jacobs, seems to have been—I started to say his best—but that does not express it since he seemed better than his best. He spoke to an appreciative audience at 11:30 on the subject, "Christian Giving."

We returned at 8:00 for another spiritual feast. The speaker was greeted with many new faces. The subject of the discourse was "Seven Specific Reasons for Christ Coming Into the World."

It was a high day not only spiritually but financially. It was our aim to raise \$300.00 and at the morning services \$170.00 were raised. Since that time more has come in and raised the total to over \$200.00.

Below is a list of the givers and gifts:

A. Elmore	-----	\$50.00
E. Wilson	-----	25.00
Kathon Larry	-----	25.00
Saul Thornton	-----	2.10
Henry Brown	-----	.81
B. L. Jacobs (Pastors, take note)	-----	25.00
M. S. Brown	-----	25.00
Mrs. L. J. Wilson	-----	5.50
Mrs. D. Lampton	-----	2.00
Mrs. Oliver Tucker	-----	3.00
Mrs. C. B. Fitchugh	-----	4.75
Eld. Smith, Visitor	-----	1.00
Ladies Missionary Auxiliary of First Church (white)	-----	25.00

The above given amounts were not begged but were given from the hard earned money of the weekly pay check. The event was such a success that in our board meeting it was adopted as \$25.00 Rally Day to occur on the second Sunday in July annually.

JELICO, TENN.

REPORTER—HELEN MURPHY

On Saturday morning, June 9th, the church suffered the loss of one of its most devoted members in the person of Mr. Emmanuel Bush who had been a trustee of the board.

He was faithful and while not a man gifted in speech, yet when he spoke his words carried weight. Mr. Bush suffered much, but his sufferings were true to the Scriptures, since he "was made perfect through suffering." He was highly respected by both colored and white of the community. Through this demise the church suffered severe loss.

He leaves a wife, three daughters, five sons, two grandsons and other relatives in Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Elder D. W. Bradley of Rogersville, Tennessee, conducted the funeral services.

LOUISVILLE THIRD

PASTOR—ELD. F. T. FLOYD
REPORTER—I. HIAIRSTEN
CLERK—A. D. COOPER

Elder F. T. Floyd has been elected the secretary of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance.

Our pre-summer rally was campaigned to a great success, netting us \$512.00. Hats off to Eld. Floyd for his successful exploits.

Our eighteenth anniversary was held during the week of July 1-8. Each night a profitable program was rendered with a variety of speakers that was enjoyable to all. Eld. Floyd has gone "Over the Top" in his program of church cooperation.

In the course of events the past quarter there has come to us the thrill of happiness, joy, friendship and cooperation but there always lurks a cloud on the horizon of bliss over which we have no control but which overshadows all with a brooding sadness. The event that has saddened our church and cast its shadow over the community happened July 4th in the early morning hours. Our dear sister and lovable character, Mrs. F. T. Floyd, departed in love to the new life in the home "not made with hands" there to await our coming. Her chair is vacant and while anyone may occupy the chair her presence can never be duplicated. Our sympathy goes out to Eld. Floyd, and we extend the helping hand of sincere condolence to the bereaved ones.

PARSONS, KANSAS

REPORTER—ELD. J. D. HENRY,
PASTOR

We, the members of the Morgan Ave. Christian Church of Parsons, Kansas, wish to announce that we are looking forward to the coming of the Kansas State Missionary Convention, Aug. 1-5, 1928 which is to convene with us.

We are asking that every church with or without a pastor, act at once by sending to me the number, name and address of its delegates in order that we may be able to complete our plans by July 25.

We further wish to ask that you bring as few small children as possible.

Remember that the success of the Convention depends on you. Direct all communication to me at the following address—2317 Morgan Ave., Parsons, Kansas.

Out of the silence, song;
Out of the bud, a rose;
Out of the rose, the scent
The wood wind blows.

Out of the years, a faith;
Out of life's travail, truth;
Out of the heart, the charm
Of ageless YOUTH.

SCOTTS, ARKANSAS

REPORTER—MRS. T. R. MOORE
Activities of the Month of May at Oak Grove

MAY 4th Prof. P. H. Moss was with us and spoke on the subject of "How to Build the Bible School" in outline as follows: 1. Time and punctuality; 2. The social side; 3. How to express approval to students of merit and 4. Bible School entertainments. We who heard this lecture, are showing our appreciation by attempting to put in practice what we heard in our local Bible School.

May 13 which was Mother's Day was celebrated by a program for the mothers of our church supervised by Miss Mary V. Moore. The building was beautifully decorated with various kinds of flowers. The program embodied readings, speeches and music all relevant to the subject of Mother. It was quite an enjoyable program. It was interesting to note the small children preparing for the services by picking wild flowers by the roadside.

May 26-27 our District Convention No. 2 was held at Oak Grove. Among the things of interest discussed were a. Punctuality; b. Young People's Conference; c. Growth of a church without auxiliaries and d. The use of the National Organization to the state as a helper.

Saturday night was the Young People's Concert. Sunday morning, Bible School was conducted by Eld. G. B. Hervey and the morning message brought by Eld. E. L. Turner, which was an interesting sermon. After dinner at 2:00 Eld. M. M. Bostick preached an inspiring sermon. Just before the sermon, Mrs. F. J. Armstrong sang a beautiful solo. The financial returns on the meeting were \$25.14. The only sad thing about the meeting was the fact that illness prevented the presence of Mrs. S. L. Bostick.

Look to hear from us again.

PERSONAL

Elder G. T. Trevillian's daughter, Janie, of Kansas City, Mo., is back home again. Her health is poor. We hope she will soon recuperate.

Mr. Alfonso Wells attended the Young People's Conference held at Edwards.

Evangelist B. C. Calvert preached at Rose Hill, Jefferson County, Sunday, 10th, and Sunday night at Pine Grove, in Claiborne County.

Bro. James Owen and wife attended church and Sunday School services at Forest Grove Sunday.

Bro. Samuel Lomax died Sunday night, May 27th. He was ill a long time. He leaves a father (Elder John Lomax) a wife, a daughter and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

—Christian Dispatch.

CENTENNIAL COMMENTS

THE church is proud of some of its exploits under its new leadership. The National Apportionments in all departments were in by the thirtieth of June. This was made possible by a rally which netted over \$175.00 on the third and fourth Sundays of June. So the completed account reads thus:

Church	\$ 50.00
W. M. S.	100.00
Bible School	50.00
Christian Endeavor	15.00

This is especially fine in relation to the church since it is usually the last organization to recognize and pay its apportionments.

Also the state apportionments are being met as asked for in quarterly payments by the departments. The Bible School is well ahead in its payment having been able to pay some at each District meeting.

Mrs. Ruth Flowers and children have returned from a long and pleasant visit in Mississippi. The trip included the commencement exercises of S. C. I., a visit to Utica Industrial Institute, a short visit to Jackson and Hermanville, the latter Mr. and Mrs. Flowers' home, and a longer visit to Mrs. Flowers' sister, Mrs. Warren of Laurel, Mississippi.

Mrs. R. B. Grubbs and V. G. Smith are back in town after over a month spent in leadership training agencies under the Religious Education department.

The Bible School and especially the elementary classes enjoyed a visit from the new National Elementary Superintendent, Miss Bessie Chandler who was passing through the city on her way to the Mid-West Young People's Conference.

Disasters of various kinds sadly depleted the number of those who were able to represent Centennial in the Mid-West Young People's Conference. Out of six prospects, summer school, inability to leave job, sickness, accident, and matrimony cut the list to one who attended, Miss Gladys Givens. But she well represented the best of Centennial among the young people and was a distinct asset to Conference as well as an apt learner who brought back much to the local church.

Another feature of the local church in the way of Conference was the cooperation among the departments in raising the funds for the fees of Conference. The total of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) was raised as follows:

Church	\$20.00
W. M. S.	12.50
Christian Endeavor	12.50
Bible School	5.00
Brotherhood	5.00

Such cooperation is unusual to say the least and it is well worthy of an agency that can so get the departments to "undepartmentalize" except in function. The idea that each little department is an organism, complete, entire, independent, in and of itself, has to suffer some changes before the greatest amount of efficiency is obtained in Centennial or any other church. Each department has its special field of activity, "all members have not the same office" yet the division of office does not prevent all being "the many members of ONE body." Like Jew and Samaritan, so many times these members of the same body have no dealings with each other. Such theory is advocated through conventions, state, district and national as well as through apportionments and missionary giving. However there is a ray of light seen in the cooperation at the top in the working together of the National Field Secretaries in leadership training agencies. Centennial is learning.

Eld. J. J. Green, the associate pastor, has departed to spend the summer in Colorado with his family and to attend summer school. Miss Green has been in that state for about three months for her health.

Mrs. Marion O. Bicham has accepted a place as the supply teacher of the primary class in the Bible School since the departure of Miss Portia Payne who is now in summer normal at Jefferson City. Miss Payne teaches in Carondelet, a suburb of St. Louis.

The pastor, Eld. William Alphin, spent some time at his home in Kansas City in July. He celebrated the Fourth there. This followed closely after his wedding anniversary which was on June 30th.

Among those of Centennial who are attending summer school are Misses Louella Walker, Laura Gooch and Elizabeth Givens, the latter as a teacher, and Mr. Emmett Willis.

Mr. Millard Hart suffered a fracture of the wrist during some play and was incapacitated for attendance at Conference. This was indeed a disappointment both to the church and to Mr. Hart for he had planned on being there.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Brown, the bride of a few months, formerly Miss Geneva Moore, are now at home in the new apartment on Cook Ave.

LOCKLAND, OHIO

REPORTER—ELD. W. H. DICKERSON

June 1st I closed my work of seventeen years as minister of the Maple St. Christian Church at Lockland, Ohio. However, my permanent address remains 608 Maple St. Lockland, Ohio.

DAVILLEA, TEXAS

REPORTER—M. F. DAVIS

SUNDAY July 22 was a great day in Zion. Mrs. Maude Davis preached an inspiring sermon from the subject, "Come unto Me all Ye that Labor"—Matt. 11:28. Four souls were added to the church, three young men on the threshold of early manhood, and Mrs. Hattie Willis who has been a Methodist for many years and decided that she wished to be a Disciple of Christ.

It was indeed a day of rejoicing when Mrs. Willis came forward as she was a good Christian woman in middle life, a grandmother. She was convinced by Mrs. Davis' plea. When we enter the fields to labor we must be in the right fields to render the right service for Him who said, "Thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." On that great day, the paymaster shall reward only His servants who have labored in His fields.

July 29th the Davillea Church was the guest of the Holland Church. Eld. W. M. Wilson of Waco, Tex., came to Holland to baptize for Mrs. Davis, and he preached one of the most beautifully illustrated and doctrinal sermons we have ever heard.

May God bless and keep Eld. Wilson.

Mrs. Maude Davis has promised to be with the Davillea Church every fourth Sunday.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

REPORTER—ELD. J. M. BAKER,
PASTOR

The revival of the Christian Church at 19th and Ludor Ave. is past and we had a wonderful meeting.

Eld. A. B. Moore was at himself. He was our spokesman throughout the meeting.

The church was greatly revived. On Wednesday night, the brothers and sisters of the white Christian Church with their pastor were present and the minister spoke words of encouragement after hearing the sermon of the evening. There were no additions.

We hold our services every Lord's day, morning and evening. At present we are getting ready for the state convention.

Friends, we hope to accomplish something here in East St. Louis for the Christian brotherhood someday. It seems sometimes that we are alone but with the hope we have in Christ we are trying to weave our way.

Any time anyone would like to get in touch with this church or me, please address your communication to 1906 Division Ave., E. St. Louis, Illinois.

Some Things About the Race

(GATHERED FROM THE BULLETINS OF THE INTERRACIAL COMMISSION)

NATURE OF MOTHER LOVE

Mrs. Maude Davis

A good deed neither strangles nor smothers.
When we speak of noble deeds, it reminds
us of mothers.

What a vast sphere Earth does cover!
Yet over it all mother's love doth hover.

When alone in solitude we gaze into space;
But if there's a mother, it love we face.
We can never rise too high neither fall too
low

But mother's love like ocean waves always
will show.

When we observe the sky so very far away
Know a mother's love could reach there
any day.

When we behold the sky, dressed in azure
hue

That tell to us mother's love! love true
blue!!

When the clouds above are robed in misty
grey

Sing to us of mother's love when we are
far away.

Listen to the raindrops falling, pat; pat.
Echoes of mother's love when tears fall
like that.

When we behold in the meadow a carpet of
green

Springtime is painting mother love upon
nature's scene

Autumn brings harvest, labor with little
rest.

Sings the toil of mothers we love the best.

Every tune of nature, be it high or low
Blows a trumpet of mothers' love wherever
we go.

Out upon the desert whose old rusty face
Drones the love of mothers in the last rest-
ing place.

IN Mississippi last summer a group of the most prominent women of the state met and presented to the press a statement inculcating a vigorous protest against lynching, declaring, "We hold that no circumstance can ever justify mob action and that in no instance is it an exhibition of chivalric consideration for the honor of women." This is an expression of the better class of white women. Yet, last winter a couple of bell hops in a Jackson, Miss., hotel were mobbed and beaten by whites for having intimate contacts with white women of the hotel at the women's request. The difficulty that exists between the races is often made insurmountable by the unrestrained elements on either side or both.

The presidents of seventeen Methodist Episcopal Colleges for Negroes, in annual session Thursday at Gammon Theological Seminary, this city reported an enrollment of more than 7,000 students and aggregate property and endowment values of \$7,000,000. The last four years, it was said, have been the most successful in the history of these institutions, with constantly increasing enrollment, rising standards, and more liberal support. The institutions represented reach all the way across the South from Baltimore to Austin and from Nashville to Daytona.

If the preacher is tempted to leave doctrine out of his sermon he may know that the devil is trying to prepare it. A sermon devoid of doctrine leaves the intellect unstirred and a sermon of that kind is a very poor one.

CLARION CALL IS SOUNDED

Exhorts Vast Commencement Audience to Follow Jesus' Way in Race Relations

"America has a supreme opportunity to show the world that two races radically different can live side by side in peace and friendship and work out their destiny together in mutual helpfulness. We have not yet learned fully how to do it, but thousands of sincere people of both races are working at it honestly, and encouraging progress is being made."

Taking as his text the parable of the Good Samaritan as illustrating the second of Jesus' great laws, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," Dr. Moton showed how the parable applies perfectly to the interracial situation in America today, and made a powerful plea for an unselfish, Christlike love of humanity that will make each race kindly, just and helpful in its attitude toward the other. Such an attitude, he insisted, offers the only hope for the solution of the interracial problem. It will work and nothing else will, he said, basing his confidence on many striking incidents from his own observation and experience.

"If I could keep only one of Jesus' two great laws," said Dr. Moton, "I would choose to keep the second; for I very much doubt if there is any way by which a man may really love and serve God except by loving and serving his fellowmen. Whether you can measure up to that standard even though your neighbor be your enemy, is the test of both your education and your religion, for the primary purpose of each is to prepare people to get along together in friendly helpfulness."

The occasion of Dr. Moton's address was the joint commencement sermon of Spelman and Morehouse Colleges, which brought out the largest audience assembled in the Sisters' Chapel since its dedication last spring by its donor, John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Miss Florence M. Read, Spelman's new president, occupied the chair and presented the speaker. The Scripture was read by Dr. John Hope, president of Morehouse, and prayer was offered by Dr. M. S. Davage, president of Clark University.

The races have much in common; in consequence of which they should study each other more closely. They should be fair and frank; they should talk to each other more than they do about each other. It is impossible to perpetuate race hatred and promote racial animosities if the two races keep in such close touch as will enable them correctly to understand and interpret each other's motives and feelings. Interracial conferences should be encouraged throughout the nation. The wisest and best men in both races should attend them regularly, and in this way make lasting contributions to the peace, security and tranquillity of both races.

More stringent laws to prevent lynching, the securing of bus transportation for Negroes in certain sections of the State, and the provision of better facilities for the training of colored doctors and nurses were among the definite goals set by the State Interracial Committee in annual session in Maryland. Encouraging reports were heard from many quarters, and a fine spirit of optimistic cooperation was evident. On the other hand, certain unfavorable conditions were brought out and frankly faced, and plans were formulated.

NEGRO MIGRATION

Contrary to the general impression, the report reveals that a little more than half the 2,100,000 Negro migrants stopped in Southern cities, though the percentage of gain was very much heavier North than South. In consequence of this rapid shift, overcrowding and congestion in Negro districts were found to be very general. In New York City, for example, Negro population showed a density of 336 per acre, as against twenty in Winston-Salem. In eleven tenement houses in Philadelphia; 175 families were found living in 354 rooms.

Along with this crowding has gone an abnormally high death rate, particularly from tuberculosis, pneumonia and the diseases of infants. Rents, it was found, were very much higher North than South, with a weekly average of \$7.18 per dwelling in the North as against \$3.74 in the South. Lynchburg showed the minimum of sixty cents a room per week, and Gary the maximum of \$1.78. In the case of 747 families living in Harlem, New York, it was found that rents took more than 23 per cent of the total family income.

The investigators discovered a general lack of public recreational facilities in Negro neighborhoods, and in consequence a high rate of juvenile delinquency. The conditions of commercialized recreation, such as pool rooms and dance halls, were found to be deplorable.

"School funds are not adequate to meet the needs, either North or South," says the report. "Where there are separate Negro schools they are usually a secondary consideration, with fewer seats in proportion than the white schools, more pupils per teacher, more double sessions, poorer salaries, fewer and smaller playgrounds, less adequate provisions for the health and comfort of pupils, and few, if any, 'extras,' such as libraries, gymnasiums, etc."

One of the encouraging signs revealed by the survey is the tendency among Negroes toward home ownership. In every city studied except New Orleans the number of Negro home owners had increased materially, and in Northern cities quite rapidly. In most cases the slum sections have remained relatively constant in population, while the population of the home owning sections has been increasing.

The recent session of the legislature established a record for this State by appropriating an aggregate of \$635,000 for the support of Negro institutions. Kentucky Industrial College at Frankfort was given \$322,000 to replace a building recently destroyed by fire. West Kentucky Industrial College at Paducah received \$200,000 for new buildings. The Red Cross Sanitarium for Negroes was awarded \$10,000 to care for an overflow of patients, and \$25,000 was appropriated to the Kentucky Home Society for the care of colored dependent children. Provision was made in the budget also for the establishment of an institution for feeble-minded Negro children. Both houses voted unanimously for the appropriations to the two schools. The program had the hearty support also of Governor Sampson.

Recent press reports from Stuttgart, Arkansas, tell of the heroism of a Negro chauffeur who saved the life of his employer at the risk of his own. While the two were driving, the steering gear broke and the car plunged into a drainage ditch. The white man was pinned under the machine, with his head under water. The chauffeur succeeded in reaching him and for ninety minutes held his head out of the water until rescuers came.

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DEADLY SINS

V. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY WITHOUT MORALITY

BESIDES being many other things, the modern world is one large, busy workshop with men and women assuming relationships toward each other and society on a basis purely decided by the relative positions in the economic scale.

For a long time, the rich man or the aspirant for wealth thought he had no obligations to the public from which he drew his wealth. The working man nor the public had any rights that the capitalist or employer was bound to respect. Commerce and industry builded its superstructure on the foundation of blood, sweat and heart energy of the working man and embellished its works by unfair and inhuman means. Immorality was not recognized as a property of the business and commercial world. Sinning by Syndicate was rampant. Men lived and thrived by the death and degradation of countless others.

But after awhile, there was a distinct reaction and the greatest millionaires became the greatest philanthropists. Endowments, subsidies, support and gifts came from them toward the alleviation of some of the human ills. Hospitals, social agencies, libraries and schools were supported by these men who had partaken of some of the morality that is social as well as individual.

But the last step is even more in the manner of the Golden Rule. Corporations and employers have come in some instances to see that not only must they care for the cultural needs of those dependent upon them but also the mental, physical and spiritual and social. Efficiency has come to be measured in terms of happiness of the worker as well as in amount of work. Yet even this morality is that of the Pharisees. Holding and giving is very different from holding and sharing. With partnership, there are demands not prayers. So the latter stage is moving toward community ownership in work that is the result of community labor. Employees are serving on the directorial board and holding stock in that to which their time and lives are being given. A Christian morality of cooperation builded on common interest and reciprocal love is taking the place of personal donations with the attached thanks method.

Morality is but the underlying operating principle of life. Without a high code of morals, commerce and industry become as devoid of good qualities as the most heinous sin.

"Go sell all thou hast, and give it to the poor and FOLLOW ME."

Some Things About the Race

(Continued from page 10.)

In a community campaign for the building of a Negro hospital in Richmond, the colored people of that city recently pledged \$100,000. Efforts are now under way to raise among the white people an additional \$100,000. The campaign has the endorsement of the Governor of the State, the Chamber of Commerce, and many prominent white citizens.

Durham, N. C., recently set a precedent in race relations by a public testimonial to the long and meritorious service in the community of Professor William G. Pearson, colored educator, philanthropist, and business leader. An interracial mass meeting was held under the auspices of a committee appointed by the Mayor, at which the Secretary of Duke University presented to Professor Pearson a handsome cup.

The British Government of the Gold Coast, West Africa, has adopted for the natives of that province the educational methods developed by Tuskegee Institute, according to Sir Frederick Gordon Guggisberg, former governor of that colony, who was a recent visitor to the South. "Booker T. Washington has not only helped you here in America," Sir Gordon declared, "but his influence has reached out overseas. We have borrowed and adopted his ideas." The visitor expressed himself as greatly pleased with the progress made by American Negroes in education and the acquirement of property.

Mayor Walker of New York City recently laid the corner stone of an \$8,000.00 home and training school for colored nurses, in connection with Lincoln Hospital for Negroes. "Race discrimination must never have a place in the life of our city," said Mayor Walker. "Every man, woman and child coming to a city hospital must be assured of comfort and the best treatment."

An interesting recent development in Southern cities is the growth of cooperation between local white and colored business organizations. For example, mutually helpful relations between the Chamber of Commerce and the Negro Business League are reported from Columbia, S. C., Mobile, New Orleans, Memphis, and other cities. The two groups work together in behalf of municipal improvements, business development, etc.

The South Carolina legislature has recently appropriated \$122,000 to the State College for Negroes at Orangeburg, to which there will be added from Federal and other sources \$55,000 more, giving the school a budget this year of \$177,000. Sixteen years ago its annual income was \$5,000.

The Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of Louisville, Kentucky, recently raised \$94,000.00 to provide a new building for the Presbyterian Colored Mission in that city. This institution, under the direction of Rev. John Little, has long been recognized as one of the most successful and important enterprises of its kind in the country.

A Carnegie hero medal is being sought for Bud Francis, thirteen-year-old Mississippi Negro boy, for saving the lives of three small children who had fallen into an abandoned well. While spectators screamed helplessly, Bud slid down an iron

pipe to the bottom of the forty foot well, pulled the babies out of the water and set them on a ledge, where he guarded them until a basket could be lowered.

"The real problem raised by the Negro in American life is whether our civilization shall have an ethical basis. Is our Christianity vital enough to meet the situation, or must we depend upon the pagan principles of self-interest and dominance by force? This, rather than the fate of the Negroes, is the fundamental question for the white man to answer."—R. B. Eleazer.

From 1900 to 1925 there was a shift of 2,100,000 Negroes from the country to the cities, more than doubling the urban Negro population, according to an exhaustive study of Negro life and conditions just completed by the Institute of Social and Religious Research. Made under the direction of Dr. T. J. Woofter, Jr., of the University of North Carolina, this study covers sixteen typical American cities, North and South, and is the first scientific investigation of Negro conditions ever made on anything like a national scale. The report of the investigation has just been issued in a book entitled, "Negro Problems in Cities," which treats of the cityward drift of Negro population and the resulting problems of friction, congestion, segregation, exploitation, schools, recreation, and delinquency.

The second annual convention of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers was held in Charleston, West Virginia, July 23-24.

CHURCH NEWS

Most of the churches in Jefferson and Claiborne Counties are having rally meetings. The Forest Grove rally raised \$35.55.

The Forest Grove Sunday School rally will be on 4th Sunday of this month. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

After Elder Calvert's sermon on second Sunday night at Pine Grove, one soul was reclaimed.

The Lorman Sunday School observed Children's Day on second Sunday.

—Christian Dispatch.

"The last word has not been said about the ordinances." No, certainly; but the first word has been said and that stands. The last word will be based on that.

A church that refuses to grant a vacation to its pastor is doing what it can to make a stick out of him. It takes a lot of loafing to make a good preacher.

I am apprised by our Chicago group that the S. C. I. Club is planning a banquet during the time of the National Convention, and that they desire me to bid all a most hearty welcome. It goes without saying that I rejoice at what they are doing and I hope every former student of the S. C. I. will do all possible to make it a success.

We have tried our best to teach our young people very high Christian ideals and we know of no way to cultivate that spirit better than to band together in a club and help each other to stand for these ideals out in life where it is harder to stand than when in school.

—J. B. Lehman, Pres.

Convention Program

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- 10:30 Awarding of the Loving Cup, Mr. R. M. Hopkins, Mo.
10:50 Address—*The Christian Quest*, To be supplied.
11:10 Address—*The Christian Endeavor and Its Objective*, Mr. W. Alphin, Jr., Mo.
11:30 Address—*Pentecost and the Disciples of Christ*, Eld. C. H. Dickerson.
12:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon

Church Department

Eld. Preston Taylor, President

- 2:00 Devotions—*Counting the Cost*, Eld. O. Zollars, N. C.
2:15 Conference—*Financing the Kingdom*, Eld. M. Jackson, Tenn. Church, Eld. P. A. Gray, Mo., Leader.
3:30 Report of Enrollment Committee.
3:40 Report of Executive Committee.
3:50 Appointment of Committees.
4:00 Report of Superintendent of Missions, Prof. J. B. Lehman, Miss.
4:20 Report of Educational Secretary, Prof. Hugh S. Calkins, Ky.
4:40 Report of Joint Executive Committee.
5:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Thursday Evening

- 8:00 Devotions—*The Master Comes and Calls for Thee*, Eld. T. R. Everett, Ky., Tenn.
8:30 Address of President, Eld. Preston Taylor, Miss.
9:00 Special Music.
9:10 Educational Address, Prof. J. H. Thomas, Va.
9:40 Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Friday, August 31

- 9:00 Devotionals—*Whom We May Appoint Over This Business*, Eld. T. W. Giles, Okla.
9:15 Report of Field Worker, Eld. W. Alphin, Mo.
9:45 Business Period:
Report of Recommendation Committee.
Report of Other Committees.
Report of Joint Executive Committee.
Unfinished Business.
10:50 Special Music.
11:00 Address—*Promoting Pentecost Through a Church Paper*, To be supplied.
11:30 Address—*The Need of a Spiritual Awakening in Our Church*, Eld. H. L. Herod, Ind.
12:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Friday Afternoon

- 2:00 Devotions—*Study to Show Thyself Approved*, Eld. C. H. Dickerson, Ky.

- 2:15 Conference—*The Christian Plea*, Eld. B. C. Calvert, Miss. Church, Dr. J. E. Walker, Tenn., Leader.
4:00 Report of States.
4:40 Unfinished Business.
5:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Friday Evening

- 8:00 Devotions—*Preach the Gospel to Every Creature*, Eld. I. K. Hicks, Kan.
8:30 Address—*Evangelism*, Eld. G. K. Lewis, Mo.
9:00 Special Music.
9:10 Sermon, Eld. G. C. Campbell, Ill.
9:30 Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Saturday, September 1

- 9:00 Devotions—*Thy Word Is Truth*, Eld. W. M. Tucker, Tex.
9:15 Business Period:

Final Reports.

Report of Joint Executive Committee.

Report of Recommendations Committee.

- 10:15 Music.
10:25 Address—*The New Pension System*, Mr. F. E. Smith, Ind.
11:00 Address—*The Call of Pentecost to the Layman*, Mr. C. L. Welch, Mo.
11:30 *Pentecostal Results*, Eld. R. H. Davis, O.
12:00 Announcements. Adjournment.

Saturday Afternoon

Recreation, Sight-Seeing

Saturday Evening

Young People's Evening
Eld. P. A. Gray, President

- 8:30 Devotions—*Youth Prepares*, Mrs. E. C. Welch, Ill.
8:15 Echoes from the Youth Convention, Delegates.
8:40 Young People's Conference, What It Means to Me, Students.
9:20 Offering. Announcements.
9:30 Demonstration of a Social Period for Young People led by Conference Students.

Sunday, September 2

- 9:45 Model Bible School, Local Supt. and Prof. P. H. Moss.
11:00 Worship Program.
11:25 Sermon, Eld. Preston Taylor, Tenn.
12:00 Offering, Announcements. Benediction.

Sunday Afternoon

- 3:00 Communion services.

Sunday Evening

- 6:30 Model Christian Endeavor, Local President and Eld. P. A. Gray.
8:00 Worship Period.
8:20 Sermon, Eld. K. R. Brown.
8:45 Closing features.
9:00 Offering. Announcements. Benediction.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

VI. Science Without Humanity

SOON after the war, Prof. Lewis, a chemist, discovered a poisonous gas that will kill a victim even if only applied to his skin. It passes through clothing, through masks, through everything but a coat of grease. It is colorless, odorless, and transparent. It can be placed in bombs and loosed from aeroplanes. It is deadly with no relief. Such is science.

Battleships that can carry fifty to ninety aeroplanes are being constructed. Dirigibles that can remain aloft a week are being built. Aeroplanes that have incredible speed and endurance are the property of every government. High explosives, projectiles and guns are being built with all the added equipment that makes for destructive warfare. Science is at the bottom of it all. The simple principles of science that are being discovered and applied become the basis of all that is unholy in war.

Crime has utilized the automobile, the machine gun, the aeroplane, nitro-glycerine, pistols, and T. N. T. in its course. Poison forms the bulk of "first degree" murders. These too are applications of modern science.

On the other hand all of medicine, all of hygiene, all of social service, all of sanitation, all of civic beauty and comfort, all of domestic ease, all of business efficiency, all of transportation, all of communication, all of modern engineering, all of irrigation, all of industrial speed are the result of science.

Science is impersonal and has no scruples beyond the falsity of a statement. It seeks no moral level. In the first case it is the property and handmaid of unscrupulous, inhuman imperialists; in the latter in the hands of humane, intelligent beings. Without the human touch, science is without usefulness.

"*Though I understand all mysteries and have all knowledge but have not LOVE, I am nothing.*"

NOTES

1. The Church is One. Departmental Sessions are arranged merely for convenience. All Christian workers should plan to attend all sessions.

2. Addresses should be typewritten with extra copies to expedite time and insure publication.

3. Conference periods from 2:15 to 3:30 p. m. are a part of the convention and should be attended by every delegate.

4. Attention is called to the Convention Theme, "*Preparation for Pentecost*," and its development each day at 11:30 a. m.

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THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE

PRESIDENT R. H. DAVIS' MESSAGE

45th Annual State Convention Colored Disciples of Christ of Ohio,
August 8, 1928

We are assembled here today to celebrate our 45th Annual State Convention of the Negro Disciples of Christ in Ohio. We are facing today the record of forty-five years of organized work as Disciples of Christ in this state. Our progress, spiritually, numerically, financially and intellectually today, is the sum total of all the contributions made by our leaders of the past and present.

The one who is acquainted with the history of the Negro Disciples of Ohio for the past two score years, or any careful student who has studied our work here for the past fifteen years; cannot fail to recognize that we have made tremendous gains along many lines. And yet, the unbiased and unprejudiced Christian observer who knows the dominant reason for the founding of the Church of Christ and who is thinking of our progress here in this state, in relation to the great inclusive, world-embracing commission of Jesus, will not fail to see that we have not measured up to our opportunities.

I believe, fellow-workers, that Jesus was in earnest when He spoke these words, recorded by Matthew to his disciples nearly two thousand years ago. "But the eleven disciples went into Gallilee, unto the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came to them saying: All authority hath been given unto Me in Heaven and on Earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to ob-

serve all things whatsoever I commanded you: And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

These words of the risen triumphant Christ were a mighty Challenge to the disciples in their future work of the Church of Christ. The challenge that Jesus gave to his eleven disciples on that memorable day was to "Make disciples," of all the nations. I believe that is the dominant Challenge of the future for all the Disciples of Christ in Ohio.

Make Disciples

The first thought that comes to my mind out of these two significant words forming a simple, but imperative sentence and command is: the Challenge of the future is one of constructiveness. Jesus Christ cannot use men and women on his program in the serious and exacting business of making Christians or making disciples, who are possessed with destructive minds. One of our greatest handicaps in our organized work is the lack of men and women who have constructive minds. To think constructively is hard. To think destructively is easy. Because this is a truism we have too many people who are a part of our work in Ohio who are moving along lines of least resistance.

The first thing a wise manufacturer of any product would think about is men who are qualified to become leaders in the concern. They are aware of the fact that the success or failure of any business organization or enterprise must depend upon the quality of its leadership. What progress have the Negro Disciples of Christ

in this state made along this very significant line?

Suppose we were to make a careful survey today and discover after forty-five years spent of making disciples, how many outstanding Elders, Deacons, Directors of church schools, leaders of missionary organizations have we produced? From my personal observation, brethren, I am of the opinion that there are but few to be found among our eleven organized Churches, who can measure up favorably to the standard prescribed in the New Testament.

The Churches of Christ in Ohio have made very little progress in the creation, development and training of men and women for the position of leadership.

The next Challenge is that of providing manufacturing plants which will be adequate to meet the needs of our day. I hear a great deal about the waste of money which Churches have spent in the erections of adequate buildings in which to carry on their enlarged program of making disciples. I am sure from my personal observation it cannot be said that the Negro Disciples of this state have spent half enough money within the past twenty-five years for the establishment of more adequate church buildings, much less to say that we have spent too much. After forty-five years of organized work, where can we point with pride in this state of Ohio that the Negro Disciples of Christ have a modern building commensurate with the ever-enlarging Negro population? Our Baptist and Methodist friends can point us to several such buildings, but I do not know of a single such plant among our Negro constituency. If we, as disciples of Christ in Ohio, are to make more and better disciples than our predecessors of forty years ago we must accept the challenge now and begin in earnest to formulate plans for a more adequate program of church erection.

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Religious Education

PROF. P. H. MOSS, EDITOR

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CONVENTIONS

Piedmont District Convention

With the close of the vacation season and the approaching of fall, we closed our work in the Vacation School and turned our attention to the various conventions. We attended the Piedmont District Convention which convened from August 8-12, at the Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va. The sessions of this convention were very harmonious, every one ready and willing to cooperate in every possible way to make the convention a success. Many fine plans were made, but we regret to mention that after the close of the convention several things arose which prevented the materialization of some of the plans.

We congratulate the district on having presented to them a beautiful Loving Cup to be used instead of the Financial Banner, as a challenge to the schools in their efforts to raise their development money. We trust that all the schools will strive to have it at sometime.

—B. E. C.

Oklahoma State Convention

The Oklahoma convention was very harmonious with much constructive work done. We held conferences with the workers, aiding them in the organization of their work in their local churches. At the Young People's sessions we were given time in which we used to promote the Mid-West Conference. We held a demonstration of a Young People's Conference in which both the young and old participated in every feature of the exercises. At the close of the demonstration we received a list of twelve or more prospective young people for the next conference. We are urging that the young people and local workers will keep this before their local churches.

The state is making plans by which they can do greater state development work, which will greatly benefit them in every way.

—B. E. C.

"Go sell all thou hast, and give it to the poor and FOLLOW ME."

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National Convention

Workers national, state, local, from all over the country met at our National convention to make reports of the work done during the year. The reports show that it has been a wonderful year numerically and spiritually but there has been a decline financially. Many of the states and local churches fell far below their apportionment, while others, we are pleased to note, went above their apportionment. We trust every local and state worker will commence now in their efforts to raise their apportionments and to increase numerically and spiritually.

We feel that much constructive work was accomplished at our national convention. We are anxious for our new Young People's worker to begin his work in the department of religious education, for we feel that his work among the young people will be very beneficial to our brotherhood.

The department of Religious Education along with the other department of the church is making plans for the year also to carry out the aims of the Pentecostal Program ending June, 1930.

Pentecostal aims for the Department of Religious Education are:

1,000 Christian Endeavor Societies adopting and reporting on the standard.

2,500 churches adopting and reporting the three years program.
250 new educational plants erected.

135 churches having directors of religious education.

50,000 standard leadership credits issued.

900 non-credit leadership conferences held.

12,500 enrolled in graded Young People's Conferences.

1,250 standard vacation church schools.

1,750,000 total Sunday School enrollment.

2,000 additions through the the church school.

Let us all with one accord strive to carry out the aims of the Pentecostal Program. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."—Acts 2:1.

BESSIE E. CHANDLER,
Elementary Supt.

IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

Even in the Holy Book, there are some things that seem too good to be true. For example, when the women broke the news to the anxiously waiting disciples, that Jesus was not to be found in the new tomb of Joseph where they had placed Him on Friday evening, notwithstanding that Jesus promised to rise on the third day—the news of the women seemed too good to be true. Again when the little prayer meeting band heard that Peter was standing at the gate, it seemed too good to be true. When the National Convention of Disciples of Christ accepted the challenge of the Department of Religious Education to put a full time Field Secretary on the Field of the Young People of the church, it just seemed too good to be true. But that is just what we promised to do when promised to subsidize the amount given by the department of religious education to place Vance Griffin Smith, on the field as Young People's Worker.

For two years Mr. Smith has given one fourth time as a Young People's Secretary. He has done his work in a very amicable way. If given a chance as a full time worker, it is hard to imagine the progress that will be made in this department of our work.

I know that every one of those pledges were made in good faith and the victory depends upon every one of us. Let us measure up. The writer is elated over the fact that we are to have on our staff a full time children's worker and a full time Young People's worker. It seems too good to be true. Some day we will have a full time Adult worker and an office secretary. Let us labor and wait. Let us go about our task singing:

"I would be friend of all foe, the friendless;

I would be giving and forget the gift;

I would be humble, for I know my weakness;

I would look up and laugh, and love and lift."

—P. H. M.

Out of the silence, song;
Out of the bud, a rose;
Out of the rose, the scent
The wood wind blows.

Out of the years, a faith;
Out of life's travail, truth;
Out of the heart, the charm
Of ageless YOUTH.

A Christian Service in Cooperation

BY J. B. LEHMAN

Do We Know Our Hour of Visitation?

Jesus upbraided Israel because His people did not know the hour of their visitation. His meaning of visitation was a time when God came their way with opportunity. As we see it now after nearly two thousand years of Church History the Jews had the most wonderful opportunity that ever came to a people. For nearly fourteen centuries they had followed the principles laid down by Moses. During this time they had prophets who held up before them a most wonderful vision of human happiness in store for them. During this time they had had many adverse experiences that were calculated to teach them that wrong actions lead to sorrow.

Therefore when Jesus came to them proclaiming the coming of the greater day in the kingdom of heaven they had every opportunity that was suggested by the prophets. If they had placed themselves behind Him with all their strength the Jews could have become the world power in spiritual strength. They, in a very short time by right of have sent their missionaries to the four corners of the earth and the peoples, especially the Gothic peoples, could have come in with all the power that is now seen in new nations. But they lost their opportunity. They resisted Him with violence which kept them from gaining any benefits from the wonderful life of Jesus, but they did not stop the course of righteousness from conquering the world. They just delayed it and cursed themselves.

This then should be a lesson for us. If we number the Negro Disciples of Christ, we must conclude we are among the very small religious bodies of our country. But if we consider how we wedge into the religious and social world we can see how a greater opportunity is ours than probably any other people. The question is, do we know our opportunity? Do we know the hour of our visitation? Let us see what these opportunities are.

1. We are a part of a great brotherhood without any organic partition. This enables us to wedge the race relations issue and the home missionary issue right into every church of the brotherhood. And it also enables us to test ourselves by having to work beside the best workers of every

race. For example, when Brother Moss and Sister Grubbs worked away at their task in their quiet way there was no way to measure them. But when they and Miss Deetsy Blackburn became a part of a greater force under Mr. Hopkins they had to make good or fail. It was therefore a great consolation when Brother Hopkins said Miss Blackburn was doing as good work as any worker he had. Let us look at the job put upon Mr. Prince A. Gray as a side line. If he succeeds in sending fifty students to our four schools he will lay the foundation of a great work for the future. If he succeeds in boosting the missionary offerings as he did in Missouri he will help all the work. But these are just side lines.

2. In the Christian Plea we have an opportunity that is far beyond the vision of any of us. The subjects that it will necessarily discuss are vital questions and will attract wide attention if skillfully developed. It must avoid a fault-finding, haggling spirit. God knows there is enough evil in the world to take up all our time if that is what we want to do. But that builds up nothing. The Negro Disciples have the finest opportunity that ever came to a people to do a constructive work. Let us spend our time in building the walls of our new Zion, not in tearing down the walls of error. Let us show that we can build the Zion that the prophets saw and the sains longed for. If we can show that we can do this we can have multitudes waiting on our every word. Will we seize the opportunity? or will we fail as the Jews failed? and will God have to wait on another people as He did in the case of Israel? The Christian Plea needs subscriptions and every family of the brotherhood can help on that. Then as it gets more subscriptions it can grow in the things it can bring out in its issues. The Christian Plea ought to grow until it can influence the Christian white people, north and south, in the way they need most to be influenced. What we mean is illustrated in Booker T. Washington. We know of no American during the twenty-five years from 1890 to 1915 that had as great an influence on the thinking in America as he had. Not even Theodore Roosevelt was equal to him. While the white people think themselves the superior people,

and they are in many things, they sadly need teachers along many lines. We must be ready to do what we can along this line.

3. Our Negro Churches now can well double themselves in numbers of churches and in numbers of members every ten years if they see the vision and go at it. But they must know what they are working for and they must apply themselves to the task. The celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of Pentecost will be a mere artificial formality if we are not spirit-led. If we are spirit-led the pentecost celebration may easily prove to be one of the strides forward of the Church. Brethren, do we know the hour of our visitation?

OUR NEW ELEMENTARY SUPERINTENDENT

Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Elementary Superintendent of Nashville, Tenn., began her work as Elementary Superintendent, June 1st. Miss Chandler comes into the work thoroughly consecrated to the great task of kingdom building. Miss Chandler received her literary education in Nashville, Tenn. She attended the public schools of that city during which time she was an outstanding student because of her scholastic ability and initiatives. After graduating from the high school, she entered the Tennessee State College of the same city. Here Miss Chandler made a remarkable record in her school work and was highly thought of by both students and teachers. Miss Chandler majored in education, taking as her special phase of work Kindergarten work. She was graduated from that school with the second highest honor in her scholastic work.

All during her school career she was a faithful young worker in her local church of which our National president is pastor. She served for several years as an efficient secretary of the Bible School. But because of her intense interest in Kindergarten work and her love for children she resigned the office of secretary of the school and was elected as Elementary Superintendent of the school. She entered into this phase of the work with her whole heart and soul. For almost two years she worked faithfully with the assistance of two teachers and made the department of the school a standard department of which she succeeded in accomplishing. It was while she was at this work that she was called to a field of greater service as

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"WITH CHARITY TOWARDS ALL"

V. G. Smith

For two years I acted as editor of the Christian Plea and the association had its pleasant periods and its enjoyable moments. But circumstances and arrangements made it impossible for me to continue in that capacity, so it is with an appreciation for the support given me in this effort and to solicit the same brand of unselfish cooperation from the leaders and workers in the church that I write these few lines as a valedictory to this phase of the work.

There have been things that have occurred that were not of the most expedient but few if any that were distinctly unchristian. There have been errors in judgment but few in intent of spirit. There have been criticism but never actuated by malice. The only real Christian approach to any problem is to exercise tolerance, forbearance and long-suffering. These have been forthcoming in most instances.

The success of the paper lies in the efforts of its readers and Christian leaders to place The Christian Plea into every home in the great brotherhood from Florida to Michigan and from Maryland to Texas. It has been into

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the homes of more than a thousand and these should be readers of the paper now. The great impulse that prompted the undertaking of this enterprise is not lost but only dormant. It can be done but everyone must cooperate in doing it.

Personally I wish to thank all of those who helped in any manner in promoting the Christian Plea when I was in charge. I thank those secretaries, mostly self-appointed, in the churches and states who sent in subscriptions. I thank those in the local churches who contributed news for on this the paper is sold. I thank those especially who made donations to the Christian Plea special fund both as churches and as individuals. What the paper was in form, make-up, editorial comment, editorial and typographical correctness as well as departmental excellence, was only a debt due those who supported a church paper of which we need not be ashamed.

The transfer in all things may be just the tonic needed to build up the Christian Plea to the point where it will serve more fully the entire brotherhood. I commend to you the Christian Plea, a bi-weekly for the Christian brotherhood and its new editor, Elder P. A. Gray.

THE NEW EDITOR, (PRINCE A. GRAY, JR.) AND THE PLEA

By Dr. J. E. Walker, Chairman of
Publishing Committee

There is a great deal to be said for the person who has not had opportunities but has made them. More honor to him who has carved his destiny from the reluctant stones of adversity. The shining worth of the diamond is not due to the intrinsic value of the stone but to the rarity of the product. So it is with men who have achieved in spite of the disadvantages of circumstances. Anyone can do it but so few do that like the diamond they are to be praised for their rarity.

Elder Prince A. Gray had nothing to recommend him as a favorite child of fate. No flowery beds of ease have carried him to the present pinnacle of success. His early years were ones of little opportunity and less an environment of progressiveness. His school days from the grades up have been punctuated with long vacations wherein the withdrawal was obtained to get another curtailed session in the school-room.

In spite of these handicaps, he

was one of the really brilliant members of his class. The terms in college were more irregular in continuity than the days at S. C. I. where he received his elementary and high school training. Drake, then work, Cotner, then more work, finally graduation and no opening, manual labor and no opportunity, finally a "board and room" church proposition; then signal success was the cycle.

Mr. Gray first pastored at Holtsville and Savannah, Tenn., for a brief period before going to Drake University, leaving Drake to do the Evangelistic work of Nebraska in connection with his school work at Cotner, after which he came to the Fulton Church, at Fulton, Mo., where he made such an impression on the Missouri State Board that they requested the Fulton Church to release him in order to test the effectiveness of their Correlated Budget system which was inaugurated under his supervision. Mr. Gray willingly accepted and "dived right into the heart" of his work with all of his might. The offerings from Missouri for all purposes increased and the state work became an example to all the other states in effective services and liberality in giving. Starting his second year of work as state secretary, he was unexpectedly called to the editorship and general management of the Christian Plea.

This position is not so much at present as an opportunity to build a monumental work to the Christian brotherhood in the paper that will command the attention and respect of the religious world. Mr. Gray has accepted it as such and makes plans to comb the entire brotherhood, organizationally, collectively and individually for the needed funds to finance the Plea. So to every reader, active or potential, this is a notice that Mr. Gray will see you soon about an individual donation to the paper. Every pastor is asked to receive Mr. Gray in a way that will give him access to the heart and pocketbook of your people.

The Christian Plea MUST GO OVER and the entire brotherhood is asked to rally to the support of it as the representatives did at the National Convention. Mr. Gray is the man to put it over and we are all back of him to boost, lift, raise, exalt and support the paper. The Christian Plea will then be THE PLEA of the Disciples for all of those things that so many think we need and deserve.

The Christian Plea in Every Home is "THE PLEA" now.

—age Four

NOTES ON THE CONVENTION

The twelfth Annual Convention of the Churches of Christ was held in Chicago at the Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church, August 27 to Sept. 2.

Chicago may truly be called the convention city of America.

With the Elks in session, it seemed that the South Side had tripled its population.

A most beautiful Church house is the home of the Chicago Disciples. It is not only beautiful but spacious.

The hospitality of the Chicago Disciples to the delegates was unbounded.

Delegates were there from California on the West and Maryland on the East and from the Gulf to the Lakes.

The theme of the Convention was "Pentecost and its Challenge."

Monday, August 27, group conference were held also a meeting of the joint executive committee. In the evening an excellent local program was rendered.

Mrs. Wm. Alphin proved to be a most excellent presiding officer in the Wowan's Missionary Department.

Mrs. C. Martin of Illinois was elected president of the Wowan's Missionary Department.

Mrs. Rosa Grubbs, our field worker, rendered a most inspiring report.

Prof. T. W. Pratt, president of the Sunday School Department, was re-elected. Prof. Pratt brought to the convention an excellent report of the world school convention held at Los Angeles, Cal.

The Sunday School of which Mr. Elmer Doclin is Superintendent, Frankford, Mo., won the loving cup.

Elder Preston Taylor, our beloved president, occupied the chair in the sessions of the church department.

Elder P. A. Gray was elected Editor of the Christian Plea.

Elder Davis of Kansas becomes our National Evangelist.

Bro. Vance Smith succeeds Eld. P. A. Gray in the presidency of the Christian Endeavorer. Bro. Smith also succeeds Elder Cragget as recording secretary.

Elder Aphin, Prof. Moss, and Miss Chandler were helpful in the various sessions. They are our Field Workers.

Three were ordained to the Christian Ministry during the convention.

Excellent reports concerning our schools at Edwards, Hawkins, and Piedmont were made.

Bro. Ervin of Jarvis was greatly

ly missed.

The Convention established a Bible Chair for the training of ministers at Lincoln Ridge, Ky.

The colored members of our joint executive committee are Elders Preston Taylor, C. H. Dickerson, H. L. Herod, Dr. J. E. Walker and Mrs. C. Martin.

The next convention goes to N. C. with Bro. Peters and his good people.

Nature offered her best weather to our convention.

The National Convention will be reported giving names of delegates, etc., in the next issue.

Memphis received the news with joy that it is to be the home of the Christian Plea.

WHERE THE WEST BEGINS

By C. E. Croggett, Kansas City, Mo.

The Missouri State Convention which was held in Kansas City, August 7 to 12 was considered one of our best. Some of our best workers were kept away however, by reason of circumstances over which they had no control. Elder J. J. Green, the president of the convention, was kept away because of the illness of his daughter who has since that time passed into the beyond. Mrs. Mary Van Buren, the president of the Women's Work, was kept away because of having been injured in a bus accident a few weeks prior to the setting of the convention and Prof. Wm. M. A. Gibbs, the central secretary-treasurer, was also kept away because of having fractured a rib a few days before the convention. The absence of these leaders was very keenly felt, however, with Brother and Sister Alphin substituting for them, the work of the convention went forward in a fine way. The highlights of the convention were the addresses on the Sermon on the Mount by C. C. Carrigues, secretary of the Missouri Christian Missionary Society.

Reports showed more than three thousand dollars raised during the year for state and general missions. Those who attended National Convention at Chicago saw that Missouri lead all the other states in raising funds for the national work.

P. A. Gray, the state evangelist, Mrs. Retta Logan, Elementary Supt. of the Bible School and Mrs. Cannie Doolen, Field secretary of the Missionary Society had splendid reports of work done, having covered the state in a very fine way. They were re-elected to the same positions.

The officers as elected or re-el-

ected as follows. For president of the convention, C. E. Craggett; vice president, E. K. Burton; secretary-treasurer, P. C. Washington. For the Bible School Department, for president, Vance G. Smith; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Essie Welch; Elementary Supt., Mrs. Retta Logan. For the Endeavor Department, president, Cassie Welch; secretary-treasurer, Miss Bernice Washington. For the Missionary Society, president, Mrs. Mary Van Buren; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Eva Gilmore; treasurer, Mrs. Mrs. Ethel Dyson; field secretary, Mrs. Cammie Doolen. Mr. E. Dublin was elected central secretary-treasurer to hold the money of all the departments.

A tragedy which indirectly grew out of the convention cast a shadow over the delegation near its close. Elder A. B. Moore, our minister at New Haven, on returning home from the convention received an injury in a bus wreck from which he died a week later.

An observation shows our churches to be pretty well shepherded with the following men at work: J. B. Parsons at Jefferson City; J. E. Parker at Hannibal; E. K. Burton at Frankford and Madison; Wm. Bradshay at New London; W. G. Richardson at Salisbury, Blackwater and Napton; L. C. Davis at Lathrop; Wm. Alphin at St. Louis and the writer at Kansas City and Independence.

We regret very much to lose P. A. Gray as state evangelist and to lose P. G. Washington as pastor of the church at Fulton. Bro. Washington's giving up the ministry to take up school work in East St. Louis. The congregation at Columbia is now completing the best church building among our brethren in this state and they are looking forward to securing a minister soon.

Now just this word to our Missouri brethren, as we face the rising sun of a new convention year, let us strive to make each count for God and His Church. Let's plan to win souls for Christ by putting on special evangelistic meetings in all our churches. Let's plan now to have a larger and closer fellowship in our state work and let's plan to give more for our national work that we may be a growing and not a waning brotherhood.

There is one thing of which we may be sure, absolutely sure, and that is that no permanent union can be effected if the New Testament is ignored. Union by anything else will not last a day.

PIEDMONT CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Martinsville, Va.

The closing week of our school was indeed favorable as far as the weather was concerned. There was just enough rain to make it pleasant.

On the first night Preps and Freshmen, under the direction of Mrs. Willis, presented "The Fashion Show at Hicksville."

The young people were at their best in this play and made the large and appreciative audience feel that they had not come out in vain.

The second night was taken by the Sophs, under the direction of Miss Calloway, they presented "The Old Maid's Club." It was pathetic indeed to see these old maids struggling to look young and catch a beau and it was a great relief when a dapper young fellow from Africa with beans from the grave of an African astrologer which transformed the old maids into young maids again.

On Friday night the seniors had their class day exercises. On Sunday the Baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Whitfield of Roanoke, Va. Elder Whitfield urged the young people to catch a vision of future usefulness if they wished to succeed in life.

Attorney W. C. Martin of Washington, D. C., a former resident of Martinsville and a friend of the school presented the school a large United States Flag and Monday afternoon the school raised the flag on the new flag pole on the campus. An appropriate program was rendered with Dr. Woodward, M. D., and Elder Whitfield as principle speakers.

The graduating exercises took place Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. J. B. Simpson of Virginia made the address to the class. Dr. Simpson made a strong plea to the young people to aim to be an asset not only to the race but to the motion at large. Said he, "We have not one to spare. Your race, your community and the nation needs every one of you." Misses Lucile Camille Early, Josephine Ceceilia Foster, Bessie Pauline Thomas and Messrs. Thomas Logan Johnson, and Cleophas Wootan were the graduates. Mr. Wootan was valedictorian and Miss Thomas was salutatorian.

The last game of ball was played Friday with the Danville High. The score was 10 to 13 in favor of P. C. I.

We failed to state that Attorney Martin has presented the school with nearly \$300.00 worth of books at different times.

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And that Attorney Martin, his two daughters and his cousin, Attorney Martin, of Philadelphia motored to the commencement.

The city school closed two weeks before P. C. I. Elder J. D. Hill preached the sermon for the city school.

Prof. Alphin will study at University of Kansas this summer. Prof. Spaulding in Chicago, Prof. Hill will hold summer classes at P. C. I. Miss Calloway will study in New York, Miss Ruth Thomas will go to Howard for the summer, Prof. and Mrs. Thomas have not decided where they will take their vacation yet. Mrs. Thomas had a fine display from her domestic science department and Mrs. Willis had a beautiful display from her Domestic art department during commencement week. The attendance at all the programs was very encouraging.

REPORT OF WASHINGTON CONVENTION

Mrs. Mary Van Buren
Delegate from Mo. W. M. S.
Convention

Greetings:

It is with pleasure that I bring to you a report of the proceedings of the Women's Sessions of our National Convention held in Washington, D. C.

I am very sorry that time and space will not permit me to speak about all the interesting addresses and sermons delivered during all the sessions.

The ninth session of the Woman's Missionary Societies convened at the 12th Street Christian Church Wednesday morning, August 31, 1927, with our president, Mrs. Wm. Alphin, presiding.

Mrs. B. B. Hutsell of Kentucky, lead devotional and gave an excellent explanation of the Scripture lesson read. Various committees were appointed after which reports were made by the Corresponding Secretary; Secretary of Children's Work; National President and representatives from various states. All received.

Afternoon Session

After reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous session, the committee on enrollment reported 25c each collected from ninety-two persons, total, \$23.00.

Our National Field Secretary came forward at this time and gave an excellent report of the year's work.

The report showed that 127 societies had raised almost as much they were apportioned.

As you know Missouri was ap-

portioned \$500.00 for 1927, but she went over the top, raising \$535.55. There were fifteen societies that gave \$100.00 or more. We are very glad to say to you that three societies in Missouri were among that group namely: Kansas City, St. Louis, and Fulton.

Total amount that was taken in at convention during our session was \$336.93. Total amount raised by societies during the year, \$4100.00.

The addresses by the following were very interesting and inspiring: Mrs. A. Staples, of Maryland; Miss Bessie Chandler, Tennessee and Mississippi, and Miss A. M. Clark of United Christian Missionary Society. Your humble servant gave an address also Wednesday afternoon.

The evening session was opened with devotionals led by Mrs. S. Offut of Ohio. After reading of minutes of afternoon session, our National president was presented and brought us a very thought-provoking and helpful message. Mrs. J. H. Thomas of Virginia brought us a helpful message in the session also.

The Missionary sermon was preached by Elder P. A. Gray of Missouri, as we were having a session of the Joint Executive Committee did not get to hear the sermon. The offering for the evening was \$47.53.

Quite a number of conferences were held with our National workers which were very helpful. On Thursday afternoon, Miss Mullen, a missionary who had worked in India and Mrs. Jameson, a missionary to China were introduced.

OUR NEW ELEMENTARY SUPERINTENDENT

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National Elementary Superintendent.

In order to become more efficient in her work she spent a year at the S. C. I. giving her time to Bible Study. While there in school she was active in the various organizations of the school and was always ready and willing to give her service in all programs or any movement fostered by the school.

Miss Chandler has now been on the field about three months during which time she has given her best toward the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

No man should be discouraged because he is imperfect, but should be discouraged if he has lost the will to perfection.

OBITUARY

Amos B. Moore, was born in Port Gibson, Miss., March 10th, 1889, and departed this life Aug. 17th, 1928. He was 39 years, 4 months and 17 days old. He joined the Christian Church when 15 years of age.

He always said to his mother that he was called to preach, and began preaching about 1912. He was always different from other children—so quiet and patient.

Rev. Moore pastored before coming to Missouri, which was about six years ago. He connected with the Centennial Christian Church when on Kennerly avenue. At the time of his death he was pastoring the Christian Church in New Haven, Mo.

He leaves a wife, Mrs. Martha J. Moore, four sisters, five brothers two nieces, one nephew and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

His favorite song—the song he loved to sing and hear sung—was the "Old Rugged Cross."

WABBASEKA, ARKANSAS

Everina Merrill, Reporter

The Elliot Chapel Church of Christ is yet striving to reach her goal. The W. M. S. is pulling forward in her work.

Sunday evening, July 22, the women gave a program for the purpose of raising funds for Missionary work.

We had a very good program for our little group of Christian workers.

Some of the outstanding numbers rendered were: a lecture, by our pastor, Rev. E. L. Turner, concerning the women's work; an oration, by E. L. Turner, Jr., "Our duty to Our Country": a vocal solo, by Mrs. Evelyn Turner with a cornet accompaniment; a speaking contest between four girls, Misses Mary Withers, Susie Turner, Everlina Merrill and Mary Ella Roe.

There were two prizes given Miss Susie Turner was winner of the first prize, and Miss Mary Ella Roe, winner of the second. Many of the neighboring churches helped to render music for the occasion.

The collection was liberal, \$7.42.

This program was rendered under the auspices of the President, Mrs. Nellie Roe.

JACKSON, MISS.

The North Jackson Christian Church is still trying to go forward.

Services were good on last

Lord's Day. The second Sunday in September the Pastor preached sterling sermons morning and evening. The subject of his morning discourse was: "The Tragedy of Neglect," and in the evening his subject was: "The Church." A good audience graced both services. The Church Executive Board in its regular monthly meeting Sunday evening, Sept. 9, 5 p. m. rounded out the plans for the beginning of a two weeks' Revival to be conducted by our State Evangelist, Elder B. C. Calvert. A special prayer week, beginning Sept. 19th will be observed prior to the revival. The Revival will close September 30th. May we ask that you pray with us that it may be a great ingathering of souls for His Kingdom. The 4th Sunday in August our old ex-pastor, Elder J. I. Renolds, preached for us. He seemed to have been at his best.

Again we ask that you remember us in your prayers.

M. S. BROWN, Reporter.

B. L. JACOBS, Pastor.

SUPERFICIALITY IN EDUCATION

V. G. Smith

One morning I was so routed as to meet the young people on their way to high school in St. Louis. There were a large number of boys and a greater number of girls. Some of the observations I made as I watched this group are as follows:

The majority were well-dressed, some even elaborately clothed. All the boys wore ties and shirts of a good quality. Their suits and shoes were not of the kind so often seen which are about half good. Not one did I see in overalls and brogans. I perceived that their bodies were well cared for. The girls were also clothed properly.

Some carried lunches and others hand pocketbooks containing the wherewithal to purchase substantial food. Others were refreshing themselves before the day began with ice cream cones. Their physical man seemed to be cared for in the very sumptuous way members of my race are accustomed to do in most cases.

More than one group that I met carried some musical instrument and one fellow was so enthusiastic that he was even then, while walking, playing his ukelele. There were rolls of music in evidence at frequent intervals and thereby disclosing the interest in the finer arts. Music has always had its appeal and no people has been better able to interpret it than the

Negro. So I was delighted to find the interest obtaining.

Some of the young ladies possessed many of those appurtenances or form and face that make for pride. The becoming cut of dress and hat brought out the best qualities of personal beauty and appearance. The boys had silk handkerchiefs in breast pockets and wrist watches aglow on arms. So those evidences of culture and pride in appearance were there.

But one thing was noticeable. That was the meager supply of books carried by the youths. Cigarettes, ukeleles, ice cream cones, vanity cases, powder compacts, lunches, pocket-books, etc., all occupied the hands of these school children. The long strap with the heavy readers, geographies, mathematics had all been relegated to the desk. And the study period was considered sufficient to get the next day's lesson. These same young people were to be found in the evening in the movie houses, the automobiles, and the streets, with "nothing to do."

I wondered then and am still wondering if that fact that the scholars in the nation are decreasing is due to the fact that superficiality in education and culture is taking the place of deep study. And the shadow of the trimmings is mistaken for the substance of the real thing. More are diplomed men but fewer educated persons.

LOCALS

The Mississippi Blvd. Church is planning an intensive membership campaign for the months of October and November.

Funeral services were held for Brother London Coleman Sunday, September 9th. A large audience witnessed these services. Brother Coleman lived to the ripe age of 81 years.

Pastor Blair T. Hunt and Elder Oscar Gray were in charge of the funeral services. Brother Coleman was faithful unto death, having served as an officer of the church for a long time. He leaves several children, relatives and a host of friends to mourn for him.

Prof. R. H. Peoples, teacher of Religious Education of Jarvis College, passed through Memphis enroute to Jarvis.

Those attending National Convention from Memphis were Eld. Blair T. Hunt, Dr. J. E. Walker, Brother Utilles Phillips and Miss Marie Crawford.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Next in order comes the actual work of making disciples. The Church of Christ was begun in a great spiritual revival on the day of Pentecost. Whatever church in this state needs most now is the creation and continuation of a consistent intelligent series of spiritual revivals from now until the celebration of our nineteenth hundredth Pentecostal Anniversary in 1930. This revival should begin in the pulpit of every church, and gradually work its way through the difficult lines of the official board into the anxious waiting line of the membership of our Churches. This revival should begin within the church. It should first of all make ready its pruning knife and with the spirit of love for all and prejudice towards none, nevertheless, it should be such a revival that the members of our churches who are anxious to see our work grow larger here and accomplish more towards the making of better and more disciples, should prune the local church tree of all its spiritually diseased and dead branches and give each organization a chance to develop a healthy, spiritual life. Such a revival should not be commercialized nor professionalized. It should be naturalized. It should be homogeneous. It should be the outcome of earnest, enthusiastic Christians seeking to save the unsaved within as well as without the church of Christ. Such a revival should begin now in every heart and every church in the state.

The Teaching Ministry of the Church

After disciples are made, they should be taught. The second great need of our churches is an enlarged, intelligent and enthusiastic sincere teaching Ministry in every local church. No church is worthy to wear the name **Christian** that neglects to teach its entire membership, "All things," that Jesus taught which are essential for their growth in all the Christian graces. We have too many Elders, Deacons, and members of our churches who are ignorant concerning their duties and responsibilities as members and officers of the Church of Christ.

The time has come when every Elder, Deacon and member of all our churches should become vitally interested in the department of Religious Education in our churches. We should cease trying to have Sunday school or Bible school

or Church school just to go thru the motion, hear reports, have few classes and take a little offering. The Minister and officers of our churches should see to it that in each local church there is a real school of religious education functioning in such a way that it will be a definite factor in the Teaching Ministry of the Church to win souls for Christ and train them in Christian Service.

Christian Stewardship

The members of our church need to be trained in the spirit and knowledge and habit of Christian Stewardship. As Christians, we need to know we belong to God and that all we are and all we possess belong to Him. Our Church all over the state is not receiving financial support, consistently, from fifty per cent of its membership. If it were not for those whom we have designated "the faithful few," many of our Churches would not only be pastorless, but their doors would be closed and in a few brief years the buildings would fall into decay. Giving is as important to the upkeep of the moral, spiritual, numerical and intellectual status of the Church of Christ as baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Christian Stewardship, the idea that each disciple should give one tenth of his earnings each week to the work of the church or, "give as the Lord prospers the giver," should be taught as much as we emphasize the two ordinances of the Christian Church. Our local churches need to put a little more business in their program. Every church should take an inventory annually of debit and credit. Each church should know each year whether the organization is going backward, "standing still" or going forward numerically as well as financially. We need to develop a more accurate method of "book-keeping" in all our local churches.

The Challenge of Evangelism

"And you shall be my witnesses," says Jesus "both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

No church can be recognized fully and scripturally as a church of Christ which does not believe in the entire missionary program of Jesus.

We have a number of Christians in all our churches who are temperamental, emotional and sentimental, when we discuss the missionary program of the church, but only a few who are consistent and unprejudiced about it. Many are not interested in any form of evangelism, but that which

is labeled "Home." Some are sentimental about the idea of "others God, yes others," but these others must be in far away China and Japan and India and Jamaica, etc. While a few pious extremists do not believe in any kind if only their needs can be supplied. To be consistent every Minister and member should study the whole field of missionary endeavor as Jesus suggests. The City, the County, the State, the entire world.

Too many of our Christian men and women, too many of our Church officers and Ministers do not believe in organized agencies for the promotion of missionary work. They do not believe in Missionary Societies in the local church. They do not believe in any form of organization and still these disciples are ardent believers in Jesus Christ. If a Christian believes in Jesus, and because of his faith in the Son of man, believes also in baptism, and the Lord's Supper, then he should also believe in the Missionary program of Jesus. Let us think today of the large number of cities, in Ohio where the Negro Disciples are in a pitiful minority and in those where we have no organized churches at all. We are facing a mighty Challenge today. It is the Challenge of the future destiny of our cause among our people in Ohio. Remember Christian friends, that other communities are pressing forward in their work of making Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc. What are we going to do with the commission of Jesus to "Go and make disciples?" To accept the challenge is to line and grow and increase and have the happy consciousness that the spirit of our risen Lord will abide with us always even to the end. To reject the challenge means that forty-five years of heroic service by many of our pioneer disciples of the past and present, shall come to naught and perish for the lack of vision among the present followers of the Christ in Ohio.

Fellow soldiers of the Cross, the enemy of the Christian Church is not yet defeated and destroyed. His armies are great, and his leaders are adventurous and determined and enthusiastic.

If we go forward, we need a united army in which every church and every member of every church must play his part nobly and well. If we are to conserve the number of leaders and disciples we have now in Ohio, we must create more peace and good will among ourselves in our local churches.

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MISSIONARY INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MISSIONARY GROWTH

Delivered At the National Convention of the W. M. C. At Chicago,
Ill., By Miss J. K. Spencer, Roanoke, Va.

Progress—another term for growth—is linked up to and goes hand and hand with intelligence or information. Any individual or group of individuals, no matter how engaged, will succeed in proportion to the information or the knowledge which they possess concerning the task assigned them. The great barrier that has blocked missionary growth is ignorance. We, the missionary workers, have depended too much on being filled in the self-same hour and by some super-human process. The great founders of the scheme of human redemption was himself the greatest missionary that ever lived. When he gave the perpetuation of the mighty work he had begun over to man to occupy until he shall have returned, the task became ours. All New Testament students know the tasks—make disciples of all the nations by a teaching process, a process whereby information may be imparted. So from the beginning we have growth dependent upon information.

Missionary leaders must seek to become thoroughly informed along many lines so that they may be able to properly inform others. I shall mention three points we should really know:

First, we should really know and have a helpful message for the folk. So often when missionary information is mentioned, our minds revert at once to perilous stations, to Bible lessons alone, to the bare saving of souls, and the strict account these souls must give in the final judgment. None of us can be real missionaries and not stress heavily all these factors,

but to be such a missionary as most any one can become, such a one as I feel the program committee had in mind, we must know all this and just a little bit more. The type of missionary the world needs today is one that knows and applies his Bible better than ever and one that knows and can put over some good things found outside of the Bible.

A part of our missionary information should pertain to the physical side of those to whom we carry the message. The human race has gone to an extreme in dress and amusement. I am not referring so much to the style of dress and nature of the amusement as I am to the cost and amount of both. I know not what the customs are here in Chicago, but in some places in the East we find that the more meagre the salary the better dressed the individual, and the more amusement they require. They wear more "Hudson Seals" and go more often to the resorts than those drawing splendid salaries. Here we have a fine opportunity as missionaries in our message to have the people see the folly of overdressing and over amusing. This is a fast age. Some are able to keep up, but think of the numbers who lose their all and still aren't able to keep up. Pleasure is a fine thing, but it is not to be had at the expense of health, peace of conscience, or "the rainy day bank account."

Our message must contain something from a moral viewpoint. Do you know our morals are just rotten? So many sharp, slang, superstitions, double meaning, expressions are used. Often

I have to get my pupils to explain whatever has gone wrong, so that I may be able to handle the situation intelligently from their point of view. Then the swearing, the smoking, the freedom between the sexes, the late hours, the joy rides are really nauseating. Self-respect and modesty do not belong in this age. The individual who dares mention them is called "green." What a tremendous task confronts the public school, the "Y," the Bible School, the missionary society and the church. The literary educators and the religious educators must realize their joint possibilities. What I mean to say is that if this world is to be made a fit and safe place in which to live we must get back of some of the causes of wrong-doing, offer a remedy, prevent some of the commissions of crimes. Yes, let's get right back in the homes; seek to inform the mothers and fathers that unless they take a more decided stand for things which really count, there is no telling where we shall be at the expiration of another ten years. We must in some way arouse the parents. Have them see that while they are bickering, fighting, flirting, jazzing, just having a little good time, just getting a little thrill out of life, that the children are looking on. Inexperienced, without poise, full of vitality, bubbling over with curiosity, fearless, desiring to prove everything youth plunges in and carries the thing too far. There is no hope for us unless we return to the old landmarks. The present day homemakers must be informed of the privilege, the beauty, the sacredness of founding a home, stop regarding their children as burdens, and stop looking upon their homes as economical institutions.

In the second place we must be thoroughly informed concerning the people to whom the message is to be taken. No teacher can rightly and suitably prepare her

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"The Antecedents of Pentecost"

By B. C. Calvert, Evangelist

The name Pentecost is found in the Old Testament. It was a Jewish National Festival, and was observed 50 days after the Paschal Lamb was slain, which was seven weeks. In the Old Testament it was called "the feast of weeks." Pentecost is mentioned only once in the historical books of the Bible as you will see in 2 Chronicles 8:12, 13.

Pentecost came at the close of the barley harvest (Lev. 23:15-16; Dt. 16:9-10), which was begun at the time of the waving of the first ripe sheaf of the first fruits. (Lev. 23:11). Wheat was also harvested about this time everywhere (Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Num. 28:26), and the general character of this celebration was a harvest home festival. The day was observed as a Sabbath; all labor was suspended and the people appeared before Jehovah to express their gratitude. Lev. 23:21; Num. 28:26. Every male in Israel was required to appear before the Lord in the sanctuary on that day.

The old Jewish Festival obtained a new significance, for the Christian Church, by the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit (John 16:7, 13). The incidents of that memorable Day, in the history of Christianity, are told in a marvelously vivid and dramatic way in the Acts of the Apostles.

But it should be borne in mind that Pentecost marks the founding of the Christian Church as an institution. That day marks the dividing line between the ministry of our Lord and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. On that day the Apostles were qualified for the high calling of preaching the Gospel by the power of the Holy Ghost. Pentecost completely changed the Apostles, and the inducement of the Holy Spirit enabled them to become witnesses of the resurrection of Christ as the fundamental of historic Christianity, and to extend the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth.

Pentecost, which marks the beginning of Christianity, may be compared with the Pentecost that marks the beginning of the Jewish National life on Mount Sinai. There the mountain trembled; in Jerusalem, in the upper room where the Apostles were sitting, the house trembled. On Sinai were flames, in Jerusalem were

flaming tongues that looked like fire. On Sinai were noisy thunders; in Jerusalem was the sound of a rushing mighty wind, the sound of many tongues. There the clanger of ramshorns; in Jerusalem were notes of the gospel trumpet.

Three facts stand out as we read the story of Pentecost. First, the right and normal condition of the church; second, that this should be its permanent condition; third, that this is not its condition today.

This question naturally forces itself upon us: "Why do we not have Pentecostal times in the church today?" Should we not seek the reason, and ought we not try to remove the obstacles, if any there be, that stand in the way of such a bright consummation?"

Is the spirit of the Lord straightened that He does not answer? Have the days forever gone when the Word of God shall prosper, and men shall cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall I do to be saved?"

Let us ask God for wisdom and guidance in finding an answer to this question, "Why we do not have Pentecostal times in the church today?"

1. Perhaps it is because the Church does not pray for them as the Apostles did for the first Pentecost. You will find that Pentecost never comes without prayer. Jacob saw God "face to face," but it was only after he prayed. Jonas sent God's message ringing through the streets of Nivevah till king peasant sat in sack cloth and ashes, but only after he had prayed. Daniel faced lions a day with his window opened and his face towards Jerusalem. No kind of blessing was ever enjoyed in the Church without prayer. Thus to have a twentieth century Pentecost, we must ask God for it. Does the Church now pray for Pentecostal days? Do not pray for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. The baptism of fire is hell fire. If you ask for that you may get it. But if you ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit you will be asking for something you will never get. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was only promised to the twelve Apostles, and that promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. In the second and third verses of

the first chapter of Acts, Jesus promised the Apostles the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In the 11th and 33rd verses of the second chapter of Acts, Peter tells us that that promise was fulfilled. The baptism of the Holy Ghost was given to educate the Apostles on the spur of the moment for the great task that lay before them, and to make them infallible witnesses of the life, death, burial and resurrection of our Lord.

2. It may be that another reason why we do not have Pentecostal times, such as the Church in this age may expect—is because the Church don't expect them—and worse than all—don't want them. We should expect a Pentecost—not the same as was experienced by the Apostles on that memorable day—such as the outpouring of baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the gifts of tongue, but a Pentecost of boldness in the faith, and the unity that pervaded the Apostolic ranks in that upper room. The Church of today needs a Pentecost that will separate its members from the world. Anybody who knows anything about the churches of today, knows that they are full of worldliness and carnality. You can not do the Lord's work with half hearted, half-believing, luke-warm and worldly minded people. As long as the ship is in the sea everything is all right, but when the sea gets into the ship everything is all wrong. As long as the church is in the world everything is all right; but when the world gets into the church everything is all wrong. Thus to have a real twentieth century Pentecost, we must prepare for it by separating ourselves from the world. It took separation and a ten days' prayer meeting to prepare the Apostles for the first Pentecost that has meant everything to the world. The people of all the churches have been giving themselves up to card playing, dancing and theater-going, until today the whole church is full of it from top to bottom, or from the pulpit to the door. And sometimes ministers of the gospel are as worldly minded as their flock. Preachers of the Gospel must speak out and name the things that are killing the spiritual life of the church, and call for a separation unto God. We have too many cowards in the pulpit. Paul, who was a brave soldier of Jesus Christ, sums it all up when he said, "Wherefore, come ye out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be to

you a father, and ye shall be unto me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."—2 Cor. 6:17, 18. **The First Pentecost Had Prepared Ministers.**

If there is to be a twentieth century Pentecost, we must have prepared ministers. Pentecost, as we have already proven, prepared the Apostles to preach the Gospel. They understood their commission too well to try to adapt it to the people. Their business was to preach the gospel and lead the people to adapt themselves to it. They made no efforts to fellowship, the pious unimmersed. Such terms and language are unknown to the New Testament. All men are required to comply with the terms of Gospel as laid down in the Holy Scriptures. No matter how pious one may be, he must be immersed, baptized, buried in water ere he enters the Kingdom of God. None in these modern times can be more pious than was Cornelius—a good moral man, a benevolent man, a praying man, one who feared God with all his house and was of good report among all the nations of the Jews—and yet this good man had to send 32 miles away, to Joppa, for Peter, who, according to the angel, would tell him what to do to be saved. The last thing Peter told Cornelius to do was to be baptized, immersed. No case of conversion can be found in the Acts of the Apostles where baptism is not mentioned. Sometimes faith, repentance, and confession are omitted, but baptism is never omitted. This is good proof that one cannot be saved without it. Jesus said—and He was all authority in heaven and in earth—“Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he can not enter into the kingdom of God.” John 3:5.

The New Testament evangelists, one and all, were proselyters. But ministers of our day do not mind signing agreements not to proselyte. That is absolutely wrong.

A joint commission on good will, composed of eminent Jewish rabbis and Protestant clergymen of federal council of Churches of Christ in America, lately adopted a covenant that reads in part: “.....because of our natural respect and integrity for each other's religion and our desire that each faith shall enjoy the fullest opportunity for its development and enrichment, these committees have no proselyting purpose.”

Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost was a proselyting sermon, and won three thousand

MAN'S MEASUREMENT

A man's no bigger than the way
He treats his fellow man;
This standard has his measure been
Since time itself began.

He's measured not by tithes or creed,
High-sounding though they be;
Nor by the gold that's put aside
Nor by his sanctity.

He's measured not by social rank,
When character's the test;
Nor by his earthly pomp or show,
Displaying wealth possessed.

He's measured by his justice, right,
His fairness at his play,
His squareness in all dealings made,
His honest, upright way.

These are his measures, ever near
To serve him when they can;
For man's no bigger than the way
He treats his fellow man.

That unknown author enriched the field of poetic thought and literature and left a priceless message on the measurement of a man.

“To have the spirit of a martyr—and he who has it will be in the highest sense a martyr—is to be true at all costs to the best and highest things one knows.”

souls from Judaism to Christianity. The rest of the preachers followed suit in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and everywhere else. What right have we, as followers of Jesus Christ, to “desire that each faith shall be developed and enriched,” when the Bible plainly declares, “One faith, one hope, one spirit, one body, one Lord, one baptism, one God and Father.” Eph. 4:4-6. Any minister who does not proselyte when it comes to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is not true to the trust committed to Him.

God grant that the day will soon come when we shall have a real twentieth century Pentecost, when men will bow in humble submission to the will of God. I know of nothing that will hasten the day more than strict adherence to the New Testament teaching on the plan of salvation. Such teaching will usher in the happy time when the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Then all the nations of earth may truly sing:

“All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all!”

PERSONALS

Mrs. Wm. Alphin proved to be a most excellent presiding officer in the Woman's Missionary Department.

Mrs. C. Martin of Illinois, was elected president of the Women's Missionary Department.

Mrs. Rosa Grubbs, our field worker, rendered a most inspiring report.

Prof. T. W. Pratt, president of the Sunday School Department, was re-elected. Prof. Pratt brought to the convention an excellent report of the World School Convention held at Los Angeles, Cal.

The Sunday School of which Brother Doolin is superintendent, Franklin, Mo., won the loving cup.

Elder Preston Taylor, our beloved president, occupied the chair in the sessions of the Church Department.

Elder P. A. Gray was elected editor of the Christian Plea.

Elder Davis, of Kansas, becomes our national evangelist.

Bro. Vance Smith succeeds Elder Smith in the presidency of the Christian Endeavor. Brother Smith also succeeds Elder Crogett as recording secretary.

Elder Alphin, Prof. Moss, and Miss Chandler were helpful in the various sessions. They are our field workers.

Three were ordained to the Christian ministry during the convention.

Excellent reports concerning our schools at Edwards, Hawkins and Piedmont were made.

Brother Erwin, of Jarvis, was greatly missed.

The convention established a Bible chair for the training of ministers at Ridgeway, Ky.

The colored members of our joint executive committee are Elder Preston Taylor, C. H. Dickerson, H. L. Herod, Dr. J. E. Walker and Mrs. C. Martin.

The next convention goes to North Carolina with Brother Peters and his good people.

Nature offered her best weather to our convention.

The National Convention will be reported giving names of delegates, etc., in the next issue.

Memphis received the news with joy that it is to be the home of the Christian Plea.

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NOTES ON THE CONVENTION.

The 12th annual convention of the Churches of Christ was held in Chicago at the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, August 27 to September 2.

Chicago may truly be called the convention city of America.

With the Elks in session, it seemed that the South Side had tripled its population.

A most beautiful church house is the home of the Chicago Disciples. It is not only beautiful, but spacious.

The hospitality of the Chicago Disciples to the delegates was unbouded.

Delegates were there from California on the west and Maryland on the east, and from the Gulf to the Lakes.

The theme of the convention was Pentecost and its challenge.

Monday, August 27, group conferences were held, also a meeting of the joint executive committee. In the evening an excellent local program was rendered.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

Southern Christian Institute.

By John Long.

School opened again September 11th, with more than usual to register the first week. A large number of students never enter the first day. Indications are that this will be another fine year.

Several hundred dollars were spent on new equipment in the science and home economics department which makes them a great deal more efficient.

We were very fortunate in having most of our old teachers return this year. Mr. and Mrs. Klaiss is the new head of the Bible Department and Mrs. Klaiss teaches part of the English and the organized music. They both have their degree from Eureka College and are exceptionally well trained for the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bebout are in charge of the boys' hall. Professor Bebout has been on the faculty for over a dozen years. He was away a year and was married during that time. Mrs. Bebout was principal of a school in the Chicago district for a number of years both of them will add greatly to the efficiency of our faculty.

Professor Hanna who built the new school building and has been superintendent of buildings and grounds for several years, is the instructor in Manual Training this year. His years of experience in wood work and general construction makes him unusually well fitted for this work.

The older members of the faculty who are still with us this year are President and Mrs. Lehman, Mrs. Hobart, Mr. and Mrs. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. Thomas, the Misses Anderson, Wright, Evans, Dewey, Cowdry, Monahan, Raver, Rice, Gerber, Deitrick, Legiere, Mr. and Mrs. Templeton and Mr. and Mrs. Long.

A number of the parents have visited the college already this year. This is a fine thing. We hope all the parents can do so. We extend a cordial invitation to all friends of the school to pay us a visit and get better acquainted with the faculty, students and campus.

A STEP FORWARD.

N. J. Dickerson.

The establishment of a "chair" for the training of ministers at Lincoln Ridge, Ky., seems to me to be a step to the front. If a church school has a mission, that mission is to train church

DO THE BEST YOU CAN

By Mrs. E. Almer Parker

Richmond, Va.

Be not afraid to face the foe
Nor help the weaker man;
But put thy strength to the wheel,
And do the best you can.

Do not let sorrow mar your life,
For life is one brief span;
Work and pray from morn till night
To do the best you can.

If heavy tasks are your lot
In the race with mortal man,
Just answer with a smiling face,
"I'll do the best I can."

Be not afraid to face the foe,
Nor encourage your fellowman
But look to God for strength anew,
And do the best you can.

—"National Baptist Voice."

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD.

Brother G. Calvin Campbell is the pastor at Columbus, Ohio, where he has received a unanimous call.

R. H. Davis has been called to the Dayton, Ohio, Church. His ten years at Cincinnati resulted in a good church being established there.

I. H. Moore is holding a meeting at Johnson City, Tennessee. Churches needing meetings will do well to write him.

T. B. Livingston is preaching for the Oakwood Boulevard Church in Chicago to the great satisfaction of the Church there.

H. G. Smith is holding a meeting for the Port Gibson, Mississippi Church.

A new church was organized at Barberton, Ohio, under the efforts of Brother R. L. Peters.

Elder B. C. Calvert is holding a meeting at the North Side Christian Church, at Jackson, Mississippi.

Edwin Kenney, a graduate of Piedmont Christian Institute, is starting a church in greater Philadelphia.

leaders. Recent study of the work in certain sections has disclosed the fact that there is dire need of conscientious and well trained ministers. Most of our schools have no definite course of study for ministerial training. "How can they preach except they be sent?"

I hope that there will soon be established a ministerial course in each of our schools. What do you think about it?

**MISSIONARY INFORMATION
ESSENTIAL TO MIS-
SIONARY GROWTH**

(Continued from page one)

classroom work unless she knows her pupils; no minister can bring a fitting and helpful sermon unless he knows his membership. As missionary workers, we cannot take a beneficial message unless we know the people. Know their financial conditions, know their problems, know their plans for their children. We rarely enter into the lives of those who really need us. The members of our missionary societies come from the best, most up-to-date homes in our communities, we hold the meetings where we can be best served and after we are there only in time to pay our dues and to eat.

I served as captain on a team during a religious survey made recently in our city. Some homes I entered I was actually afraid to sit down. One of our prominent physicians told of having entered a home heated by a coal stove without a pipe. Can you imagine the condition? I daresay these persons referred to above were within the radius of the sound of four or five church bells, and that some missionary workers resided within the same block. Let us as missionary workers not get too busy carrying the gospel and overlook such instances. Friends, may we stop planning big efforts for others to put over and do some actual work ourselves. In the third place, our information must in some way help those to whom we go to a better understanding or a better estimation of results. Often the numbers are few and the amount of money small, but it is our job to make them see the real value or the possibilities of a single dollar or an individual life properly spent. Help them to get a vision. How many worthy projects have never been attempted because those minds in which the projects were born had not the ability to measure results. How many noble undertakings after having been set up have failed because the founders could not properly **measure results.**

Oh! that the missionary workers here assembled may know why to measure results, so that we may be able as the poet says to "Launch Out" into big things.

Why did Columbus, Raleigh and Captain Smith brave the rough waters of the Atlantic in their crude boats? Why was it that Robert Raikes gathered the ragged London youth into the Sunday School? Why did Booker Washington pawn his watch for

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A PRAYER

by Grace E. Hall

Lord, I have drunk from strange and varied founts,
And still a thirst is dry upon my tongue;
I am not satisfied; the fever mounts
Within my veins; my nerves are harshly strung;
No substance have I garnered that has filled
The emptiness of soul that still is mine,
Though mortal joy for fleeting hour has thrilled,
It palled at last, like vapid, tasteless wine.

Lay Thou upon my lips some potion sweet,
For I have tasted aloe—aye, and gall!
'Tis but in fairness I should have complete
In final years, exemption from it all;
Assuage this thirst! Some fountain there must be
Where others have been blessed, to long no more;
Give one full draught of happiness to me,
That Life, long loitering, has failed to pour.

There is a sedative within Thy grace—
I've seen its power transform a human heart;
It leaves a nameless calm upon the face,
Gives strength to live and play a nobler part;
The founts of life are bubbling full and free,
But sediment encrusts each brimming cup—
Hold Thou against my lips eternally
Thy living truth—and let me humbly sup.

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the first \$10 toward the founding of Tuskegee? Why did Clara Barton and Florence Nightingale contend for a better establishment of the institution of trained nursing? Why did Madam Walker continue the manufacture of her toilet preparations? Why did a few faithful women organize the C. W. B. of M.? Why did Shelton and Stanley sacrifice their all in lofty Tibet and fever-infested Africa? Why did all the great missionary bodies consolidate? Why did C. C. Smith and J. B. Lehman cast their lot with the Negro race? Why did Preston Taylor organize this Negro National Convention? I'll tell you why—each of the above mentioned had within them a spark of that same **ability to estimate results** which led our Master to call the rugged fishermen of Galilee.

Finally, friends, and co-laborers, those who are desirous of growth, development, expansion, let us return from this sitting conveying to our respective fields of labor

a message containing both physical and moral information, let us know our people better and let us help them to determine between a failure and a success. If we accomplish the above successfully, growth will follow automatically.

"It is a matter of experience that the amount of reasoning which ought to be sufficient to produce immediate action is often insufficient to produce even a languid assent."

Few persons have sufficient wisdom to prefer censure which is useful to them, to praise which deceives them.—La Rochefoucauld.

"Vanity is the foolish little half-reproved portress who often throws open the door for dark masked sin to enter the heart."

"Be an act ever so unimportant, the principle in our acts is not unimportant."

Guard well thy thoughts; our thoughts are heard in heaven.—Young.

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CHURCH-GOERS

THE PESTS.

V. G. Smith.

There are a number of classes of church-goers, all of whom I have not yet discovered. But with no intention to draw the line between church-goers and Christians I would make some observations about these persons.

There are two classes, those who go to hear the preaching and those who don't. Those who make the sermon their objective usually do two things, come for the worship period preceding the sermon or during this period. Those who come during the period are exhibit A in CHURCH PESTS. They come tramping in during the Scripture reading and the prayer song, or if they arrive during the prayer they stand outside and gossip in audible terms with their fellow-pests until the Amen is uttered, then come rustling in bowing and perhaps shaking hands all up the line. In other words showing respect neither for God nor man, these disturbers of the peace "rush in where angels fear to tread."

Those who come in before the period of worship just to hear the preaching are exhibit B in this classification. They have no interest in the songs, prayers, Scripture or devotions, hence they disregard all the laws of human etiquette and common courtesy. The same person who would look with horror on a child that interrupts or whispers while HE is speaking, feels not the least qualm while God is speaking through His Word, nor suffers the least compunction about whispering during prayer or song. That which precedes the sermon is an abomination to such a one and he shows it by watching the door, the late-comer, the usher, his neighbor and the antics of the church clown.

Exhibit C is made up of those who come to church to criticize. The class may come in at any time for whenever he comes there is something being done wrong. If the minister has to call the ones to administer the Lord's Supper, he should train his officers. If he does not call, but depends on volunteers, he slows up services. If some volunteers who are not deacons and the deacons are in the audience, there is a heinous

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offense. If all the ministers are in the rostrum it looks like a parade of vanity. If they are in the pews, it looks like a slight to the holy calling. If the sermon is long, it is too long; if short, the pastor is shirking. So up and on, ad infinitum, the critic criticizes but never suggests a better way.

Some go to hurch because it is their duty to do so. No appreciation of the value of religious services have come to them. Somehow they come into a knowledge of the duty of a professed Christian in this line and they seek to quiet their consciences by attending some sort of service during the Lord's Day. Such a one is exhibit D. He is a PEST because he has no interest whatsoever except in his own pleasure in the matter. He would as soon get in after the sermon as before the opening. He would as soon leave ere communion as after benediction. He would as soon talk during prayer as read the responsive Scripture selection. He would as soon make a disturbance and attract attention as concentrate on the topic at hand. The sole meaning of the services to such a one is to set the time so he can righteously say all the next week, I was at church Sunday."

Exhibit E of Church-goer is the parader. This is usually a woman. Perhaps its pride in dress or mayhaps egotism or probably vanity of vanities. No matter what, such a one usually gets there late and parades from the back to the front of the church to be seated, gets up and parades back again to get a song book, parades back to the seat, cranes the neck to see who is over in the farthest corner, needs a drink, so parades out again with the return, then parades to the table to give the offering and finally parades out ere benediction.

All of these are CHURCH PESTS among the Church-Goers, but there are some who are the "salt of the earth" in supporting the church and these will be the topic of another article.

POLITICIANS.

A politician is one who is interested primarily in government. So the church politician is one who is eminently interested in the

governmental aspects of the church, local, conventional and promotional. Some of these are honest and earnest about their convictions, most are just politicians without the ability or influence to make a living at it in the governmental world.

Exhibit A is the man or woman who is the petty politician. He would have a favorite for each vacancy and would make a vacancy if there is none to play up a favorite. To such a one the present officer is the target and no matter who it is, he is to be ousted and another elevated to the position as target. Self-interest has little to do with the petty politician for he has nothing to gain and even if there were he would be too dumb to see it. Just a sinister twist of the unspiritualized mind makes this animal do some of the aggravating and annoying things he does.

Exhibit B is the FAMILY POLITICIAN. Need I say more? This fellow is the one who wishes to see all his brothers, sisters, uncles and forty-fifth cousins in offices of some kind. Regardless of qualifications, interests or aptitude, the Man of destiny moves in a "mysterious way, his wonders to perform." And when he has finished, Presto! all of his relatives are in the saddle. Kinship is greater than religion and friendship than Christianity.

The man who engineers things so his friends get all the jobs that command a stipulation is Exhibit C. Let us uncover him now as he works to get the pastor and to the janitor dependent upon him for support. He is a POLICY POLITICIAN. It is his policy to have the entire organization at his command and to pull all the strings by which the puppets work. The entire program of the church must depend on his whim, the most foolish and drastic action is often pulled off by him to prove his powers. No one who defies or even secretly opposes the policy politician can hope to hold office longer than it will require the politician to get him out.

The last and most despicable of this group of Church-Goers is the SPITE POLITICIAN. With no reason to meddle with the machinery of the church government, he will conceive a dislike of some official and no power of God or man can prevent the rapid and most venomous attack of libelling, secret malicious gossip, public lack of co-operation and active opposition. The milk of brotherly kindness is spilled and there

is no reality in the religion of Jesus Christ to bring such a one to a sense of responsibility.

THE PRUNES

A prune in the vernacular is one who has an exalted opinion of himself with no particular reason except that he is he. Some church-goers are affected with prunitis to a great extent.

Exhibit A of prunes is the service prune. He figures that because he attends all the services of the church, his particular brand of religion is better than any one else's and he shows it by telling everyone how long it has been since he missed prayer-meeting or morning services. He looks reproaches at anyone who asks when something was done in the regular meeting of the church. He stands up and asks God's blessing on "all who are under the sound of my voice" like God was particularly interested in any exclusive terms or limiting phrases who "rains upon the just and the unjust."

Some people consider their individual prowess a subject for acute prunitis. "I am clerk of the church, chairman of the official board, on the board of trustees, sing in the choir and take up collection. Aren't I a GOOD man?" My ability allows me to teach in the Bible School and for such I am filled with egotism. I am treasurer of the Christian Endeavor and that is cause of feeling that I am not as other men are. A state office goes to the head and a national position, even to being third vice president, is reason for world-wide shouting and abject servility on the part of all others.

Bible knowledge, good as it is, has been the making of Exhibit C in prunes. The ability to quote Scriptural references is considered a cause for much boasting. The poor Bible School teacher who misquotes one word of what Hezekiah said to some ancient chamberlain in a Bible incident is forever consigned to limbo. The minister who gives credit to Luke for what Matthew said is unfitted for any service in this world or the next. To such a one, the sum total of religion is knowledge not service or sacrifice even though one of the beloved writers of the Scriptures one so defined it.

Exhibit D is the sort of prune who delights in telling how much he contributed in finances to the church. Somehow the Lord has blessed him with more than some others in the same church and he

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

God meant for America to be made up of all the nations of the earth that this nation might become the experiment station for the social and spiritual betterment of the world. Most of our mission stations abroad are demonstration stations for the betterment of those peoples. Our task is a great and important one and God will hold us to it. If we will not do it as cheerful volunteers, he will make us conscripts to accomplish His purpose. To illustrate:

To our shores came the religious martyrs from the European countries to lay the foundation of a new nation. When they began to build the nation they wrote into the fundamental laws the greatest idealisms ever expressed in a national life. This migrating and this nation building were the works of cheerful volunteers. But when they showed that they were not willing to follow the leading of their idealisms to the full, God began to conscript them. It was evident that they were not willing to allow the Africans from Africa, the Chinese from China and the Hindus from India to come and help to make this experiment station a complete success. So God began to drive them to do what was necessary. Or rather, He permitted them to go according to their cupidity and the end was accomplished. New England ship owners saw that they could drive a lucrative trade by buying slaves from African chiefs and selling them to southern planters. This went on for about a century until so many Negro slaves were coming to these shores that it began to appear that they would become the most numerous race and then further importation was prohibited. God meant for all races to be here, but He never meant for any one of them to become dominant in numbers.

But from the constitution and

delights in parading around like the Pharisees and tossing in the gold to the mites of others. Pompous and vain, he awaits the reading of the contributions in the rally and is forever insulted if his is one cent less than the actual

from the debates in the constituent convention it is evident that they never meant that these Negro slaves should become citizens, and no slavery went on until it became the greatest vested institution in America. This could not go on if America was to accomplish its high destiny. Many prophets arose in both the North and South calling to the people to voluntarily free these slaves, but they would not. So the Civil War came on and conscripted them at a cost of over a million lives, and over ten billions of dollars and the slaves were freed. But this conscripting was a poor way to do it. It left behind it great prejudice between the North and South and between the white people and Negroes and the effect has been bad.

Not what are we going to do to remedy the situation? Will we volunteer to do what God wants us to do? or must He conscript us again? So far as we are concerned, we determined to volunteer and do the work in such a way as not to leave behind a long train of prejudices. We knew the work could not be done in a day. We remembered the parable of the tares which Jesus gave. If any man wants to pull up all the tares in a day he will destroy the wheat. Our Church was not divided into North and South or into Negro and white, but they were far from working in harmony. The Negroes were most numerous in the South and we felt that in a little while they ought to own much of the south. But we knew this could be only as they matured and won the good will of all the people. Some of our white people are so wicked and unchristian that it is almost useless to think of winning them, but our great body of Christian southern white people are ready to volunteer to do their full duty. They can not come in a day, but they will come. There is an element of Negroes that can scarcely be depended upon to volunteer to do what needs to be done. They would rather be vin-

amount given. Financially he hopes to buy his place in the Kingdom of God. And then be disagreeable about this place forever after.

Church-goers in another class in a succeeding article.

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dictive and hateful. But the great mass of Christian Negroes can be depended upon to work this out in the next five decades.

But brethren (and when I say brethren I mean both white people and Negroes) we should be warned that if we do not come as cheerful volunteers, God will conscript us and that will be a sore evil. He can do this in a thousand different ways. In fact it may come in the most unexpected way. But let us illustrate. We now see a breaking up of the old political lines. The conservatives are gathering on one side and the radicals on the other side. The radical element will not hesitate to take to the saddle and ride over our land and destroy what we have so patiently builded up. Our very complex civilization can not stand much of that without bringing the most dire disaster upon us. The suffering will not be on one side. In fact the good people may be the greatest sufferers.

The Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis Christian Institute have felt that they were wedging into the problem in the most strategic way possible. When they began the white Christian people began, the white Christian people scarcely knew that the other existed. Now they are working together, possibly they are half of the way out of the woods. This is a great achievement. Those who would be impatient about it could easily bar the door and make a conscripting absolutely certain. And surely, we are far enough along in our Christian development to be able to work out God's great problems for us without being thrown into a cataclysm. All we need to do is to wait on God. He is working it out all right. The world situation, as revealed in the Jerusalem Conference, is shaping everything right. The Negro need not worry for the eternal laws of God are working for him. He has a great contribution to make to the American Christian civilization, and nothing but he himself can hinder his having his place in our land.

A career of worldliness may be pursued in the Church as well as in secular spheres. To seek the pleasing, profiting, and exaltation of self constitutes the essence of worldliness in all the realms of human activity. Church-anity and real Christianity may be as wide apart as the poles.

The Bible is a window in this prison-world, through which we may look into eternity.—H. Clay Trumbull.

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PROF. J. B. LEHMAN SENDS \$25 TO CHRISTIAN PLEA

We teach by precept and example. Example—Prof. J. B. Lehman, Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., sends \$25 for 25 subscribers. His text would be "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:31.

Some one has well said, "What you do speaks so loudly I can't hear what you say."

Who is next to follow with a big list?

MISS. BLVD. CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

By Miss Esther P. Luster.

All departments of the Miss. Blvd. Christian Church are making a greater effort to make this their biggest year, spiritually, numerically and financially.

The delegates including the pastor, Rev. B. T. Hunt, returned from the National Convention, which met in Chicago, with new inspiration.

Two additions have been made to the church very recently. The membership gladly welcomes Mr. Walker and Mrs. Murrell.

A meeting was called to discuss ways of increasing the attendance of the church and bringing back the slothful members. Methods that are proving very effective are being used.

The Butterfly Club, composed of the young people of the church and one of the newest organizations in the church, held the first meeting after the vacation at the home of the president, Miss Esther Luster, Sunday afternoon, September 30, 1928. A call for new members is made and the support of the whole church is asked.

The choir is making a new effort to render its best service as well as music to the church. A very successful rehearsal was held Thursday night.

AND THE NATIONS SHALL BRING THEIR GLORY INTO IT

The thought is just dawning on the minds of the best people that the ideal civilization that is yet to come can not be built by any one nation or race. When the nations of the earth get good enough to be willing to drop off their idiosyncracies and develop their good qualities for a gift to the higher civilization then will begin to come the great age. The Jews could not have built the

great age even if all the nations had been willing to let them do it. The Romans were not able to do so. The Greeks, the Anglo-Saxons, the Germans, the Japanese and the Negroes were equally unable to do it. So long as any one of these nations worked at the job alone it was a very defective civilization. But when they become willing to share their good qualities with the others, each will give what the other lacks and then will come the great age. The faithful mind of the Jew, the deep thinking mind of the Greek, the reverence for power of the Roman, the penetrating mind of the Anglo-Saxon, the mystic mind of the Hindu, the forgiving mind of the Negro, when blended all together, will make a civilization that will do wonders. But they must work together and lose self in the desire to do good to others.

You think this is impossible? It is not only not impossible but it is highly probable. There is no such a thing as genuine race prejudice. It is artificial in every case. A white man thinks he is prejudiced against the Negro. If that were so he would hate every Negro on every occasion. He will show intense prejudice against some and gamble and be immoral with others. His prejudices are artificial and as long as he is a sinful man this erratic thing will show. But make him a genuine Christian and his race prejudice disappears. What we need is more of the spirit of Christ. He knew we could do nothing without His spirit when He said, "Apart from Me ye can do nothing." The world is making the fatal mistake of thinking it can do these fundamental things of civilization by its own strength. Until the dominant races are willing to allow the other peoples to contribute what they can there will be no great civilization. Until then there can be no happiness for the dominant races. So long as imperial Rome was in complete control there was no happiness for the Roman himself. His own happiness depended upon his yielding his selfish interests.

Then let us seek to work together as best we can, praying and working for each other. God will show the way as we come closer to Him and obey His Word. Christianity is our only hope.

Mrs. M. W. Bonner has returned from a pleasant visit in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Not to read is to be ignorant.

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THE PRESENT UNREST IN THE MINISTRY

By C. E. CRAGGETT, Pastor

Woodlawn Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo.
President Mo. Christian Convention

An observation of our present day ministry reveals a situation that is somewhat alarming. At the most, we have but few college trained men in the brotherhood who have made special preparation to preach. Of this few, only a very, very small number are now engaged in the preaching of the Gospel. What accounts for this? Such a condition most certainly requires some serious study with a view of changing it. There is a cause for every effect, and it remains for us to find the cause and remedy the situation.

Why should a larger percent of our college men turn from the ministry to other vocations? I do not mean the men trained in our own Institutes, but those trained in Negro Colleges and in our White church colleges. I am sure that the cause lies both in the ministry and in our churches. The cause as found in the ministry perhaps hinges upon these two things; the desire for material prosperity and social prestige. The desire to make a living outweighs the desire to make a life in the preaching of the Gospel which has always been, and is yet the paramount thing in the church, and thus, the paramount work in the world. Did these men who have turned from the ministry, to begin with, misinterpret their calling and enter the ministry to find later their mistake? If so, then well and good for them and the church. But if they feel that they can preach and manage the work of the church, commensurate with their training, can they really turn aside from the ministry without any compunction of disloyalty to Christ and His Church? Should

OUR "NEW EDITOR"



Elder Prince A. Gray, Jr., comes to the Editor-ship of "The Christian Plea" with a remarkable record. He is well prepared for his new duties both by experience and training. The Editor's "Acceptance Speech" may be found on page 4—"The Editor's Page."

The Publishing Committee is proud of its "New Editor," though greatly indebted to Missouri, extends a hearty welcome to Elder Gray.

not our college men possess a deeper and keener sense of responsibility for the preaching of the Gospel and the salvation of the world than the men of less training?

The second cause, as found in the church, is so pronounced that it cannot be misunderstood. First, there is an unwillingness to support the minister in keeping with the desire for his personal appear-

Reveal Thy Will For Me

*I do not ask the "how" nor "why,"
No vision of the future, Lord!
But only that Thou point the way
Mid darkest night or toilsome day
By thine almighty Word.*

*I do not ask the "where" or "when,"
Where'er Thou chooseth I will go
And when for I will follow Thee;
Thy time shall my desire be
If Thou wilt let me know.*

*Unnumbered voices clamor loud!
But I have no desire to stray
In my path but Thine, dear Lord,
Though it might lead to fire or sword;
O Master! point the way.*

*The future, Lord, I do not seek'
Nor care to know where it may lead,
If only I but know Thy will,
Be it for pleasure or for ill;
Thine, only Thine, I'll heed.*

*From out this doubting darkness, Lord,
Flash forth Thy light! show me Thy
way!*

*Not mine I seek, but Thine to do,
Thy will my calling to pursuance
Thine, only Thine, I pray.*

*Not "how" or "why" or "when" or
"where,"*

*But only that I clearly see
The path Thou knowest best, dear Lord;
Speak to my heart Thy precious Word,
Reveal Thy will for me.*

ance and work to be done. The salaries paid our ministers are far below that of secular callings for college trained men. It is not that our churches are unable, but rather unwilling to pay larger salaries for the ministry.

The average officers of the church does not particularly want the minister to get a salary any larger than that which he gets from labor that has required no definite preparation on his part to perform. NOT only are the salaries of ministers who are college trained men much smaller than they can get in other voca-

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

P. H. MOSS

BACKING UP YOUR FRONT

By P. H. Moss

"Then Mary taking a pound of expensive perfume, real nard, anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair till the house was filled with the scent of the perfume."

—John 12:3.

When love is the motivation power, there is no service too menial; no gift too precious. Out of her great heart, that woman brought her great gift and rendered an acceptable service upon those dusty, tired, feet of her Master. But as soon as Judas Iscariot (who was to betray him) caught a whiff of that perfume, he began to look around about the house with covetous eyes, chiding and finding fault with her who had rendered this thoughtful service. "Why was not this perfume sold for the poor?" Yes he knew the very price that the ointment should bring; and the poor, his heart went out to them, since the price of the perfume would first pass through his covetous hands. Who ever heard of Judas making an offering out of the sack he carried—to the poor? He rather pilfered what was put into the money box! In so many words, Jesus said, "you will have an opportunity Judas to back up your front. You have always the poor beside you, but you have not always me."

"We Should Pay Up" or "Shut Up"

It is one thing to put up a great front on the convention floors, and make great speeches and play to the sympathy of your auditors; but it is another thing to back up the front in a moral and financial way. We have had a wonderful chance to prove our ability of doing some outstanding things as a group, making a personal contribution to the cause we represent. Whenever I hear a pastor or superintendent making a speech that would make your hair stand on end, I begin to turn to the record of the Year Book, and see how well his church or school (as the case may be) has brought up its apportionment, if he has answered the call, I will say, "Amen!" but if he has not paid one cent to the call of Missions, the home field, the paper, I say, "sit down brother, until you are able to back up your front. Delinquents are to be seen and not heard."

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It seems to me, that I would be ashamed of myself, if I were a National officer, to allow my church to come up blank; to let a whole year pass without making a single gift to any department of the church.

The 1923 Kansas City Convention and Our Votes

Some years ago, we voted to place on the field a secretary to the church; it was in the Kansas City Convention that you put up a strong fight for it and won your case. This man went into our churches with a program that was capable of changing the old order of things and bringing a new day to our local churches and national work. Why did you allow the office to close in the Chicago Convention without even a protest? In Kansas City you put up a bold front, in Chicago you failed to back up your front.

It requires will power to make a decision; more to live up to it.

In our 1925 Convention of our pledges Journal strictly indigenious; some of us wanted it to the extent that we were willing and did put our money and time in it to make it go; but too many were not willing to back up the front that they displayed on the convention floor. Many pray, but few are willing to pay the price of the prayer. Now we have pledged ourselves anew to "The Christian Plea."

Let us to a man, get under it and make it go. We can do it, "let's go."

Accepting a Great Challenge

Brother Hopkins threw out a great challenge to the manhood of the church. "Say, get \$900.00, and I will put Vance Smith where he rightfully belongs—in the work of the Young People", we accepted the challenge, let us back up our front by redeeming those fine pledges we made in the Chicago convention. These pledges were all made in good faith, but somewhere in the good book, it is said, "faith without work is dead." Come men, let's pay full fare; how long will you ride on a half-fare ticket? Others are paying their fare and do not talk half so much on the convention floor. Some seem to think they can talk it out. I do not care how good-looking one's face is, it cannot be put into the cash register.

Those who have accepted the follow-up work of the pledges made in the

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How to Double the Teaching Efficiency In the Bible School

In considering this topic we are prone to ask such questions as these: What is your aim as Bible School teachers? What is the work that you are set to do? The fundamental aim of the teacher is to possess a Christian personality. Some teachers possess such personality that will at once attract the youth to want to be like them. As a teacher you aim then to develop a personality in yourself first, and then in your pupils. You want them not simply to know but to live Christianity. You want them not merely to do right deeds, but to do them of his own will, knowing what they are doing and why they are doing it. The questions are not, what have you taught your pupils to know? What have you trained them to do? But, "What sort of person have you helped him to become? Then if you are to help your children to become the right sort you must understand the youth and the little child and the laws governing their youth.

Then as Bible School teachers, you need as careful and adequate preparation as any other teachers. You teach the same child as the teachers in public schools. You must deal with the same minds and same natural laws. It is your business as Bible School teachers not to train a single faculty but rather to help the whole child with all his everyday powers by mind and heart to become religious. Yours is an educational work and it calls for educational methods.

Religion is an essential element of human life and its highest interest. The Bible School then feels their responsibility as educational institutions. They must realize that their share with the public school is a common task. They must realize that the Education of today needs religion and religion needs education. "Go ye therefore and teach was Jesus' farewell commission."

Personal consecration is the first and greatest need of every Bible School teacher. But consecration alone will not make teachers but consecration and training will help to make efficient workers. Let us consider the preparation and qualification of the Junior teacher, the teacher the most energetic, restless group in the school. The teacher must have a knowledge of school-room methods for the same methods in public schools hold well in the Bible School. To reach this qualification the teacher should attend leadership training institutes or classes where direct methods are given.

Let us consider other qualifications of not only the Junior teacher but all teachers in the school—1st, adaptability—the teacher must be adaptable for

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

Higher Civilization Without Christ Is Impossible

Higher civilization could not come until there was developed with a Christ permeated heart. Even the natural world could not give its wonderful powers until the coming of "the Sons of God." In the eighth chapter of Romans he says:

"For the earnest expectation of creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, in hope, that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

If the natural world could not give birth to her natural powers of steam, electricity and gravity till a good enough race of people came upon the earth to properly use them, how much less can the society of men yield happiness to us until a good enough people arrives to properly use it?

But this law works both ways. Just as the good cannot come until a good enough people come, so good cannot stay unless the people remain good. This holds good in education, in business and in industry. Just as we could not gain a high state of development until we got good enough so we cannot hold it unless we remain good enough. Many times unbelieving educators think they can do as they please and get something better than the world has had, but they fail. The leaders of education in Germany made this mistake. The German people were a simple trusting people but a few leaders forced them into the position of believing in the German people instead of in the Christian religion. For a time they flourished and thousands of American students went to Germany to finish their education. Then came the crash and now nobody goes to Germany to finish his education. It will go that way in any other country. A system of education that is not based on simple faith will fall. A few years ago every one wanted to go to Columbia to finish, now we see the spectacle of the president of Columbia fighting for the return of the saloon in a disguised form. In just a little while the crash will come as it came in Germany.

Our high powered business cannot long endure if our people lose their faith in the fundamentals of Chris-

tianity. With our business in volumes of hundreds of billions a year, with our immense savings accounts and with our great investments in manufacturing, we must depend on the goodness of mankind; for just as soon as we must lose faith in the eternal verities as revealed in the Bible it will all fall in a heap like a cob house before a wind. We must remember the inverse rule, just as we could not get higher civilization till a good enough people came, so we can not hold higher civilization when the good people disappear.

God is no respecter of persons. He expects people of all races and colors and conditions to use every opportunity that he has given them to hold up the better things for mankind. And this they must do irrespective of what they have suffered. I can look back over the history of my people for five hundred years and see what terrible suffering they have endured. If I wanted to be resentful and bitter I could find much ground for it. But if I did so I would ruin myself. The young Negro can easily look back over what his people have endured and he can easily make himself feel that he would like to strike at somebody, but the moment he does that he will lose all he has. The situation is so shaping itself in America that the Negro could easily gain the ascendancy in moral leadership, but we doubt whether many see this. America has just ahead of her some severe trials. They who see this and stand for the right, must become great in the sight of God. They who do not will become small in His sight.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS ATTENTION!

V. G. Smith

At the request of Prof. Moss I am publishing at this time the apportionments of the local societies for World-wide Missions. It is hoped that the Christian Endeavor Societies will all respond with their full apportionment and with some reports of a fine program on Christian Endeavor Day which is the **First Sunday in February**. The object of the special day program is not only to raise apportionments but to advertise the Christian Endeavor and its work. It is well to make this **Youth's Day** in the church with a well-planned morning service for the youth and a special program in the evening. The

apportionments by states and societies as follows:

Alabama	\$7.50
Birmingham	\$7.50
Arkansas	\$10.00
Little Rock, Cross St.	\$5.00
Scott's Oak Grove No. 2	2.50
Kerr, Pea Ridge	2.50
Illinois	\$25.00
Bloomington	\$ 5.00
Chicago, Langley Ave.	7.50
Chicago, Oakwood Blvd.	10.00
Rockford	2.50
California	\$2.50
Los Angeles, Beach St.	\$2.50
Indiana	\$15.00
Gary	\$2.50
Indianapolis	12.50
Kansas	\$20.00
Emporia	\$3.50
Kansas City, 8th St.	5.00
Parsons	4.00
Topeka	4.00
Wichita	4.50
Kentucky	\$35.00
Carlisle	\$3.00
Germantown	3.00
Lexington, E. 2nd St.	5.00
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Mt. Sterling	7.50
Little Rock	6.50
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Baltimore, Md.	5.00
Mississippi	\$100.00
Clarksdale	\$ 2.50
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Jackson, Parish St.	2.50
Mound Bayou	5.00
S. C. I. Edwards	80.00
Missouri	\$77.50
Chamois	\$ 5.00
Columbia	3.00
Frankfort	7.50
Fulton	10.00
Hannibal	5.00
Jefferson City	5.00
Kansas City	15.00
Lathrop	3.00
Madison	8.00
New Haven	5.00
New London	3.00
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Saint Louis	10.00
Ohio	\$50.00
Cincinnati	\$10.00
Cleveland	10.00
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ON THE NATURE OF TRUTH

By FREDERICK D. PERKINS

I think of truth as having different aspects, each aspect bearing an essential relationship to the others. Not easy to define, but it may be described, and it sometimes makes itself known in quite unusual ways.

Its acquisition is found to be most desirable, for the better we know it the more pleased we are with it.

The proof of its identity is that it begins deeper than we have fathomed and extends beyond the limits of our imagination.

Another characteristic of truth is that in answering our questions it often stimulates the mind to seek more light.

It is of wide application and entirely impersonal; not biased by human prejudices.

Most of us like to find and accept truth on our own terms.

Many people have a kind of antipathy for the numerous cults that flourish in America, yet I have met people who show a remarkable facility for discovering truth through some of these teachings. The teachings may be or they may not be efficient as their followers claim, but sometimes it seems that they almost bury their grain of truth under an extensive structure

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The Editor's "Acceptance Speech"

We now live for "The Plea," as said by some, we expect to "Talk Plea," to "Eat Plea," to "Sleep Plea" and "Work Plea" until "The Plea" is permanently established and put on a solid footing for the Christian Church. We care little about WHO gets the credit. Thus far we feel deeply grateful for the measure of confidence and favorable attention that has come our way—to the extent that a much larger opportunity to serve the church has come to us. Our whole zeal and every ounce of energy shall now be turned to the task of our Religious Journal and its needs.

Our aim is to serve most faithfully. For personal credit we do not care; we do care, however, for the satisfaction of initiative and accomplishment. **Results Count!** For this task we need the cooperation, fellowship and generous support of the entire Brotherhood to make this a going and a growing Institution. We pledge our qualified devotion and loyalty to "The Christian Plea."

Let us together sense the tremendous opportunities of a Religious Journal, a Church Paper, "The Christian Plea" and its responsibilities. It is the church's medium of advertisement and communication, yet it should be more than a "Business Institution." It should be an Instrument of Public Service, a weapon in the hands of the church with which to fight the devil and his hosts (this does not mean one another, however.) The Plea should serve much further than the dispensation of news and other interesting features. Though this is indispensable to the success of the paper, it must live close to the heart of our churches, absolutely in touch with God at all times; holding as it were, its fingers on the pulse of humanity, knowing its needs as well as its problems.

Needless to say "The Plea" owes its greatest debt to the brotherhood and the cause of the Christian Church as a whole,—and this without any reservations whatever. We shall need much resourcefulness to constantly discover ways and means of fostering the cause which the Church so ably represents, and, incidentally, by which our paper might benefit. Our paper must continue a great, mighty, constructive force representing the cause of Christ in the church, and Chris-

tendom at large.

The matter of publication is a great business with its many ramifications. We shall strive to thoroughly master, in the process of time, every phase of the work—editorial, typographical, business and mechanical or physical equipment. However we should beware of thinking one hundred per cent efficiency can be obtained over night! There are many things to be done, and everyone should help in the doing of them. Those who fail to do their "Dead level best" and own personal share should be the last, instead of the first, to criticize.

There are business principles, journalistic, civic and religious ideals to be maintained. No doubt about it, there is a strictly business side to this Institution (publication.) Let everyone sense this and prove himself equal to the needs of the hour. Let us be fair, just and perfectly loyal—more loyal to Christ and His Church than to men and their creeds, programs and platforms.

For the time being much of our time must be of necessity given to the business side of financing "The Plea," securing news, interesting a reading Clientel to the extent it will become a "sharing" or supporting constituency with its news items, as well as its moral and financial support. Let our pride be one of accomplishment and our satisfaction be in the thing accomplished and not the part "I" have in it. In "The Christian Plea" we have one of the greatest challenges of the hour. Let us sense and accept it as one man. We already have a large measure of "Organized Responsibility," let us match this with our sincerity and honesty of purpose and "Organized Dependability." You can count on me, can I count on you?

*"When there's work that must be done,
When there's a cause that must be won,
To our Churches we must go,
Where love and charity o'erflow,
And they never answer NO."*

The scope and magnitude of our task this ensuing year as provided by our National Convention, is to promote the general church program and to help our churches help themselves with their "problems" when profitable and wise. This assistance (with church problems) is to be given by the request of the churches themselves;

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though we feel in a large way that our churches can, if they were in earnest, solve their own so-called "problems" without very much help, even though some may think they need it. None of us feel, I am sure, that a "National Worker is a "Bishop," nor a "distributing - information - bureau," (the gossiping type) nor a "watch dog."

The second phase of our work is to "hand-pick," as it were, our best boys and girls, young men and young women for Christian training. Upon these, the church is to depend in the years to come as its mighty army of leaders and workers, carrying forward in a fine way the unsoiled banner of Christ.

The third phase of our work is to sponsor, promote, edit, manage and maintain our Church Organ,—the brotherhood's medium of communication. This task will require all the fortitude, frankness, straight-forwardness, infinite patience, unlimited resources, sincerity of purpose, cooperation and fellowship "Good-Old-Time-Religion" and Simon-Pure-Dyed-in-the-Wool-Christianity" that we can "muster up."

Plans are now being made to comb with a fine-toothed comb) the entire brotherhood for news items, money and good, contagious enthusiastic religion. Be prepared and hold yourself in readiness. In the meanwhile send in your subscription at once, so as to keep up with the developments, trend of movements and various "schools of thought." Also tell us by writing just how much you will contribute to help the cause along; send either to 2021 Montgall avenue, Kansas City, Missouri (The Editor's address) or to 212 Hernandez street, Memphis, Tennessee (Office of "The Christian Plea"). In either case you will receive prompt attention.

Yours for success,
Editor of "The Christian Plea."

NATURE OF TRUTH

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of words. I am pleased to note that they induce a more intensive reading of the Scriptures.

There are some who claim the impressive title of philosopher, yet will have nothing to do with truth unless it wears a conventional form or fits a certain theory.

If we should ask the astronomer in his observatory or the scientist in his laboratory if they are in search of truth, they would very likely answer in the affirmative. So with those who in past ages searched for what they called the "Philosophers' Stone"

It has been reported the Jarvis Christian College has sustained a great loss is an unfortunate fire, which, according to reports received, destroyed its Educational Building. The entire brotherhood feels this loss most keenly at this time.

Brother A. W. Davis, of Kansas City, has been elected to do part-time Evangelistic work for the state of Kansas. Kansas is looking forward to larger things and is expecting a great harvest of souls as a result of Evangelist Davis' efforts.

Brother A. W. Davis, has also been elected by the National Convention to take care of our General Evangelistic work in all of our churches. We urge every church in the entire brotherhood to plan at least one Revival for this year.

Elder Davis is to begin his evangelistic work in Gary, Ind., in the near future. We are all anxious for his success.

Brother P. H. Moss, our Superintendent of Religious Education, is making plans to do extension work in Chicago University.

Elder Preston Taylor, President of the National Convention, has recently made a tour of the state of Ohio, visiting the following churches: Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton. He also visited Indianapolis and held conference with Dr. Herod and visited our New Headquarters.

Our Chicago Church is going forward in a very splendid way. Dr. T. B. Livingston is serving them during the absence of Dr. Taylor. Letters and telegrams commending his service reach the desk of the President of the Convention regularly. Let us hope for great things from Chicago.

Elder Preston Taylor sends \$30.00 for subscriptions. Who will be next? Let the good work continue.

Elder Vance G. Smith has been called to supply the Fulton church in addition

and others who sought to attain universal consciousness.

Who can listen to Handel's "Messiah" without feeling that the composer was inspired by some phase of truth? The same essential element must have illumined the mind of Rodin, the French sculptor, when he carved a great hand shaping the human form and called it "The Hand of God."

tion to his work as State Secretary of the Missouri work.

The Fulton pulpit was unexpectedly vacated by the resignation of Elder P. C. Washington to enter the teaching profession in East St. Louis, Ill. The State Evangelistic Work was vacated by Elder Prince A. Gray to assume the duties of "The Christian Plea." Elder Smith offered his services to the state of Missouri and "Accepted the Call" of the Fulton Church, conditionally; his interest in the Young Peoples' Work being fully understood.

Sister Bessie E. Chandler, successor to Mrs. Deetsy Blackburn Gray (The new bride of our Editor) has been touring the state of Missouri, and makes splendid reports of her work.

Brother P. H. Moss is attending Fall Conventions in the "Sunny South." The following states are having conventions: South Carolina, at Holly Hill, Oct. 9-14; Alabama at Birmingham, Oct. 24-28; Georgia at Barney, Oct. 26-28 and North Carolina at Adiene, Oct. 23-28. The Florida State Convention was at Cypress, Sept. 20-23. We hope much good will be accomplished at all sessions.

Brother Gray, (Our Editor) plans to work many of the churches in Arkansas and Mississippi during October and early November. Be prepared for him. His coming will mean much to the churches and we hope your fellowship in the larger work will mean much.

Lincoln Institute is now prepared to receive our boys for Ministerial training. Every Church in Kentucky will want to avail itself of the opportunity of training its best boys for the Ministry. Let's use Lincoln Institute! Watch for further announcements.

The outstanding recommendations of the Joint Executives Committee in the Chicago National Convention were: (1) That a Bible Chair be established at Lincoln Institute, Ridgeway, Ky., for training ministers. Prof. Hugh S. Calkins is to be our very able head of the Bible Chair, at Lincoln Institute, Ridgeway, Ky. (2) Prince A. Gray, Jr. was called to the Editorship of "Christian Plea."

The National Convention accepted the challenge of R. M. Hopkins, General Secretary of R. E. (U. C. M. S.) to raise a minimum of \$900.00 to make possible the employment of Vance G. Smith as National Young People's Secretary.

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CHURCH-GOERS

Providers

The church has Pests, Prunes, Politicians, Pensioners and Providers and only the last are desirable. The pillars of the church are composed of those who are real providers in every sense of the word. The pests only hinder! the prunes only criticize; the politicians only entangle; the pensioners only visit; but the providers make possible the carrying on of the church program of saving the world.

1. The attendance provider is the one who not only is present but sees to it that everyone over whom he has influence is present. According to the homolopes, the empty pew carries a message. To the pastor it says—"Your sermons are not interesting or absorbing. To the visitor it says—"We are not holding our own" To the deacon it says—"Look out for a deficit." To the one thinking of taking membership, it says—"Better wait awhile longer." So to each the language of the empty pew is eloquent and significant. The providers of persons is doing the kingdom as much good as the minister for without people there can be no church, no program, no progress and no influence.

II. The task of the church is a composite of tasks that are not in the realm of payable bits of work. There are a number of things that the pastor or director of religious education or any employed worker of the church can do. There are other things that while these workers could do but it would be far better to have the church membership undertake. Religion and Christianity should never descend to the amusement stage where all the audience does is come, be entertained and leave with a sense of well-being. There is always a need for service providers who will undertake some bit of service in the way of consecrated leadership or devoted fellowship. Service is the keynote of Christian character.

III. A third and one that needs not be enlarged upon is the financial provider. Purposely I left it until last for there seems to be a wide-spread tendency to believe that if finances are forthcoming everything is ship-shape. One pastor put it thus—"Now there's Sister H. Shae hasn't heard me preach but twice since I have been here. But she always sends her dues. I WISH ALL MEMBERS WERE LIKE THAT." Of course he meant he hoped financial support would be forthcoming if it was impossible to be present but what he said made finances count more than any other thing in Christianity.

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Even so the dollar is as necessary to carry on Christianity as the deacon and the eagle amounts to as much in the average program as the elder. Infact counterfeit dollars would not be of any use but many church is cumbered with counterfeit deacons. Selahl

Pensioners

There is always a class of church-goers who are in the nature very irregular and intermittent in their attendance. They have no particular job in the church for they are unreliable. They cannot be depended upon to carry on the work of the church.

I. The Ancestor Pensioner is the first. Their conversation when approached about their Christian duty runs something like this, "Yes, my mother was a faithful member of the church. Our house was the home of the ministers when they came to town. She used to go to church every time the door opened, rain or shine. She really wore herself out in the church. When she died the church went down and I never had the heart to take the part she did." This sort of Church-goer is planning a trip to heaven along the path their mother made. Only where she trudged in unwearying zeal, the daughter plans to use a high-powered automobile. The entire debt of the family to Christ was paid by this saintly old parent.

The church wore out the parent but it will not so treat the child. The mercy that is supposed to be shown thousand of generations of those that love Jehovah is invoked to save the negligent child who insists on drawing the pension of the father's goodness.

II. Little better but still a minus quantity in the church program is the church-goer who claims exemption on the grounds of former service. They enlisted in the army of the Lord for a short period and served well, fought many valiant battles, subdued many foes, led furious charges, supported many generals and was mustered out with an honorable discharge. Now, they sit back and enjoy the pension of their labors in complacent satisfaction and re-tell the tales of past glories. Of course, the engagements of yesterday were much more vicious and the enemy much more formidable. In fact such a pensioner always wonders why the army of the Lord today has not captured every stronghold and flew the flag of victory over the entire land. Why just look at the start it was given by these pensioners. If approached to take a part in today's campaign, they side-step for fear some of the boasting would be exposed.

III. Last is the most despicable is

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The Recommendation Committee's work was as follows: (1) That we elect a National Evangelist (A. W. Davis being named from the convention floor) and seek the aid of the Department of Evangelism under the administration of Jesse M. Boder, U. C. M. S.

(2) That a Commission be named to investigate, protest and report, segregation in our schools.

(3) That Elder H. L. Herod be asked to communicate with the proper authorities relative to naming our Washington church as one of the objectives of the National Jubilee Fund, which is being raised for the erection of a National Memorial Centennial Church, in the Capital City.

(4) The executive committee of the National Convention be authorized to arrange for our 1930 (National Convention) at the World Convention for Jubilee Celebration in October, 1930, Washington, D. C.

(5) That a Pentecostal Team, under the supervision of our State Workers or officers, should tour the states (as many as possible) beginning with Kentucky, with the thought of bringing Inspiration and Fellowship to our churches.

(6) That the National representatives on the Joint Executive Committee shall approve or disapprove of any part, or all the National Program Committee's work.

(7) That the National Secretary correspond with all churches that failed to represent in our National Convention with \$5.00 and urge them to forward to Dr. J. E. Walker, National Treasurer, 234 Hernando st., Memphis, Tenn.

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The Oakwood Blvd. Church entertained the 12th Annual Convention royally. The Church as well as the delegates were highly pleased.

STATE NEWS

FROM TENNESSEE "THE BIG BEND" STATE

BETWEEN TWO HILLS

By Eld. D. W. Bradley, Pres. of Tenn.
State B. S.

Just a word to let you know that we are still on the map. We had a fine time in Chicago at the National Convention. We feel that much good was accomplished. We were treated royally.

I left Chicago on Saturday evening accompanied by Mrs. Bradley, (the writer's best half) and my nephew to Detroit, Mich., where we spent the night with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Bradley. Mr. Bradley being a member of the church of which the writer pastors at Rogersville, Tenn., while Mrs. H. K. Bradley is a member of the Johnson City Church, at Johnson City, Tenn. Her father is an elder in that church. These good folks wanted to have fellowship in the work and gladly gave me their subscription for "The Christian Plea."

While in Detroit we crossed over into Canada via boat,—one can go for a very reasonable sum on the boat. "Believe me", we had a fine trip! If you visit Detroit, be sure to look up these good folk, they are real Disciples and are well prepared to care for you.

I have, in the city of Detroit, two nephews and their wives, they always seem so glad to meet the Tennessee people. As I boarded the train for home, on September 6, I said, "long live these good folk and this city."

I want to say to the State Schools of Tennessee, some of you fell behind in your state and National appointments, now, will you please start anew and try to go "over the top" this year? Then, we may meet in the city of Knoxville, we will not only make brother Taylor and sister White glad, but also brother Moss, sister Chandler and all the rest will rejoice with us.

I am, yours for success.

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the pensioner who hopes to accrue credit for what his children do. My boy is always in Bible School. My girl is head of the Triangle Club. My child is president of the Christian Endeavor. The children are called upon to bear the salvation of the fathers. The enormous task of getting the children off to church means so much expenditure of energy and time that there is nothing left to get the parent off. Such unholy, unselfishness is ungodly and un-Christian.

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FROM ARKANSAS "THE BIG BEAR STATE"

By Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick

Our state convention was held from August 15 to 19 inclusive, at Little Rock. Considering all things, it was a very good convention. Everything was made pleasant for the Delegate's entertainment.

Needless to say we greatly missed the fellowship and co-operation of our National Workers. We regretted the fact they could not be with us. Also we missed President J. B. Lehman and his wise council, always so helpful to us.

Our new President, E. L. Turner, did well; he is very calm and presided well, in fact, so very well that he was re-elected for the ensuing year.

Next year our meeting goes to Russellville, the last week in September.

On Friday, the women took charge, with their sessions. Their meeting was the best, even from the very beginning; even though we only reported six societies for the year and \$150.00 for all purposes.

There was some change in our W. M. S., for officers: President, Mrs. Minnie Guydon; for Vice President, Mrs. Sarah Richardson; Secretary (Miss or Mrs.?) Mahala Moore; Treasurer, Miss Mary Moore; the Chairman of the Board is Mrs. S. L. Bostick.

The Field Workers are as follows: Mrs. Mary Franklin, District No. 1 and Mrs. S. L. Bostick for District No. 2. Everyone seems to be happy over her new duties.

The President, Mrs. S. L. Bostick, in her message, gave the following aims for 1928 and 1929: Offering of \$175.00; 100 women added; 50 souls converted; 10 World Call subscribers; 15 King Builders; "The Christian Plea" in every home; 3 new Societies; 3 Christian Endeavor Societies organized and 3 Children's organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fuller, accompanied by others of the White people, rendered valuable service.

September was a great month for Arkansas. Elder W. T. York held a revival at Pea Ridge on the 16th; seven were baptized.

North Little Rock's revival was held by Elder J. W. Williams, E. L. Turner, and M. M. Bostick. Elder Williams baptized a man and wife on the 16th; they had not been in a church for some eight years.

At Russellville, Elder M. M. Bostick baptized a young lady on the 16th.

At Plumerville, Elder G. B. Hervey

baptized one on the 16th, making a total of 11 souls to date for Arkansas. Let Arkansas arise and get busy on the job.

Dear sisters, we must go forward as never before. Let us all pray, plan, and work and make this our best year.

We want to announce our visit, in the near future, for the following District No. 2: Pea Ridge, Oak Grove and Wabeseka, also we hope to see England and Gethsemane, if possible.

Yours in the work of the Master.

P. S.—We must mention Mrs. and Miss Ash with their big hearts and open doors. They gave us the right-of-way in their place of business for the convention, and how very thankful we were!

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

"The Blue Grass State."

"That thou mightest War a good Warfare"

By Eld. C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky.

Newspaperdom has always been a warfare. Few of them have come out "More than conqueror." The causes have been many; perhaps more than the genuine supporters.

Many good people believe a newspaper once started will go endlessly on like Tennyson's Brook, others believe a "lone Editor" can make and maintain it. Another class "Talk" but never write and then wonder why their news does not appear. Still another as well-wishers but poor pushers and thus invite the newspaper undertakers, who, like others in his profession, are ready to answer "Day or Night calls."

But all people are not thusly inclined. Henry Waterson, J. H. Garrison, T. Thomas Fortune and John Mitchell, Jr., all together could not make and maintain a Religious Newspaper. Generals are needed and mighty; but the men in the trenches fight the battles. Take them out and see how goes it.

For one, I propose to stand squarely behind this, our newest project, as I have in all the past, and gladly offer news from my "neck of the woods", paying all pledges and urging subscriptions, etc.

The brilliant young man, Brother Vance, who served as Editor until our Chicago Convention must be given hearty support and co-operation in his new field. (National Field Worker for our Young People). He is "plenty fitten."

Our new Editor Bro. Prince Gray, and his new wife, "Miss Deetsy," at the

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new headquarters, Memphis, Tenn., our new Departmental and Contributing Editors, and New Publishing Committee ought to arrive in due time.

A few standing or running advertisements, a few paid-for "cuts" for decoration and a number of Ministers disposing of a few dozen copies of each number, might help to build a real hearty Clientele.

Thanksgiving Sunday November 25th

The Bible Schools are facing their first gift for the Missionary Year, which is to be taken on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 25th. This offering is for Religious Education and Home Missions. The one offering that you have an opportunity to help push on the work of religious education in the Negro churches as well as to help make our schools what you say that you want them to be. Now is a chance to back up your front. It takes money to carry on.

Send at once to the United Christian Missionary Society, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, for the Thanksgiving program "Youth In Training." The program is educational. It should not be rendered in a corner but before the whole church. It should be one of the great programs of the church with all departments taking part. The open book for "Youth in Training."

I still hear the words of that great address of Dr. W. C. Pearce on that wonderful subject: "A Spiritual League of Nations." This address closed the World Sunday School Convention in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Pearce closed his address in the following words: "If the League of Nations at Geneva is handicapped by human fears, and misunderstandings, let the Spiritual League of Nations Assembled in Los Angeles be set free to go forth on wings of brotherly love. Our task is full of Divine challenge. The hope of civilization depends upon teaching the Gospel of Jesus to the childhood and youth of the world."

How To Double Teaching Efficiency

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the unexpected is always occurring, no one who is easily bothered ought not try to teach the youth of today. 2nd, A sense of humor and patience are an asset for any teacher. We realize it is not an easy matter to be patient at all times for children annoy you and disappoint you on purpose many times, but the teacher who will never show that she is annoyed and can see how funny some things are, will be able to control her group with ease.

There is one essential qualification that every teacher should possess and

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that is "Open Mindness," Teachers, you are leaders, interpreters and often revealers of life. Life is a growing changing thing. You can best teach youth what life means and how to live it if you seek to understand it better yourself. No one who has a closed mind to possible ideas on Biblical Interpretation educational methods, new agencies on training schools, young people's conference, vacation schools and other agencies should be on the teachers force. Set a high standard for your school and teaching staff and work to that end.

In considering the high standard set for the school let us consider the teaching conditions as well as the teaching staff. In order to have efficient teachers there must be equipment for them to use. Manual education is an important phase of religious education. Boys and girls are overflowing with energy, their muscles are fairly aching for activity and their minds work better when this longing to "Do something" is satisfied. Provide maps for them to trace, such things as Paul's Missionary journeys, provide material for them to write and draw just the things they have gained from the lesson. As teachers you are seeking to secure fruitful study, study which gives pleasure and inspire the child to further study this can only be done by pleasing books outlines illustrations and other such literature in the hands of your students. Even though you may have a one room school building your equipment will add to the efficiency of your school.

After all, all that any teacher has to give to his pupils is himself. All each of us can give to ourselves, and if we are to train young people to be Christians we must first of all have a deep experience of Christianity ourselves.

It is not the story in the lesson quarterly that you can build into the lives of your class, it is the story in you. You must enrich your personality not only aesthetically and intellectually, but spiritually.

"I will hew great spaces, huge places of life for my soul,

I will seek me a way no man has trod,

I will blaze new trails to the heart of God."

BESSIE E. CHANDLER,
Elementary Supt. and Contributing
Editor of Religious Education.

"As the magnetic needle always points to the North Pole, so the life of the faithful follower of Jesus Christ keeps pointing toward the Cross of Calvary."

"When but one vice has betrayed the wicket-gate, a hundred devils are ready to rush in and take the fort."

PRESENT UNREST

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tions, but they are much more irregular. Few of our churches make strenuous effort to keep the salary of the minister paid up. The plans for financing the work of the church are ignored or neglected altogether so that the bills of the church drag along and pile up unpaid to the extent that a minister becomes discouraged with the results of his efforts to finance the work.

Another Cause for ministers turning from the ministry is the **inconsiderateness of too many members** of the church. There are always those who are constantly complaining about the lack of progress in the church, and laying the blame at the minister's feet, when as a matter of fact, they themselves have had very little fellowship in the work, or if they have attempted to do anything, have done it in such a spirit as to keep the church from succeeding as it should.

Too many members of the church expect too much of the ministers when they have put very little into the work to bring about the desired results. Many men would be glad to remain in the ministry at smaller salaries than they can get in other vocations, if only they could have a lovable and congenial fellowship in their ministry. The church needs a trained ministry, a well trained ministry, but more than that the church needs a mind and spirit to work for, and with the ministry that both may enjoy a mutual fellowship and grow together in a tie that binds.

BACKING UP FRONT

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Chicago convention, I hope will do their full duty in keeping the matter before the persons who made the pledges. Of course, no one will have much heart in pushing the matter who has not first paid his own pledge. So it is a fine way to clear your own conscience by doing the thing first that you wish others to do. Paul would say, "Take heed to yourself and to all the flock." Another way of saying back up your front and then go after the other fellow.

If the conscience is educated by the Bible and kindled into light by the Holy Spirit it is then an infallible guide.

The man who keeps his word does not make glib promises.

Gambling and goodness are as far apart as the Poles.—William Lefroy, D. D.

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THE CHURCH'S PART IN KINGDOM BUILDING

By F. H. COLEMAN, Pastor

ATCHINSON CHURCH

President of Kansas State Convention

It is preeminently the task of the Church to build up the Kingdom of God. This divine institution is authorized by the disciples of all the nations, and in proportion as the gospel is given and received is the Kingdom of God built up. The church must come to the place where it realizes the one great thing to do is to teach the world the Bible plan of salvation.

The church started on its commission on the day of pentecost at Jerusalem. What a tremendous undertaking, twelve men starting to carry out the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. These men were told to tarry at Jerusalem for the power of the "Holy Spirit," there they received as it were their marching orders to begin in Jerusalem. Judeah Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth, thus they did.

It is significant to note that Christ in commissioning His apostles never told them or promised any material possession nor did he arm them with material weapons to begin this work, all they needed, and that he gave, was the power of the Holy Spirit. This power or personality in them would enable them to stand before magistrates, potentates, governors, and kings. In fact people of every walk of life are proclaiming the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ, there can be no doubt they were true to their commission. Everywhere they went they preached the gospel and the results were forthcoming. They so lived and taught that the world was amazed. For instance, when Peter was placed in prison, the church began praying to God for his release and God thru an angel led him out.

SOMEBODY

Somebody made a definite pledge,
Testing his purse to utmost edge;
Somebody paid it through the year,
Brightening the world with Christian cheer.

Was that somebody you?

Somebody handed cheerfully in
Money to help God's cause to win;
Somebody kept his promise to pay,
Writing each check on schedule day.

Was that somebody you?

Somebody let the year slip by
Heedless of payments piling high.
Somebody said, "No more delay;
Quickly I'll settle the debt today."

Was that somebody you?

Somebody's pledge was only a scrap,
Paper that has no value, mayhap;
Somebody's soul grew shiveled and small;

Failing, he grieved the Lord of all.
Was that somebody you?

This event brought fear upon all. They realized there was some invisible power back of Peter, and what would happen next if they sought further punishment was a thought in their mind. May I repeat again, with emphasis, that they were true to their work. They carried out their part of the program. They never considered any obstacle as preventing them in their work. When one noted the calmness and perfect confidence in which Jesus gave this great commission he cannot but feel he knew the outcome. But not again the one thing Jesus would have His disciples possessed with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will lead you. We may not expect to have problems

identical as the early church. We live in a different age...but nevertheless the church has its work of advancing the kingdom of God and it must have the Holy Spirit. The same spirit that permeated the early Church must possess the church today. We can not go forth conquering and to conquer without it. There were no competitive forces in the early Church, everything they had was in common and considered the Lord's. There was not then and can not be now, selfish interest in the church. The church, to put over the whole program of God, must be free from selfish aggrandizement. As the early Church did, it must teach not what it may want or desire especially, but what Christ taught. Then we have his word "Lo' I am with you." The Church must be efficient and loyal. We must put loyalty to Christ above everything. I believe loyalty is the greatest quality in man. Where there is loyalty there is safety and where safety is, there is progress.

It was thru loyalty that the great military geniuses were able to lead their men into the very throes of death and achieved great victories. Back of every great accomplishment stands loyalty. So it is Jesus the Christ was loyal to His Father in laying the foundation for His Church. When the shadow of the end was on His pathway in a short while He would be crucified, His disciples would forsake. Men would say that He was a noble visionary and all hopes lost and just then when everything was darkest, Our Lord looked down the echoing isles of time and said with a serene and perfect confidence, "I will build my Church." On the verge of His betrayal you meet the same perfect confidence. He never doubted for one moment that thru the ages He would be remembered by adoring hearts till He comes again.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MISS B. E. CHANDLER, Contributing Editor
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SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By Bessie E. Chandler
Elementary Supt.

There will appear in this column helpful suggestions and information for local elementary workers to aid them in carrying out the program of religious education in the elementary department.

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Beginners (4-5)

"God's best gift to earth is childhood and man's best gift to childhood is a happy childhood."—Jameson.

Since you are workers of children you must live in a new world, in the world of childhood. To live in this realm and to understand the little inhabitants of it you must first know and understand something about the physical, social and spiritual characteristics of these little people.

The most evident characteristic of childhood is its physical activity. A little child is incessantly active, he is not contented sitting quietly. His little legs move over much space during the day's play, his little hands are constantly busy at something he is handling something all the time, thus every impression that goes in his senses comes out of his muscles.

(a) **PHYSICAL GROWTH**—Growth is the primary thing of the first five or six years of the child's life. His weight increases six-fold and his height more than doubles. In order that this growth may be strong and normal the child must be given an opportunity to live in God's outdoor world, to get pure air, sunshine and wholesome food. This exercise we can help to give in our Bible Schools throughout our activity program.

(b) **PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**—Along with growth there must be physical development in the muscles and tissues of the child, only way to insure the development of these muscles is through exercise. It is a privilege for you as Bible School teachers to assist the parents and children in developing their muscles; through a period of supervised play and expressional work; a community story hour at the local church, with a play period will be advantageous to both

child and school.

(c) **NEW SENSATION**—The child is a discoverer in a strange new world. He does not wait for things to force themselves upon him; he pushes to seek knowledge. Each bit of activity widens his experience, brings new information, new sensation and better understanding.

As teachers, care should be taken in giving the child this new knowledge and information. His religious knowledge will come gradually through simple verses and stories, cautiously told and developed through pictures. His social knowledge through games, stories and verses in which he is taught to love and regard the rights of others, for the individualist instinct is very strong in children. Then it becomes necessary for every teacher to study the general characteristics of each child in his group, then the children as a group. For before you can teach the children you must understand children, and their general development and characteristic.

The Great Need of the Church of Christ Today, Is spiritual Power

By Elder Joseph H. Parker
Second Christian Church, Hannibal, Mo.

The Colored Disciples of Christ, both ministers and members lack spiritual power to do the work of the Master. A power from beneath is exercising a strange, bewitching influence everywhere. The cares of the world, the love of money and worldly pleasure and the icy chill of skepticism, are felt everywhere. A pentecost is needed. The church needs the fire of the Holy Spirit, enabling here to fulfill the commission of the Master to carry the saving power of the Gospel to a lost world.

Before starting His disciples on their lifelong, world-wide mission, the Saviour bade them tarry until they were endued with spiritual power. They were not to depend upon any training they had received, any talent they might have, or any particular method of labor, but upon the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Without this, the preaching of the Gospel would be powerless.

We are constantly on a stretch, if not on a strain, to devise new methods, new plans, and new organizations to advance the Church and secure enlarg-

ment and efficiency for the Gospel. This trend of the day has a tendency to lose sight of the man, or sink the man in the plan or organization. God's plan is to make much of the man,—far more of him than of anything else. Men are God's method. The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.

What the Church of Christ needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer; men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer. The Holy Spirit is the source of that power that is necessary to give fitness for efficient work in the cause of Christ; and it does not exist apart from Christ. The combined work of the college and the theological seminary cannot fully prepare men for Christian work. They may turn out men of fine attainment, well up in science, skilful in logic, polished in rhetoric, deeply read in theology, and thoroughly posted in the history and teachings of Jesus,—and yet, with all these attainments, they may be unfit efficiently to perform this work. Then, if our reasoning be true, we should persistently, prayerfully, longingly wait before God for the coming of the Holy Spirit and power upon us, and when He is received we shall be true witnesses of Jesus, and efficient co-workers with the Holy Spirit in bringing about the awakening of sinners and the return again of prodigal man to his Divine Father.

CASH PRIZES FOR STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Hundred Dollars For Best Papers
on "America's Tenth Man."
Cooperation of Teachers
Asked

The Commission on Interracial Cooperation is offering to high school students three cash prizes aggregating \$100 for the best papers on "America's Tenth Man" submitted on or before March 1st, 1929. All high school or Junior high school pupils are eligible to enter papers in this competition.

The purpose of these prizes is to encourage as widely as possible the study of the Negro's part in American history. The Commission believes that such a study will be helpful to the children of both races, promoting more intelligent appreciation and sympathy on the one side, and developing a wholesome pride of race on the other.

The Commission earnestly asks the cooperation of high school
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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

Why Rejoice at Persecution

Why did Christ say His disciples should rejoice and be exceeding glad when men would begin to persecute them and say all manner of evil against them? Not many can answer this. Not many really know what it means. Nobody can know what it means till he knows the fundamental laws of the growth of the good in the world. Then let us study this and see if we can not make ourselves masters of its meaning.

1. When they treat us in such a way as to show that they are just persecuting us we can know for a certainty that the truth we have been promulgating is taking effect. We can know for a certainty that the beginning of the end has come for the error they hold.

2. We can know for a certainty that they feel utterly helpless in the presence of the truth we are proclaiming. For if they did not feel helpless they would not resort to such methods to destroy it. They would not admit by their actions that they are utterly defeated. If they knew we were promulgating an error they would just wait in confidence till we would destroy ourselves. When manifest facts arise like some we might name, people do not persecute them. They just wait.

3. We can know for a certainty that the men who do the persecuting are not good men, for they would not resort to such methods, no matter how wrong we might be. Whether we are right or wrong, we can know they are wrong, for they prove this by their conduct.

4. We can know for a certainty that when a cause gets to the point where it draws persecution, God has put the settlement of this cause on His agenda and that it will be settled before it is taken off.

Now in the light of the above, let us look at some of the things that occurred in the recent election. Nothing shows the stage of development of the American people better than their conduct during a national election. Enough was done on both sides to make a good story. But we want to refer especially to the tactics of the wets. All the methods of the old saloon days were revived. The very first thing was to make the Negro an issue. Every good man regretted this much, but to the observing it was clear that this made it certain that the cause of granting full citizenship is on the agenda of American policy.

Towards the close of the election it was very manifest that the southern

wets were more than willing that the Negro should help them out in the doubtful states in the East. In some of the southern states a persecution of those who wanted to do all they could to save the eighteenth amendment was not only condoned but promoted. It looked as though we had made no progress since the days of the old saloon fights.

All this teaches us the lesson that the day is fast approaching when the radicals will get together and the conservatives will be driven into another group. This division will not be along racial or religious lines. The dividing line will be the desire to have freedom to do as one pleases irrespective of goodness, and resistance to it. The good white people will need the good Negroes and the good of all other races to help them stand for the right. We do not expect the Catholics to remain a unit in this conflict. They will divide as others will divide. The good of all groups will need each other to stand for the right together.

When this work is fully begun it will unfold itself in its largeness just as has been the case in all past movements. Martin Luther saw just one thing in the beginning, the wrong of selling indulgences, but when he went to right it the great Protestant Reformation opened up with all its mighty undertakings which we call modern civilization. If Luther had seen the task in its entirety he would have quailed before it. But God led him in step by step. It will be so again. When we are defending the eighteenth amendment we are opening the way to many great things that we can not comprehend now.

The thing for us to do is to forget that we belong to a certain race, class or group but to stand for the right. No race or group will amount to anything unless it stands for the right, and those who stand for the right will be tested as by fire. When we see how childish some editors and politicians acted in the late election we can know for a certainty what they will do when the works opens up. They will attempt to inaugurate a persecution as drastic as Tetzal inaugurated to stop Luther. But that will prove to us that the better day is coming.

The Churches Part In Kingdom Building

(Continued from page 1)

It was the spirit of love and loyalty back of it all. He faced false accusations, Gethsemane, and the Cross with the same spirit of confidence. As Isaiah had

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We are reserving this column, after this issue, for our Laymen. It will be headed, "As a Layman Sees It." We are using this as a means of securing an expression from the loyal laymen of our Churches upon whose shoulders so much depends. Let us have the layman's "Point of View." WHO'LL BE THE FIRST TO USE IT? WATCH AND SEE! THE EDITOR.

foretold he shall see travail of soul and be satisfied. Men would become faithless, careless, lukewarm, disloyal, causing travail of souls yet He could see His Church triumph in the world.

For the Church to do its part in building the kingdom of God it must be loyal. It must have a vision. When we can have that vision of God that we should we will make the full and complete surrender. It was the loyalty to Christ that the Apostle Paul went beyond the confines of Asia into Macedonia, answering that call that the kingdom of God might be advanced. When men love God as they should and become loyal to His work we have trouble in extending the Master's kingdom.

The Church needs now as never before loyal supporters. Those who are willing to make the extreme sacrifice that the kingdom may grow. Can God trust you and me to carry on? I sometime fear and quake as a member of the church what part I have done to make the program of kingdom building a success. Ask yourself what is my part and what have I done? It is the church's part and its sole work to build the kingdom of God.

The local church must begin in the city where it is located, state and United States, and to the other part of the world. The church must not be so narrow, so little it cannot or will not help extend the kingdom in the state in which it is located. The local churches must do more to build up the state work. This is done by giving in the development fund, to support our evangelistic work. We have asked one dollar (\$1.00) per member for evangelistic work out of a membership over 500, we have never gotten but a fraction of it. Some try to come up with a flimsy excuse that state is not doing any development work. I have always noted the fellow who is not doing what he should always seeks to find fault with someone else. There is no excuse for no one not doing his own duty. Something must be done.

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Bible Thought and Prayer

GOD WILL GUIDE THEE—Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go.—Ps. 32:9-8.

PRAYER—O Spirit of the living God, we need Thy guidance, for the way is strange to us. Keep us from self will. Make us teachable and then show us the way to walk.

TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY—The angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:10, 11.

PRAYER—O Thou Lord of Life, be Thou born anew in us, and then we will pass on daily the good tidings and great joy to others until all people have received them.

AS A MAN THINGETH

By F. D. PERKINS

"VALUES"

I am interested in values. I like to find them and measure them. I think of them as having power of exchange and power of command.

There are values of different kinds, such as relative, spiritual, superior, inferior, negative, positive, temporary, permanent, negligible, standard, Superior standard, and permanent are interchangeable terms, since most things that possess one of these qualities also possess the others to some degree. Those with the most extensive power of command and exchange are the ones we know as standard values.

It has been said that jewels are a superior value. Things of greater utility are standard values, and real estate we consider a permanent value. When we learn to appreciate values of import we lose interest in inferior values.

Into a consideration of inferior value we need not go, further than to note that imitations and makeshifts belong in the list of inferior values.

Special values are those that exist only through connection with something else. Theatrical costumes, for instance, have full power of command on the stage but are worthless when worn outside the theatre. They have special values only.

But the values that appeal to us most are not in material things. They are rather of a spiritual nature. To possess them is to have the advantage of a higher plane of thought. There are ideas that, instead of becoming threadbare from use, seem to become more forceful the more they are used.

In Proverbs, we read: "When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently, what is before thee; and put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite."—Prov. 23:1-2.

In our own day Emerson wrote, "What is odious but noise, and people who scream and bewail? People whose vane points always east, who live to dine, who send for the doctor, who coddle themselves, who toast their feet on the register, who intrigue to secure a padded chair and a corner out of the draft."

And those who know human nature say if they know our weaknesses they can do with us as they like. This idea retains its essential value though the form of expression changes.

We place books, lectures, sermons and a college education in the category of higher values. Their chief value, however, is in their power to inspire better thinking and induce more effective action.

Some months ago, I stopped at a news stand to look over the periodicals on display. I saw on one of the covers the title "A New God for America." It looked interesting, so I decided to buy the magazine. "Rather remarkable," I thought, "or rather foolish. I wonder where we're headed now." But when I had read the article I saw the reasonableness of it. What the writer meant was not so much a new God as a more worthy conception on remembering that God is so old, and wise and full of power that He is quite beyond the limitations of the critics.

In the present religious controversy between fundamentalism and modernism, some people are afraid God might be destroyed by scientific discoveries; while others think they can annihilate Him by calculating geological periods to be older than He is. I find supreme value in the conception of a God of such extreme maturity that these things have no weight. Having been with us all along we have no fear that He will leave us now.

Bible Thought and Prayer

LIVE RIGHT TODAY—Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.—Prov. 27:1.

PRAYER—Thou art from everlasting to everlasting God, but we are as the grass that withereth. We come to Thee to live in Thee because Thou art our security and our hope.

THE GOLDEN RULE—Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.—Matt. 7:12.

PRAYER—Help us, our Father, to do right by Thee, and then it will be natural for us to do right by our brothers.

COLLEGE NOTES

Southern Christian Institute

By John Long

Professor Bebout is back again from the hospital where he has been for some time. We all hope for him a speedy recovery from his illness as he is a very useful part of our whole school program.

Several of our students have transferred to some of the best schools of the north this year—to schools that are members of the North Central Association, and the Association of American Universities; and they did so without the loss of a single hours credit. The fact that our students can do this speaks higher for the college here than any other one thing could do. It means that these schools consider our work fully accredited, that work done at S. C. I. is equivalent to work done in any other good accredited school. All the friends of old Mt. Beulah will rejoice that these nationally known schools have thus placed their stamp of approval on our work here.

This approval has been won because we have kept abreast of all the modern movements for the betterment of the educational program. An illustration of this is that the school has just purchased a \$400.00 Motion Picture Projector. There is no question but that visual education will play a prominent part in the educational program of the future. We want the students of Mt. Beulah to have the best at all times. There is a wealth of good material for use in connection with the regular classroom work which we will use. Students who can see pictures of a certain principle shown on a screen will get it better and remember it longer than if they just heard someone tell about it. Besides that our Projector will furnish a source of good wholesome amusement and entertainment for our own students and the whole community. We had our first show Saturday with a picture about Hawaii, one about the far North called "Nanook of the North" and an Aesop's Fable. It was a very interesting program.

The Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church is going forward in a very splendid way under the leadership of Dr. T. B. Livingston during the absence of Dr. Preston Taylor. Communications frequently reach Dr. Taylor's desk about the success of the work. We certainly look forward for great things from Chicago.

Frankford, Mo., one of our smaller Churches (numerically, but large otherwise) known over the entire brother-

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NEWS ITEMS

PERSONAL "NEWS ITEMS"

Elder and Mrs. E. K. Burton are the proud parents of a 9-lb. daughter, Sept. 22. He is pastor at Frankford and Madison, Mo.

Bro. P. H. Moss is making plans for extension work in the University of Chicago.

Elder F. C. Cathron, of Los Angeles is now available for Pastoral work. He may be reached at 4340 Evans Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Elder I. K. Hicks is doing a fine work at Wichita, Kas.

Elder Peter C. Washington goes to East St. Louis to teach.

President J. N. Irwin is still undergoing treatment. We are anxiously awaiting his complete recovery.

Mrs. William Alphin, who for several years led the women to victory has resigned. Mrs. C. Martin is her successor.

The Editor and his June bride (Mrs. Deetsy Blackburn Gray) were the proud recipients of a fine present from Prof. and Mrs. P. H. Moss. Just about two months previously the Fulton Church and many of its friends gave Elder and Mrs. Gray a delightful reception. These were most agreeable surprises.

Mrs. W. I. Sharp of Los Angeles is visiting her sister and mother, Mrs. Wm. Alphin and Mrs. Jamerson of Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Mary Vanburen has resigned her membership on the Joint Executive Committee because of its removal to New Headquarters in Indiana.

Hon. W. S. Taylor is assistant U. S. District Attorney and an able officer of the Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church.

hood for its Missionary zeal, had a great day on September 23. In cash and pledges its receipts were about \$200.00 for the day.

Mrs. J. H. Parker (our Pastor's wife) has returned from Indianapolis, Ind., where she visited her daughter. She reports a very pleasant trip. All were glad to see her, the Young People welcomed her.

The Hannibal church worshipped with the Frankford congregation on the afternoon of September 23; the Hannibal choir furnishing the music.

The second Church of Hannibal is to begin a vigorous two weeks revival under the leadership of Elder C. E. Craggett of Kansas City, on October 22. We extend a cordial invitation to all our friends.

The Second Christian Church of Fulton plans to do a great work under the leadership of Bro. Vance Smith, who has begun his work.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick has again taken the field to revive the women's work in Arkansas. She has been the life of that work in Arkansas and when for a time she laid it down it went backward. But now it is looking up.

Two of our older brethren are seriously thinking of taking annuity bonds from the United Society. It works this way: They will pay what they have in their heart to give to the United Society. Then they will draw interest on this at the rate of six percent as long as they live. At their death the money goes for the purpose for which it was given. This insures them an income as long as they live and makes it certain that the money will go to kingdom building when they die. This is especially good where there are no children.

Vance G. Smith was called as state evangelist for Missouri. He will be given leave of absence in the spring when young people's work begins.

Elder Preston Taylor has just gone through a severe spell of sickness but he is up and about again.

Bible Thought and Prayer

LOVE DEFRAUDS NOT—Owe no man anything, but to love one another. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not covet. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Rom 13:8, 9.

PRAYER—

O love Divine, how sweet Thou art! When shall I find my willing heart All taken up with Thee? I thirst and faint and die to prove The greatness of redeeming love The love of Christ to me.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

PIEDMONT DISTRICT CONVENTION

F. RAGSDALE, President

Last week we participated in and witnessed the close of a most successful sitting. The attendance was large while the reports brought up by the delegates showed that the pastors together with their churches had labored hard. The various departments including the Christian Endeavors, the Bible School, the Missionary and the Church at large, have done well. Harmony prevailed the entire session. The paramount thought seemed to be "What are we expected to do," and a willingness was manifested on the part of all to line up with whatever plans that were adopted by the majority.

We were proud to have our sitting graced by the presence of Miss Bessie E. Chandler, the successor of Miss Deetsy Blackburn. She fell into our program and proved herself most helpful.

A new and most helpful feature was the holding of the business sessions in the beautiful and well-equipped P. C. I. A number of the delegates were fed and lodged in the school building. This was especially handy for the various committees and departments for they could whenever they desired, assemble themselves for work in separate rooms. The night and Sunday sessions, which were held at the Fayette St. Christian Church were largely attended and enjoyed by both the delegation and the public.

Mr. E. C. Williams, the Supt. of the Cleveland Ave. Bible School, Winston-Salem, N. C. presented the district a very beautiful "Loving Cup." This cup is to be held by the Bible School bringing up to the convention the largest sum of money over and above her regular apportionment. This year we rejoice that a rural school—Middle Folk, near Winston-Salem, N. C.—won the cup. Three cheers for Middle Folk! Look out city schools and big schools! You will have to work "some" to take this cup from them.

MISS JUSTINA K. SPENCER.

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Tennessee	\$50.00
Bristol	\$ 3.50
Johnson City	3.50
Jonesboro	3.00
Knoxville	5.00
Memphis	15.00
Nashville, Lea Ave.	15.00
Rogersville	5.00

Texas	\$50.00
Austin	\$5.00
Dixon, Cedar Point	2.50
Dallas, Thomas Ave.	7.00
Fort Worth	5.00
Greenville, Clark St.	5.00
Houston	2.50
Cason, Shady Grove	2.00
Lyons	7.00
Lanier	2.00
Taylor	2.00
Palentine	2.50
Waco	2.50
Waxahacie	5.00
TOTAL	\$519.50

"THAT PRATT"

*Who is it that comes with zeal afire
As noisy as a Cattle Buyer, and
Lifts Convention standards higher?
"That Pratt."*

*Who is it that charms convention floors
And, like a Mountain lion, roars
From State as "Big as all out doors?"
"That Pratt."*

*Who is it that takes Los Angeles
And packs it all in his shirt sleeves
To scatter in Convention Breeze?
"That Pratt."*

*Who is it that makes his speech so
clear
Divested of diffident fear
That makes you feel that you were
there?
"That Pratt."*

*Who is that wants to "Regulate"
The rules for Games of every State
To write with chalk upon his slate?
"That Pratt."*

*Who is it that better let the boys
And girls direct their silly toys
And save himself from their annoys?
"That Pratt."*

*Who is it that has the vision fair,
Of youth released from sombre care
And like "Lindbergh"—Taking the air?
"That Pratt."*

*What General in Texas raves
Where Jack Rabbits grow as big as
calves
And grasshoppers are sold by halves?
"That Pratt."*

*Who is it that brings Conviction Great
In box and barrel, grip and crate
The whole thing down to "Old North
State?"
"That Pratt."*

"THE WORK OF MISSOURI"

Religious education is young, yet it is finding itself in many of our church schools as we observed it when we went in and out among the schools of this state. We have spent a month among the schools of the state, endeavoring to introduce into our schools both large and small the complete program of religious education. Many of the schools we found poorly organized and with disinterested workers, others well organized with energetic, thoughtful workers. We hope that all will early realize that "We cannot teach what we do not know," therefore as inspired workers all will need to seek information. All the meetings we held, we had a fine appreciative audience with a fine offering, many expressing their appreciation for having us to come to them in our first field work.

As we traveled over the state we found many of the churches with large building programs. On September 23, we had the honor of attending the Dedicatory Services of the church at Frankford, Mo. The program of the day was well organized and thoroughly carried out. We congratulate the members for their faithfulness, although they may be weak numerically, yet they seem as strong as the king of beasts financially. They carried their state and national program wonderfully along with the building program, as a result they have now both the Loving Cup and State Banner to place in their magnificent edifice.

The church at Vandalia is still struggling on its building program. They have successfully completed a very substantial foundation and now making plans for the erection of the main auditorium, which we trust will soon be completed.

The church at Columbia is about completed. It is a magnificent edifice built to meet the needs of religious education, with individual class rooms, spacious auditorium and other modern conveniences. They informed us that the church would be ready for dedication at a recent date. The workers are realizing that we can give visible expression to that love for Christ by building comfortable and convenient churches to worship in. B. E. C.

"The yesterdays of life are ever the
the parents of its tomorrows."

"The great business in the world is
God's business."

STATE NEWS

"THE SHOW ME STATE"

"Show Me State" is a descriptive Sobriquet that has been applied for many decades to Missouri, but its origin, according to the Secretary of the State Historical Society of Missouri, has never been found.

Missouri is one of the few states whose nickname has both historic and current significance as well as ethnographical meaning. "Show Me" applies to the Missouri of today and yesterday. It has prevailed over 11 Missouri sobriquets: "Bulletin State," "Border State," "Bone of Contention," "Bandit State," "Stormy Perel of American Politics," "Child of Destiny State," "Mule State," "Mysterious Stranger" and "Mother of the West," but "Show Me" prevails.

MISSOURIANS CONSERVATIVE

Scratch a Missourian and you will find a conservative. He is suspicious of the new, but his skepticism is philosophical tenacious but not reactionary. He will change, but you must "Show Him." He keeps his fingers crossed and modifies indorsements of the New by delay or installment application as a result, the Missourian is seldom in the vanguard of progress and never in the rear-guard of retreat.

The annual Convention of the Second District of Missouri convened with the New Haven Church, October 25-27. The District is composed of the four departments with the following officers:

Church—Mr. J. H. Hestley, St. Louis.
Bible School—Mrs. Eva Gilmore, Jefferson City.

Christian Endeavor—Elder P. Gray, Kansas City.

W. M. S.—Mrs. S. Lampkins, Jefferson City.

The churches of this district are St. Louis, Chamois, New Haven, Jefferson City, Fulton, and Columbia. All are asked to send at least one representative from each department. PEOPLE make up conventions not money alone. Your money is good but we can't use it on a committee. So let every church send at least four delegates.

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October 14 was the first State Apportionment Day and all of the churches in the state in every department was asked to make a special effort to raise at least one-third of its state apportionment and send it in. All of the above churches will send it to the District Convention. The other churches in the state will send it to the Secretary-Treasurer of the department. The following are the ones to send it to:

Church—Elder C. E. Craggett, 2319 Michigan Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Bible School—Mrs. Essie Welch, Box No. 42, Frankford, Mo.

Christian Endeavor—Miss Bernice Washington, 1112 E. Miller St., Jefferson City, Mo.

W. M. S.—Mrs. Cammie Doolin, Frankford, Mo.

Elder Peter Washington resigned his position as pastor of the Fulton Church to take up school work in Illinois. V. G. Smith has been called to supply the pulpit.

Miss Bessie Chandler, National Elementary Supt., toured the state in behalf of the Religious Educational program of the church. Her lectures were both instructive and inspirational.

The church at Frankford had a dedicatory service September 23 with many national and state celebrities present. It was the occasion of the completion of their renovated church home. It is a beautiful and commodious structure. Elder E. K. Burton is pastor.

Mrs. R. M. Logan, State Elementary Supt. announces that since Miss Chandler just made a trip thru the churches of District No. 2, she will not work this district until next spring just before working District No. 3.

NORTH JACKSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By M. S. BROWN, Reporter
B. L. Jacobs, Pastor

Jackson, Miss.—Our Revival began on September 19th and closed on September 30th, with a total of three additions; two by reclamation and one by confession.

Our State Evangelist, Elder B. C. Calvert, came according to schedule, and was always "on time," not late once.

All of his sermons were good and thoroughly convincing. He knows the Doctrine of the church and "sticks" to it.

The Spirit of the meeting was splendid; the services were well attended by both members and friends. Our pastor came a distance of thirty (30) miles and returned just about every night of the meeting. We thought it was very commendable in him. He (our pastor) was instrumental in putting the program over, both in a spiritual and financial way. He always took equal share of the responsibility, even in planning the meeting.

We are not unmindful of the assistance given us by the "Mother Church" (if you please) of College addition, West Jackson, Mississippi. Bro. Guice used his car and himself most generously (and we shall never forget this).

Sunday, September 30th was a high day for us. At 9:30 a. m. we had a GOOD Bible School. Regular worship and preaching services at 11:30. The Evangelist brought a stirring message to his hearers; the attendance was unusually good.

He spoke from the last chapter of the Book of Revelation, picturing, most vividly the closing days of the Master here on earth. This was made so very real that tears were seen in the eyes of many.

After the sermon, the invitation was extended after which we next turned to the Lord's Supper,—one of the most impressive services ever held in the North Jackson Christian Church.

The new convert was permitted,—for the first time to partake of the broken body and shed blood of her Lord and Christ. We felt, as we imagine the Disciples felt, when their Lord was about to leave them.

At 3 p. m. we were at the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Here we had a wonderful service.

The oldest child and only daughter of the writer was baptized by the Pastor,—Elder B. L. Jacobs.

The night services marked the close of our great meeting. In the estimation of the writer, the Evangelist seems to have been at his best. The writer prays that our hearts will continually burn with those good messages, and may Elder Calvert live long to preach God's Word.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

FULTON NOTES

V. G. SMITH, Fulton, Mo.

Mrs. Emma Broils, one of the faithful members of the church, is ill.

One addition by baptism was welcomed into the church Sunday night, Oct. 7.

Tuesday, October 9, the Art and Dramatic Club, an organization of the younger people of the church put on a carnival in the church basement. It was a social and financial success.

The Art and Dramatic Club met with Mrs. Lorraine Dudley, Tuesday, October 2, and with Mrs. Perkins, Oct. 7, preparing for its carnival October 9. The officers of the club are: V. G. Smith, president; Mrs. Francis Lewis, vice-president; Miss Marietta Perrie, secretary, and Miss Catherine Van Buren, treasurer.

The Helping Hand Club met Sunday afternoon, October 7 at the home of Mrs. Jefferson. A fine meeting was reported.

Prayer meeting is becoming a popular feature of the church life. All who are present participate in some way.

The Elders' Board had a short meeting Wednesday evening, October 10. Mr. G. L. Blythe is chairman.

The "Get-Your-Goat" Contest has been installed for this quarter in the Bible School and a workers conference was held Wednesday, October 10 to plan the work for the quarter. Mrs. Mary VanBuren is Superintendent.

The W. M. S., Mrs. G. L. Blythe, president, met Tuesday evening, Oct. 9 for a short business meeting. Mrs. Van Buren was elected the delegate to the District Convention in New Haven. The social put on by this auxiliary Saturday, October 13, was a success.

The choir met Friday evening, Oct. 12 for practice.

The Baptist State Association met with the Calvary Baptist Church, Oct. 16-21. The same splendid interdenominational cooperation existed as in former times. Many members of the Christian Church took delegates. Some of the Association sessions were held in the Christian Church and the request for a loan of tables and chairs was granted. Elder Johnson is pastor of the Baptist Church.

The official board met October 15 and many things transacted that will help to accelerate the program of the church. Mr. G. L. Blythe is chairman.

The Bible School social held the last week in September was a success, netting \$15.00 for this department.

Each department was represented in the District Convention at New Haven. Mrs. Mary VanBuren represented the W. M. S.; Miss Catherine VanBuren, the Bible School; and V. G. Smith, the church. Also a goodly amount was sent on the financial goal.

Mrs. Henderson, one of the members of the church, spent a few days in St. Louis, as the guest of her son.

PORT GIBSON, MISS.

Mrs. S. R. Thomas

Members attending National Convention from "Christian Chapel" were Elder and Mrs. K. R. Brown, Mrs. E. E. Blackburn and the reporter. All returned with a determination to help each department of the church reach its' goal for 28-29.

Our Bible School Conference met and elected new officers and are planning to do its best.

The C. E. led by Mrs. L. Brazand is wide awake and well attended each Sunday evening.

Our church has just closed a ten days' Revival conducted by the following ministers: Elder B. C. Calvert, our State Evangelist; Elder I. C. Franklin; Elder R. B. Brown. Our "Sister Churches" nearby joined us in service and thirteen were added to the church.

Donations to support the meeting amounted to \$85.65. Our pastor, Elder K. R. Brown preached the closing sermon on "Baptism" which was very inspiring.

Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church

The church has been honored with two visits from the editor of The Christian Plea, (E. d. Prince A. Gray.) We were especially delighted to greet Mrs. Gray whom we all love and remember as Miss Blackburn. The following donations were made: Ninety-two dollars in pledges, nine dollars for subscriptions and a field donation of three dollars. Elder Gray made his second visit Sunday, October 7, 1928. A collection of ninety-three dollars was taken including twenty dollars for the Plea.

Wednesday Night, October 10, 1928

The Women's Missionary Society was reorganized at the church. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Daniels, President; Mrs. Neal, Vice President; Mrs. Bonner, Secretary; Mrs. Murrel, Treasurer.

Rev. B. T. Hunt preached for the

Industrial Settlement Home Sunday September 30, 1928 at 3:30 p. m. He gave a very instructive sermon to about seventy-five children. The Bible School of the Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church furnished the little people of the settlement home with Bible School literature. Those who visited the Home with the pastor were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Bonner, Mrs. B. C. Skinner, Misses Marie Crawford, R. N. Sterette, Corinne Bonner, Doctor J. E. Walker, W. H. Luster and Prof. A. J. Edwards.

The Christian Endeavor has been rather interesting, being led by Miss Corinne Bonner, who makes a very wonderful leader.

Elder Hunt preached one of his evangelistic sermons Sunday, October 7, which was very inspiring and effective.

Prayer-meeting on Thursday night was very helpful, the subject being: "Forgiveness in Prayer."

Mr. Utilius Phillips is the efficient and enthusiastic president of C. E. Society.

Miss V. P. Flowers is the chorister of the Mississippi Blvd. Christian Choir. The choir is very much gratified upon receiving her services.

CASH PRIZE

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principals and teachers, and also invites correspondence from pupils who may be interested. Full particulars, together with a sixteen-page pamphlet entitled "America's Tenth Man" and packed with suggestive source material, will be sent without charge to anyone writing R. B. Eleazer, Educational Director, 409 Palmer Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Bible Thought and Prayer

LOVE MASTERS FEAR—There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.—I John 4:18.

PRAYER—O God, Thou art Love; May Thy Spirit live in us, and then we shall daily walk in confidence.

Bible Thought and Prayer

JOY FOR WEeping—His anger endureth but a moment; in His favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.—Ps. 30:5.

PRAYER—We bless Thee, our loving Father, for Thy grace that makes all things work together for good to them that love Thee.

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Ministers of the Gospel

By T. B. LIVINGSTON, V.D.M.

They are:—

1. **Clocks.** Their preaching and their lives are standards of conduct. What they are and to determine the course of other lives. In speech in demeanor, in deed, they answer the question, "What time is it?" with "It is time to seek the Lord," "It is time to awake from sleep and put on the whole armour of God." Ministers should take heed to themselves and their teaching—Only well-made and well-regulated clocks are reliable.

2. **Echoes of God.** They do not speculate or guess with respect to their pulpit utterances. They do not proclaim their opinions. They remind us of God's will concerning us. They repeat His messages. They are not called to give a revelation, but to unfold a revelation." I deliver unto you that which I have received." Let us pray with Miss Havergal:

"Lord speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; As thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone. "O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things Thou dost impart; And wing my words that they may reach The hidden words that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

"O give Thine own sweet rest to me, That I may speak with soothing power A word in season, as from Thee, To weary ones in needful hour."

3. **Flames of Fire.** They stir up new emotions in the hearts of their hearers, bringing a new and holy grandeur into human lives; causing a halo to adorn the brows of those with whom they hold communion. Others light torches at their holy flame.

4. **Harps—Aeolian Harps.** They live in the atmosphere of the spiritual.

They realize that all their talents and efforts are unavailing, unless God directed and God-inspired. The wind of the Holy Spirit plays upon their spirits and makes their lives outpour unimagined melodies. They are God's workmanship. Through them He sends sweetest strains to thrill and bless the ears of weary men.

"I ask, O Lord that from my life may flow

Such gladsome music, soothing, sweet, and clear

As from a fine strung harp, To reach the weary ears of struggling men—

To bid them pause and listen; then With spirit calmer, stronger than before Take up their work once more.

I only pray that thru the common days Of this my life unceasingly may steal Into some aching heart strains that shall help to heal

Its long borne pain: To life the thoughts from self and worldly gain

And fill the life with harmonies divine; O may such power be mine!

Thus would I live; and when all working days

Are over for me, May the rich music of my life Ring out eternally!"

5. **Lamps.** Their business is not to make light, but to hold light. The Holy Spirit before they can reveal the glory of Him who came to be the Light of the World. The Holy Spirit, the author of God's revealed Word illuminates the truth; inspires them to teach and live the truth. The man and the Word are fused together. The man is a part of the message. The truth enforced by personality becomes effective in its appeal. Folks see Jesus in us. Words and life lift Him up. We are lamps. Through us the Christ will ultimately disperse the darkness of this sin-cursed world.

Annie Johnson Flint beautifully sings
"His lamp am I
To shine where He shall say;
And lamps are not for sunny rooms
Nor for the light of day,
But for the dark places of the earth
Where shame and wrong and crime have
birth,
Or for the murky twilight gray
Where wandering sheep have gone
astray
Or where the light of faith grows
dim
And souls are groping after Him
And as sometimes a flame we find
Clear shining thru the night.
So bright we do not see the lamp
But only see the light,
So may I shine—His life the flame—
That men may glorify His name."

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

The popularity of the Plea is very evident and is manifested at each place visited by the Editor.

The call of Elder Gray has been answered by Contributions and Subscriptions.

The National Convention set the pace by taking cash to the amount of \$267.00 to get the Plea started on its journey for this convention year.

During the months of September and October the outlook for success has been "rosy-hued" and the Editor has solicited and collected pledges wherever opportunity presented itself. Co-operating with this work we have received twenty-five subscriptions from Elder Preston Taylor, more than thirty from Dr. J. B. Lehman, about twenty from Prof. Moss, six from Miss Chandler, ten from Port Gibson, through Mrs. S. R. Thomas, seven from Evangelist Calvert, and smaller numbers from others. Mrs. P. R. McCarty, Mound Bayou gave a substantial donation. Nearly every member of the S. C. I. faculty gave a contribution to "The Plea."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MISS B. E. CHANDLER, Contributing Editor
V. G. SMITH, Contributing Editor
P. H. MOSS, Departmental Editor

SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By Bessie E. Chandler Elementary Supt.
11 Primary (6-8)

"A child am I, yet in me lies part of the future of the race. A child in whom the good will of ages past have left their trace."

The characteristics of the former period (beginners 4-5) belong to this period with a few additional ones. He is also active and restless but is able to give slight attention but unable to concentrate himself upon some difficult task. His real life is one of play and your appeal as teachers must be to senses and imagination. The primary child is also self centered and one of instincts and feelings.

(a) **Physical Growth and Play**—This is also a period of rapid growth though somewhat less rapid than that of the former period. The primary child's weight according to statistic increases 32 per cent, and his height increases over 13 per cent. The muscles and internal organs have a great strain on them because during this period the children delight in running and jumping games. Games of this kind should be played in the department, but with thought on the part of the teacher as to the length of time in which they are to be played. Although they may strain the heart and other organs, they also tend to strengthen them. Games with simple rules may be taught, for the child no longer uses his hand and feet in play as aimless exercise but he now wishes to achieve something. The primary child no longer plays alone, but with companions so you have group games, for at the latter part of this period rivalry and competition begins. These games should provide contests of power or skill in which each child strives to win.

(b) **Imaginary Play**—Imaginative play begins at this period. Little dramas or act out some story that you have told them during the lesson period may be acted during the expressional period. The Good Samaritan, Lost Sheep, and countless others in which the children will delight in acting out. This will help to develop them physically and increase their religious knowledge.

(c) **Habit Formation**—It is during this period that the child forms most of his habits good or bad. One writer says it is during this period that we are molding the destiny of the child, if this statement be true let us as Bible School

teachers try to mold the child into a noble character. The child of this age is also self-centered and must be dealt with individually. He likes to be with other children, but he has no idea of subordinating himself for the good of the group. So again with the use of stories and games and conversation arouse and develop in the child the social instincts.

The instinct of imitation is very wrong. He will imitate birds, animals, persons and things he comes in contact with. He delights in imitating the doer rather than the deed. He begins to think what he would like to be when grown up. So as teachers, "Do absolutely nothing before a child that you would not have him copy. Let nothing touch his senses that you would not have enter permanently into his life." Your influence is never greater than right now.

The teacher must then bear in mind the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual characteristics of her children when teaching, playing or talking with them.

THE DAY

I. Morning

V. G. SMITH

The Lord's Day has long been a part of our religious regimen. It has been counted as one of the church ordinances. It stands out as the central church impression on the world today. So far, little agreement has been reached on baptism, frequency of the Lord's Supper, faith or order, but every church except the Seventh Day Adventist use and recognize the First Day of the Week as the Lord's Day. Businesses close down. Shops discontinue their trade and most factories run at a reduced rate or not at all. The Lord's Day is the recognized reverence of the world to Christianity.

Since it is such, the church ought to make use of the time allotted it for the promulgation of the Christian program. Whereas business starts not later than nine in the morning and if there is anything to sell, it opens at six or earlier, the church does nothing with the early morning hours. Nine-thirty is permitted to speed around before one act is performed by the church to utilize the time conceded the organiza-

tion. The practice of an early morning prayer service of an informal nature would do much to start the day right for the Christian. That may seem a style of Catholicism but there is a difference. This period is not set as a formal worship period to take the place of the morning service, thus releasing the person from further service during the day.

It has been said that the Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is a thing of the past. There should be prayer. Would anyone suggest a finer way to start the Lord's Day than in prayer to His and our Father? Perhaps this need would, if not be filled, be more fully impressed upon the minds of the church-goers.

The morning also takes in the church school in most communities. If it does not, the after-service Bible School will make a different appeal from the one before church worship. The start of the Bible School should be an impressive service. There will be an exaltation or debasement associated with the day in proportion as the opening of the Bible School is planned and executed in a worshipful spirit. There is no need for an elaborately planned service each morning but sincere simplicity plus careful preparation means more than ornateness.

The lesson period and the closing features should be appropriate, and most of all, executed decently and in order. The original impression of Christianity of young America is found in the Bible School. What is that impression given by your school?

The church services usually consume the noon hour plus the hour preceding and the hour following. So it is appropriately the noon in point of time.

Again, the average pastor and the average church goer plans to make the morning service the outstanding one of the day. It is more carefully prepared, more largely attended and more reverently approached. This is as it should be, for at this service in the Disciples Church it marks the occasion for making anew the covenant sealed by the blood of our Master symbolized in the Lord's Supper.

Two things are outstandingly retrogressive in the average morning service and the first is the pre-sermon worship. There is no recognition of the unity of spiritual experience. The devotional nature of a man is supposed to be equipped with the jumping qualities of a kangaroo. The

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

THE UPPER ROAD

The man who finds the right way to do things of his day becomes great; the man who goes at it in the wrong way loses all. When the man who sees clearly what ought to be done and accomplishes what he undertakes, everybody sees how simple it was; but the simple things are very difficult when we do not understand them.

America is made up of all the races of the earth more or less evenly proportioned. No one race or nation can gain and hold the ascendancy except as it has merit to do things. The most foolish thing any of these races can engage in is to spend its time in clamoring for its rights. The only persons that can gain ascendancy are those that do things the world needs, and even then they may be persecuted by those who do not want them to ascend in the world. Merit alone wins in the struggle for mastery. Jesus clearly taught this in his parable of the talents and his parable of the servant who gave every one of his portion in due season.

Then let us apply this teaching to the Negro who is now about ten per cent of our population. If we take the English, Irish, Germans, Dutch, Italians, Jews, Slavonians French, Asiatics and Negroes we have ten groups and not for from ten per cent in each group. These people are living here together and they must work out the race problem so it will benefit all the world. None of these can gain the ascendancy except by service. If we look over the nationality of the presidents we find that they are divided between the English, Irish and Dutch. But the future will be different. The English and Irish will not hold as much ascendancy as they have held heretofore. The Christian influence will more and more demand equality of opportunity. But equality of opportunity can come only on merit. God himself could not give anything to a man who will not give humble and modest service to his fellows.

The most foolish thing the Negro could do is to begin to clamor for his rights without thinking how he is going to use them. No man has a right to ask for anything because he is of any group or race. Power naturally comes to him who can do for mankind what it needs. The Negro is discriminated against just as all others were discriminated against in the past. But he has so many opportunities loudly calling to him, which, if he would use

them, would make him exceedingly important in our social order. He needs no more rights till he uses what opportunities he has. In Mississippi the Negro is 53 per cent of the population, and that, in spite of the fact that hundreds of thousands have migrated elsewhere in the past ten years.

This 53 per cent, if he knew how and had the will to do; could restore our soil and make it the best farming land in the nation; could build up a very fine Church life, could make its schools, crude as they are now, the outstanding educational system in the South; and could make the common labor the most efficient in the state. Further, it could begin to think how it could be of benefit to the backward of the white race. We have many in the state that have degenerated until they are scarcely capable of voting and of making a living for themselves.

When our fathers made the constitution they wisely put into it provisions that no religion, race or color or previous condition shall be made a barrier. But the eternal laws of God have made it so that they shall not be made a stepping stone either. Just because I am a white man, or a Negro, or a Protestant, or a physically strong man I can claim nothing. The only stepping stone is expressed in the words of Jesus: "if any man come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

There is only one road to higher things and that is the upper road. If the Irish, or the southern Europeans of New York, or the Jews would begin to clamor for their rights, they would get farther from them. The same is true of the Negro. The upper road is wide open and bids him come up and travel on it and all things will be his. The white race has produced no really great men except those who went on the upper road of unselfish service. Those who selfishly fought for their own race are all forgotten. The only great Negroes we have produced in the past sixty years of freedom were on the upper road. Those who delighted to call themselves "race men" are all forgotten now. God is no more a respecter of persons in honoring than in condemning. He knows no race or color in favoritism any more than in slighting. If the Negro race wants to find an equal place with the other nine groups it can easily do so if it travels on the upper road.



Is Your child Underweight?
Is Your child Nervous?
Is Your child Always Tired?
Is Your child Pale?
Is Your child Anaemic?
Is Your child Stoopid?
If not, maybe someone else's is
and needs YOUR help.

Buy Christmas Seals to help all
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Bible Thought and Prayer

RULES FOR RIGHT LIVING—Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—Eph. 4: 31, 32.

PRAYER—Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Thy love wherewith Thou hast loved us, and then we will think no evil.

Bible Thought and Prayer

BE CHARITABLE—Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.—Gal. 6:1.

PRAYER—Most merciful God, help us to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Amen.

Bible Thought and Prayer

THE GOLDEN RULE—As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them.—Luke 6:31.

PRAYER—Lord, help us to make Thee the standard of our life, and then we ever will love aright and serve aright everyone else.

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I AM YOUR ENEMY

I do not care who you are, lawyer, minister, farmer, teacher, laborer anybody.

I do not care whether you are rich or poor, old or young, strong or weak, everyone.

I do not care where you are, at home, on the street, on the train, anywhere.

I am more powerful than all the armies, more deadly than guns or poison gas, more cruel than the most uncivilized man or the fiercest beast.

I steal millions each year, but give nothing to anyone.

I always tear down, never build up. I rejoice in bringing you trouble, sorrow and suffering.

I am defeated each day by many, yet I never give up the attack.

Who am I?

I am Carelessness.

The mark of a saint is not perfection, but consecration. A saint is not a man without faults, but a man who has given himself without reservation to God.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

AS A MAN THINKETH

By F. D. PERKINS

EXPLORING THE DEEP

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught."—St. Luke 5:5.

Because the deep part of things corresponds to the deep part of our nature, it is a satisfaction to fathom the depths of a thing. Then, somehow we know that the deep part of us is the dynamic part. It is the "Silence" of the Transcendentalists.

A noted writer uses the term "deep-self," and believes that in this stratum of mind operates the combined emotional potentiality of the races. But it becomes effective only when directed by the conscious will of a single individual, for emotion is of the body, but will is in the spirit.

Outer diversity is the outgrowth of inner unity. There is a statement that runs: "Then know ye that there is no divergence of plan or purpose. All is unity. What appears to be diversity is a difference in grade and form."

If an idea presents the appearance of being too complicated for analysis, we trace it to its origin and learn the principle on which it is founded. We discover its secret and deprive it of its power to intimidate us. In this connection, we owe a great deal to modern science.

The Vienna school of psychologists led by Dr. Sigmund Freud, teaches that mental troubles are caused by ideas (usually of a disagreeable nature) existing in the mind below the level of consciousness. These ideas retain just enough vitality to reach the attention in the form of unpleasant fantasies and distorted dreams. In other words we are troubled by what we do not understand. So the treatment of the psychologists is to find the hidden ideas and expose them to the full light of consciousness.

If you have listened to Beethoven's music you must have noticed the suggestion of depth and power. These were characteristics of the composer and his music has been called the music of the infinite! His biographers tell us he kept constantly on his work table these lines, said to have been found on an ancient temple: "I am that which is, that has been, and that ever shall be.

No mortal hand has lifted my veil. He is by Himself, and it is to Him that everything owes its existence." Remember these lines the next time you hear his "Sonata Pathetic."

WHAT WE NEED MOST

By Dr. Frank Crane

The trouble is:

We don't have time.

We don't have time to get acquainted with those who live around us and we don't have time to get acquainted with ourselves.

Just keeping the machinery of life going takes all our time.

The two sides of our lives are the material and the spiritual.

We can cave in on the spiritual side easier than we can on the material side. We are propped up on that side with pointed props. We have to eat, and we have to pay for what we eat. The earnest creditor and the importunate landlord dog our steps. Life is real and life is earnest around the first of each month.

If we shirk our responsibilities on that side of life we come up against hard actuality with a bang. Materialism is not a theory; it is an actuality.

The consequences of shirking on the other side of life—the spiritual—are not so soon apparent, but they are equally disastrous.

Those who do become shallow and cold,

"And he whose soul is flat—the sky

Will cave in on him by and by."

The thing we need most is time—time to discover ourselves; time to think our own thoughts; time to stop before we have to decide; time to think before we say the biting word; time to put ourselves in the other person's shoes before we make our condemnation; time to romp with the fairies of childhood in the turmoil of maturity. Time is what we need most of all.

And more than any of these we need time to visit our own souls, our City of Refuge in times of trouble.

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NEWS ITEMS

By Dr. Preston Taylor, President

The twelfth national convention that met in Chicago laid the basis for much concrete work, among them, team work. Each state is requested to organize a team of the best workers, send them out by two's four's six's or such numbers as will do the most effective work. The objective is to visit the churches and to impart a more spiritual life in them. Without an active body filled with the good works our religion is sure to be in vain. We all are in need of a new vision of the things that are needed to be done. We have the resources to do with. The men and women of our group have great ability, they only need to take on new life and responsibilities for doing things. Let us suggest an idea, it can be done. An automobile filled with the proper persons can work a line of many miles during the day, and night meet the mass meeting and deliver the message. What can be done with one automobile and its missionaries can be doubled with two teams. Who is making ready and who will report first? There is a large field of activities waiting to welcome the coming of helpers. It is not new doctrine, they are bringing but an old doctrine to be put into new hearts, that will respond to the demands of our heavenly Master. They will sow bountifully and may reap bountifully. Yesterday was a great day in our church. The lesson was on stewardship. The baskets that went forth returned with a hundred dollars (\$100). One man explained why we had not had such lessons before, I will double my gifts to the cause. Before closing this letter, the mail brings several responses saying we are organizing our team ready to cover the state, another sends in a long distance call asking for helpers and a guide in the work. May we take the example of our Master sending teams out in His earthly ministry, and how they'll return reporting the fruitful mission that they were on.

GREAT POWER FROM GOD—
Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of an enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.—Luke 10:19.

PRAYER—O Lord, Most High, we seek to dwell in the secret place where no evil thing can befall us.

DR. W. A. SCOTT PASSES

Rev. W. A. Scott formerly of Jackson, Mississippi, who for the past ten years lived at Johnson City, Tennessee, died Tuesday, November 6th. He was one of the brightest minds of the race, and after graduating from Hiram College in early manhood by his own efforts, he pushed his way to the front in fraternal and religious circles. He was G. W. C. of the court of Calanthe in the State of Mississippi for many years and presided over the Court with dignity. For sixteen years he was president of the Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention and from his fertile mind evolved the greatest financial system in the brotherhood for the evangelistic work of the State.

The Convention of the State of Mississippi split over the election of officers shortly after his graduation from college, but it was largely by his efforts that the erring brethren were brought back into the fold.

He served as pastor of some of the leading churches in Mississippi, Texas and Tennessee. He also served as chaplain and Prof. of Science of Alcorn College, Mississippi.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Johnson City, Tennessee, where a large gathering witnessed the sad occasion.

He leaves a wife, several sons and daughters, a sister and other relatives to mourn his loss.

Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tennessee delivered the funeral address.

TO THE MINISTERS' WIVES NATIONAL CONVENTION

I am enjoying the most beautiful and useful office of my life and I am indebted to the organization known as the "Ministers' Wives," who have their meeting annually with our National convention. They furnished in our New Home at Greenwood Park, the office with all the New Improved furniture of the day, which is adding much to my comfort and pleasure. May the occupant and office render service in the most effective way to the cause of our HEAVENLY MASTER AND HIS PEOPLE.

Elder Preston Taylor.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHURCH—MEMPHIS

The Women's Missionary Society met with much success in its financial effort. The president reports that \$25.00 may be paid on the apportionment at once. Mrs. Daniels is president. Mrs. Bonner is secretary.

The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Walker is pleasing Minister and congregation by the excellency of the music rendered each Lord's Day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rowan, who was Church Organist, left the City November 1st, to join her husband in Muskogee, Okla.

Miss Johnetta Walker has been selected as Organist to succeed Mrs. Rowan.

Dr. J. B. Lehman has called the Joint Executive Committee to convene in Memphis Wednesday Nov. 21st. Eld. Preston Taylor who is a member of the committee will preach for the Miss. Blvd. Church the evening of Nov. 21st. A great spiritual feast is assured.

Sunday November 4th, Elder Blair T. Hunt preached on the Love and Severity of God. Every heart was edified by the information and inspiration of the sermon.

Mr. Jas. T. Chandler formerly of Nashville, Tenn., and Lea Avenue Church has cast his lot with the Disciples of Memphis.

BIBLE SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Prof. Moss and Miss Chandler held a three day institute for the Bible School of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, the closing days of October.

Each session was brimful of inspiration and information.

Wherever possible, brother Bonner and his co-workers will bring into operation their recommendations.

The last session saw sister Carey with the most excellent cake and sandwiches for all. At this session Supt. Bonner, brother Yarborough, sister Daniels and others told of the great benefits derived from the institute.

May this team, "Moss and Chandler," live long and continue to inspire and inform.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

WOMAN'S PART IN KINGDOM BUILDING

By Mrs. William Alphin

Perhaps no subject is now of more importance in the church work than kingdom building. "Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done," was of first importance with God's own Son.

Was not the church handicapped and retarded in the growth of kingdom building by being a divided body? If the children of God were one as the children of the world, the growth of the church would be marvelous. But denominationalism has divided God's people and caused families to be divided, when our Heavenly Father intended that we should be one great Christian family.

And since God established the family, placing man at its head and woman as his help-mate, woman should be a vital part in the kingdom building. Then surely it is worthy of our thought to think of kingdom building as it affects the womanhood of the world. Since it was by woman that sin came into the world, it should be her business to help eradicate sin.

In kingdom building, our eyes and our ears should be open to see and hear sin in high places as well as in low places. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," is a true adage. The hand that rocks the cradle should be the greatest moulder of Christian character in kingdom building.

Can we estimate the goal of kingdom building unless our minds have a worldwide vision of the needs of the human family? It's not a selfish building; loving my own children, and forgetting the remaining children of the world. Put a hundred babies in a large room on a pallet together. Let them represent the nations of the world. They coo, cry, and smile and are as happy as they can be. Let them remain in this room without being taught who they are, they grow up loving, romping and playing together, never thinking whose babies they are, or how come some of them red, others brown, white or black. These babies given us by God, can be moulded into Christian character that will make them feel they are God's children and belong to the human family; and not black or white children.

Mothers, God has given us this power of moulding and shaping the mind of the child. Shall we shirk this duty? Shall we do it selfishly? Then I should say woman's first part in kingdom building should be in moulding

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an unselfish spirit in their children, and having a universal love for mankind.

These children with a common, Heavenly Father should be so taught and reared to know that God has no special group, but that we are all his children. Children thus reared should go forth into the church group able to help those who have come from non-Christian homes; and to go into the business world as helpers to put down racial prejudices.

We cannot do this, women, unless we live and work among women of other races. Nothing has developed the church women of the United States more than the Inter-racial meetings, in bringing about a better understanding of the Negro woman's ideal of living with the white women.

We have lived and worked together, not knowing each other. The white women have been afraid to meet us on an equal footing, when cultured, for fear we sought social privileges. While we as a race, were rearing our sons to love their own and be fearful of ever looking at young white women, since so many innocent young men have died for so doing. As a race, we have been thought of as all being the same. But the Inter-racial meeting recently held in Atlanta, Ga. brought representative Negro women from all the churches and clubs. Such women as Mary Church Terrell, Elizabeth Carter, Hallie Q. Brown, Mrs. Booker T. Washington and a host of others were there to meet their white sisters of culture and tell them that for more than thirty years Negro women have been organized into a national organization, with the motto, "Lifting as we climb."

They sought to give us a better and cleaner home life, since slavery had given us no home life. They told of the more than three hundred thousand Negro women who met in state and national meetings, studying the problems of the race and planting institutions in large cities to help the working girls. When these cultured white women had met our cultured group and they discussed and thought through some of our problems, they found they were thinking Christianly alike, and the trouble was, each did not know what the other was thinking. What they needed was a closer touch existing between them. Our representative of the Disciples of Christ was Mrs. Affra E. Anderson. She told me afterwards she was surprised at the culture she found among our group and wished I had been there to represent the Ne-

gro Disciples. The growth of this Inter-racial movement has spread in the south, east, west and north; into city and state groups and solve many of the problems that cause race riots. These white women were astonished when they met this group of Negro women with culture and alertness, thinking through the problems of the home, community, and how to get the good-will message, "Peace on earth and good-will to all mankind," to all the world as it was a world message to the human family, and not a racial message.

The growth of this movement should find our women in the Inter-racial movement from every state. As this national meeting found out that there was a need of the men and women of the races to get together on these vital problems, so have the local and state groups.

You may ask, "What does the Inter-racial meetings have to do with kingdom building?" It has everything to do with it; for when we can sit as brothers and sisters and discuss the weakness of each race and decide on the best way to solve the problems that arise in our community and church life; we shall put down many race riots just as we have had the decline in lynching.

There was a time when the subject of lynching was not discussed from the pulpit or the church paper. But today it is condemned from the pulpit to pew and by every religious journal. It is this step in kingdom building in which the women of the church are very actively engaged. When womanhood has declared that a human family shall live in our city and community as human creatures and not as black or white, God will then bless us with universal peace.

Woman's next step in kingdom building is in the political world. Should woman be in politics. It is not a question of whether we should or not for we are now in. The ballot has been given to us. We should use it to strike at wrongs in the government, as much so as in the home and the church. What could help us more than good laws enforced and Christian men occupying the seats in congress? Shall we hope for a warless nation or world until we have a majority of Christian men leading us? What made the way of the American life capable of building a safe foundation for this great country of ours? It was the Puritan idea of honoring God with a heart of thankfulness for their relief monarchical government. When our constitution shall be upheld and the vote becomes a sacred thing in the minds of the people, not to be bought or sold to the highest bidder, then as a government, we shall have gone a long way in kingdom building.

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STATE NEWS

MISSISSIPPI, "THE MAGNOLIA STATE"

Evangelist B. C. Calvert held a ten days revival with the North Jackson Christian Church in the month of September, closing on the 5th Sunday. The Evangelist's wife, Mrs. Calvert attended the services each night and said she enjoyed the meeting. Elder B. L. Jacobs is the worthy pastor. He has some splendid helpers in the persons of Brother M. S. Brown, Brother A. Elmore, Brother Wilson, Brother Lairy, Mrs. Brown, and a number of others we can not mention here. Three were added to the church.

A week's meeting was begun by Evangelist Calvert at the Pilgrim Rest Christian Church, Clay County, October 8th, 1928. One by primary obedience. The church was much revived. Brother L. C. Quinn, Prof. S. F. Green, Brother James Quinn are the leaders among the brethren at this place.

The Mississippi Evangelist who is doing some special work at Indianola conducted a real inspirational service there the 3rd Sunday in October, and on Monday following held a meeting with the church and adopted the Budget System. The leading stars here are Dr. A. R. Walker, Brother A. L. Brown, and Brother J. A. Lee.

The Fall revival of the First Christian Church of Clarksdale is now in progress. Three additions to date. Evangelist Calvert is doing the preaching, and last Lord's Day was a high day with the revival and church. A hundred and seventy-one (\$171.00) dollars were raised. The clubs are working fine.

The local Willing Workers Missionary Society of Clarksdale has raised more than Fifty Dollars since the State Convention in August.

Mrs. Jennie Coleman, one of the faithful members of our church, has been on the sick list during the past week, but we are glad to report that she is recovering.

Brother E. D. Vaughn, who has a shoe shop out at Jonestown, has been very faithful in attendance at the meeting.

Brother C. A. Watt, who lives out near Friars Point, was out Sunday both day and night with his family.

Editor P. A. Gray dropped in on us Sunday night, October 28, 1928, and

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brought our folk a message they will not soon forget. Mr. VanBuren, son of Mrs. Van Buren, accompanied the Editor. Both left early Monday morning for Memphis.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. S. S. Blackburn, who was hurt in the car wreck on her way to the National Convention, is still in the hospital at Springfield, Illinois. Let the pastors of our brotherhood remember her with an after collection. The hospital expenses are great.

The Mound Bayou District Convention will be held with the Mound Bayou Christian Church, November 15-18, 1928.

Mrs. D. A. Elliott will leave Clarksdale on the night of November 1, 1928, for a visit with relatives at Port Gibson. We wish for her a pleasant trip.

Our place of worship was greatly damaged by fire last Thursday, October 25, 1928. It was covered by insurance.

Our hearts go out in sympathy for Elder T. R. Everett, who recently lost his wife. May the Lord bless and strengthen him in his hours of sorrow.

We are now experiencing some cold days.

STATE WORK

We are beginning this year's work with a much larger program with the hope of getting better results than ever. We aim to sound the note of Evangelism thruout the state, with Brother A. W. Davis on the field as part time Evangelist. We feel sure a good program will be put over. Our churches are realizing their greatest needs and are endeavoring to meet them.

At our recent state convention our state was divided into two districts, Elder I. K. Hicks, President of the Western District and the writer is President of the Eastern District. Here-to-fore we have attempted district meetings but nothing ever came from them.

Our slogan for the year is, "Something Must Be Done." We have a fine set of ministers in the state this year. The prospects for a good year's work is

fine. We hope to take a survey of several places and begin new work.

Each church in the state is to have at least one good Evangelistic meeting during the year. We aim to go over the top with our state and national claim.

"THE SET OF THE SAILS"

"One ship drives east, and another west,
With the self-same winds that blow;
'Tis the set of the sails,
And not the gales,
Which decides the way we go.

Like the winds of the sea are the wings
of fate,
As we voyage along through life;
'Tis the WILL of the soul
That decides the goal,
And not the calm or the strife."

—The Forecast.

S. C. I. MEETS

On Sunday, November 4th the Church at the Southern Christian Institute held its annual meeting and made full report of the year's work and elected officers. The churches adopted a constitution and bylaws. It has three elders and six deacons. One elder and two deacons are elected each year to serve three years. This obviates the trouble of electing an elder and deacon for life whether they serve well or not.

The Church now has sixty four members living here and active. The Church and its auxiliaries gave \$1201.15 last year for missions, benevolences and education. This makes an average of nearly \$18.77 per member. Perhaps not a dozen churches in the brotherhood gave that much per month.

In a spiritual way the Church made an equally good record. All its members contribute to the cause and those that have gone away to school have taken membership immediately where they went and they have gone to work where they could. It is our belief that if a brotherhood spends money to maintain a mission school to train leaders that it ought to give much attention to the religious training. Some of those well up in the educational world would like to make us like other schools in which we would lose all this. But we believe the parents will appreciate a school where their children have educational advantages equal to all the others and this careful religious training along with it.

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"THE DAY"

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hymns, prayers, Scripture and sermon are unlike composites of a heterogeneous mass. The choir-ster and the pastor, like Jew and Samaritan, have no dealings with each other and sometimes the organist gets a prelude or musical selection as far from the theme as Dan was from Bathsheba. Divorced from mental effort the worship program flies around in the realm as mythical. Little effort would be necessary to get the songs, Scriptures and sermon to correlate and after a little there could be made some advances in prepared prayer. It seems a shame that the congregation should demand preparation when a person is going to speak to them but need no preparation when they approach God. They should give God the best even as they demand the best of their servant. A prepared worship program is as essential as a prepared sermon.

The second point in the average service is the unspiritual manner of taking the offering. Most of the time the sermon is lost and the communion de-spiritualized by the mad rush for envelopes, pencils, even change and back dues. Some places a second sermon on finances must be preached ere the contribution is taken. Other places there must be an announcement of the collection ere church is dismissed. There is more rejoicing over one penny collected than over ninety and nine persons brought to Christ. The Great Commission has been changed to read, "Go ye into all the world and preach finances to every individual, he that believeth and "shells out" will be saved; but he that does not shall be damned." If men have been truly converted, money and all is at the disposal of the church. A worshipful offering is a successful offering even if there is not quite so much money. There is a place to teach giving and it is not just before the offering.

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Should not this opportunity to vote come to the womanhood of the church in a particular manner? When we think of the countless numbers of men and women who have filled drunkards graves and whose children have been left without food or raiment while those who appease their appetites with liquor live in the palatial homes, dressed in the best of robes and jeweled fingers. And are we ready for the church

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to be controlled by the state? We all know what the Catholic Church stands for. Compare North America and South America. One under Rome and the other allowing us to serve God according to the dictates of our conscience. Do we remember medieval history? Should not Christianity teach people the power of the ballot and stand for every American citizen having his right to vote?

Then when womanhood has wrought well in the training of children and youth in the essentials of meeting the races of men in community life, in the commercial world and the political world; there comes with these, working before any of these and along with these, the church world should be the climax of leading youth to its zenith of Christian manhood. What has helped the adult of our church more than the two Youth Conventions held in connection with our International Convention. Youth dares to do what they think is right. They tackle race prejudices meted out to the youth of the land. They are bold enough to discuss it on the floor of their conventions and through religious journals. They are even bolder to bring their findings to the floor of the convention to the mothers, fathers, and pastors, who have "seft-pedaled" the wrong and admonished us to be patient.

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ARROWS

By R. A. ADAMS

For Preston News Service
Doing It Well

Whatever you may undertake,
If meagre be the task, or great,
If failure you would obviate,
Whatever there may be at stake,
If you would make it tell,
Then always do it well!

Whatever you may have to say,
For self, or pleading human weal,
Your best put into the appeal,
And you the multitudes will sway,
And their applause compel,
By always doing well!

If knowledge you desire to gain,
And win a niche among the wise,
The smallest thing do not despise,
What you desire you may obtain,
And win unmeasured praise,
By doing well, always!

This is o motto worth your while;
So, whatever you strive to do,
Whatever course you may pursue,
If others frown or smile,
With all your heart,
Do well your part!

To be good is noble, but to teach others how to be good is nobler—and less trouble.—Mark Twain.

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We are requesting the ministers to appoint a reporter in their churches to send the church news and keep the Plea before the people.

"THE PLEA" WILL SERVE
THE CHURCHES IF THE MIN-
ISTERS WILL SERVE "THE
PLEA.

J. E. W.

Christmas Seal Your Mail



Twinkle, twinkle, little seal,
How I jump at your appeal,
Send my little dollar quick,
Helping someone who is sick.

Bible Thought and Prayer

HOW TO CONQUER AN ENEMY—When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.—Prov. 16:7.

PRAYER—O Lord, Thou hast revealed Thyself and taught us to rest in Thee, for Thou hast compassed us about with songs of deliverance.

Bible Thought and Prayer

MERCY ASSURED — He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.—Prov. 28:12.

PRAYER—Our loving Father, we thank Thee that in Christ Jesus our Lord, when we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Bible Thought and Prayer

GUARD THE TONGUE—Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.—Ps. 34:13-14.

PRAYER—Thou knowest, Lord, that the tongue can no man tame. Bring our thoughts in accord with Thine, and our tongues will speak only wisdom.

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Does It Pay To Hold Conventions?

P. H. MOSS, Supt. of Religious Education

When once we take into consideration, the time and money spent in attending conventions, this question will not down. But up to now we have not found a better way to transact the business of which all have a common interest. In our cooperative work, there must be a planning for new work and reporting results of the year that has just passed. Somehow the radio does not serve this field. There must be the personal touch of head and heart; there must be a thinking through together the problems that confront of us. Sometimes it requires thinking aloud on the convention floor; some of us are better at that kind of thinking than the quiet and prayerful way.

I know some times it appears to those who are less interested that this is all a matter of "fuss and feathers," but we have not discovered a better way as yet. We admit that some of our conventions have not gone very far in fifty years; but what if they had made no effort at all? I am reminded of the old saying: "How few think justly of the thinking few, alas! how many never think, who think they do?"

It seems that we must hold these annual meetings until we have found a better way. If our meeting together can result in the forward step in kingdom building; if the minds of many are better than that of a few; if we can line up the brotherhood in one great phalanx against the forces of the world, then we will not regret the spending of money, time and what little gray matter we have. It has been the privilege of the writer to attend the following conventions, since the close of the National convention.

Florida State Convention

The Florida state convention convened September 20-23 at Cypress, Fla. Long time ago the year book carried the name Cypress, but when we could not find any one who knew anything about a church there, it was considered as another error of the Year Book. Last year Elder C. J. Bolling, the state evangelist of Florida, got in touch with some one from this point who invited him to make a visit to Cypress. Elder Bolling and the state President made a trip to this place and found a little group of disciples, who had been left alone so long until they could hardly be identified by the ear marks of disciples. There are several little congregations around and about Cypress. The state convention was invited to hold its session there.

The convention was not well attended but we count the discovery of these neglected brothers well worth while. They have been holding for years what they call "Union Meetings" on each fifth Sunday. I understand that the money accruing from these meetings after the overhead expense, have been used in the purchasing of lots in the cities, as a result they have several lots upon which they hope to build houses of worship at some time.

The convention reelected Elder S. H. Henderson, of Pensacola as President; Elder C. J. Bolling, who is now located at Century as state Evangelist. We hope to spend some time visiting that part of the field.

South Carolina State Convention

The South Carolina convention was held at Holly Hill, S. C. with the Gallilee Christian Church, October 9-14. Elder R. H. Boyd, President of the Bible School,

opened the session just a little before noon of the first day of the convention. This department felt somewhat neglected because so many seemed to not have any interest in the teaching service of the church. They felt that they could well afford to stay away until it was about over. This same thing is noticeable in the local church, even many of the good shepherds fail to heed that injunction "Lovest Thou me, feed my lambs."

**"A careful man ought I to be,
A little fellow follows me,
I do not care to go astray
For fear he'll go the selfsame way."**

Elder Boyd feels that there should be a little more time given for this department. There was no space for the young people to hold a program, otherwise the Sunday School session was very good. Elder R. H. Boyd was re-elected President.

The Women's Missionary Society opened its session Thursday morning with Mrs. Betsy Davis in the chair. Sister Davis has kept the work alive in the state convention since Mrs. Rosa Brown Grubbs, organized the women at the Macedonia church out from Ehrhardt some years ago.

I well remember, the word of some of the women, when they were organized, they said that they were so glad that there was something that a woman could do. One of the brethren got so worked up over the matter, that he said "I tell you sisters and brothers, I feel pesticated; we must give these sisters a chance." Sister Davis was not the first President, but was elected very soon after, and since then she has done a mighty fine work in keeping organized.

The women of South Carolina are wondering why Mrs. Grubbs does not come among them once in awhile. Sister Davis knows no discouragement. She has or-

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

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III. JUNIORS (9-10-11)

The boy and girl of this period is unlike the children of early childhood. It is a period of slow growth of health and hardihood. The teacher of this group must bear in mind that this is a period of good health and of boundless energy and vitality. The question then for the teacher to consider is whether she should control this overflowing energy, or, let the group alone control it. The teacher with the help of the group should control it through class organization, having something educational always for them to do when together. The Junior motto is: "Go ye doers of the word and not hearers only." Then the program for this group should utilize the time of these energetic boys and girls.

It is during this period that the gregarious impulse is strong, the desire to act in groups and not as individuals is outstanding. The child of this age more than ever delights in playing with larger groups. The fighting, wrestling, and competitive instinct is strong. At this time boys and girls form themselves into "gangs." Through these gangs much good or much evil can be wrought.

The teacher then should first organize her class in Bible School with the boys and girls as officers. Clubs for camping, hiking, hunting and other wholesome activities should be organized to aid the child in making use of this surplus energy.

As teachers of this group let us consider something the Juniors are mostly interested in:

(a) He is interested in Real Life, thus accounting for his boisterous ways. He desires to go up "against it" though it is difficult. His further desire to investigate or know real life leads him to be annoying, mischievous and do just what we do not want him to do. To him noise, confusion, and wrestling are all real life.

(b) He is interested in "Va-
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riety of Experience"—He will try one experience after another for the activity and variation he gets. When he knows that his Bible School lesson will not be taught the same old way every Sunday it arouses in him new life and great anticipation.

(c) He is interested in Reading and Memorizing—The Junior child delights in reading about great heroes. He forms ideals then of right or wrong through the acts of the heroes whom he admires. Then you must give him books to read that will have noble characters for him to pattern after, Assign him poems and stories to learn which will help him to form high ideals.

(d) The Junior likes Religion not false piety, but real genuine religion. It is at this time we must take special interest in each child in leading him to Christ and to keep before him, "The constant thought of God as companion in the moral struggles of life."

An Open Letter Sent Out To All Bible Schools

Dear Co-Workers:

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 25th, is the time the first offering is made by the Bible Schools for Religious Education and Home Missions.

The National Apportionment of the Bible School and Christian Endeavors this year is Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). Each Church School in the Brotherhood is asked to give in this offering. The amount your school is asked to give may be taken on the Four Special Days. Make this first offering as big as possible. Send at once for the beautiful program of the (United Christian Missionary Society) "Youth In Training" is the title of the play. The program is educational, be sure to put it on in your school. Write to the United Christian Missionary Society, Mission Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

I am enclosing a leaflet giving the National Apportionment of each state and each school in the state. Find your state then look for the name of school and see just what it is requested to give this year. Take at least one-fourth of your offering on Thanksgiving Sunday. If you find it impossible to take the offering on Thanksgiving Sunday, take it the Sunday before, be sure to take it.

You will be interested in this information. Out of 500 schools only 139 schools gave anything toward the national apportionment. 16 schools gave \$25.00, 2 schools gave \$30.00, 1 school gave \$40.00, 6 schools gave \$50.00, 2 schools gave \$70.00, 2 schools gave \$75.00 and 5 schools gave \$100.00. 34 schools gave the sum of \$1,626.15 and 105 schools gave \$642.00. And there were 361 non-giving schools. Can the program of Christian Education go forward as long as there is dereliction to be found in our Brotherhood?

Send all offering as follows: The Department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Ind. (This is the new Headquarters.) Do our department the favor of reading this

letter in your school. We want you to feel that this is a personal letter, but it is to be shared with the whole Church School.

Yours for the Goal (\$3,000.00),

PATRICK H. MOSS,
Supt. of Religious Education.
MISS BESSIE E. CHANDLER,
Elementary Superintendent.

EDUCATION AND RELIGION

In too many communities there is an antagonistic spirit existing between the church and the school. Science and "religion" have clashed numerous and "rumorously." If science and religion are necessary forces of human life there should be no conflict. If science seeks the truth it will certainly find the true religion, thrus christianity. "Seek and ye shall find." If there be a conflict, it tis not a conflict between science and religion, but a conflict between the promoters, or leaders in the two fields.

Religion should enable its possessor to live a better, a nobler, a fuller, a happier, a longer life, and to respect the rights of his fellowman. Education, in the final analysis, seeks the same goal.

The leaders in each should understand and cooperate wth leaders in the other. They should work together, for in unity there is strength. Many of their differences are delusions. They do not exist. We have made mountains out of mole-hills. The true co-worker of the church is the school, and the church leaders and those of the school should realize it and utilize the realization.

LEXINGTON LIVES AND LETS LIVE

A different one conducts each mid-week Service. James McKee swings on to the Sunday School and all else thats good. Sister Amelia Jones "Puts the Choir over." If a choir can run itself, LET it.

Brother E. W. Chenault is better and out again.

We raised \$100.00 on "Catch-up Day."

The District Sunday School met with us the middle of October.

We share brother Everett's grief in the loss of his wife, she died at Nicholasville, Sept. 7th.

We hope none of our friends lost their heads or life during election time.
**KENTUCKY CHURCHES MUST
FIND STUDENTS FOR LINCOLN IN-
STITUTE.**

C. H. DICKERSON,
446 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

What steam is to the engine, energy is to the man.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

A PARALLEL CASE THAT IS NOT QUITE PARALLEL

Over a year ago the Episcopalians called President W. A. Battle from the Okolona School to become superintendent of all their school work and he left his wife to conduct the Okolona School and he took the field for them. Last week as I was taking the train at Cincinnati I found him as one of the passengers and we had the opportunity to talk over many things pertaining to the work in general.

I have very frequently said in writing and in speaking that we are not divided into North and South and there is no organic division between the white people and the Negroes and that we ought to be enabled to do a much more permanent work than those churches that are divided into North and South, or those that have their membership almost entirely in one or the other sections. At first the work was slower and more difficult for us, but in the end it must be more permanent and more lasting. This I used to say from information I got some years ago. But through Mr. Battle I learned that we are not alone in this field now. The Episcopalians are not divided into North and South or into Negro and white and they have about as many churches in the South as in the North. And they have forged ahead in the work of Negro Education until they now have nine schools and are spending about \$500,000 annually. This great advance has been made in the past few decades. This greatly outstrips the Disciples of Christ though the Episcopalians are not as numerous as the Disciples of Christ. And they are not making the mistake of some others of reaching for the higher education at the sacrifice of preparatory work. These schools are in a very real sense civilization builders and the influence that moulds the Negro youth in the preparatory stage will determine the future civilization. We must of course look to the higher education for all those who can and wish to go to the top, but we must not sacrifice the preparatory work for that.

The future place of the Negro in America depends on his ability

to meet the people, North and South, in a Christian co-operation. The northern people have wished the Negro much more rights than the South wished, but it is yet in the theoretical stage. The white South has taken a more hostile attitude, but at heart it has been very sympathetic. And it has shown great capacity to change its attitude as time has gone on. Among the Episcopalians the southern bishops are the real dynamos that create the current of missionary passion for this cause. Bishop Bratton told me recently that he asked the Mississippi churches for one hundred thousand dollars for missions and he asked the privilege to designate it himself and they granted it and he spent the larger per cent for Negro education.

During the period from the Civil War to the World War the Negro in America was able to hold just about to his place of ten per cent and yet during that time the emigration from Europe averaged about a million each year. Now that emigration is shut out and the Negro has a monopoly of the hard labor of the country, if his rate of increase is not diminished now, he will be thirty per cent before the year two thousand comes around. But it is being diminished some. The educated ones do not have large families and those who have emigrated north often live in such crowded condition that the death rate is very great. But nevertheless we must look for a large increase in the percentage.

The fate of any country is very largely in the hands of a minority that is as large as thirty per cent. As an initiative force it can not do much, but in influence it can be all powerful. The fate of America is in what we do for the Negro. And what the Episcopalians and the Disciples of Christ do must necessarily be of very great importance. We say this without disparaging what the others have done. For example, the Congregationalists have been the leaders in this field and they have done a fine work. Their white membership has been entirely in the North and their teachers could go ahead and do what they pleased and go north for their vacations. This was a great advantage in the early stages of the work, for they could force a situation that was greatly

hindered by prejudice. But it is not now the most fortunate situation when the Negro is coming to a more important place in the South. He must not be made to feel that the South is his enemy, though he has many enemies in the South. He must now feel that he is in a sense a missionary to help bring the South into full co-operation. In doing this he will learn his own limitations and capacities, and that will be a very wholesome influence on the Christian white people of the South.

The Disciples of Christ should plan to double and treble and quadruple their effort for the Negro. The Negroes themselves should stand ready to shoulder their full share. I feel that in this respect we have excelled the Episcopalians and we certainly have the opportunity to make great strides forward now. The most earnest prayer of all of us should be to be led by the Spirit of God in what we do.

Bible Thought and Prayer

GOD WILL GUIDE THEE—Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go.—Ps. 32:9-8.

PRAYER—O Spirit of the living God, we need Thy guidance, for the way is strange to us. Keep us from self will. Make us teachable and then show us the way to walk.

TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY—The angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:10, 11.

PRAYER—O Thou Lord of Life, be Thou born anew in us, and then we will pass on daily the good tidings and great joy to others until all people have received them.

Bible Thought and Prayer

LIVE RIGHT TODAY—Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.—Prov. 27:1.

PRAYER—Thou art from everlasting to everlasting God, but we are as the grass that withereth. We come to Thee to live in Thee because Thou art our security and our hope.

The EDITOR'S PAGE

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COMMENTS BY THE EDITOR

Some Things We Can Do to Make "The Plea" a Success

COOPERATE—After all, the thing we have got to Sell is the "Christian Plea." This means that our churches, pastors, secretaries or reporters must feel a personal responsibility for getting the news to the "Christian Plea" for publication. We are a people that like news, we like to share it, and we like to hear it; then why not report it to "The Plea," and let us all read about it?

Any information relative to visits from National Field Workers, visitors from the United Christian Missionary Society, news of pastors and evangelists, news of our schools and Missionaries will be welcomed or solicited as general Brotherhood news.

Information relative to special work, such as, celebrations, anniversaries, dedications, rallies, changes in the officiating or the staff of workers, available pastors residing in the community and

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available pulpits in your city or community in need, or desiring a pastor. Additions to the Church—How? Transfers of members—Where? Church plans, programs, budgets and progress made; information relative to the history of the church, its chartered members, its past officers, total number of pastors to date, and the progress of the church through the years. The church's achievements, its contribution to the Brotherhood and its present status, this information will be received and welcomed as local church news items. Also we would like to have personal news items, matters pertaining to the individual members of the church, as for instance, change of Residence, Marriages, Births, Deaths, interesting incidents and accomplishments relative to the families of the church; also our friends would be interested in having the news items of our city.

Matters of General Interest Pertaining to the City

Special happenings of other churches, social events, civic development and enterprise, industrial conditions such as, Construction Work Shops, Manufacturing, Road Work, etc., matters of interest to those desiring work, Racial and Inter-racial progress being made in the community; these are the things most of us would like to know about our old "home town," or about our friends' "home town"; this, we feel is very necessary in cooperation and will mean much to create a real demand for the paper in this particular. In addition to this, we need the cooperation of all, in contributing material of inspirational, educational or informational nature, such as, Addresses, Sermons, Lectures, etc.

SUPPORT AND BOOST—The next thing we can do to make "The Plea" a success, is to give it our hearty support. "The Christian Plea," like every worthy enterprise, must have funds to keep going. From the 1st of September to the 1st of December has proven a very profitable period for "The Plea" financially, the total being, \$513.19 gathered in from all sources with more than 150 additions to the Subscription List, which makes a very nice start. Let us not, however, feel that this is quite suf-

ficient. Every member of the church should feel a personal responsibility for two things financially:

First—We are hoping that every one will pay his dollar for his subscription to "The Plea"; if you haven't got it now, make a pledge and indicate when it is most convenient to pay it.

Second—Make a contribution over and above your subscription to the "Christian Plea Fund." We can at least do this much to support our paper and then let us all together boost our paper, our church and our Christ. Nothing is better than a good boost. Be a **BOOSTER**, not a knocker for the "Christian Plea."

We are asking every church to see that it has a "Plea Committee" composed of two of its most faithful and loyal members, whose duty shall be to collect and report all News Items such as we have mentioned, and secure subscriptions or pledges to subscriptions, and contributions on pledges and contributions.

We specially feel at this season of the year, when we are all thinking of Thanksgiving, of the vast multitude of things we have to be grateful to God, for, we feel that we ought to be deeply grateful for the privilege of being a co-laborer together with God. This is the season of the year when we as a church begin to think of special days, apportionments and quotas; in this particular, we want to call special attention to the Open Letter sent out to our BIBLE SCHOOL by Brother Moss in the columns of Religious Education of this issue. We want to urge everyone to read and re-read his letter carefully and prayerfully as we note that less than one third of our Bible School actually contributed anything at all in the way of Missionary Offering. In a very large way this applies to our churches and their other auxiliaries—brethren this should not be.

While we are giving thanks to God for his bountiful gifts of life, let us keenly sense anew our obligation to Him because of heaven's most precious gift, its Son, and feel grateful for the privilege of being co-laborers with Him in saving the world.

We pay for what we get, and get what we pay for.

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Church News

Sunday School opened at the usual hour. Lesson "Christian Stewardship." Attendance to Sunday School and church fair.

Our pastor preached a wonderful sermon on Stewardship.

We were glad to have with us one of our State Workers, Mrs. Connie Doolan, who brought us a very inspiring message. We always enjoy the good news our State Workers bring.

We are urging all members to attend the meetings.

Our pastor visited his family in Kansas City, Mo. Visitors are always welcome.

Our slogan for all departments of the church is "Over the Top."

We are indeed glad Rev. V. M. Alphin for our pastor. He has had unusual experience in all departments of church work.

The Langley Avenue Christian Church, Lord's Day, September 23, 1928.

We had the pleasure of having Rev. F. C. Cothran of Los Angeles, Calif. with us, who filled the pulpit at the morning services.

The subject of his discourse was: "The Preeminence of Christ."

We also had the pleasure of having visitors from St. Louis, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell of the St. Louis Argus, and Mrs. Ambrose.

Elder La Touche extended the invitation. The finance was \$44.00. The benediction was pronounced after which we went home rejoicing.

On October 28th the Church at Covington, Ky., had a corner stone laying by the Masonic order.

Elder G. W. Taylor reports that his members are back from picking cotton and his work is picking up.

NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. L. J. Wilson and Mrs. M. S. Brown for the Church and Grethel Brown for the Sunday School. Our state evangelist Elder B. C. Calvert was in town the week of November 7th, 8th, and preached for us two nights. We are always glad to have him. His words of counsel come to us from the Father to a child. He is also guilty of making a house to house canvass to arouse us to our duty as Christians.

The observance of Thanksgiving Sunday is being planned in our school. Mrs. M. S. Brown and Mrs. Nettie Dukes are in charge of same and the children are keeping their hands and

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mouths full. A letter from Miss Chandler has come to remind us (lest we forget). Thanks Miss Chandler. We pray that the work may grow in the state, and not only in the state but the whole United States until it shall be a credit to humanity and to God.

M. S. BROWN, Reporter.

B. L. JACOBS, Pastor.

SCOTT, ARKANSAS

Oak Grove Christian Church, Mrs. Martha Moore, Reporter.

November 4th was a high day at Oak Grove.

"A Club Rally"

The entire program for the day was: 10:30-11:15—Sunday School conducted by Bro. T. R. Moore, Supt.

11:15-12:00—Short sermon by the pastor, Elder W. Martin.

12:00-12:30—Unfinished business.

12:30-1:00—Recreation.

1:00-1:20—Scripture reading and discussion by Elder G. M. Thomas of Pearidge Christian Church.

1:20-1:50—Rally sermon by Elder W. S. Thomas of St. Daniel Baptist Church.

1:50-2:30—Offering raised by Bro. S. J. Jones of St. Daniel Baptist Church. Amount, \$150.80.

2:30-3:30—Lunch.

Adjournment.

The singing class (home) entertained the congregation with sweet songs during the program.

Owing to the weather conditions some that had planned to be with us didn't come.

Our object is to build a church some time in the near future.

Remember our motto: "Without halting, without rest. Always pushing better up to best."

Look to hear from us again soon.

Our little band of workers here at Scott are struggling to erect a church building which we are very much in need of.

On November 4 we set aside that Sunday to raise a large amount of money for that purpose.

We have been asked to raise through my club \$100.00, so I am asking all of our friends to help us in this great effort. We are grateful for any amount you can spare.

Yours in Christ,

MARY V. MOORE,

The man who insists that things cannot be changed is usually one of the things that cannot.

The highest form of spending is spending oneself for others.

FULTON, MISSOURI

Mrs. Mary Van Buren represented the W. M. S., Miss Katherine Van Buren, the Bible School and V. G. Smith, the church at the District meeting in New Haven.

Miss Fanny Berry has been ill but is now convalescing.

Mrs. Crawford Brown and son, Frederic Bell, formerly of the Methodist Church, took membership with the Christian Church where Mr. Brown is a deacon.

The Baptist State Convention met in Fulton, October 13-18 and the Christian Church was glad to open its doors for the Men's session as well as afford homes for many of the delegates.

Miss Partia Payne, a teacher in Richmond Heights, a suburb of St. Louis, spent a weekend at home.

Miss Katherine Van Euren was elected secretary of the Bible School and C. E. District conventions.

The Helping Hand Club composed of the women of the church, put on a successful Halloween social Wednesday, Oct. 30.

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Walker, Mr. Clyde Laws, Mrs. Emma Richmond and V. G. Smith motored to Columbia Sunday, October 28 to the dedicatory services. Mr. and Mrs. Ray also were present.

Besides having three delegates at the District Convention, the Fulton Church decreased its state obligations by sending \$18.50 for representation.

Rev. Burns, of Sedalia, one of the Baptist ministers, spoke in the Christian Church, Sunday morning and Rev. Webb of La Grange, was the speaker for the evening services on October 21. The morning message was enjoyed by all. The inclement weather and the closing attractions kept the evening attendance low.

The Bible School is gaining interest in finances and in members during the "Get-Your-Geat" Contest. The classes are growing and the Bible Class is nearly ready to organize.

The Art and Dramatic Club and the W. M. S. held their usual meetings. Both are planning some future things for the upbuilding of the organization.

LITTLE ROCK, KY.

By H. T. Wilson, Reporter

Having just closed a great meeting at the Rock, Elder W. M. Owens of Louisville, Ky., did the preaching. We had a great spiritual awakening. Our meeting started the third Sunday in September and closed on the fifth Sunday. Elder Owens assisted in holding us a great meeting. With Christ, we stormed the fort of the powers of darkness, put Satan to flight and captured thirty two souls.

Notwithstanding we had several sick and three deaths among my members. We had a crowded house every night. One man came on Saturday morning to our room with tears running down

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

WOMAN'S DAY

Mrs. Rosa Brown Grubbs

Woman's Day is the one Sunday in the year when the Church is expected to give the Women of the Church the right-of-way to express their personal devotion to the Master, to impressively put before the Church the world and the world needs and to lead the whole Church to a consecrated gift for missions.

Woman's Day Offering

The offering should be made a really large part in this year's observance of Woman's Day. With the pressure that has come from every field for enlarged work. With Missionaries waiting at home—unable to be sent out, with new people ready and trained for service, entering secular work until the time comes when the church can send them to the field for which they have prepared—it is surely a time when we through our organizations should urge that a great love offering be made. We are hoping that from every one of our churches an average offering equal to One Dollar per member will be the aim. However, we are praying that as individuals each will begin to plan now that this special offering will be an adequate expression of your own love and desire to help in the service.

A DRAMATIZED SERVICE

A dramatized service "Around the World with His Disciples," has been prepared for Woman's Day. This is in harmony with our Pentecostal thought of "Three Years with Jesus," this year being "With Jesus and His Disciples." This service to be presented by all Missionary organizations in the church is representative of the different fields in costume and is to emphasize the thought of a world wide brotherhood, meeting and serving as one. This should be given at the night service. In the morning ask your minister to preach on the individual responsibility toward the world task—as there are only a limited number of special speakers available. A copy of this play is being sent to every pastor and president of the Missionary Society, address, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, for additional copies.

Woman's Day Attendance

This year our emphasis is on membership. If we make a great increase, the women must be in attendance at the service on Woman's Day, must hear the appeal and must be reached personally, both to secure their attendance in the service and also to secure their membership for the local societies. Plans should be made for calling and for telephoning. Every group should have its work outlined. Much time should be spent in a special effort to reach every member of the church—every woman, every girl that they may be present and interested in Woman's Day.

An Attractive Church

Decorations add greatly to the church interest. Use flowers, letter an attractive motto and put across front. Use the maps which are being prepared for this year's program. If possible have an American flag, a Christian flag and some of the flags of other nations. Arrange your church so that every one will know that it is a big day in your church.

Woman's Day Publicity

Announcements are good, but they must be followed by a more personal work in publicity. Use telephones, posters, personal letters and cards in reaching all of the people of the church to secure a good attendance for the day.

The Half Year

December closes the 1st half of the Missionary year. The Standard of Excellence holds the ideal, of one-half the apportionment paid by December; all dues for the half year paid in full. This is the year we are em-

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phasizing membership. What about one-half your membership aim reached in December? One half our work completed gives strength and enthusiasm for the last half year.

Reservations and March

We suggested that a section be reserved for the active members of the Missionary organizations. That just when the program is ready to start with the audience standing and altogether singing "Come Ye Who Love the Lord"—the members of the Missionary organizations led by the President of Woman's Society will march in to fill reserved seats.

Sunday, December 2nd is Woman's Day. Observe it on that day if possible. If inconvenient to do so, then substitute one Sunday in December.

GREETINGS TO THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY . . .

Dear Co-Workers:

I am very mindful of the honor that came to me at the Chicago Convention in being elected your National President; to me it seems a bigger opportunity to serve. I do not feel that I was the one best fitted for the task, but that the Master willed that I be tried. Our aims are about the same as last year. We want so much to reach them. Will you do your bit? Do not feel that a hard yoke nor a heavy burden has been put upon you, but just remember, 'It is His Will' and remember too, how He said, "My Yoke is easy and my burden light."

We are nearing Woman's Day, December 2nd, hope each society will have a well-planned program and the entire church will give its moral, spiritual and financial support. When this day is over I would be delighted to have a letter from each society telling about it.

At that time you may address me at 401 N. 5th St., Columbia, Missouri. Elder Martin has accepted the pastorate there, and we are moving.

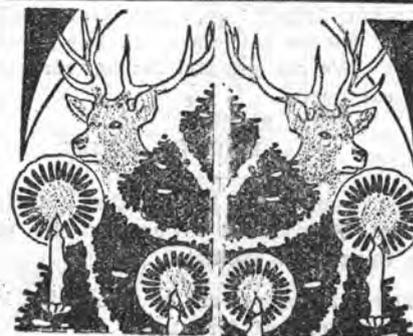
I am asking the editor to run my address at the bottom of the Missionary page of the Christian Plea a few issues if it is convenient, that all may get it and be able to keep in touch with me.

The following officers were elected at the Chicago Convention to serve for one year: President, Mrs. A. L. Martin, 401 N. 5th St., Columbia, Mo.; First Vice President, Mrs. John Kirkpatrick, 2216 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.; Second Vice President and Historian, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Port Gibson, Miss.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Susan Affutt, 2400 Germantown St., Dayton, Ohio; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. K. Spencer, 534 Ninth Ave., N. W., Roanoke, Va.; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Aletha Alexander, 5157 S. Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Ill.; Treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Crawford, 750 Everett St., Kansas City, Kan.; Children's Worker, Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, 726 N. Limestone Street, Lexington, Ky.; Field Secretary, Mrs. Rosa V. Grubbs, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

Yours for Missions,

MRS. M. L. MARTIN, President.

401 N. 5th Street, Columbia, Mo.



THE WALKING DEACON

V. G. Smith, Fulton, Mo.

A walking deacon is one that marches around from house to house, aggravating the preacher and stirring up the church. He's a nuisance!

A walking deacon is a preacher's thorn. He walks around on the street corners polking and prodding for adverse criticism from the enemies of the church and someone in the church. Then he collects the thousand-and-one excuses used by the negligent to clothe his indifference. Finally he gets the focal point of some individual or auxiliary of the church and then he begins to walk.

He never walks toward the one involved. Such a one he shuns for he might not be able to prove what he wants to spread. But to the house of every other member and to all in the community who will listen he sidles up and repeats, intimates and agitates.

When the trouble brewed by him results in a serious deflection on the part of a member or group of members he assumes with gladness the role of prophet plenipotentiary and announces that he saw it coming from a long way off. He uses his voice to blame the one he dislikes most for the heinous sin never sensing the part a walking deacon has played in the dismal affair.

THE STANDING DEACON

V. G. Smith

He stands for something in the church. No matter what it was he stood for, he stood for it.

No matter how out-of-date it was, he stood for it.

No matter how impractical it might have been, he stood for it.

No matter how many thought differently and though it had democratic government, he still stood for it.

No matter what compromise or substitute was offered, the deacon stood.

No matter how far ahead of the thing the church has come, the officer stood.

The standing deacon stands like the rock of Gibraltar, in the same place from year to year, beyond reason, beyond change and beyond hope.

This individual is an objection to overcome, a stumbling-block to remove, and unless the rotation of officers is used to relieve the church officary of such rubbish, a curse forever.

(To be continued)

STATE NEWS PAGE

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY "THE BLUE GRASS STATE"

Old Kentucky and her kin are jubilant over the prospect of the Christian Training "Chair" placed in Lincoln Institute at Lincoln Ridge, Ky., as the long sought solution of the "Kentucky School Problem."

Coming late in the season as it did, many Kentucky students had made fall arrangements and gone to other schools.

Old Kentucky is busy in District meetings. Mrs. S. M. Brown and Mrs. B. B. Hutsell are pushing the women's work.

Mrs. Ernestine Hancock, wife of Elder R. E. Hancock, pastor at Covington and the District Presidents are holding S. S. Institutes and we know what state evangelist C. H. Johnson is always doing for all departments.

Our State Board met in Lexington October 19th and we had a good report.

Samuel B. Devine is firing away at Paducah on the extreme west end Sammy has a good "Help Meet" to hold while he spins.

William Owens of Louisville just closed a great meeting at Little Rock with H. T. Wilson. G. E. Litton and his good wife are holding a great meeting at Mt. Sterling for Brother Brown. W. H. Allen is rallying at Lawrenceburg. S. Campbell is holding both feet on Paris.

C. H. DICKERSON.

MISSOURI NOTES

V. G. SMITH, Evangelist, Fulton, Mo.

The Annual Convention of the Second District convened with the New Haven Church, October 25, vice president J. H. Heatley, St. Louis, presiding.

The presidents of the other departments were present except Elder P. A. Gray of the Christian Endeavor Department. Mrs. Sarah Lampkins of Jefferson City, president of the W. M. S. Department, led her department to the leadership in finances, raising \$44.50. Mrs. Beulah Webb, the secretary was not present on account of illness. Mrs. Mary Van Buren, state president and Mrs. Cammie Doolin were present and rendered valuable service on the program and in committee work.

Mrs. Anna E. Gilmore, president of the Bible School Department, was also minus the service of her secretary, Mr. Bluma Walker of St. Louis, supplied and retained the office for the coming year. This department was second in the amount of money raised, having \$40.30 when the final count was made. Five schools reported.

Mr. J. H. Heatley, the new to the work, acquitted himself with credit in performing the duties of his office. This department had the services of its secretary, Mrs. Ella Morris of Jefferson City. The financial returns were \$35.25, also a gain over last year.

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V. G. Smith served as president of the C. E. Department with Miss Elmore Jacobs of New Haven as secretary. Only three churches reported Endeavor Societies and the finances were \$21.40. However, \$16.00 was turned over to the secretary-treasurer for the state treasury.

The theme of the convention was "Cooperation" and every item of the convention program lent force and reality to this theme. There was no wrangling nor disputes which so often disrupt the harmony of a convention. The departments had no cause to find reasons for not approving the program and its corollation of service. Many of the committees were joint between departments and in function. The out-of-town delegation numbered thirteen with three from St. Louis, one from Chamois, five from Jefferson City and three from Fulton, and Mrs. Doolin, the field secretary. State officers present were Field Secretary of W. M. S.; Elementary Superintendent of Bible School; Recording Secretary of W. M. S.; State Evangelist and President of Bible School.

The Church at New Haven was spic and span with fresh paint, new wall paper and other evidences of advance preparation. The homes were thrown open and every delegate filled with good things for the physical man. The nearest the convention came to dissension was in apportioning the delegates to the homes for meals. There were more dinners than diners. But that was a local problem. The delegates all did their share in appeasing the hosts and hostesses by their hearty cooperation in eliminating table delicacies.

The officers for the next year are as follows:

CHURCH DEPARTMENT—President, J. H. Heatley, St. Louis; Vice President, Elder Wm. Alphin, St. Louis; Secretary, Mrs. Ella D. Morris, Jefferson City.

W. M. S. DEPARTMENT—President, Mrs. S. Lampkins, Jefferson City; Vice President, Mrs. Q. Mayberry, Jefferson City; Secretary, Mrs. E. Kaiser, New Haven.

BIBLE SCHOOL AND C. E. DEPARTMENTS—President of Bible School, Mrs. A. E. Gilmore, Jefferson City; Vice President of B. S. and C. E., Mr. Charles Rose, New Haven; Secretary of Both, Miss C. Van Buren, Fulton.

Sunday, October 28 the Second Church at Columbia held its dedicatory services at 3:00 p. m. with Elder A. W. Davis, National Evangelist, in charge. Elder Alexander Martin, formerly of Illinois, is in charge of the church.

A large delegation of the First Church of Columbia was present. Fulton and Jefferson City also, had representatives there.

The offering was to go for the installation of a furnace. Prof. J. W. Damel, a former pastor, solicited the offering and led out with a \$10.00 contribution quickly followed by nine others. Then the five, three, two and one dollar givers came and were recored. Columbia has great possibilities.

Elder C. E. Craggett of Kansas City is holding a revival for the Frankfort Church after closing one with the Hannibal Church. Elder J. H. Parker is pastor of the latter and Elder E. K. Burton of the former church.

Elder E. K. Burton has a meeting in progress November 4-18 in Madison.

Mrs. Cammie Doolin, field secretary of W. M. S., is working among the churches of the Second District. She has visited St. Louis, New Haven, Columbia, Jefferson City, and Chamois. Her aim is to stress the putting on of the program.

The District Meeting at New Haven took up an offering of \$40.00 for Mr. Mason, an old invalided Elder of the New Haven Church. This raised the finances of the convention to \$145.45, a good increase over last year.

WABBASEKA, ARK.

The Elliott Chapel Church of Christ is now making its final report for the year 1927-28.

When our delegates returned from the State Convention that was held in August from the 15th to 19th at Little Rock, Arkansas, we were inspired by some of the subjects that were discussed. One of the interesting subjects that was discussed was: "Can the Church Live Without the Sunday School?" It was finally decided by the majority of the Christians that the Church cannot live without the Sunday School. The Sunday School is the place where we learn and become familiar with laws of our Creator. Through the Sunday School we have been successful in gaining most of the souls for the Master.

Rev. E. L. Towner, pastor, held a revival at the Elliott Chapel Church on the 9th of September. Two were converted and baptized. We were more successful this year in gaining souls than we were last year.

In the beginning of the New Year 1928-29, we reorganized our Sunday School. Brother Major Turner, our Supt. who has rendered splendid service during the past year was re-elected Supt. He has been very dutiful in stirring an interest in the officers and members to meet out and have our services on time. This is one of the main factors in the building of a good Sunday School.

Our National Holiday, Thanksgiving, has passed and our Sunday School had a great program.

MRS. EVELYN TURNER, Rept.

COLLEGE NOTES

The annual Franklin-Philo Tennis Match was held October 27. The teams consisted of Jonas Sneed and Reginald Cullins, for the Franklins, and Eli Wilbert and George Washington for the Philos. They were rather evenly matched, too, but the Philo team won the event. The sets were won by the Philos 9-7; 3-6; 6-3.

The Hinds-Warren County Fair was in session this week. They did not have a very good week and have extended the time three days. Our school will be dismissed Tuesday to give the students an opportunity to see the Fair. The school has taken its motion picture machine to the Fair and gave a free picture show each evening. This is a part of the new educational program of the school. The pictures were on the prevention of Tuberculosis and Diphtheria. We also had two comedies for entertainment. We plan to use our machine often for such educational work in this community.

Principal Laurence Jones of Piney Woods School was on the campus a few days ago visiting his son Turner, who is a student in our school this year.

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Does It Pay to Hold Conventions?

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dered the "World Call." The Women and the Bible School recommended the creation of a scholarship fund, for the training of some young person for the leadership of the church. Mrs. Davis was elected to lead the women another year.

Elder B. J. Kearse, state President called his session for Friday morning. The churches made very good reports, all things being considered. This part of the state was struck by that great storm about three weeks before the convention convened. Some few of the churches seemed to have a way of "fooling" their pastors, telling him the convention fee is on hand and they will make report ere the convention is over but they never show up to make reports for the church nor send any money to represent in the convention. That is not right; our work can never go forward as long as some display besotted selfishness in their lives. The minister himself ought to awake sometimes. If he wants confidence of the people let him make his reports in open session to the convention. The convention has a right to demand a report of its President, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer, when this is done, he can defy any indictment made by an unkind brother. If the recommendations of the future work committee are carried out the state of South Carolina will show a great improvement in its work another year.

Elder Leroy Kearse, a young man who lacks a few years of finishing his education, was elected to serve the state as an evangelist this year. I do hope this will not be the end of his education as he seems to be very ambitious, and expresses his desire to go forward with his education. If this young man is to succeed in the field as an evangelist, it means full cooperation on the part of the churches and ministers as well as a well planned program of the state Board. Elder B. J. Kearse, was re-elected as President. We are expecting great things from the palmetto state. We hope the evangelist will report his work through the Christian Plea.

East North Carolina Assembly

The Goldsboro-Raleigh District, held its 57th Annual Assembly with the St. Paul congregatin, Ayden, N. C., October 23-26. The house was called to order by Chief

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W. A. Fordham. After singing the Assembly song and prayer, the house was declared ready for what ever business that should come before it. Elder B. J. Gregory was called upon to preach the guide-sermon of the Assembly. Bro. Gregory, recovering from a long illness, came forward with suitable remarks. His text was taken from Gal. 6:16, "And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace be upon them and mercy, and upon the Israel of God."

He told the story of how the American Indian walked in each others tracks, until it appeared as only one man had passed that way. They followed a certain rule and guide of their tribe life. Referring to his physical state, he said "I am the same old coon, can't climb as high, but I can stay out of the way of the dogs." He closed that masterly sermon with an appeal to the young men who should take the torch from the trembling hand of the old ministers who were fast falling out of the ranks.

Following this great message, the Chief made his report of the work done during the year. The regular program of work was taken up for the day. Elder E. Z. Coley closed the day with a strong message.

The second day all committees were appointed. Elder Fordham, chief of the assembly, in giving the charge to the committee on ordination, said among other things, that, "If God had called a man to preach his gospel, and had nowhere for the preacher to preach, God was making a fool of him." He believes that every man that is called to the ministry, should find his field. Elder J. H. Rouse preached the mid-day sermon. Among many other good things brought out in the message, it was said, "That God wants a representative on earth; God always used the best he had to represent Him."

Thursday night Elder O. Zollar of the Piedmont District preached to an overflow at the "Free Will Baptist" church. It was reported that he brought a very fine message. Elder Steely, Chief of the Assembly of the Norfolk-Washington District preached to an overflowing house at the main convention. He brought a very interesting message to the delight of all who heard him.

Friday night Elder John F. Whitfield preached the closing sermon from 1 Cor. 1:23, Subject: "The three attitude toward the cross." Brother Whitfield brought us to our feet with this

most logical and forceful sermon.

There are about one hundred churches in this district and over ninety ministers. All pastors were required to report with \$5.00 each. \$75.00 was the highest amount reported from one church, Vine Swamp, Kenston; Elder P. H. Howell serves as pastor. Total amount reported from churches and ministers \$1,926.85. The public offering was not included in this report.

Our brethren known as Disciples of Christ, had a very fine spirit, and did much to make my stay pleasant. They represented, through me, to the United Christian Missionary Society, \$6.61. I have been invited by Mr. Edward L. Battle, President of the Sunday School convention, to visit his field and hold some institutes this year. Elder W. G. Best of the Second District convention also gives a standing invitation. I am glad to go among my brethren, and am willing to abide the time until we all shall walk by the same rule.

LITTLE ROCK, KY.

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his cheeks. He had promised his wife that he would meet her in the heavenly world. He felt within himself that a promise made to a wife, when dying, was one that should be kept.

Our meeting was one of the greatest held in Little Rock for the last thirty years. On Sunday evening Elder Stafford Campbell, pastor of the Christian Church at Paris, Ky., came to us and left with us a great message which we all enjoyed. The officers and members of the Christian Church at Germantown, Ky. were present. The singing choir of the High Street Christian Church of Carlisle and members were present.

One from the Christian Church of Mt. Sterling, Ky., took membership with us. Our meeting closed with thirty-two others added to the saved, and with a financial offering of \$237.15.

Enclosed you will find my subscription for the Christian Plea, \$1.00.

H. T. WILSON,
Carlisle, Ky., Box 77.

COLLEGE NOTES

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President and Mrs. Lehman and Professor Long attended the White State Convention last week. The royal reception they received indicates the fine interest that is being shown by the people of the state toward our school.

We now have a large supply of stickers for Mt. Beulah College. Every old student ought to have at least one of these to stick on a suit case or on a car window, or some other place of prominence. Advertise Mount Beulah College. These stickers sell for five cents each or three for a dime. One will be sent post paid to any student who will write for one. If you can't afford one, write and tell us and we will send you one free.

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Ministers of the Gospel

By T. B. LIVINGSTON, V.D.M.

They are:—

6. PIANOS—It is said that a famous musician once turned his instrument to exquisite pitch for a special performance. Satisfied with results he awaited the appointed hour. In the mean time some boys found the instrument and changed a couple of strings. When the artist appeared and touched the strings they gave out a most ear-grating discord. He was surprised and humiliated. In the eyes of the people he was a failure. In preaching the minister's soul is an instrument on which Christ plays spiritual symphonies to comfort, uplift, inspire, refresh His weary people. When the Divine Artist strikes the keys there should be no ear-grating discord.

The piano needs frequent tuning and so does the preacher's soul. To preach when he is not in tune is to dishonor Christ. He should enter the pulpit from communion with God. Christ needs a well-tuned soul to deliver His messages to a needy, waiting congregation. The preacher should suffer no intrusion of any sort before his sermon. Even the teaching of a class in Sunday School may prove disastrous. First things must come first. Let us have frequent seasons of communion so that we might always be in readiness for service, but by all means let us see to it that we are exquisitely tuned for preaching. Let us give the Divine Artist the best facilities we can to display His power. Let me put the thought in verse:—

Dear Master, now my soul's piano
take
And prove if any string be out of
tune,
Or flat on sharp! Its pitch ex-
quisite make;

Connect Thou, Lord, for me
What ringeth hast to Thee,
Whenever Thou wouldst play or
late or soon
May heart and life release to won-
dering throng
Thy perfect son.

7. QUICKSILVER—Quicksilver fits into any mould and the true is known by His aptitudes. He becomes all things to all men that He might save some. Incidentally this adaptability means his salvation. Rigidity is banal. It dooms a character. Let Whitfield's slogan be ours, "We speak in the language of the market." Of course, adaptability does not mean conformity. Beware! Men are never elevated by those who descend to their levels. The river mingles with the ocean yet is distinct from it. An anonymous poet furnishes an apt paper:—

"May every soul that touches
mine,
Be it the slightest contact
Get therefrom some good,
Some little grace, one kindly
thought,
One aspiration yet unfelt,
One bit of courage
For the darkening sky, one gleam
of faith
To brave the thickening ills of
life,
One glimpse of brighter sky
Beyond the gathering mist,
To make this life worth while
And heaven a surer heritage."

8. RESERVOIRS—The waters of life descend from them through countless channels to bless, refresh, and save society. Christ, the Eternal Fountain of Life hath ordained that through earthen vessels His treasures should become accessible to the perishing multitudes. May we realize our

nothingness and the honor conferred upon us. You cannot put anything into a vessel that is filled with something else. Let us pray,

Oh, empty us of self, the world,
and sin,
And then in all Thy fulness enter
in.

May the thirsty heart never be disappointed because of our failure to keep ourselves meet for the Divine In-filling. The following prayer is appropriate:—

"Oh, to be nothing, nothing!
Painful the humbling may be,
Yet low in the dust I'd lay me,
That the world might by Saviour
see.

Rather be nothing, nothing!
To Him let our voices be raised;
He is the Fountain of blessing,
He only is meet to be praised.

Oh, to be nothing, nothing!
Only to lie at His feet,
A broken and empty vessel,
For the Master's use made meet."

9. SALT—Salt is an aseptic. We put it on fresh meat to keep it sweet and good. The influence of Christ's ministers should make for the prevention of conception in youth. Salt permeates, purifies and preserves. It is the minister's mission to permeate the world with the Spirit of Christ, to purify it from all unrighteousness, and to preserve it for the coming of the Lord. How terrible, if we lost our seasoning power!

10. TRUMPETS — Among the Hebrews, this instrument in times of peace as well as in war. In times of peace, it was blown softly to assemble the people or their rulers together. When they were to move camp or to march to war, it was sounded deeper. It was important that the trumpeteer give no uncertain sound. He
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MISS B. E. CHANDLER, Contributing Editor
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THE SITTING DEACON

V. V. Smith

Blessed is the man that—nor sitteth in the seat of the scoffer.

Some deacons constantly sit. They have not the energy to elevate themselves nor lead out the church into any sort of new venture. They have not the vitality to arise from the seat of the scoffer which is based on ignorance. Some officers will not read a single magazine on church life nor subscribe for one paper that might suggest a new way. He sitteth until, like Goldilocks in "The Three Bears" he sits the bottom out of the chairs both mentally and physically.

The pathway to glory is made up of a row of moving seats and he sits down on the first to come his way and never gets up until the entire circuit is made. He is a church fixture like the organ and like most of the organs just as useless as any other part of the obsolete furniture.

His favorite hymn is—"I shall NOT be, I shall NOT be moved" and loud and lustily does he sing, seated in the seat of the scoffer.

Not only does he sit ON everything that counts for progress because he is afraid the church will move off and leave him as he sits on and on.

BY THEIR FRUITS

Jesus has said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Such is test is the only just test on any person who thinks right will admit it but so few are "Bring forth fruit worthy of repentance."

Some like the fig tree cursed by Jesus, bear no fruits at all. Thriving in the atmosphere of the church, rooted in the soil of Bible School Training, drinking in the sunshine of God's mercy. They make a good appearance by going through the hollow mockery of Christian service which is the fruits necessary. They never worship, only go to church. They never are touched, only "whooped up." They never serve, only excuse themselves. Their place is only that of matter, to occupy space.

Some produce rotten fruit that before it ripens it is past the stage of usefulness. The church budget is raised ere that one is ready to subscribe. The entertainment is over ere such fruit is ready to do its part. The new idea of personal responsibility "dies-a-borning" and the fruit falls ere it has reached the stage where it will be useful. Any portion of the life will show

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splendid prospects that never seem to materialize. Great possibilities greet the eye but when harvest time comes the only fruit is the shriveled-up, rotten remains that litter the ground thereabout.

Some fruit is stunned and never reaches its full growth. Bewildered, lost and disappointed, the individual finds no way to consummate the thing started. Lack of knowledge, lack of enthusiasm, lack of vision, lack of foresight, all contribute to the ultimate failure of the life to produce. The life goes through strangely ineffective to realize those noble sentiments that grow up in a conscientious soul. The tree does its utmost but the fruit is not worth being picked. Possibly the soil is not rich enough to produce the sort of fruit that the tree has to produce. Mayhaps the pruning of those little personal habits and private vices has not been well done and there is too much vitality being sapped by useless branches. So far as the real object in mind, the Production of Fruit, is concerned, there is no more to be said than the tree which does not produce at all.

Some fruit follows the blooming which is late and ere the fruit has matured, the frost nips the tree and all is lost. Many trees bloom and at such a time are more beautiful than ever before but if they retain their petals and bloom on and on, the fruit never matures. The Christian that keeps the emotional exaltation and joyful conversion thanksgiving too long is liable to find himself too far in arrears to produce fruit. To shed the beautiful to get to the useful is not a new idea for mere beauty is not a reality unless the beauty of service is at the core. Unless the base of the blossom is the embryo of the fruit, the tree has no reason to ask for any place in the category of usefulness but like the Japanese Cherry Row on the drive in Washington, live only for beauty, blooming all summer but producing no cherries at all. A Christian life is not a show window affair, its an existence of useful service.

Last there is the class that bears fruit in its season and the leaves doth not wither. We do not expect oranges off plum trees nor apricots from the branches of a peach tree. The large bunches of bananas come from a tree that has no right to lord it over the cherry tree because its fruit takes precedence in size. Certain principles guide in the production of all fruit. That is there must be life, there must

be soil nutriment, leaves to make chlorophyll, branches to hold the fruit. So in the production of good fruit there must be a consecrated life, a willingness to take in the nourishing qualities of God's love and work in converting the minto useful properties for growth and to grow a spiritual culture that will bear the luscious fruits of spiritual service.

AVOID THE SHADOWS

STARVING for the joy of giving—that is perhaps the starkest form of poverty of the Christmas season. To disappoint the children, to bring the shadow of a cloud into small expectant faces—this is tragedy indeed. The restriction of penilessness falls heavily upon the would-be-giver. It hurts—being kept from the role of Santa Claus. No tin soldiers for the thin little man, no dolly for the little mother, no fine foods with which to lead small stomachs—these are the negatives which scratch the souls of mothers and fathers who are being beaten by life.—Holland's Magazine.

Gypsies and Christmas

Gypsies credit the Christmas-horn with powers of divination, ability to remove the "evil eye" and various other attributes.

Mistletoe at Christmas

The use of mistletoe at Christmas is traced to the Druids, who used it in Liberty Magazine.

Christmas Coming

By MAURICE MORRIS

CHRISTMAS coming!
Pine tree, holly,
Mistletoe and laughter jolly!

Christmas coming!
Air atingle,
Snapping logs in cosey ingle!

Christmas coming!
Santa puffing,
Turkey—sage and onion stuffing!

Christmas coming!
Joy exuding,
Mince pie, pumpkin and plum
pudding!

Christmas coming!
Love its leaven—
Peace on earth! Give thanks to heaven!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

Why Lose Faith?

Recently we rode on the train through Indiana with a prominent Negro general worker who lives now in New York city. In our conversation we talked over many things and finally he asked me, "Why, if God is good, did He make a devil and permit men to suffer as they do?" I asked him why he asked that question, and he said, "In New York City and all through the East my people are asking this question and are so fast losing their faith that it is almost a mass movement." I said, "In the first place, it is not peculiar to the Negro youth, but the same thing is true with the mass of white students over the country." He then asked, "What shall I say to the young people?" "In the first place," I said, "no matter what doubts we may have, in the end we will be compelled to say like Peter, 'Where else can we go?'" These young people will by almost one leap come to the place where they will cry out in agony for something. Fifteen years ago the leading German scholars were cynics and had no use for Christ and God. After they were through with the World War they were ready to come to God in the old humility. It will always be so. They will soon come to the end when they must cry out for the old faith.

But for those whose mind wants a reason we feel there is a most convincing thought. They who think there ought to be no suffering for righteousness do not know the law of growth and development. The kingdom of God is a growth, a development, a fact which Jesus well understood. "I have yet many things to say but ye can not bear them now." "When he, the Spirit of Truth, is come he will lead you into all truth" and many more of His sayings reveals this. Nature illustrates the law. The plant life came up from lower growths. By and by man began to develop the most promising of the weeds and he developed the useful vegetables. But the old weeds left behind kept on fighting the vegetables so the tiller of the soil must keep them cut out. Behind him is left the unregenerate human nature and this battles him like the weeds battle the vegetable. Jesus himself had to conform to this law and it sent Him to the cross. When we grow up higher it will send us to our martyrdom just as it did Jesus. God could not have made all men good in the beginning for God is a God of growth and we are like God in that we grow.

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His kingdom is a maturing kingdom and if we want to be Godlike we must mature according to His law. God could not have made only vegetables and not weeds for that would vitiate the law of development.

So let us say to those students that are losing faith and are becoming cynics, Do not become discouraged when you suffer divers difficulty in the struggle against the evil in the world. When you suffer for righteousness you are God-like. If we did not suffer in a struggle for better things then we would be just like lower animals which never struggle for better things. The pathway of humanity's great souls since the day when Adam first saw God has been strewn with sorrows and pains, but they are God-like. He who would escape them does not know the law of development.

Those Negro students that are losing their faith do not understand the story of their development during the past three hundred years. They do not know what they have escaped and at what price their escape was purchased. If they lose faith now they will lose all else. So far as they are concerned, the fight is lost. All that has been gained is thrown away by them. There is coming a day when righteousness will reign supreme, but that day can not come until the weeds in the soul are destroyed, and there must be much suffering before that day can come. Of all the people of America, the Negro youth that went through the missionary school should stand the most firm. If he lose his faith now, he will be like the corn that loses its hoer. The weeds will overtake him just as they did the cynical Germans. Israel had many experiences of this kind. Every nation that loses faith will have them. American youth will not go far in its cynicism until it too will suffer as all others have.

We are not afraid that God will not win out. If man does not follow as a cheerful volunteer, He conscripts him and wins out anyway. Oh the heart-aches and sorrows that mankind has suffered because it lost its faith and did not trust God! Oh, American youth, tempt not God! If you lost your faith you will lay up sorrow for your children unto the third and fourth generation.

"Very, very sad, sir," said the doctor, "I greatly regret to tell you your wife's mind is completely gone."

"Well, I'm not surprised, Doc," returned the husband, "she's been giving me a piece of it every day for the last 15 years."

NOTE

This column will be reserved for the Layman's opinion and views on any subject pertaining to religious life or Christianity and will be called, "AS A LAYMAN SEES IT."

THE EDITOR.

Three Instances of Interracial Good Will Reported from Texas Town

Three interesting illustrations of interracial good will and cooperation have recently occurred in this city, the story of which is passed on by way of suggestion and encouragement to other communities. The first was the unveiling of a monument to the soldiers who lost their lives in the Spanish-American and World Wars, the monument carrying the names of both the white and colored soldiers. At the unveiling the Negro gold-star mothers were given the same recognition as those of the white group.

The second illustration occurred when the city set out a few months ago to extend its system of sewers. The Mayor, a member of the interracial group, told the City Council that the service must be extended to the Negro section, even though some of the white sections had to wait. In accordance with his suggestion two lines of sewers were laid into the colored area, and in the meantime certain extensions into the white area are still on the waiting list.

The third instance was a small matter, but not insignificant. The white high-school students recently devoted an edition of their paper to the public schools of the city. In this edition the colored schools were given the same consideration and space as the white schools.

THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION OF COLORED P.-T. A.

Charleston, W. Va.—Fifteen states and a total membership of 14,000 were represented at the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers at its annual convention in this city recently.

"Two years ago, when the Congress was organized, only four states and 4500 members were represented. Meantime the number of local associations have grown from 300 to 908. The organization, according to the president, is receiving the generous and hearty cooperation of educators and official welfare agencies, and has every reason to expect a future of enlarging usefulness."

"Laziness trails so slowly that poverty soon overtakes it."



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The Christmas Glow

By N. T. SUDDITH, in New York Times

THERE'S a glow in the air, a stir in the street,
That comes but once in a year,
There's a tone in the voice of friends you greet
That echoes of hope and cheer,
And the fleet-footed days hasten on to the time
When, glowing in dawning skies,
The gladdest of days and most sublime,
The Christmas morn shall rise.

Each shop and each store of the throng-filled mart
Its choicest treasures displays
And each to the brightness adds its part
Of the greatest of all the year's days.
And the eager crowds as they move along
A festal scene supply,
For joy in each heart is pulsing strong,
The joy of Christmas night!

In the windows the holly wreaths of green
With berries red appear,
And even the air seems more serene
As though it were listening to hear
That wondrous oratorio
On that first Christmas night,
As angels sang in the long ago
When Bethlehem's star shone bright.

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MISS HEPPSIE'S Christmas turkey had disappeared and she had looked in every crook and crannie of the great old Padgett place, chiefly to reassure herself. She was indignantly sure that she knew who had taken her bird, although she had not really seen it go, for there had been hushed rumors of her neighbors' evil practices. Miss Heppsie had not listened very much. Lonely and prim, she lived in the house where her father was born. The changing world beyond her walls went by without her knowing, and the ill-reputed neighbors were strangers, except for an occasional glimpse of a horde of bedraggled children. And now she hated them.



Miss Heppsie Continued to Stare.

Miss Heppsie Padgett wondered what to do.

The sun set red behind the naked trees and cast long purple shadows on the snow of Christmas eve. It was too late to get another turkey. The array of pies and cakes, even the dressing, were waiting for the morrow, and it was the first time in the history of the proud old red brick house that Christmas time had been without a turkey. The more Miss Heppsie thought of it the angrier she became. Then on the wide front porch she heard the commotion of many footsteps and, presently, the thud of a timid knocker. Few visitors came to the Padgett house, so the parlor was

dark and the heavy front door was bolted. Miss Heppsie opened it a trifle and, there, on her spotless porch, were a half-dozen ragged children, frightened, cold, unlovely, but bathed in the chastening light of the winter moon, and, carried on the back of one, was Miss Heppsie's Christmas turkey.

For a long, tense moment they looked at each other, the woman, the children, the turkey, then, quaveringly, but with a strange uplifted pride, the biggest of the children blurted out: "Maw sent it back." Miss Heppsie continued to stare. There was nothing encouraging in the steady gaze of her eyes but the boy went on: "Maw sent us out to swipe it but she changed her mind, I guess. She said it wouldn't taste good nhow, on Christmas, and we'd just have hominy and turnips, and apple sauce fer pud-din', same as always. She sent yer turkey back 'cause, even if you didn't need it, really, 'twasn't hers." Suddenly the boy began to cry. "Gee, it must be grand," he sobbed, "to live in a big fine house like this and have turkey for Christmas dinner." Then, as if a great joy had come to him, he raised his head and smiled through his tears. "But we ain't goin' to steal no more. We ain't, not ever, 'cause maw, she said we wuzn't." The moonlight that fell on his earnest face erased the lines of hardness and left only a baby purity. Babies, surely, almost all of them were, huddled there together, strangely timid yet strangely strong in the humbleness of their confession. Across the night a song rang out, carolers bearing His message. "For whatsoever ye do unto one of the least of these—"

Suddenly Miss Heppsie saw her Christmas table, laden and she in selfish solitude, presiding at the feast. No love had ever stirred her heart at Christmas. And then she saw her feast again, with a group of happy faces round it, immersed in turkey and cake, and at the foot of the table, a mother who said, "We ain't goin' to steal no more." With a soft, choked cry, she opened her arms long empty, and into their warmth she drew the tangle of huddled, hungry, children.

Across the night a song rang out, carolers bearing His message, "Glory to God in the Highest, on earth peace, good-will toward men."

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BE MERRY AND KIND

AT CHRISTMAS be merry and thanke God of all;
And feast thy pore neighbors, the great with the small.
Yes, all the yere have an ele to the poore,
And God will send luck to keep open thy doore.
—Sixteenth Century Carol.

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FULTON NOTES

Mrs. Elizabeth Bush, one of the older members of the church, died on Thursday, November 29, and was buried Sunday, December 2.

The Union Thanksgiving services of the Fulton Churches were held in the Christian Church.

November 25, the Bible School had its first special day program, presenting at the evening service, the play, "Youth In Training" with Mrs. W. C. Payne, Mrs. Robert Van Buren, Mrs. Cecil Brown, and Mr. E. L. Van Buren in the main parts.

Sunday, December 2 was Woman's Day. The members of the W. M. S. with the president, Mrs. G. L. Blythe presented a very helpful and informative program at the morning service. With just one week of preparation, the W. M. S. sponsored the Dramatization Service, "Around the World With the Disciples." Special service in music for the day was given by Mrs. Willia Walker, organist, Mrs. Cecil Brown, and Mrs. Floyd Wilson.

Wednesday evening, November 28, the Art and Dramatic Club had a program and refreshments. The feature of the evening was a one-act comedy, "Uncle George Pops Inn" with Mrs. Clyde Laws, Mrs. Homer Perkins, Mr. Leroy Dudley, Mr. Eugene Cowden, and Mrs. Cecil Brown. Musical selections were rendered by Mrs. Cecil Brown, Mrs. Leroy Dudley and Mrs. James Lewis.

Mr. James Eradford is very ill at this writing.

Sunday, November 25, the communion was served to the shut-in of the church by Elders G. L. Blythe, Lorenza Kibby, E. L. Van Buren and Deacon Calvin Walker. The following were visited: Mrs. Emma Richmond, Mr. Charles White, Mrs. Elizabeth Bush, Mrs. Josie Curtis, and Mrs. Jennie English.

The Bible School under Mrs. Mary Van Buren is doing nicely with its contest. Mr. Joseph Poston is beginning to raise his offering even though Miss Margaret King keeps a good lead.

The Art and Dramatic Club is planning a more elaborate dramatic production during the winter.

The W. M. S. is working to have a representative or two at the Missionary Institute in Jefferson City, January 10 and 11.

Mrs. R. B. Grubbs made a business trip to confer with Mrs. Mary Van Buren, state president of the W. M. S., about the Missionary Institute for Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray were through the city Tuesday, November 20, enroute to Memphis to the Joint Executive Committee meeting.

Miss Fanny Berry has recovered from her illness and is in her accustomed place in the church. Miss Berry can always be found in the church, and though one of the elderly members, puts to shame many physically her superior.

In the same class for faithfulness is Mr. James Dunlay, another older member, who is present at every meeting of the church and its auxiliaries.

The first night of the Helping Hand was with Mrs. G. L. Blythe, given by Mesdames Walker and Blythe. The second was given by Mrs. Classie Baker, Mrs. Homer Perkins, and Mrs. Ella Perkins at the home of the latter.

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The Helping Hand gave a Hallowe'en Social which netted \$11.85 and reported over \$25.00 on hand. They donated \$15.00 on the coal for the church, put up a door for the kitchen of the church and paid for the floral design of the W. M. S. for Mrs. Broyles.

Mrs. Emma Richmond is convalescing from a severe heart attack.

Repairs about the church under the Trustees, Mr. James Richmond, Chairman, were completed and taken care of by a special offering on one Sunday.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

The Joint Executive Committee met at Memphis on November 21.

Miss Chandler worked East Tennessee during the first part of November and went to Kansas the latter part.

Brother Moss went to Texas during the latter part of November.

Brother Gray worked Mississippi during October and November and goes to Oklahoma and Kansas for December.

Mrs. Gray was a recent visitor in Memphis to make arrangements for her new duties as assistant to the Editor, beginning the first of the year, 1929.

PERSONALS

Elder Taylor is now enjoying good health and is going about his duties with grim determination and vigor.

Elder J. H. Parker has resigned his pastorate at Hannibal, Mo.

Elder and Mrs. E. H. Burton are the proud parents of a fine girl.

Elder C. E. Craggett is back at his post of duty at Woodlawn Avenue after a four weeks' meeting with Hannibal and Frankfort Churches.

Elder and Mrs. K. R. Braun are now enjoying their beautiful new home.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Bethany Relief Association and the Cross Street Christian Church gave a very fine dinner for the purpose of making the little children happy.

The turkey weighed 22½ pounds. Mrs. Ashe sure knows what to do to make things enjoyable. She and her husband are very dear people.

MRS. S. BOSTICK.

"Face the light and you will not walk in your own shadow."

NOTICE

Dr. J. E. Walker will speak at the First Christian Church in Clarksdale, Mississippi Friday night, December 21, 1928 in celebration of paying off the church mortgage.

Centennial Christian Church St. Louis, Mo.

Dear old Centennial was alive Sunday meeting all day. The installation of our pastor and wife, W. M. Alphin was very impressive. We had with us many visiting ministers. Mrs. Alphin was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers. She in return made a beautiful talk. Rev. Dunnivant's church had charge of the music. Many solos and quartets were beautifully rendered. Visitors always welcome.

W. M. Alphin, Minister.
A. F. MITCHELL.

GREENOOD, MISS.

Chapel congregation is putting on new life. Elder C. J. James of Rena Lara, Miss., was called to this work in February. Preached his first sermon as minister 3rd Lord's Day in March. The church has been greatly helped under his leadership in attendance, spiritually, financially and in growth. There have been eleven added to the church, 2 reclaimed, 3 from the Baptist, all being adults, and 6 by confession and baptism. The church program has been outlined and each member is striving to help put the program over. Third Lord's Day in this month regular pastoral day, also Rally for the church. We are hoping to make that day a high day. The Bible school is a live wire, each department of the church has pledged to do a greater and better work.

This congregation is asking your prayers that it may succeed in carrying out its program and to continue in the Apostle's doctrine, and teaching as laid down in the New Testament.

J. N. KEYES, Reporter.

Jackson, Miss., 11-14-28.

Elder P. A. Gray, Editor,
Christian Plea.

Dear Editor:

May I have space in your paper to say a word relative to the work. Sunday being one of our regular preaching days it was largely attended.

The pastor preached wonderful sermons both morning and evening.

October being the beginning of the new Sunday School year, we had our election which resulted as follows: Brother Abe Elmore, (Continued on page 8)

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

SAVING THE YOUTH FOR SERVICE

By Mrs. C. E. Craggett

It is a common and almost universal error to suppose that religion is something that belongs peculiarly to old age. The picture of some old man or woman sitting in a window, pondering over some sacred volume, is a picture which artist and author have been fond of drawing. But it is an astonishing and hopeful fact that religion belongs peculiarly too, to the youth. I mean by that, that religious impulses and religious enthusiasm and exaltation and faith take their first impulses and expresses their finest desire not in old age but in the early years, before a boy or girl has reached the fruition of either physical or mental growth. Jesus gave the example on saving youth for service when he said in Matt. 10:14, Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of heaven.

A child in his early stage will play church, and form organizations and when we see this we should at once plan a program and begin to train them. And if we do not encourage and direct that impulse when it is hungry the chances are that that hunger will cease or be replaced quickly with hungers for pleasure and wealth and power.

The fact that there is so much bigotry, rivalry, and hypocrisy in churchianity keeps many of our young people of our religious institutions. If one goes to many of our churches, he will hear understudying, backbiting, reviling, denominationalism. This drives our youth to the parks, the movies, and the amusement halls. They do not get from our ministers messages that grip, that call for heroism and self-sacrifice. It will take a united church to command the loyalty of this age. Every large young people's gathering in the last few years has passed resolutions condemning church rivalry and calling for a united christian force and a united program.

Our college group is inclined to be tolerant of all truths, all creeds, and all denominations. They see good in all people and are willing to give each man the privilege of his point of view. They are unsympathetic toward those who think their church is the only church and their religion. One could easily predict that the religion of the future is to be a combination of the best in all faiths. Many have ceased to worship in any one place or any one way. The search is for that which satisfies. When it is found, it will be cherished, no matter what its origin or its source.

Finally, youth is in dead earnest about religion, and realizing the kingdom of heaven. If I help bring the kingdom on earth, the other life will care for itself. What can I do about the suffering, the superstition, and ignorance of the earth? How can I bring knowledge, good-will, and peace to mankind? The challenge to share in the program to make justice, righteousness, and love real and dynamic, strikes a responsive chord in the heart of the college group. No place is too distant, no home too lonely, no task too hard when there seems to be an opportunity to be the good samaritan or to share the good gift of life. There is still the crusading spirit abroad in the land? Social injustice, racial discrimination, and the military ideal are being bitterly opposed.

There is a growing feeling of comradeship between youth of all lands. They find they have common problems, common ideals, and common longings. The growing fellowship and understanding through the youth movement and the World Federation of Youth promises a solution to many old and pressing problems.

The fourth element is essential to the leadership of the generation is an undying and constructive faith in it. If any one is to have any influence in guiding it along the high-

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way of life, he must believe in its capacity, its essential goodness, its ability to reason logically.

This faith does not have to be expressed, but must be a feature of every relation with young people. We can be certain that they will know whether or not we believe them. Faith is creative. The fact that we hold an ideal for the growing group around us and are sure they can attain it, will help them move towards it. Young people are reluctant to disappoint their friends who have confidence in them. They will struggle desperately to measure up to the expectations of others. On the other hand there is nothing more destructive and withering than distrust, the lack of confidence. Pessimists going about with tears in their voice talking about the wickedness of the younger generation are doing more to push them on the downward road than any one else. Those who believe down deep in their hearts that youth wants to do right and that most of the things they are doing are prompted by high motives—if they are acting this faith—are lifting young people to higher levels. There is such a thing as analyzing the action of our college group. Discovering the better elements and high motives in them.

Those who condemn everything in the new age only look at the surface and interpret the situation with an ancient standard of value in mind. One must think in terms of this age to interpret it. We must remember that anything wrong with youth, we are responsible for it. They are our children, the products of our ideals and training. It appears to me they are doing a courageous job extracting themselves from the results of our folly, weakness, and poor leadership. According to thy faith be it unto thee.

The fifth requirement for leadership is consistency. The youth of this age is quick to discern partiality of favorites. They do not want any changing standard in the control. If a person is easy with them one day and strict the next he is likely to get in trouble unless he gives a good reason for his action. A leader needs a well balanced and well poised personality, a keen sense of justice and fair play, and very clear idea of his own ideals and philosophy of life. Again, a teacher of youth must measure up in his own life to the standard he sets for others. He must live by the rules and ideals he lays down for his class. Youth gets more from persons' lives than they do from their teachings. They want a living example. Without it they perish.

Young people want inspiration. The person who deals with this side of life does not have to apologize. It is merely facts, but the interpretation of facts that concerns youth. They listen to any man who speaks with a prophetic voice. This age is interested in character and in development of personality. It wants a philosophy of life that will carry it safely over the bumps and through the fogs of human experience. Youth is not afraid to face its own weaknesses, mistakes, and short comings. They will respect and honor a man who is painfully frank if they feel he is sympathetic and earnest. A man who speaks a message seasoned with reason—a message which grips the heart and stirs the emotion—in their type of a man. They do not speak beautiful words about waywardness. A leader does well who takes off his gloves, who eliminates pretty talk in his dealing with youth—if at the same time he shows an understanding of their problems. They will follow any man who is trying to travel the Christ way of life if he will patiently show them how. A man must know methods as well as facts who deals with the coming generation. He must speak to them rather than at them. Those great leaders who are doing much to mould the new age and are being heard gladly are the ones who know the interest and instincts of youth, and are speaking to their hearts.

THE VALUE OF BIBLE READING

By Bertha Banks Witten,
Bluefield, W. Va.

It requires very little of our time to read a Bible chapter each day. We could easily spare time and not miss it from our daily program. On the contrary, it would so enrich the day that we could make more out of the day as a whole than if it were neglected.

But there is much more in the habit of daily Bible reading than the use of a quarter hour in the morning watch.

If widespread it could but exert a profound spiritual influence throughout the world.

If we would all agree to read a chapter in the New Testament each day and put into living the principles presented in this best of Books, we would in a short time have the whole world throbbing with the power of a great religious awakening.

For our own sake and for the sake of others, let us search the Scriptures daily.

LEXINGTON, KY.

The Christian Plea brings us word of the Beloved Brethren and "How they do."

The new names along with the familiar ones make good reading.

We had a few joyous days this Fall in "The Old Home Town in Old Virginia" where my Brother G. M. is the pastor. His are a great people. Tazewell, Va. is indeed no mean city. This is protracted meeting season in old Kentucky. Most of the Brethren had good meetings and are now "In for the winter."

Lexington waited till after election and began November 11th. Elder Wm. Martin, the successful minister at Danville, Ky., conducted our meeting.

He once was minister here and all points to a good meeting.

Our Sunday School is featuring the "Teen Age" class, taught by the pastor, using the little booklet, "The Bible in a Nutshell." This instead of the voluminous Quarterly with its indefinite generalities.

"Teen Age" ought to know the Bible itself from one who knows and believes it.

Our Superintendent, Brother James McKee is a jewel, not late once in five years, companionable and never misses morning or night service.

Our Ministers' Alliance is threshing on some By-Questions, about which every man has his say.

Some seven connections are represented. Elder Litton of Georgetown, Ky. has just been re-elected president of District 2 (Sunday School) held fine
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Mississippi "The Magnolia State"

The revival at Clarksdale on November 4th with six additions. Three by primary obedience, and three reclaimed. More than \$200.00 was raised during this revival. It was conducted with home forces. Evangelist Calvert did the preaching.

The Evangelist spoke at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening, November 4, at 8:30 p. m., and raised for that church \$24.00. At the close of this service we conducted a very impressive baptismal service in the basement of the same church. Three were buried with their Lord in baptism.

Monday night, November 5th, a very successful business meeting was held with the First Christian Church of Clarksdale. Brother C. A. Watt is the efficient chairman of the Official Board. Brother C. W. Wright is the Church Clerk.

The 7th and 8th of November, Wednesday and Thursday nights, found the Mississippi Evangelist with the North Jackson Christian Church. Brother M. S. Brown, Brother A. Elmore, Brother E. Wilson, as officers, were at their post of duty.

Tuesday night, November 13, Evangelist Calvert preached at the Bethel Christian Church, Carroll County, Co. La., Miss., and two were reclaimed. A good audience greeted the Evangelist.

Mrs. H. A. Heath, Mrs. F. A. Vaughan, Mrs. Jennie Coleman, and Mr. F. B. Young were delegates from Clarksdale to the District Convention at Mound Bayou, Miss., November 15-18, 1928. All were a real asset to the meeting.

Elder J. G. Keyes and Sister Isabella Brown were delegates from the Bethel Church. Elder Keyes, with his years of experience, helped in many ways.

Elder B. C. Calvert wishes to have his friends and all workers to know that his address has been changed from West Jackson, Miss., to P. O. Box 2, Gowdy, Miss. This is a sub-station Post Office nearer his home than West Jackson.

Mrs. Mary B. Sallis, Mrs. E. M. Tounsel, and Miss Nelum represented the Shaw Christian Church at the Mound Bayou District Convention.

Brother J. A. Lee was delegate from the Indianola Church.

Elder R. B. Griggs and Brother Jerry Porter were the delegates from the Holy Grove Church.

A resolution was adopted in the Mound Bayou District Convention expressing our sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Dr. W. A. Scott. The resolution was presented to the Convention by Evangelist Calvert and was adopted by that body. It is as follows:

We, the Mound Bayou District Convention of Churches of Christ of Mississippi, in session at Mound Bayou, Miss., upon learning of the death of our late Dr. W. A. Scott, A. B., Ph. B., bow in humble submission to Almighty God who doeth things well, His way, not ours, His will be done.

And since we are confident that the spirit of our deceased Educator and Leader is with Him with whom do swell the spirits of just men made perfect:

And since Mississippi has reaped the benefit of his labors for more than eighteen years as President of the Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention, and as Pastor and Teacher in a number of the schools.

Be it resolved that this District Convention extend to the bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy in this their darkest hour of grief, hoping and praying that they will not grieve as those who have no hope.

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Be it further resolved that these resolutions become a part of our minutes, and that a copy be sent to the Christian papers for publication.

During the Convention, and especially on Saturday, November 17, the time allotted to the Ministerial Period was taken in discussing the needs of the District, and to better our work the following resolution was adopted:

We, The Mound Bayou District Convention, in each local Church cooperating with our District and State Conventions, send at least one delegate with the report, and that said delegate or delegates be present at the opening of the Convention and remain unto the close.

Be it further resolved that all ministers and officers of the local Churches of the District attend the District Conventions whenever and whenever they meet. Any minister or officer failing to comply with this resolution without a reasonable or lawful excuse, will be considered out of harmony and out of order with the District.

The Mound Bayou Convention voted to go to Clarksdale in February, 1929, with the next District Convention.

Elder Calvert will preach the Thanksgiving Sermon at Bethel Thanksgiving Day. The object of this service is to raise money to build a new Church Home.

Seventeen dollars and six cents were raised by the Mound Bayou District Convention for Mrs. S. S. Blackburn who is still in the hospital at Springfield, Ill. The hospital fee is \$2.50 per day. She has been there more than two months. How much will YOU give? "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Mrs. P. R. McCarty took the lead in lifting ten dollars for Elder J. G. Keyes to aid him in getting a new set of teeth that his speech may be clearer.

Miss L. O. Christmas was organist during the Convention and rendered excellent service.

Mrs. P. R. McCarty and Mrs. M. Christmas both made splendid addresses during the Convention.

Evangelist Calvert preached the closing sermon of the Convention. It was a masterpiece.

B. C. CALVERT.

From the West Virginia Hills— Bluefield, West Virginia

Mrs. Etta Banks Witten, Reporter

The little band at Jones Street Church is still in the march although being without a pastor for sometime, the members are still trying to carry the work along.

The missionary society is doing a splendid dork with Mrs. S. E. Hairston, the president. The membership is growing and the meetings are interesting and inspiring. We were visited last month by Brother J. F. Whitfield of Roanoke, Virginia, who preached two helpful and inspiring sermons. We hope he'll come again soon. We appreciate the interest that our visiting Brethren has for our work.

We ask the sincere and earnest prayers of all, throughout the entire Brotherhood, that this work here in Bluefield may grow and be a noble work for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

From the Banks of the Old Kentucky

Last time I wrote about "That Pratt"
Today we have a little chat
About another man we know
He is the one who makes things go.

Sometimes the "Boys" would up and
try him
And almost openly defy him
But he'd just sit and let 'em go
Then up and tell 'em what to do.

'Pears like he'd thought the whole
thing through
From every angle false and true
And when the picher tossed the ball
The umpire understood it all.

He plays no favorites in the chair
His rulings fairest of the fair
His honored Name I need not mention
President of National Convention.

"Old Father Time" has made him wise
His radiant heart beams through his
eyes

His usefulness cannot be rated
With national force still unabated.

In tribute to this man in rhyme
We think of one in olden time
Who led them out of Egypt land
'Cross hills and deserts burning sand.

Our National Convention proves
That men will honor whom they love
If any great respect is due him
In life's the time to slip it to him.

We have some other noble people
Who've headed toward the shining
steeple

And you will be of same persuasion
If you just "Trot out" the occasion.

We took Chicago "By the horns"
Twas same Convention, sure's you're
born

The next down South can't be a failure
If we will follow Preston Taylor.

—C. H. DICKERSON.

446 Ohio Street, Lexington, Ky.

Shakespeare says: "It is religion
that doth make vows kept." From this,
does it not follow that where vows
are not kept, there is no genuine religion?

The love of God and our fellow men
is not a natural development of the
depraved human heart. It is a divine
implantation.

The pure-hearted are the true-hearted.

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MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL
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had to exercise care lest the tones of his instrument conveyed the wrong note. We are God's trumpets. Through us He rallies His forces to Holy Warfare, and through us He gathers them together for refreshment, instruction and counsel. It is important that we be responsive to the skill of the Great Trumpeteer.

No uncertain sound must be given. We must not say, "Peace, Peace," when destruction is threatening, neither must we fail the Master when He would speak in gentle tones of comfort to wounded spirits.

Paul describes our mission in Colossians 1:28, "Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." To listen to some preacher one would come to the conclusion that the Gospel Trumpet has only one tone or note.

"He blew the trumpet soft and clear
That trembling sinners need not fear;
And then with louder note and bold
To raze the walls of Satan's hold."

Lord Christ, use us as Thy trumpets to Thy glory. May our ministry be according to Thy plan and purpose. Let milder accents proclaim the condescending God, and when the enemy must be conquered, sound an effective alarm through us to Thy embattled host:—

"Their sound goeth forth, Christ Jesus is Lord!
Then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall;
As when the dread trumpets went forth at Thy word,
And one long blast shattered the Canaanite wall.
Then loud be their trumpet, and strong their sound,
To rouse us, O Lord, from slumber of sin;
The lights Thou hast kindled in darkness around,
O may they illumine our spirits within."

LEXINGTON, KY.

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two day session with us in October. Sister Lizzie G. Smith of Danville, the president is pushing the District along at a lively gait.

Yours for "Plea."

"Thinkers are as scarce as gold."

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**It Was
Christmas Eve**
* *
By
Lily Rutherford Morris

GEORGE HARDMAN left the train hesitatingly as it stopped at the old familiar station. His firm was sending him South on business, and as he approached Helburn, where he had so long worked and loved and lost, he found himself unable to resist the temptation to stop off for the night, just to give the old place the once over again.

Three years before he had left suddenly, when the rumor of Dora Dean's engagement to Andrew Clews reached his ears. There had been some trouble at the bank where he worked—a wrong use of funds. George's name was at first connected with it, and



Presently a Hand Fell on His Shoulder.

many of his old-time friends looked askance at him, though he held his head high in his conscious innocence, and probably would have remained until all was cleared up, had it not been for Dora. He could not stand the loss of Dora. She, too, must think him guilty, or she would not be turning away from him now, when he most needed her staunch friendship. Andrew Clews had, for years, been his chief rival; and now, because of this false report, he had won from him the only woman he had ever truly loved.

It was Christmas eve, and Helburn had done herself proud in the way

We sometimes hear it declared that "time is the best of all things." Nay, not so. It is eternity that is the test.

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Superintendent; M. S. Brown, Assistant Superintendent; Grethel Brown, Secretary; Mrs. C. B. Fitzhugh, Treasurer; Brother Eusau Wilson, Teacher Class No. 1; Abe Elmore, Class No. 2; M. S. Brown, Class No. 3; Mrs. M. S. Brown, Class No. 4; Mrs. Nettie Dukes, Class No. 5 and 6.

Ere this comes to your hands the Jackson District meeting will be passed into history.

of holiday decoration. Everything everywhere glowed with various colored lights, holly wreaths, candles and Christmas bells. On the courthouse square a community tree stood blazing, and on building steps church choirs were singing merry Christmas carols.

George left his grip at a corner drug store, and circling around the crowd, which had congregated on the street, stepped behind an evergreen on the square and dropped down on a bench to watch and listen. Presently a hand fell on his shoulder, and he looked up into the smiling face of Dora Dean.

"George!"

He was on his feet instantly. "Dora!"

"Oh, George, why did you run off so abruptly? I've tried every way to find you."

"Why should you wish to find me, Dora? Are you not Mrs. Clews?"

"No! A thousand times no! Andrew started that report, and you didn't care enough for the truth to come to me for it."

"Dora, do forgive me! I acted the fool, of course. I should have learned the truth from you; but I was so hurt, so hurt, Dora."

"That report of our engagement was as false as was the report circulated against you, George. But I believed in you. And you—"

"Oh, Dora, dear, please don't remind me of my folly. I am miserable as it is. Is it too late, Dora, to take up things where we left off? I do want you for my wife. I could never love anyone else."

Dora's head went to George's shoulder as he embraced her tenderly and whispered: "How about making it a Christmas day celebration?"

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Born on Christmas Day

In Ireland it is believed that the baby boys born on Christmas day are hereby destined to become priests. Beyond that, those born on Christmas day were believed to have the power of "healing" by the laying on of hands, and to be gifted with "second sight."—Montreal Herald.



January 6 as Christmas Day

Recent investigators incline to the belief that in fixing January 6 as Christmas day, the early Christians were not very far out, for January 11 would seem to be the correct day.—Montreal Herald.

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OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION

THE WOMAN'S SESSION OF OUR NATIONAL CONVEN- TION AS SEEN BY ME IN CHICAGO AUG. 27-3, 1928.

by

Mrs. Wm. Alphin, Ex-National President, who served faithfully for six consecutive years, and is now enjoying the quietness and sweetness of a beautiful home life at 2511 Highland Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Each year it has been our custom to give a write-up of our National Convention just as we saw it on its upward trend. We have striven to give our women something NEW and BETTER and give all a much better understanding of our Missionary work as the years come and go. We feel today, perhaps as never before, that the great need among our women is most unquestionably that of a trained leadership. We rightly emphasize the great need of fellowship in the larger work of the entire brotherhood; but let it be remembered that even this is dependent upon leadership.

OUR CONFERENCE PERIOD.

With the thought of a trained leadership in mind, we called the women together in a two days conference period, just prior to the opening of the Convention proper. This, we believed, was a forward step in leadership training. We were exceedingly happy to have with us a number of our state workers and leading Missionary women. We received a great deal of inspiration as we discussed our many difficult problems and well formed plans and attempted to inaugurate the best improved methods to get desired results. We feel the best way to help others is to give them the plans we have successfully used in accomplishing things in our own local, District and State work. Our Conference Period was very ably conducted by Miss A'ma E. Moore. All of us felt greatly strengthened.

THE WOMEN'S SESSION

On Tuesday, August 28, 1928, the woman's session began with a very fine spirit prevailing throughout. One of the outstanding features was the devotion led by Mrs. B. B. Hutsell of Kentucky and Mrs. A. Staples of Maryland. It was one of the very best we have ever had. We trust we may continue to have better devotionals each year. It afforded us great joy to have so many of our women present, and especially those of the Piedmont District.

STATE REPORTS

The reports made by our State Presidents and Field Workers showed remarkable results. As we saw this phase of our work, it indicates that our women have been wide awake in most of our States; not only did our reports show this, but the excellent paper read by Miss J. K. Spencer of Roanoke, Va., and the splendid Missionary sermon preached by one of our fine young Ministers, Eld. W. H. Taylor of Baltimore, Maryland. This wonderful sermon brought to a close one of the best sessions of the entire Convention. The evening offering was slightly over \$51.00.

MISS MOORE IMPRESSES.

Miss Moore told us, in her address, about her visits to India, China and Japan. We were deeply impressed as she pictured most vividly the human suffering in foreign fields. As we listened to her, the fire of Missions was rekindled in our hearts and we were compelled to admit in our hearts that we had not done our full share in supporting the cause of Missions.

This, we believe, is God's way of settling muted race questions. When we recognize, as Jesus surely wants us to, "THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD and THE BROTHERHOOD of MAN" we shall then be like one big, great human family living in various parts of the world—and we would then be as much interested in the welfare of one human being as that of any other.

OUR FINANCES.

When the Women's session began, we had a balance of only \$26.00 but we raised a total of \$315.50 not including the offerings from Kansas and Oklahoma which came in after the close of the session. The W. M. S. made a contribution of \$100.00 to The Christian Plea and \$5.00 to the fund toward purchasing a gift for Bro. Preston Taylor as a token of appreciation. We had previously given (much earlier in the year) \$100.00 from The National Development Fund to aid The Christian Plea, which meant at that time, that we had to sacrifice our International Convention trip in April at Columbus, Ohio.

OUR INDIANAPOLIS CONVEN- TION OF 1922

Let us together review some of the phases of our Women's work for the last six years. The opportunity to lead our splended women in their National work came to us in 1922 at our National Convention assembled at Indianapolis, Indiana. We took the work of our National W. M. S. with an indebtedness; there were no available funds to send our President to our International Conventions.

KANSAS CITY CONVENTION OF 1923

After surveying the entire situation, we decided to raise a National Development Fund. With this as an objective we apportioned a few of the Societies \$100.00, some of them were apportioned \$50.00 and many others much less. As a result of this, when we came to our Kansas City Convention in 1923 we raised a total of \$800.00. We gave \$500.00 for furnishing our schools in Kentucky and Virginia, and then had enough remaining to pay off the indebtedness to the ex-president and have sufficient funds for Development work.

OUR WORK NEEDS "THE-PERSONAL-TOUCH."

In order to get results, if we are to profit by experience, there must needs be the personal-touch. This idea was
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MISS B. E. CHANDLER, Contributing Editor
V. G. SMITH, Contributing Editor
P. H. MOSS, Departmental Editor

BIBLE SCHOOL BEATITUDES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Bessie E. Chandler

Blessed is the church that believes in the Bible School, for it will compel the Bible School to believe in itself.

Blessed is the Bible School that knows why it exists, for it can hold its head up and look everybody in the eye.

Blessed is the Bible School that is properly organized for its work, for it knows where it is going, and will know when it gets there.

Blessed is the Bible School that is in relationship to the church with which it is concerned, for there will be no gravel in the wheels.

Blessed is the Bible School that recognizes the place of helpful worship, for deep breathing of devotional atmosphere gives poise to the heart.

Blessed is the Bible School that carries out an adequate, well-balanced program of religious education, for this is the diet that makes for permanency and strength.

Blessed is the Bible School which maintains a helpful worker's conference at least once a month, for this gives the workers what the grindstone gives to the ax—edge and polish.

Blessed is the Bible School whose teachers and officers are adequately trained for their work, for they will get results and do their work with joy.

Blessed is the Bible School that cooperates with other schools in a community program, for it will learn much it needs to know, and will be saved from self conceit.

Blessed is the Bible School that does not go to sleep at the switch, for it will keep on the main line and land at the station instead of in the ditch.

Blessed is the Bible School that maintains a missionary spirit, for this will develop a warm heart and a far away vision.

Blessed is the Bible School that carries out a graded program of social, thru-the-week activities, for it will grow in popularity and power, and the young folks will pronounce it good.

Blessed is the Bible School that fosters the patriotism of religion and the religion of patriotism, for, by so doing, it helps to develop a righteous nation.

Blessed is the Bible School that creates and maintains an evangelistic atmosphere, for it will reap abundantly.

We trust that all Bible workers will read these Beatitudes and govern themselves and the Bible School according to the principles set forth in them.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH.

V. G. Smith

Agencies for Expressions

The day has passed when children were considered small editions of men and women. No matter how similar in features or precocious in mind a child might appear, yet there is now a marked difference in the training to which they are submitted. Elementary department was evolved to take care in an adequate way of the children. Miss Chandler, our very efficient Elementary Superintendent, is telling you thru these pages of the best way to handle and integrate the training of these age levels.

But more recent has been the discovery that youth is not adulthood. Attaining in this period to the size and legal estate of maturity he was classed with the older groups. But in the last twenty years, dealing with young people from thirteen to twenty-five has proven that they are not "grown" except in physique. In other words, the period of youth has been discovered.

And once discovered, it was necessary to make way for youth to realize its highest idealisms and powers thru Agencies of expression and impression.

AGENCIES FOR YOUTH

The church school soon found a department with a youth manned organization putting on a youth planned program using youth evolved methods to get youth valued results would satisfy an inherent need. The Christian Endeavor was organized specifically for youth and all that it is as a separate auxiliary is based on youth. The Junior C. E. is a missionary organization for children. Later on the Missionary forces found it expedient to organize Triangle Clubs and Mission Circle for dissemination of missionary information. These are all in the local Church and taking in any sort of social club, forms the basis of other cooperative agencies.

Unless these were local youth organizations there would be no Young People's Conference to train leaders, or world convention to orient leaders, or student volunteer conventions to recruit leaders or World C. E. Conventions to associate leaders, or National Negro C. E. Convention to acquaint leaders. These all hinge on local organization.

TREATMENT OF SUBJECT—B. F.

Agencies for expression may be treated from the lower to the higher as units; from the higher to lower as association; from levels across as correlations; from the one to the other as progressions.

I might tell you what is the proper relation of the National C. E. Convention to the local society of C. E. in the church, treating each as a unit independent, or I might tell of the World C. E. as related to the National C. E. as related to the state C. E. as related to the local C. E. as sort of A. begot B, B. begot C, sort of relation, or I could explain the relation of the C. E. to the Mission Circle, and the C. E. Convention of Miss. to the C. E. Convention of Piedmont. Lastly, I could put one upon the other orienting each to the other and to the local program

Some material adapts itself to one, some to another treatment but I want submit the manner of treatment in the first so it will be clear just what I am doing each step.

"Make way for Youth" is found on every side; in politics, in business, in society, in internationalism, in industry in religion. And an ess way is made they are lost; politics, business, society, all is lost; for the "Wages of Sin is death," and that death can come thru spiritual starvation as well as thru violence or murder.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyson Hosts

On the 17th of September Brother W. H. Dyson, one of the senior elders of the High Street Christian Church extended an invitation to each elder, deacon and his wife, to come to his home on the above date.

Hours from 8:30 to 11:30 p. m.

Although not one seemingly knew of the invitation of the other, each was much surprised on arriving to know that it was a Social of the Official and their wives.

Brother Dyson said this had been on his mind for some time, and that he thought such a meeting very beneficial.

After song: "What a fellowship" and prayer, Brother Dyson read the scriptural duties of Elders, Deacons and their wives. He talked at length on this, followed by Elder W. H. Brown, and the officers, also their wives.

Mrs. Dyson served bountifully, a splendid repast, ices and cakes. Each left rejoicing over the pleasant evening, and saying, we should have such a meeting at least once a month. Who will be the next?

All praise to Brother and Sister Dyson.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

Only One Source of True Happiness.

On one occasion A. J. Gordon was passing along and heard an old man singing lustily. He paused and asked him why he sang. The answer was, "Because I am happy." And Mr. Gordon asked him why he was happy and he said, "Because I am a Christian." Mr. Gordon then asked him if he thought none were happy but Christians. He answered, "The devil has no old men." And how true this is. I have never known an old man that served the devil to be happy. Without a single exception I have never known an old man that served in sin to be happy. They are all wretched and miserable. And we can go a step farther than this. We have never seen a man happy who did not have kindness in his heart. Whenever you see a white man who has nothing but hatred in his heart for the colored people; or vice versa, a colored man who has hatred in his heart for the white people, you always see an unhappy man. True happiness comes only in service for mankind in the spirit of the teaching of Jesus.

We are doing a great many things that are dictated by selfishness and they will lead to misery later on. At present a great many white people are doing all they can to segregate the colored people in the least detail; and indirectly a great many colored people are at the same thing. They want everything pertaining to them done by the colored people. These people do not see what this will lead to. We are now entering upon an age when true happiness can come only by cooperation and in another generation we will waken up to find that this segregation business was all a mistake and we will have to labor long and hard to undo it. The new age into which we are entering will discover that except as all races and people work together there can be no happiness.

Some churches go no the theory that the white people will help the Negroes only until they can help themselves and then they will withdraw. And a great many Negroes work on the same theory. Often have we heard them say, "We are not strong enough yet to do so and so." The inference was that if they were strong enough they would take the work all over themselves. All this is a mistake. If our idea is that the Negroes must be segregated in every detail then we must follow the idea that the Negro is to build an empire within an empire and this will lead straight to chaos later on. If our idea is that the Negroes must not be segregated in every detail then the white people and the colored people must

work together in the great work of kingdom building. Missionary work can not be done with a ten foot pole. Heart must touch heart and soul must touch soul.

Any policy that is dictated by selfishness leads to misery and woe. The bringing of native Africans here to be sold as slaves was dictated by selfishness and it led to untold misery and woe. The present policy of segregation will lead to even worse misery for our children. It will take the most prayerful effort of all Christian people to right this thing. Too often the Negro thinks the responsibility all rests on the white people. They do have a great responsibility, but they do not have all of it. The Christian Negroes now have it in their power to do much to right a wrong situation. God has now put it into the power of the Christian Negroes to do a very large part of the work of righting a situation that will prove a very great curse later on. No wrong was ever righted except by sacrifice and suffering. "If any man would come after me, let him take up his cross and follow me." This will bring true happiness. It will put song into the heart of the old man and will debar misery and woe.

A DIFFICULT TASK—Set a watch. O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.—P's. 141:3

PRAYER—O Thou Almighty God, only Thou canst keep us from speaking unadvisedly with our lips.

AFFIRMATION—I cried unto Thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.—Ps. 142:5.

PRAYER—For the sure promise, Lord, we are grateful; ask and it shall be given unto you.

THE STEADFAST LOOK—But mine eyes are unto Thee, O God the Lord: in Thee is my trust, leave not my soul destitute.—P's. 141:8.

PRAYER—We rejoice to know dear Lord, that no one who trusts in Thee shall ever be left desolate.

A SWEET SAVOR—Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.—P's. 141:2.

PRAYER—Lord, teach us to pray.



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"In a large part the insubordination of servants arises from the growing sense of unwillingness to be directed and governed by the individual.

"It is the spirit of the age which rebels against the dictates of the individual, but submits freely to the despotism of an organization."

SEASONABLE DISHES

As our seasons are so variable it is hard to determine when summer ends and fall begins. We usually have as uncomfortable hot days late in the season as any time during the summer. It is not wise to retire all the summer dishes, for they may be much needed during



the fall months. This year cucumbers seem to be especially good and abundant. Try putting up some in this simple way:

Cucumber and Celery Pickles.—Fill quart or two-quart glass jars with small sized cucumbers or if large cut them lengthwise into finger-sized pieces, arrange five to six stalks of celery and one or two small onions in each jar; when well filled with the vegetables fill with the boiling hot vinegar, using one quart of vinegar (if very acid dilute with water), one cupful of sugar and one-half cupful of salt. Seal the cans and put away for use in a week or two. Onions as well as cucumbers may be sliced, if too large to serve.

Here is a simple mustard pickle which is especially good for those who can add the cucumbers daily to the pickle. Use one gallon of vinegar, one-half cupful of mustard, one cupful of salt, two cupfuls of brown sugar. Mix cold and put into a large jar, adding a quart or two of small cucumbers as they grow. Cover with horseradish leaves and set away.

French Potato Salad.—Cut a large onion into slices and put to cook in a saucepan with two to three tablespoonfuls of butter. Cook until very soft. In another saucepan cook four medium sized potatoes cut into bits; while they are cooking add a little of the potato water occasionally to the onion to finish cooking until tender. Mash the potato, add the onion and one quart of good milk, season well with salt and pepper and serve very hot. This makes a nice supper dish for a cool night.

Nellie Maxwell

If I can feed a hungry heart,
If I can give a better start,
If I can fill a nobler part,
Lord, show me how.

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING.

The fact that the Disciples lead in matters of Religious Education is not fully appreciated by the bulk of the Negro Disciples in this country. But there is felt a growing need on the part of the entire brotherhood for a trained church and a trained church leadership led by a trained Pastor.

The Missionary schools at Southern Christian Institute, Jarvis Christian College and Piedmont Christian Institute are attempts to train a leadership for full-time service. Augmented by the chair of Religious Education recently established in Lincoln Institute in Kentucky these ought to provide state and national secretaries, ministers, evangelists and local workers for the paid positions in the church.

But, even a of yore, the church requires a great host of volunteer workers to carry on the task. So the INSTITUTE, MISSIONARY INSTITUTES, YOUNG PEOPLES CONFERENCE, and Schools of Methods are coming into more popularity. So far, last summer, four agencies were held, two Schools of Methods, and two Young People's Conferences.

This year the agencies were not so largely attended as heretofore, but there was a greater area covered by those who

did attend. In all there were about 75 in these four agencies representing thirteenth states and about fifty congregations

The Magnolia Conference held at the Southern Christian Institute was the first. It was attended by many of the former students and so many of the original 42 of the first Conference were there that besides those doing second year work who had not returned the second Conference we graduated a class of nine young people representing some five states and seven congregations. This Conference chose a name that would characterize the beauty and sweetness of its spirit. The State Convention of Mississippi, which has heretofore taken no interest beyond a casual one, in the Conference, this year in its annual session voted unanimously that a reputable enrollment is present, all difficulties will be removed, since there has never been any question about the character of work done in this Conference, nor of the very great need of the youth in that section of the country for such leadership for training.

The Piedmont School of Methods was as usual well-attended by the young people of that section, with persons enrolled from Roanoke, Martinsville, Reidville, Spencer and Winston Salem. There were three courses given in the standard Training Course and two lecture courses during the morning with a lecture during the chapel period and inspirational addresses and sermons in the evening. One of the interesting features was the recreational period each day. The sermons each evening were supplied by the invited ministers of the District, and this proved a benefit, for it advertised the work of religious agencies for leadership trainers of the church in a tangible manner. Over a dozen received credit for work done here.

The Ohio School of Methods had quite a number who returned for another year to the school. Most of the Dayton students, where the School was held, were back with some new ones who took their first unit. Other churches found it profitable to send a worker back for more training. This school was conducted on the same schedule and curriculum as the Piedmont School.

The Mid-West Conference was held in Dalton and reached quite a few with three states, three communions and seven congregations represented. The young folks did a stellar brand of work and the state thought so much of it that both Missouri and Kansas decided to subsidize Conference with Oklahoma and Illinois to promote the sending of young people.

The State Convention of Texas is anxious to have a Young People's Conference

and have set aside funds to take care of the first effort. Kentucky is also in line for this sort of effort, having already had four Schools of Methods and planning a fifth, Tri-State School of Methods, the ideal is not lacking to increase the number of agencies for the Central states.

Leadership Training is costly. There is no royal road to a knowledge of how to do God's work thru a study of God's Word, and God's World and like all education, it must be paid for in CASH, in TIME, in ENERGY and in consecrated effort. Our Brotherhood is fast coming to the place where it realizes both the necessity and the cost, and is planning its program to pay for leadership ability by giving leadership training.

Nov. 23, 1928.

Dear Editor of the Plea:

Below you will find my first report on the "Vance Smith Fund." Kindly publish the same in your next issue.

Report on Vance Smith Fund from Sept. 1st to Nov. 23, 1928:

Cash received—

Prof P. H. Moss pledged.....	\$5.00
Prof. T. W. Pratt, pledged.....	10.00
Miss Phenton Hamilton, Chicago, I I, paid.....	3.00
Mr. Nathan Brown, Chicago, Ill. paid.....	10.00
Oakwood Boulevard Christian Endeavor Society, per Mr. Raymond Walton, paid.....	10.00
Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, Miss., per Eld. K. R. Brown, paid	10.00

Total Amount Paid and Sent to

Headquarters up to date.....\$48.00

Let us make the month of January a Red Letter Month for the paying up of our Pledges. Send check or Money Order to R. H. Davis, 2037 Edison St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

My Daily Prayer

If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how.
If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or song,
Lord, show me how.
If I can aid one in distress,
If I can make a burden less,
If I can spread more happiness,
If I can aid one in distress,
Lord, show me how.
If I can do a kindly deed,
If I can help someone in need,
If I can sow a fruitful seed,
Lord, show me how.

—Grenville Kleiser in the Detroit Free Press.

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CHRISTIAN CHAPEL

Port Gibson, Mississippi.

Sunday, October 21st, Prof. J. B. Lehman and Eld. P. A. Gray were with us at Christian Chapel. Brother Lehman preached Sunday morning and at night, Closing remarks by Eld. P. A. Gray. The sermon was enjoyed and we were benefited by the visit of the Brothers.

While attending the National Convention, the writer pledged ten subscribers for The Christian Plea, also pledged \$10.00 to the Vana Smith Fund.

Mrs. S. Thomas was present at the first the Pastor's care. Came home and has succeeded in getting ten subscribers, one dollar each. The writer had received two subscribers, hence we have 12 subscribers. The \$10.00 pledge to the Smith Fund is also sent in to Brother R. H. Davis.

Eld. P. A. Gray, the new Editor for the Christian Plea is not allowing a stone go unturned. If the Plea fails, it will not be his fault, if it takes effort to succeed.

Yours,

K. D. Brown.

COLLEGE NOTES

Maurice Welch has been in bed a few days because of a sprained ankle received while playing a game of Playground Ball.

Friends of Levetta Taylor will be glad to hear that she is able to return home after a very serious operation at Vicksburg.

Mrs. Klaiss is meeting her classes again after a weeks' absence due to sickness.

The Mount Beulah Playground has presented the pictures "The Courtship of Miles Standish," and Mary Pickford in "Sparrows" recently. The next picture will be the popular picture "Ramona."

Thanksgiving day was a very enjoyable one, and we all had a great deal to be thankful for. Professor B. L. Jacobs delivered a most inspiring address at the morning service. Professor Klaiss played a very beautiful violin solo. The Church and Bible School secured over one hundred dollars in offerings.

Mount Beulah was represented at the District Convention held at Jackson recently by Miss Florence Brown, Eli Wilbert and Edward Brown.

From the reports given out at the end of the first quarter of school, Burel Lee and Richard Anthony received the highest honors by earning the largest number of grade points.

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HERMANVILLE NOTES.

Miss Henry Earl White

We are doing some good work in the Christian Church with Rev. John Lomax as our pastor. We, with the help of God are trying to carry out the work of the Church.

The District meeting was held in our church with Eld. S. D. Yarbrough chairman. The meeting opened Friday night, November 11th. We discussed "The Sunday School Work."

Saturday, the Willing Workers had their period. They raised some money also for their work.

On Sunday, Rev. B. L. Jacobs, a District Worker for the Christian Endeavor Society made a wonderful talk concerning the C. E. in the churches. He is working to have the C. E. organized in the churches. We haven't, but we are planning to start a C. E. Society in our church.

Mrs. B. L. Brazard was the reporter for the Missionary Work from Port Gibson. They raised \$5.00 to help support the work.

Rev. R. B. Brounmd took up a collection of \$10.00 for Mrs. Sarah Blackburn who is still in the hospital.

The donation to help support our work amounted to 55 or 60 dollars. Elder Yarbrough preached the sermon which was very inspiring.

CEDAR BLUFF MISS.

A great meeting was held at Pilgrim Rest Christian Church by Elder B. C. Calvert on Oct. 8th. This was a real meeting, we had a big crowd every night. I believe one could hear a pin fall while he was preaching.

The subject discussed was: "The need of Revivals" Oct. 8th; Oct. 9th; "The Antecedents of Pentecost; Oct. 10th; "What it profiteth, etc.," Oct. 11; "The consequence of sin" Oct. 12th; "What wait I for" Sunday morning Oct. 14th; "Our position in the religious world".

Sunday night, felt a little ill but made some wholesome remarks of confession. I believe it was the best meeting I have ever been to in Clay County for a long time. May Elder Calvert live a long time to go and carry the great message he brought here to us. We need more preachers like him.

Roxie Green, Reporter

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Sunday, October 27th—Sunday School at the usual hour. Lesson "Christian Stewardship." Attendance for Sunday School and Church was fair. Our Pastor preached some wonderful ser-

mons on Stewardship.

We are glad to have with us one of our State Workers in the person of Mrs. Connie Deelan who brought us a very inspiring message. We always enjoy the good news our state workers bring to us. We are urging all members to attend all meetings.

Our Pastor visited his family in Kansas City.

Visitors are always welcome. Our slogan for all departments of the church this year is: "Over the top." We are indeed glad to secure Rev. W. M. Alphin for our Pastor. He has unusual experience in all departments of church work.

A. F. Mitchell, Reporter.

ALABAMA DISCIPLES HELD FIFTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

By Miss Georgia Daniel

The Fiftieth Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ was held at the Eleventh Street Christian Church, Oct. 24-28, 1928.

Wednesday and Thursday brought to the occasion many delegates from various points of the states.

Elder Brabry, D. C. President of the States Convention presented many new ideas.

The main feature of Wednesday night was the coming together and receiving and assigning of places and destinations.

Thursday, business reports from various churches and Districts. The reports were evidences of the progress of most of the churches.

The Welcome program was the feature of the evening following the first days work. The program endeavored and did demonstrate a warm and cordial welcome on behalf of the city.

Miss Bessie Chandler, one of our National Field Workers presented to us some useful suggestions.

Mrs. Rosa Grubbs, another one of our field workers aroused the emotions and thoughts of the entire convention group. We feel that this Convention has been a great help and stimulant to members of the Eleventh Street Christian Church and friends of Birmingham as well as the entire Brotherhood.

There was peace and harmony from beginning to end.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Sunday, November 25th, we closed a very successful two weeks meeting at the Monroe Avenue Church of Christ.

The Church was strengthened intellectually and spiritually, thus making for

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STATE NEWS PAGE

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

Dec. 1, 1928.

"Does it pay to hold Conventions?" in the rhetorical question of our benign Brother Moss, who always carries us along with his full current of meaning.

I'm so glad to read again of my old acquaintance Eld. B. J. Gregory and the Eastern "Assembly" with its Chief Scribe "Propose" and "agree". Perhaps they can teach us how to raise Convention money.

Then to see Brother Vance G. Smith keep "knocking" the tater bugs off our vines".

Eld. Wm. Martin closed splendid meeting here in Lexington with eleven added and a great soul stirring. I think he is originally an Arkansas Traveler, but a full-blooded Kentuckian now, and just about as ready as any preacher we know He's pastoring in Danville, Ky.

Our Sunday School elected some 20 officers and Teachers to "Run her" next year, with few changes. We need a few more church officers, but don't see the timber in mill.

Perhaps we can "capsize" some till we can baptize and train others.

One day we wrote of the Sunday School man, and then of President Taylor. In thinking now of the business man whose a leader, and not a traitor.

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I spied him first at Greenwood Park,
Down there where workers assemble.

I looked him over from dawn till dark
Locating just whom he resembled.

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At length I dubbed him our Booker T.
Perhaps not quite such a talker,
He wins the laurels by Doing, you see
They Christened him J. E. Walker.

4

In the Business line, you find my man
His eye ablaze with ambition,
With never a konck, but leading the
van,
If there's problems, he has the so-
lution.

And now he has tackled a real man's
job,

It has killed and buried a host,
The Christian Plea has a sure door
knob,

Who turns it has room to boast.

6

Somehow I believe in my Business man
He can make big Insurance go,
I trust the man who believes he can
And will help him make this grow.

7

But I save some fire for other game,

Who're also top-twig birds,
To cheer when they fall is not the
same

As while they can hear our words.

8

We send for Doctor when a thing is
sick,

The Undertaker when it's dead,
The Preacher hits the very last lick,
When the funeral Text is read.

9

But the Preachers must help the Doc-
tor this time,

The Undertaker must not be called,
To bury this "Plea" is a capital crime
T'would be a death-blow to us all.

Please find enclosed (\$5.00) five dollars
for the Plea. It may help get it a
Christmas gift.

Prof. H. Calkins is fitting into the
Bible Choir at Lincoln Ridge, Ky., just
like an ebony gentleman's shirt filling
it full to the brim.

Big Choir—Big Man—Big Heart.

All surrounding state must join Old
Kentucky in filling this splendid School
with our boys and girls. The Cata-
logue reads, Prof. Hugh S. Calkins, A.
B., B. D. heads our School of Religious
Education. This Department of work
has just been introduced through the
cooperation of the United Christian Mis-
sionary Society, and I may add can just
be maintained through the cooperation
of our Ministers and churches.

When we get what we want, let's push
it. For information or Catalogue write
Prof. H. S. Calkins, 531 Shelby St., Lex-
ington, Ky.

Yours for a Merry Christmas to all,

C. H. Dickerson,

446 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

NEWS ITEMS

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future growth and development.

We planned a constructional rather
than a numerical meeting, yet we had
five additions to the church, three confes-
sions and two by statements.

Rev. Geo. W. Dickerson of North Traze
well, Va., did the preaching in a most
satisfactory and masterful way. His
sermons were scriptural, intellectual,
spiritual and instructive in this presen-
tation; and constructive, spiritually and
intellectually in this effects upon the
congregation. He helped in every way
to rally the members around the vital
thing of the Christian faith and life.

We found him to be a refined Chris-
tian minister in every way; a Prince a-

mong preachers; the members were de-
lighted to have him with them and they
desire to have again in the presentation
of his message. Rev. Dickerson has
originality with a peculiarity of his own,
and the fitting illustrations which he uses
are gathered by long experience and ob-
servation.

As a result of this meeting, the church
has come to itself and is looking forward
for better things.

The most serious problem confronting
the church now, is its financial condition
a condition which has developed during
the last two years, however, we hope this
will soon clear up, so we can settle down
to planning for the future of the church
work.

G. Calvin Campbell.

MT. STERLING, KY.

We are getting along nicely in our
church auxiliaries. All are working to-
gether for one common cause—Building
the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

During the month of September our
Bible School raised \$101.00 Missionary
money. Each teacher and class tried
to raise all they could; it proved quite a
success.

...District No. 6 held their meeting here
Oct. 6th. Sister Lizzie D. Magowan is
District and Local President. We had
a splendid meeting. The attendance was
good and we were royally entertained
by the Local Society. Sister B. B. Hut-
sell is our State President. They were
present and helped to make the meeting
more interesting.

Elder George Letton and wife were
with us on that day, as well as represen-
tatives from other Societies, belonging
to District No. 6.

On Oct. 7th, Elder Letton opened a
three weeks Campaign for the saving of
souls, his wife taking the lead in the song
services. We certainly did have a
glorious meeting. 29 were added to the
church, 25 by baptism and in that num-
ber an aged man, 75 or 80 years old came
forward and made the good confession.

Eld. Letton is small in stature, but a
giant in the gospel. Every sermon was
interesting and most every night you had
to go early to get a seat. Sister Letton
did much to make the meeting a success
by her splendid singing. Her solos were
so appropriate and were enjoyed by all.
We wish for Elder and Sister Letton a
long life.

Our Pastor, Eld. W. H. Brown always
tries to get the very best he can to hold
our annual meetings. He certainly did
not make a mistake when he succeeded
in securing the service of Elder George
Letton.

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OUR CONVENTION

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the beginning of our successful efforts. In order to reach every one of our Societies, large and small, urban and rural, our Corresponding Secretary sent out the Future Work Reports less than 60 days after the Convention adjourned, and the President in turn, as a kind-of-follow-up sent out general letters three or four times during the year urging our Societies to REPORT.

With painstaking care and much labor we finally succeeded in working out some report blanks which was something new for us. Early in July our Corresponding Secretary sent these out.

Our Jubilee was on in Kansas City. We then needed no more apportionment for The National Development Fund, so we, together with our National Worker, made apportionments for the States for the Jubilee Fund. Our goal was \$500.00 for a Jubilee Offering.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION OF 1924

When we came into our sessions at the Chicago Convention less than half of this amount (\$5,000.00 was actually raised however, our group of splendid women came to front in a fine way and paid in cash \$400.00 in our first session. In addition to this \$600.00 was subscribed. The \$600.00 we pledged was paid in full by the time the International Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, less than three months later. We termed the year of Jubilee our "Big-year-of-learning-how-to-do-things." Our final reports showed that we had raised more than \$5,000.00 for the Jubilee Fund and more than \$3,000.00 for The General Fund.

THE CINCINNATI CONVENTION OF 1925

We came to the Cincinnati Convention very jubilant because of the fact that we had gone "Over-the-top." Then it was during these moments of great enthusiasm and "high-resolve," that we decided we must have a Church Paper and to that end the women gave \$100.00 to The Christian Plea Fund. We also decided here that we would pay one half fare for the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, the Treasurer and the Children Workers to our National Convention.

THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION OF 1926.

The following year, in the Louisville Convention, we decided to take another forward step. So we agreed to pay half of the President's way to State Conventions to which she would be invited. This was timely for many invitations had been turned down for the need of funds. We feel our National Convention (and

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we mean all departments) should use their Presidents to help put over our Program, and in fact they do.

THE WASHINGTON, D. C. CONVENTION OF 1927.

Great stress was laid on the importance of our Children and Young People's work in our Convention of 1927 in our Capital City. We gave a very neat sum to our Church there because we felt they both needed and deserved it.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION OF 1928.

We found ourselves standing on "higher ground" when we came to our National Convention. The forward steps we have taken from time to time came about thru diligent study of our Missionary work for the last twenty years.

For eight years we served Texas as a Field Worker and are familiar with the problems of the field; As a State President for four years for our Missouri Society, we have come to know the problems of our State Presidents, and then, for the last six years we have lead our splendid women in their National Work. This latter capacity made it possible for us to visit many conferences and International Conventions which supplemented previous years of experience.

WE'VE SOUGHT NO "HONORS"; ONLY DESIRE WAS TO SERVE

In all of this it has never been the writer's purpose to "seek honors" instead we sought only to place our work on par with others, very similar to our own in many respects. As a result we, as well as you, have had much joy in this great task.

For six consecutive years we have served our women to the very best of our ability; endeavoring always to be faithful. Each year, we have attempted to build a constructive program and thus lead more of our splendid younger women into the larger work, and encourage all to give more liberally of their means.

This year, we felt it an opportune time to give some of our younger women a chance to lead out in this new day of bigger and better achievements. Consequently we instructed the chairman of the Nominating Committee to secure a new President for the ensuing year. In this request we were sincere.

THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

To our surprise, when the Committee reported, the writer's name was presented for the Presidency. The honor was twice declined. I wish to personally thank those who felt my leadership was still needed; I wish to add this further word; even though I am no longer leading our National forces, you can depend on me to do my full share of the work as a faithful follower. I'll do all I can to help our New President, for I strove

with your help, to have a work that would be constantly growing and that would develop our younger women for better services in Kingdom Building. Our Younger women must be led into the larger work of the Church.

THE JOINT EX-ECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

For four years we served as a member of the Joint Ex-ecutive Committee and have felt all along that our President should represent us on this Committee, for the work of this Committee is vital and very important; it touches both our general work and has to do with the work of our Field Secretary in a very definite way. It was indeed a pleasure to know that our women voted to have our new President represent them on this Committee.

...OUR NATIONAL W. M. S. NEEDS MORE THAN A PRESIDING OFFICER.

If one judges, from the carefulness with which you sought your new President, we feel that you doubtless realize that you needed a woman who had been a good local, District and State Leader; and one whom, because of the foregoing facts was in position to best serve the interests of the work because of the contacts, observations and experiences she had had, and, in addition to this, could preside most ably because her inner qualities in her own life. You thoroughly realized, I am sure, that you needed more than a Presiding Officer.

Frankly, I think we have in our new President, the things we need. Let us stand by her and give her our hearty support; if we do this, I honestly believe our work will grow literally by leaps and bounds, and we will find ourselves standing on higher ground for Kingdom Building. You can count on me for willing and faithful service.

REMINISENCE

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The writer notes with pleasure much progress in the "Old Church" in this new day with many young and new helpers in the field in the person of Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs, Mrs. Deetsy Blackburn Gray, Eld. Prince Gray, Eld. V. G. Smith, Miss Bessie E. Chandler, and our "Big Brother" Moss who leads us still.

We are now able to be on the field once more and have visited several points. We reorganized the work at Pearidge with 13 members and are now hoping for some improvements.

We have 10 prospective subscriptions for The Christian Plea and hope to send them in real soon.

What about those 15 questions that I asked the Brotherhood last fall concerning the National Convention and its Departmentst?

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A NEW YEAR'S SERMON

By Elder B. S. Calvert, Evangelist of Mississippi

This year offers us larger things. Great opportunities for service awaits us. This will be one of the great years of God. We are entering upon a new era in the world's history. Things that will be said and done this year may decide the destination of the nations for the next thousand years, and perhaps for the lifetime of the world. Great problems will have to be solved. Ask God for a solution to the knotty problems of life. Do all in your power to create great reforms. Reforms should be instituted everywhere. Liberty and justice must be meted out to all men. No people on earth is denied justice like the Negro race. We should pray fervently to God to direct and guide the heads of this Government in making federal laws to prohibit lynching and mob violence. Federal laws will make liberty and justice safe and secure for all men.

Spiritual service must be rendered for and by the Church. All of God's Churches must be spiritually revived before they can move off. The service God calls upon us to render is a spiritual service, and must be performed by the spirit. You can drive a Dray Wagon without the Spirit; you may farm without the Spirit; buy and sell without the Spirit; go to moving-picture shows, dance halls, wrestling matches, base ball games, a sinful church entertainment, joy riding, and on an expedition for greed and gain without the Spirit of Christ,—but you can not work for God without the Spirit. This is the age of the Holy Spirit, and He must be recognized in all our endeavors. Your Lord and mine commanded the Apostles to wait at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high, or in plain words, He told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit came Peter preached his first Gospel sermon, and three thousand souls were brought into the Kingdom. Mighty works have always been accomplished thru the power of the Spirit of God. When the Spirit came upon Samson he pulled down the pillars that ended his own life and hundreds of other lives.

We find that the Spirit was present in the Morning of time in conjunction with the word: "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, and God said, Let there be light: and there was light." Gen. 1:2-3. By His Spirit God garnished the Heavens. Job 26:13. Thus you see the Spirit was a wonder-worker in the material universe.

In the days of the Judges God sent His Spirit upon the men whom He de-

signed as leaders and deliverers. When the Spirit came upon Othinel he was able to judge Israel and lead his armies successfully against his enemies. Judges 3:10. When the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon the Midianites were delivered into his hands. Judges 6:30-35. When the Spirit of God came upon Samson he slew a thousand of the Philistines. Judges 13:25. Judges 15:14-15. These are some of the outstanding exhibitions of the Spirit's power in Old Testament times, and are given for the sole purpose of imparting strength and valor to God's chosen commanders who were to lead His chosen people to victory against their foes. It shows that apart from the Spirit we can do nothing. Forms and fashions must give way to spirituality. If we are lead by the Spirit then are we the sons of God.

Let me suggest three companions you should take with you into the New Year.

1. Take Faith With You. You will need it. Things will go against you. Like Elijah of old, you will find yourself under the juniper tree before the year is half gone. Elijah had done the will of God in slaying the prophets of Baal, but he became excited over the threats of Jezebel and fled into the wilderness, and being fatigued with the journey he sat down under the juniper tree and prayed to God to take his life because of the seeming failure. He was discouraged. But God sent His angel to feed His servant, and Elijah went in the strength of that food forty days and nights.

It does not take a prophet to foretell that you will meet with sorrow and trouble this year, but faith will help you to fight your way thru them all. Have faith in yourself; Have faith in others! Have faith in Jesus Christ. Do your best to bring out the best that is in yourself. Help your brother to be a better man, any your sister to be a better woman.

2. Take hope with you. Faith will start you, but hope will keep you going. Hope is at the bottom of nearly all great things done for God and man. Hope is the mainspring of human life. Hope will help you to wait until the clouds roll away.

3. Take love with you. Love had a hard time last year, but give it extra measures this year. Pour it out on this bruised and bleeding world. Nothing will help this world like the love of God that is pent up in the human. When Whittier, one of the greatest poets that ever lived was dying, those who sat around his bedside noticed that he was trying to say something. As they bent

over him they heard him say, "Give my love to the world!" Nothing will heal the aches and pains of the human heart like love. There are bushels of love in your hearts that you have never given out. It is too good for you to keep for yourself. Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

To be like God we must love even those who mistreat us. Love will enable us to grow more and more like Him. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:1-3.

God's name and God's nature are love. It is just as natural for God to love as the sun shines. The sun is no respecter of persons in his shining. God is no respecter of persons in His love. He loves the best man in America, and He loves the worse man in America. I will go a step further and say God loves the meanest man in the world better than He loves the best saint. The word of God backs me up. Here it is: "What man of you having a hundred sheep, if he lose one, doth not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after that which was lost? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." Luke 15: 4-7.

To The Editor of
The Christian Plea.

Dear Sir:

"The Christian Plea" has been sent, (free of charge), to my mother, Mrs. C. C. Smith.

She wishes to express thanks for this courtesy and to make a return gift to this paper and, therefore, we are enclosing check for five dollars in appreciation of the kindness which prompted the sending of the same to my mother.

We read "The Plea" with interest, and we hold in remembrance many (among the negro people) who were always loyal and faithful in the earlier days of the work as they are today. Among them we especially remember are Mr. and Mrs. Bostick, the Brayboy folks, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm Alphin and others without whose loyal and efficient co-operation the work could not have been carried on.

It was ten years the ninth of this month since my father passed from earth.

And now with appreciation of the thought, kindness and courtesy which prompted the sending of the "Christian Plea", without charge, to my mother and with every good wish for the Pleas ever increasing usefulness.

I am, most sincerely,

Gertrude Smith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MISS B. E. CHANDLER, Contributing Editor
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SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By Bessie E. Chandler Elementary
Supt.
Religious Education

"Friendly the teacher stood like an angel of light there among them, and to the children explained the holy the highest in few words. Thorough yet simple and clear, for sublimity always is simple. Both in song and prayer a child seized on its meaning."

Worship

Worship should be the predominating feature in the elementary department, teaching the children to worship in spirit and truth. For "Worship is the soul's humble and earnest approach to God in a definite act." Thus in the teaching of religion we realize that the simplest and most universal act of expression is worship. You who are responsible for planning of the worship of children may be asked this question; What are the aims of worship? Let us conclude that worship should aim to accomplish these four tasks:

1. To make real the sense of companionship with God.
2. To convince one of the worth and ultimate victory of high ideals.
3. To give expression to desirable attitudes.
4. To afford training in worship.

The worship program should then be so planned that these aims will all be carried out thus making possible for the boys and girls the consciousness of the presence of God.

The worship program for children will consist more or less of songs and prayer. The prayers should be short, reverent and within the understanding of the children. Act of irreverence on the part of the children are due more or less to lengthy prayers, thus bringing a strain on them. If you pray frequently and with simplicity, including the children always, you will have greater results.

Some appropriate prayer songs for your department are:

"Morning Prayer"

"Father, we thank Thee for the night
And for the pleasant morning light
For rest and food and loving care
And all that makes the world so fair."

"Prayer Of Thanks"

"For my home and friends, I thank Thee,
For my father, mother dear
For the hills, the trees, the flowers,
For the sky so bright and clear."

Music plays another great part in the worship program of the children, there fore great care should be taken in the selecting of the songs and quiet music. The response to rhythm in both words and music is natural for children. Some familiar strains played softly should be used at the opening of the worship program to "call attention" that it is time to worship. Ideas which are carried into a child's consciousness through a song will go farther and last longer than any others you may attempt to give them.

In selecting your songs for any class

in the department ask yourself these three questions:

1. Can the children mean this?
2. Are the words and music really good and are they suited to each other? Unless you appreciate the best in religious music in your own life it is difficult for you to choose the best in the children's realm.
3. Can the children sing this without strain?

Suggestive songs for the department maybe found in "Songs For Little People, by Frances Weld Danielson, obtained from the Christian Board of Publication.

Thus we establish in the pupils habits of private and public worship through the worship program.

The End

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

By V. G. Smith

Organizations

Under the old system, the organizational method, of getting work done appealed. The Church School had its department; the mission study had its Triangles Club and Circle; the C. E. had its organization and social club was a distinct entity. Each and all bided for the youth of the church and the youth's needs were found in all. Each had to branch out and do a little bit of the work of the other because of the needs of his constituency, overlapping of function and program resulted. But even so there was need that each exist, the church school to give Biblical and religious training; the missionary organizations to give missionary inspiration, information and expression; the Christian Endeavor to render an expressional service for ideals, thoughts and experiments; the social club gave the opportunity to leave each other and appreciate the individuality of each one.

The new organization is an Organization, not haphazardly throwing together units into an association. It has methods of work, objectives, officers and a program. Books have been written on the procedure of each. Later on each organization will be discussed as such.

Correlation

As before stated, overlapping and duplication resulted from the many organizations appealing to a special constituency. Weakness and one-sidedness followed the system so steps was taken to correlate each organization in the church with each other.

A young person belonged to a young peoples department of the church which held its meetings Sunday morning at Church School for Educational matters, collected finances, were taught by an instructor not of the youth group, and recited or discussed topics of interest. For his meeting quarterlies were used.

This same young person attended the vesper services of the department which used the young people in leading, treating the discussion, rendering musical selections and exchanging ideas on topics of vital interest. Here finances were collected, worship programs executed, service activities planned and reported on, and an opportunity for an expression of missionary, Biblical and social lessons

learned heretofore.

The identical individual some week night during the month attended a missionary meeting of the young peoples' department where topics were discussed, information disseminated and dues collected. Missionary plays and pageants were put on, missionary lectures afforded, and missionary people entertained.

Lastly, the young person finds himself during the month on some week-day night, in a merry group of associates as guest of the department social committee. He therefore learns to know and respond to good recreation; he finds expression for the social and gregarious instinct. All of these are under one department and the C. E. doesn't give socials as a unit or church school class plans service activities in its class period.

The organization method is necessary if there is anything to be done but correlation is best. "The young peoples' department and its organization is the subject for the next article."

The End

Why We Should Help in Mission

Jan. 8, 1929:—This has become a common question among most church members. As I travel through the country I meet men and Women who confront me with this question.

The answer is easy because we can see the answer by actual results in what Missions have done.

If we are readers and comprehend what we read we don't need to ask this question.

Let us turn our minds to the progress of the Country does a Country live to itself? The progress of a Country depends upon its association with other countries. This in itself is mission work.

The simplest definition I can give to Missions is that Mission is the work of helping others to live happy, or to exchange our happiness with others.

When we think of those less fortunate than we are such as the aged, the blind, crippled and above all, those who know not of the Christ we see a great need of doing Missionary work.

The great commission of Jesus Christ is for his disciples to go into all the world and preach his Gospel to every living creature isn't that Missions?

People have different reasons for asking questions; some ask for information while others ask in order to criticize.

I am giving them the answer "that we are not living all for ourselves, but for those who come after us. We must build of Christ's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

May God help us to answer the many questions of the people and help them see the need of world wide co-operation.

—Leroy Kearse, Evangelist of S. C.

SOCIAL WORK SCHOOL GIVEN HIGH RATING

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 28:—The Atlanta School of Social Work has just been advised of its admission to the American Association of Schools of Professional Social Work. This action was taken at the recent annual meeting of the Association's executive committee in Chicago. It is especially significant in view of the fact that the Atlanta institution, is the only colored school of social work in this Association, which embraces more than twenty-five schools. It is also a gratifying recognition of the high standards and efficient work of this institution, under its new director Forrester B. Washington, who is now serving his second year in that capacity.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

TRUE PREPARATION FOR LIFE'S WORK

Most people look upon an education as a training of the mind to think out great and lofty things. Most of the teachers in the Departments of Religious Education in our universities feel themselves called upon to give to their pupils a correct view of the principles of religion.

Against all this we have nothing to say, except that it does not go far enough. Religion is an attitude towards God and a living in that attitude. More important than a correct thinking is a correct attitude and a correct life. Education should be such as to fit a man to be the most useful in the social order in which he lives. Except as it does that it is largely a failure.

At the Southern Christian Institute we have always gone on the theory that we need a laboratory in the religious training department as much as we need one in the Chemistry Department or in the Biological Department. That laboratory must be a Church that is as nearly perfect as a set of men are capable of making it. In short, it should be a model church organized to put to work every member in his place. We question very much whether a course in Religious Education given simply as a theory is worth anything. We have therefore organized a church as an integral part of the School with all parts functioning so every student can put in practice what he learns in his studies. I am one of the trustees of the proposed School of Religion at Tuscaloosa, Alabama for white students. What I have been worrying most about is as to whether that school can have adequate laboratory facilities. That is: whether it can have a good church to accommodate the students.

Now what are the results of the work at the Southern Christian Institute? Here are some of them.

1. We can almost count on the fingers of our two hands those students that graduated here, or remained four or five years, who are not now at the forefront of the church where they live. They are acting either as pastor, pastor's wife, elder, deacon, S. S. Superintendent, S. S. teacher or doing some field work. No other school that has not provided such a laboratory facility can show such a record.

2. Every pastor so trained is behind the missionary enterprise. A look at the year book will show that in almost every instance where the greatest average per capita is shown in a state it is where one we have trained is at work. The Church at the Southern Christian Institute has never made a financial drive, nor has it specially stressed large giving. But the results of a training are shown. The year book shows that the members of this church gave an average of \$7.79 per member. Only twenty nine churches in the United States gave more per member. And a study of these twenty-nine shows that practically every one has at least one, millionaire in it. When we remember that the teachers work for small wages and the majority of the pupils do not see as much as a hundred dollars a year we can see what this means.

3. No graduate of the Southern Christian Institute has ever been arrested. On

the other hand, many have taken the initiative in bringing about a proper relationship between the white churches and theirs. These young people have shown their capacity to solve the real problems confronting them in the realm of the social order.

If parents really want their children to go to school where they will be trained to be of real service to the church when they get out in life they should send them here or to one of our other schools. Our older people love their churches and it is a real sorrow to them to see their children lose that love when they go away to school. It was a very unfortunate thing that during the past twenty years many of our people thought our schools were to be sneezed at. This was due to the fact that our budgets were always below those of other schools. Our large brotherhood had not yet awakened to its opportunity and responsibility in this field. But with the means that was given a work of character was done. If now all the Disciple families will see what an opportunity awaits them and will send their own children and point their neighbors this way we can soon build up the work.

"LESS WE FORGET"

By T. R. Everett, Pastor
Nicholasville, Ky.

To the Editor, staff and many readers of the Christian Plea,—greetings:—I have been reflecting, while alone here in my study, over our past a bit. As we notice the signs of the times, what can we say for our future? Can we say "all is well" and expect a glorious ending?

Our National Gatherings

How about our great National Gatherings? It is quite true that I've not enjoyed the privilege of being present for some time,—but I have been hearing of some wonderful things going on in "our house of RESOLUTIONS." In my estimation, it's very much like our State Conventions where most of our "resolutions" usually "die aborning."

Our Great Need An Evangelistic Program

I feel we are wasting entirely too much time, money and energy with a mere "make-believe" program that is accomplishing "nothing in particular and every thing in general." It strikes me that, whenever we get right down to sound business with a real effective Evangelistic Program, with a little less machinery attached, we will actually do things!

I have been a constant reader of our good paper, "The Plea," every since it has been in operation, but Brethren, I've got my first time to read a list of the names of men who constantly advertize for this much needed work.

Year after year we literally spend thousands upon thousands of dollars for railroad fares and entertainments at our state and National Conventions, while a little careful thought will easily convince us that we are not "hitting-the-mark!" in the sense of the real purpose of the Church we are failing! Why?

One reason is because we are constantly passing-up unoccupied territory looking for places to occupy, and, for

the most part it usually is "where some one thinks we ought-to-be." As a rule this person (who thinks we ought-to-be here or there) has but little personal knowledge, other than that which he has heard! The result? We are still waiting to enter some fields (which we doubtless will never enter).

Money Is Needed; So Is The New Testament Plan

I am just beginning to think we are a little too far removed from the New Testament Plan of Salvation. I will admit "money is needed," on entering any new field, but we are entirely too much concerned today about "Fine-Houses-of-worship." We need well equipped Houses, but it is not necessary to use-up all of our resources and energy in this direction. Our big job has been "getting Houses" instead of getting the people. Let us put first things first and get the folk,—they will get the "Houses."

To Survey Is Good; Occupying Is Better

I well remember getting a letter from a very prominent gentleman who informed me that a survey had been made in one of our largest cities of colored population; this survey had been "authorized." The final report on the situation was: "The field is not yet ready to occupy." Imagine, if you can, the great Paul sending some advance guard to survey Macedonia before entering! No such nonsense with this fearless man of God.

Ours Is A Day Of Shifting Population; Adjustments Needed

WHILE THERE ARE MANY unoccupied fields waiting, there are many perfectly able men wearing themselves out trying to "keep the home fires burning" in devastated fields where the people have moved to other centers. Still, we sit idly by and wait, indeed wait until these good folk become identified with other Church groups.

Then, very much to our great amazement, when we get ready "to occupy" we find great odds in our way, and the results of this kind of method of procedure is always bad for us, for they have become fixed and settled in their new relationships. It must be remembered that most men everywhere believe in God and they mean to connect themselves with some Church,—if not the Church of their choice, then some other Church.

One Of Our Great Barriers

I am not in the least unaware of some of the barriers we face in this great task. However, I think one of our greatest handicaps is the habit of magnifying our weaknesses entirely too much! Instead, let us learn to use what we have in our hands instead of constantly worrying about better equipment and wanting more of the things "we ain't got."

An Observation

We talk a good deal about "An educated ministry," and an educated ministry in itself is alright,—I do not mean to say one word against it, but let us think of the teeming millions out there dying! It has been my experience that our most successful ministers are those who have been well trained in the Church and one who knows its teachings: one who has good common sense, perhaps more common sense than refined or ac-

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The Proposal of our National Convention—A Field Worker For Our Young People

The most constructive and far reaching proposal of the Chicago convention was a field-worker for our young people. We can well forget the circumstances which put the movement on its feet. We may subordinate Vance G. Smith whose services figured in the proposal. The need of a worker overtops all else. How can we stop the disintegration and loss of our young people? How can they be conserved and trained for Christian service? The rational man sow his field with the best of grain and cultivate it up to the harvest and then be too lazy, stupid or stingy to reap and conserve it? The figure is scarcely overdrawn when we recall our treatment of our youth.

The Churches Latest Discovery—Its Children and Young People

After many wasted years we made a start through our Bible School and women's Missionary work to do something adequate for the children and women of the church. The need was always appalling, but numerous difficulties not only stood in the way, but blinded us to the need itself. Faith and effort finally won out to the extent that national workers were set to the task of organizing and developing the Bible School and women's missionary work in the local churches. We may admit that the distance to be traveled is great in comparison to the progress already made, but we cannot deny that real progress has been made. We do not have to guess what would be the status of our Bible schools and wom-

en's missionary societies without these general secretaries. We only have to observe the present status of our churches and young people in relation to them.

Shall We Disappoint Our Youth In The Hour Of Greatest Need

It is true that through our organized and supervised work we have carried hundreds of our children up to the teen age where, they most need guidance and are most likely to be impressed for personality and service in the Kingdom of God, only to fail them in a crisis. To make matters more deplorable and ridiculous, we give much time in our conventions and pulpits matter with our youth in the home or church other than we have turned them over to the powers of darkness to train. These evil influences are active, indeed aggressive, intelligent, well-organized, efficiently conducted and adequately maintained.

No Time For Excuse Making

The time for explaining and excuse making is past. The need is painfully plain before us. That need is tragic. We can meet it if we really want to do so. We have money for the things we really desire. Do we really desire a worker for our young people? If so let us pay our money into the treasury. Let those who subscribed in Chicago pay. The pledges were made in good faith and every sincere, honest subscriber will not rest until they are paid. Moreover the thousands who have not pledged are equally bound. We have a habit of denouncing the man who pledges and fails to pay. No doubt, for the most part, we are right, but what about these people who promise nothing and do nothing but criticize? Their name is legion in our church. The challenge comes to every loyal disciple of Jesus to do this perfectly feasible piece of work. If we so will, we can in a remarkably short time send Vance Smith or some other equally capable leader into our churches to organize our boys and girls for Christian service. With leadership, organization and co-operation, we can start a stream of funds into our national treasury, and reinforce the fast disintegrating forces in our churches with a consecrated, well-trained leadership that will not yield until the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our God and our Christ.

FIVE REASONS WHY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SHOULD CHANGE ITS 1929 MEETING PLACE

V. G. Smith, Secretary of National Convention

1. Because it was just over in that section two years ago.

The 1927 Convention met in Washington, D. C. The city is an attraction and drew many visitors to the Convention to see the city in connection with a group that they counted as friends. The Washington Church, having been a special object of missionary giving, was an added attraction to the church leaders and those long connected to the missionary giving of our brotherhood. None of these things are true about the Winston-Salem city or church. Hence there will be lost to the Convention that large group of visi-

tors who attend the National Convention on their own finances.

11. Because of the handling of the matter in the Convention so far.

In the Washington Convention the invitation to Winston-Salem was extended by Eld. M. C. Walker of the Cleveland Ave. Church, a part of the Piedmont Convention. Last year in Chicago, the only one present from that section of the country was Eld. R. L. Peters of the Spencer Memorial Church, a part of the Tri-State Convention. Now does anyone know whether the National Convention is going to be entertained by the Cleveland Ave. or the Spencer Memorial the Piedmont or the Tri-State?

III. Because there is no assurance that it will reach those for whom it was planned.

The main idea in having it in that section this year was to give the Eastern N. C. Brethern a chance to make some overtures for cooperation. But the N. C. brethern seem to have no inclination to do anything like accept amalgamation with our Convention. In fact, they have shown a distinct preference to our brethern individually rather than in masse. Our field secretaries and convention officers are welcomed as long as they come one by one but they have shown no evident desire to put out any of that \$2,000.00 in visiting our Conventions. So since the Convention in Winston-Salem can only hope for a fraternal visit from these people, and since the attendance will be very much lower from the states which do cooperate, will it be profitable to put the Convention that far away from the center of Disciple population?

IV. Because the Convention is contemplated another session in that part of the country next year—1930.

The Recommendation Committee of the Chicago Convention bought in a recommendation empowering the Executive Committee to arrange for a meeting in such place and at such a time as to permit our constituency to attend the World Convention in Washington.

At this time, there will be special rates and then the fellowship would mean much as well as the very educational feature of letting a majority of our leaders acquaint themselves with the working of this Convention. The advantages all lie in this 1930 meeting in the environs of Washington being the most profitable and useful of the two. And it is almost suicidal to ask the churches in the western centers like Missouri, Kansas Oklahoma and Arkansas to send delegates to the east this year and right back next year. So why not change the least important of the two and then get a great representation for Washington next year?

V. Because of the expense to the Convention of getting officers to and from the meeting.

Approximately \$300.00 will have to be spent for this alone. For instance: Church department pay half the following:

Recording Secretary, Clergy from Fulton, Mo.
Corresponding Secretary, Clergy, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Treasurer, full fare, Memphis Tennessee.

W. M. S. pay the following fares:
President, from Columbia, Mo.

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St Louis, Mo. Centennial Church

The Christmas program was well rendered to an appreciative audience.

The Supt., Mrs. Rita Logan and teachers, had a big Christmas for the children. Some old folks and children were graciously remembered.

The pastor received a round trip ticket to Kansas City, spending money and a derby hat (Not Brown) from the church.

Service on Christmas day, at 11 A. M. was well attended and the spirit of worship was fine.

Two, who made the Good Confession on Decesion Day in the Sunday School were baptized. A liberal offering was raised for the sick and needy.

Bro. Louis Griffin, a deacon of Centennial, lost a brother early in the Christmas. Eld. G. H. Bundy officiated at the funeral.

Brother and Sister Edward Davis lost one of their daughters by an automobile accident and Mr. Meadows (White) officiated.

Eld and Mrs. S. C. Devisse pastors of our church in Paducah, Ky., attended the funeral and worship with us on Sunday.

Eld. V. G. Smith, pastor at Fulton, Mo. and state Evangelist, occupied the pulpit the Sunday our pastor was away and preached two excellent sermons to an appreciative and responsive audience.

We held our annual business meeting this first Sunday in the year. Annual reports were made by all the agencies of the church. The reports showed it took all the running we could do to stay in the same place.

Twelve officers were selected for one, two and three years. Four of these were young men.

We had an installation service of the officers. Thursday night, the 17, also we had a "little social eat and chat." The installation was very impressive and undoubtedly indicative of good results.

The Aid Society, led by the president, Mrs. Ophelia Bickham, was host for the church and it was well done with a nice fit for the treasury. Matters of interest and better welfare of the church was considered while we ate, and definite plans were made for the special financial effort ending March 24, for our building funds. It was a fine fellowship and constructive meeting.

The pre-Easter campaign of Evangelism is on and the interest is growing. Personal work is being emphasized. Who can excell our pastor in fighting with the word of God and permitting the word of God to tell how one is pardoned of sin and reconciled to God His word? The membership is growing.

The Centennial Church has a large and fertile field here in St. Louis. The laborers are yet few. We don't own a foot of ground or a shingle as a church building. We are yet in the first, unpaid-for unit of our prospective building in which our pastor is trying to provoke us to good works. He occasionally calls our church "a hole in the ground" or a Kansas "dugout."

For several years the City Mission Board has helped us to support our pastor, but we are having to walk alone
½ of Recording Secretary, from Dayton Ohio.

½ of Corresponding Secretary, from

this year. We plan to do so, and in the same time pay the last dollar on the property in 1930. We have already discovered that this effort is reaching our red blood. The condition and circumstances are truly a challenge to our Negro Disciples in St. Louis. We have accepted the challenge.

—W. M. Cilphin, Pastor

—A. F. Mitchell, Reporter

WOODLAND AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, KANSAS CITY, MO.

By Sister Drayden, Secretary of W. M. S. News Items

The Missionary Society of Woodland Avenue had its regular monthly program at the Church on December 4, 1928, Sister Ethel Dyson, the President, led our Devotional; song by the congregation and prayer by Elder G. A. Terry, after which our meeting was open for business which consisted of reading the minutes of the previous meeting and the minutes of the Executive Committee, concluding our business by making a contribution on the stereopticon machine which is putting in over time working in behalf of the whole Church.

After the business session we had a prepared program which was unusually helpful. Our programs are always so very helpful and inspiring. The following took part in the program: Eld C. E. Craggett, the pastor, Brother Samuel Barnes, Sister Mary Alphin, Sister Catherine Jones, Sister Anna Willis, Sister I. N. Toney and Sister Brashears.

We were glad to have the President of the Park Avenue Baptist Church Missionary Society visit us. She led us in prayer. The program was given by group No. 3 group No. 1 served an unusually fine banquet which was greatly enjoyed by all. Group No. 2 gave the social for the evening. The total offering was \$5.00.

NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CITY

By A. D. Penn, Reporter
Roanoke, Va.

It has been a long time since the good people of Roanoke have sent in an article to the Plea but nevertheless we are working just as vigorously and zealously as ever.

The closing year finds many actions by our hands done. The new year will be a year of inspiration, new hope and greater opportunities to do greater things in the building of God's Kingdom here on the earth. We have great plans and a big program to put in the New Year

Each auxiliary of the Church is closing the year with good spirit for the work that has been done and is looking forward to make greater strides to success in the future. You shall hear from us again very soon. Look for it.

MT. SINAI CHRISTIAN CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Mrs. S. L. Bostick-Reporter

We wish to report the success of our Woman's Day Program held Dec. 9th, 1928 at Mt. Sinai Christian Church, North Little Rock Arkansas. After an

interesting program by the writer, an offering was taken with the following persons sharing it. Mrs. S. L. Bostick \$2.00, Rosa Haney \$1.00, Johnny Thompson Jr. \$.50, J. W. Williams pastor \$.50, Thomas Ivy \$.50, Joe Smith \$.25, and Georgia Brock \$.25. Pledges amounting to \$4.00 will be names of those who pledged later. Total money raised to date was \$10.00 general fund \$1.85 grand total \$11.85. We have to work very hard at this place against much opposition, the women do considering all things. Jesus said "go and make Disciples in all the world." This is the task of the Church, I think.

LANGLEY AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILL.

Mrs. Annie Floyd-Reporter

The Langley Ave. Christian Church is yet alive the watch word is "GO FORWARD." Sunday School is doing fine under the auspices of its core of teachers. Our Supt. Bro. Perry is very active in the work.

The young people will make real Juniors.

Mid-week Prayer Meeting is conducted every Wednesday night; Ladies' Aid every Thursday night. Thanksgiving Day the Church gave a dinner which was well attended, fees netted \$45.50, also a very splendid program was rendered by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Mattie Lanier; Miss Irma Walton was accompanist.

The first Sunday in Dec. was woman's Day; quite a number were present. Bro. F. C. Cathron preached a wonderful sermon, being full of inspiration. Brother Cathron is with us and always willing to serve. Collection was \$11.00.

The first Sunday was rally day, the "Wide Awake Club" and "Willing Workers Club" went forward through the hardy co-operation of their members and friends they came near going over the top. The captain of the "Wide Awake Club" was Mrs. Mattie Lanier who reported \$190.00; this club never sleeps.

The "Willing Workers Club" No. two, captain Mrs. Ella Crawford, reported \$255.40. Making a grand total \$445.40. Surely God is in our midst for he says,

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." On last Lord's Day our pastor, Elder R. E. Latouche, preached an interesting sermon, "Christ the Savior of the World."

Bro. Rice was with us also and made some very timely remarks, we are always glad to have Bro. Rice. The Christmas Program was enjoyed by all, after the program we were entertained with a party by Mrs. Julia Nealy one of those faithful workers who is always willing to serve.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Mary Alphin Kansas City, Mo.

(Continued From Nov. Issue)

"Soft petaled" the wrong and admonished us to be patient. The only way the sins of a nation can be healed is by discussing them and condemning them. Did not Jesus condemn sin boldly everywhere among his people?

The church too, leads the women around the world to share as she studies the estimate that men of other nations have placed on womanhood. Oft she is the burden bearer, oft housed unto see only her own family and many are the burdens heaped upon her. Is it not ours to help her have the gospel. Then, should it not be ours to give our own children to carry the gospel to others? This should be one of our finest contributions to kingdom building.

This training for service in the Master's vineyard should begin in the local church. To train our children to go where he wants them to go is a great step toward kingdom building. Beginning with our Little Light Bearers Crade Roll, Juniors, Intermediates, Triangle Club and Circle, leading them step by step into the Missionary Society; these all reporting regularly to the state and national work. These young folks will go into the church developed right to help preach the gospel to every creature. This preparation gives a distribution of service in the local church, District, State and National organizations, preparing them for leadership in the world's task.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Then our kingdom building should be educationally. We need to train our young folks in our church schools capable of meeting the young people of other groups. We need to push our girls and boys just as far as they desire to go. As a church group we have stressed baking pies and farming more than college training. All our boys and girls will not be farmers and cooks, but many of them will be professional. Let's encourage them. I doubt very much if we know how many college men we have among us. I wonder if any one of you have tried to know? Yet, when I visited the great M. E. Conference in Kansas City last spring where there were more than fifty Negro delegates and three Negro Bishops, I found on exhibition the number of colleges they had. There were 14 colleges, a number of secondary schools, a number of high schools, a number of college people as members of their churches, a number of Doctors in their churches and so on pointing the visitors eyes to the amount of culture they had in their membership. And yet this church does industrial work in their schools.

A new day must dawn for us along our school lines. We have missed the Louisville Bible School which turned out many of our leading ministers of today. We are happy that we have one college and two junior colleges, but these cannot "fill the bill." We need a Kentucky College, a Florida and Georgia College and a P. C. I. College if we shall fill our place in kingdom building among the races of men. Let's get a lesson from the other communions. Give more ourselves; give regularly; give as we pledge in our state and national meetings; and then ask our white brothers and sisters

to help us more. We need teachers for our colleges, preachers for our pulpits and a trained pew that we may do our best in kingdom building. What Bethany, Drake Hiram and other church colleges are to the white churches, so must our college be to our churches.

The n educationally we must train some of our boys and girls who will carry the gospel to Africa. We cannot let the few years work done by Jacob Keneley make us feel satisfied that we have done our part. I am thinking as Jacob saw the great needs of the field in Africa and knew we had not a representative there, that he would go and tell the story in far away Africa. He went and gave his life. Shall we not build a living monument to Jacob by sending our boys and girls to build Jacob's school that he wanted to bless mankind throughout the ages? Surely we do, and it will be a happy contribution to kingdom building. While we gladly give our gifts to help our missionaries in all the fields, let's not be satisfied until some girl or boy shall rise up and revive Jacob's work. I am sure if Jacob could speak, he would say, "Go back to Africa, ye sons of Ham, and continue my work." It was a black boy who led the work in South Africa. Think how God has opened hearts and pocket books, and look at the great work that is being done in South Africa among all the people.

A new day must arrive in missions among the Negro Disciples. Will you help that day to come by training your children in our Christian Colleges?

What shall be our part in kingdom building spiritually? Paul's admintion was, "Help those women who labored with me in the gospel." Thus we see in the early church women were laborers in the church. They were found in the pray meeting, in their own homes and everywhere where the gospel was being preached, they were there praying and teaching. Ours is a finer opportunity to build spiritually. Not as much persecution as they experienced in the early church. We have our well equipped churches with work for women in the Bible School, Y. P. S. C. E., choirs, Missionary organizations and Aid Societies. If we will grasp these opportunities and do our best, we will establish a foundation that can be built upon in the years to follow. Should we not be as eager to have the world spiritually minded as the world is to seize our children by sinful attractions?

Woman with the child upon her arm to mould and fashion its life, should so train the child spiritually through family worship and good advise that it will always have a reverence for God for having been thus trained in the home by its parents. This is woman's finest contribution to kingdom building.

And with the poet she can say:—
I cannot always see the path that leads
To heights above;
I sometimes quite forget he leads me on
With hand of love;
But yet I know the path must lead me to
Immanuel's land,
And when I reach life's summit I shall
know
And understand.
I cannot always trace the onward course
My ship must take;
But, looking backward, I behold afar

Its shining wake
Illumined with God's light of love, and so
I onward go.

In perfect trust that he who holds the
helm

The course must know.
I cannot always see the plan on which
He builds my life,
For oft the sound of hammers, blow on
blow,

The noise of strife
Confuse me till I quite forget he knows
And oversees

And that, in all details, with his good
plan

My life agrees.
I cannot always know and understand
The Master's rule;
I cannot always do the tasks he gives
In life's hard school;
But I am learning with his help to solve
Them, one by one,
And when I cannot understand, to say
"Thy will be done."

FIELD WORKERS' REPORTS TO JOINT EX-COMMITTEE Nov. 21, 1928, at Memphis Tennessee.

Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Elementary Supt;
This report includes Sept. Oct. and November.
Number of pieces of mail sent out 494
No. Bible Schools visited 28
No. Addresses given 45
No. Conferences held 21
No. Articles written 10
No. Institutes held 1
No. Conventions Attended 2
No. States Worked 3
Faithfully Submitted

This report includes Sept. Oct. and November.
Prof. P. H. Moss, Supt. of R. E.
No. of States worked (Fla., S. C., E. North Car and Tenn) 4
No. Days on field 60
No. Days in Office 31
No. Letters sent out (including Thanksgiving) 600
No. Leaflets sent out 400
No. Churches and Bible Schools visited 16
No. C. E. Organized 1
No. Conventions Attended 4
No. Conferences held 3
No. Addresses given 28
No. Articles Written 5
No. Subscriptions for Plea 19
No. Subscriptions for World Call 3
No. Institutes Held 11
No. W. M. S. Visited 1
No. Young Peoples Conferences Planned 3
Faithfully Submitted

Prince A. Grey, Jr., Editor The Christian Plea:
Report of Service from Sept. 1st to Dec 1st.
No. Days at Desk (Kansas City) 24
No. Days at Office (Memphis, Tenn.) 14½
No. Days on Field (among the Churches) 51½
Present mailing list 716
No. New and Renewed Subscribers (To November 21) 200
No. States making regular use of "The Plea" 4
No. Churches using paper regularly 15
No. Auxiliaries using paper regularly 8
No. Persons contributing regularly to paper 15
No. Pledged to subscribe to Paper (71 at National) 261
Report on Contributions to "The Plea" Sept 1st to Nov. 21st.

1. National Convention (15 persons gave) \$110.00
2. Auxiliaries (At National Convention) 125.00
3. Local Church (Langley Ave.) 5.00
4. Public Offering (At National Convention) 9.01
5. Field Receipts (Memphis, Tenn.) 3.05
6. Miss. Blvd. Church (Memphis) Contributions 17.00

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"LEST WE FORGET"

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quired sense; one who feels that he has been "Called" to this work and feels as Paul felt when he said "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." This is the kind of Ministers we need today. Most of our "Prepared men" who have been led into the work usually fail at the critical moment when they are most needed!

A Suggestion

I must not say too much at this time, but I venture a suggestion: Let us try to create a fund to sponsor an effective Evangelistic Program and I dare say we will be surprised at the results. There is plenty of good material that could be utilized and some new men who could be induced to join our forces if there was any assurance of something to "hold-on-to" until they could get their feet on the ground.

Our Nicholasville Work

I have been here since last November 1927. Our work moves along very smoothly. While there is not very much work here, most of our members own their own homes and that makes it a very good place in which to live. There is no new blood tho and of course you know what that means.

Our state work moves along in the same old way. There are a number of vacant Churches because they feel they are not able to pay a Minister, the result is they are loosing ground, though they do not realize it. I have my "biters as well as sweets." It was my misfortune to loose my wife last Sept. 7. The future looks dark just now but we are trusting Him who has at all times led us and we feel He will not leave us in this hour of great need. I remain yours for service.

FIVE REASONS WHY, Etc.

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Chicago, Ill.

1/2 of Treasurer, from Kansas City, Kan.

1/2 of Children's Secretary, from Lexington, Ky.

Bible School have the following all full: President, from Dallas, Texas.

1/2 of Recording Secretary, from Chicago.

1/2 of Corresponding Secretary from Dayton.

1/2 of Treasurer, from Emporia, Kansas.

C. E. have the following:

President, from Fulton, Clergy.

Secretary, from Nashville, Full fare.

Treasurer, from Cleveland, O. Full fare

You will notice that no office whose way is paid lives within 200 miles and some 800 miles from the convention site.

In as much as these things are true, anyone without a position to defend, can see that the very best thing to do is to start now to plan to hold it elsewhere nearer the center of Disciple population this year. There is time yet to rectify this error so WHY NOT DO IT?

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And I'll build me a place by the highway,
Just apart from the fast-moving throng
That is fed from each road, lane and
byway,

Where humanity's tide surges strong.
And I'll place a bright light o'er my door-
way,

That this message of cheer I may send,
To be read at the midnight or noonday:
"Here Abideth Humanity's Friend."

Many years on the highway I wandered,
Far removed from my kindred and
home;

Know the loss of the year that I

squandered,

And the heartache one feels when
alone

In the crowd of the frequented places,
Where humanity seems without end,
And not one in that vast sea of faces
Who will smile at the glad hail of
"Friend!"

There are many who fall on the highway,
Whom the warm clasp of friendship
might save;

There are others who come from the by-
way,

Whom the joy of good comradeship
crave.

So I'll brighten the light o'er my door-
way,

That this message of cheer I may send,
That will guide them at midnight or
noonday,

To the place of humanity's friend.

Yes, I'll build me a place by the highway,
That each call of distress I may hear;
If they come from the road, lane or by-
way,

I'll give of my heart's store of cheer.

And I'll share with them all without
classing,

Nor for riches, nor fame I contend;

Just this epitaph write at my passing:
"Here Abideth Humanity's Friend."

—"Mellow Musings."

FIELD WORKER'S REPORT

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7. Southern Christian Institute (Edwards, Miss.	50.00
8. Mound Bayou, Mississippi Contributions and receipts	49.75
9. Subscriptions	135.00
Total Receipts (Sept. 1st to Nov. 21st.)	517.70
Total amount Pledged (Contributions)	484.00
Faithfully submitted	

JACKSON MISS. REPORT

Jackson, Miss., Jan 20, 1929

A Report of The Year's Work of The
North Christian Church Ending
December 30, 1928

Dept of Church Raised	\$544.15
S. School Raised (Bro. A. Elmore, Supt.	42.02
Total Raised by all Depts.	586.17
Expense of Church Dept.	365.00
Paid Church Debt. Loan	195.00
Paid on Piano	70.00
Paid Pastor B. L. Jacobs	100.00
Coal Light Evangelistic Work and Mission in General	179.15
Total Expense of S. School	42.62
Supplies	12.62
United Chr. Miss. Society	10.00
Dist. and State Convent	7.50
Total Expense of Deptments	5.75.77

The names below of those who gave
\$100.00 more or less.

Brother Abe Elmore	\$109.40
Sister Cathon Larry	61.55
Brother Robt. Clark (Now moved away)	4.00
Brother Henry Brown (Now member College addition church	2.81

A NOTABLE GIFT Nashville Banner

It has been long since the Banner has carried a local news article of more genuine significance than one which told of the notable gifts made to Fisk University by the will of the late Prof. James Dallas Burrus, a member of the first graduating class at Fisk, and the first Negro to receive a bachelor of arts degree in a college south of the Mason-Dixon line. The bequests made to his alma mater by Dr. Burrus in reality marked the climax of a life of devoted to the accumulation of material means for the set purpose of doing something largely constructive for the benefit of his race. Dr. Burrus attended Dartmouth after his graduation from Fisk and distinguished himself in mathematics. After holding several responsible positions with credit to himself, he abandoned his ambitions to be an engineer and to teach and began to build an estate which he intended for the use of Fisk in the further education and improvement of the Negro race. How well he succeeded is testified to by the fact that he left property valued at \$100,000 or more, all of which was dedicated to the local institution.

There will rise on the Fisk campus an apartment house for faculty members and in addition to that there will be certain other considerable improvements possible because Dr. Burrus lived and worked to those most commendable ends. Taken by and large, there has never been anything in the history of the Negro on this continent that should give the race more encouragement or occasion it more sincere pride than the life of Dr. Burrus. Not only were his ambitions essentially worthy, but he achieved them with intelligence, integrity and propriety, and there is little, if anything, more that any man may hope to have said of him after he leaves this world. Dr. Burrus likewise realized that there is ultimate hope only for those who help themselves, and he has given his people a vitally important demonstration of how fully self aid is possible for them in this day and time.

Brother M. S. Brown	66.44
Brother Saul Thornton	4.40
Brother Esaw Wilson	55.09
Brother Aron Wilson	4.00
Eld. B. L. Jacobs	39.00
Brother E. Larry	2.25
Sister Florence Brown (Now member of College Addition Church ..	2.50
Sister Nettie Dukes	3.55
Sister C. B. Fitzhugh	11.80
Sister Lottie Ford65
Sister Candis Harper25
Sister Mary Jennings50
Sister Diana Lampton	8.69
Sister Carthrine Porter (Now member of Baptist Church	1.33
Sister Oliver Tucker	10.15
Sister J. May Wilson	12.45
Sister L. J. Wilson	14.75
Sister Elnora Wilson70
Sister Braxton (Now moved away)50
Sister Edna Tucker	2.00
Sister Henrine Tucker	1.00
Sister Minnie Wilson	1.60
Sister Ruth Tucker	2.35

There are those of us who gave nothing for support of the cause whose name are not mentioned. We are looking for greater work this year and ask the prayers of the Brotherhood.

We are in His cause.

North Jackson Christian Church

B. L. Jacobs, Pastor

M. S. Brown, Reporter

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— COOPERATION —

Co-operation: What is it? Is it the working together of various agencies toward a common end? There is nothing done successfully, under the sun where the accomplishment of it depends upon different agencies, if they do not co-operate.

Co-operation is the one big word when obeyed that will always bring success.

Through co-operation families and lives grow and mature.

Through co-operation the business world reaches its highest mark.

May I cite this one example of how in the great American game of baseball all of the eight men co-operate with the pitcher and do all they can to help him win the game. The best part is that when the game is won they all receive their share of the glory.

The Master has said, "The children of the world are wiser than the children of the Light." May we try to learn to co-operate in our work.

If the church is to be useful and really fulfill its mission in the world, we must have teamwork beginning in our local churches, and also in our state work, in our national work, and on our world task.

I feel that we as Bible School workers perhaps do not realize fully the importance of co-operation in Kingdom Building.

As workers in the Master's vineyard, I am sure that each of us should stop to consider that our ultimate aim is to extend the Master's Kingdom into all the world, and we each can play a definite part in reaching that aim.

We must begin by co-operating in our local work.

Every wise leader will organize his work so that everyone from

the boys and girls up may have a part in the work, because co-operation grows out of interest. We can best interest anyone when we give them work to do and to be responsible for.

A wide-awake Superintendent will have many co-workers doing their part in the big program.

Some Superintendents, however, make the mistake of appointing many committees to do useless and unnecessary things. This kills the interest of the workers and that Superintendent will be unable to get co-operation when he wants something worthwhile

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done. We have too many committees and officers in name only.

As members, when we are assigned to any task, let us strive to complete that task in the most efficient manner possible. God wants and must have efficient workers if his program is to go over. We do our best in our daily work. Why not do our best for God?

As members, let us remember, too, that our leaders cannot do their best work without co-operation. Often when we criticize our leaders we could better the situation by giving our own whole-hearted support.

In order to always co-operate in our work we will have to make

self take its proper place in the background and see the cause for which we are working. The church needs more men and women who are willing to do their part in Kingdom Building even when things do not go their way and when their part seems to be a very small part.

Also I feel that all real Christian workers should see the great objective toward which the church is working and realize that each department, Bible School, Christian Endeavor, Missionary and Church proper have a vital part to play if our goal is to be reached. No Christian can afford to be totally uninterested in any department of the church. We need the whole church on the whole task.

We must remember that in Kingdom Building we are working with God. Paul says, "We are workers together with God." Therefore we cannot afford to play on the task. Let each of us say within ourselves:

"I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something

What I can do I ought to do. What I ought to do God helping me I will do."

This is the true spirit of co-operation. Whenever everybody gets this spirit the ultimate purpose of Christ will be accomplished. His people will go forward as one powerful force even as the Father and Son are one.

ORIGINAL POEM FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

Dedicated to Prof. J. B. Lehman
In thinking tonight of another scribe
Yard-wide, all-wool, no cotton,
He's not "jes zackly" of our tribe
But by us can't be forgotten.

He first saw the light in Northern
clime
He can boast of his family tree,
But he's been "down South a long, long
time
'Mongst plantation melodies.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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BIBLE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Patrick H. Moss

Superintendent of Religious Education

The prerogatives and the duties of the Superintendent may be considered under three classes.

1. General duties.
2. Duties during the week.
3. Duties in the session of the school.

The general duties consist of supervision, selection and recommendation of departmental superintendents and teachers, assignment of pupils and building a program of worship and service.

Week-day duties. The task of the superintendent of the Bible School extends through the seven days in the week. He or she is ever planning to meet the intellectual, physical, spiritual and social needs of the school.

The measure of the superintendent's interest is the measure of his or her efficiency. If in college he or she should specialize, if at home he should build up a good library of the best books bearing on the subject. Such books as: "The Model Superintendent," by Trumbull.

"Ways of Working" by Schauffer

"Organizing and Building up the S.S." by Hurlbut.

Some things that the Superintendent should do if he or she expects to build a worthwhile school:

1. He should visit other schools and get new plans.
2. He should subscribe to some good church and Sunday School paper. The Christian Plea, Front Rank, Church School Guide, International Journal of Religious Education.
3. The Superintendent should know his workshop, the history, purpose, opportunity and destiny of the Sunday School.
4. His vision should make his school the best in quality and largest in quantity.
5. His personality should be God-filled.

The relation of the church to the Superintendent:

1. The church should stand by and co-operate with the superintendent.
2. A public installation will serve in giving the superintendent poise and impetus.
3. There should be a very congenial relation between the pastor and superintendent. "The pastor may be the admiral of the fleet directing the general movement of the sea campaign, but the superintendent is the captain of the ship through whom orders are to be given to all on board."

The efficient superintendent is, one of heart, lover of children, a friend to all, a servant not a boss. He is an optimist and enthusiast. Enthusiasm is hope in action." He must be courteous, reverent, tactful prompt and a firm believer in the "Go Ye" of Jesus Christ.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By Bessie E. Chandler, Elementary Superintendent

"Children ill and lonely
Children poor and sad
Father watch and keep them
Make them glad."

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Lesson Period—Stories

The story is a great educational factor in the life of the boys and girls. In the church school, library, playground or home, the story is of great ethical value. As teachers you can lead the children to love that which is beautiful and good and to dislike evil and baneful. It is said that the stories told children have power to mold character, to build up new standards and tear down established ones.

With this knowledge of the unlimited values of stories as teachers you realize the need of preparing yourself to correctly tell your story each Sunday morning in the Church School. Consider first, what the story really is; A story is a picture that arouses intense interest and feeling. With this in mind the story should be told easily and connectively without the use of a book or a leaflet, so that the child will, through intense imagination, form a series of connected scenes or pictures, thus making the whole plot of the story. As the story is being told many emotions of sympathy are aroused; through sympathy they will express their approval or disapproval of the actions of the characters.

There are several types of stories which should be varied in the elementary program in the Church School, they should first be within the understanding of the children or they will have little value to the children.

BIBLE STORIES—The Bible story is told to all three groups in the Department, every Sunday morning. They are full of action, that can be easily dramatized by the children; they also have life-giving content. With the graded lessons the Bible stories are all selected, tested out and found to meet the needs of the children of various age groups.

ETHICAL STORIES—The primary

and junior teacher can make splendid use of those stories which tend to develop certain character traits and attitudes. If ever there should arise in your class or department, a situation which demands reform, you will find that the story will help to bring about the reformation. If there is a child with some fault you would like to help him to overcome, a well chosen story will tend to have its effect and power.

MISSIONARY STORIES—The missionary stories will appeal stronger to the Junior boys and girls, for they are great hero worshippers. The missionary stories are true stories of heroes, exploits and adventure, there being no mythical tales, therefore the story having a strong appeal to the child. A missionary story should be included in the Primary Class Program each Sunday. Your aim in telling them the stories should be to inform them about the children of the world, establishing love, rather than pity for these children.

Seasonal stories along with other types of stories should be told regularly to the children, special care and preparation always being made before the telling of the story. It is through the story that the little child becomes educated.

Books and Stories for Children:

Bible Stories:

Regular lesson stories.

Baker and Baker—The Bible in Graded Story.

Ethical Stories:

Dadmun—Living Together.

Special Occasions:

Bailey—Stories for every Holiday.

Hero Stories:

Pyle—Knights of King Arthur.

Bolton—Boys and Girls Who Became Famous.

Missionary Stories:

Mendenhall—Livingstone Hero Stories.

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

V. G. SMITH

III—Young Peoples Department

There are three types of CORRELATION used in organizing the Young Peoples Department. Each has its advantages and will suit some churches.

Loose or Through a Council

Sometimes the old organizational loyalties are so intense that any move to disrupt the various organizations would spell defeat; unless there can be more loyalty to the entire program, and the leaders come together in a council, plan the program to avoid whatever duplication or overlapping is occurring, encourage the young people to take part in every organization, smooth out a schedule of mutual service, and delegate responsibilities in relation to above functions and establish better understanding.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

"AND KEPT BACK PART OF THE PRICE"—ACTS 5:2

By P. H. Moss

These are very familiar words to all readers of the New Testament. They at once take our minds back to those two who were the first to bring disgrace upon the early Church. It seems strange enough that in this early church, fresh from the hands of the Creator, that two of its members would agree to deceive the Holy Spirit. There were only two to start with, but if they had "gotten away" with this first offense, the number might have grown to the amazement of the whole church.

Peter knowing this, put a stop to this thing at once. You will agree that he was very severe in this first case of discipline. It is not the desire of the writer to see business pick up for the undertaker, but it seems that it is going to take some kind of phenomenon to get the attention of the church.

Revivals Profitable—Must Be Paid For

A story is told of a certain church that felt alarmed at the way things were going. The minister could not put on a special evangelistic meeting because the officers of the church feared the cost of the meeting—had to burn lights, keep fires and pay someone to take care of the church for ten days. We must not forget revivals cost time and money. One day the chairman of the board called a meeting to consider some way of starting the church on her way again. One brother had attended a political meeting the night before, and heard some one say that some time you can make progress by death. When he had finished his story one of the good elders said, "brehren, let us pray for progress."

The story of the text says that after the solemn words of the old apostle, "Behold the feet of them that have buried thy husband are at the door, and they shall carry thee out." "And great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all that heard these things."

Fragments of Present Day Hypocrisy

We may not have land to sell the price of which might be withheld, but do not we all possess time, ability, influence and a little money? Are we dealing honestly with God when we take the six days to make our food, clothing, and shelter and keep back part of the price of the one day that we should give in public worship? How many go late to the morning worship and absent themselves entirely from the evening services?

Most of our church schools are standing greatly in need of teachers and leaders of young people; the ability is in the church, if they do not know the technique they could learn if they

were interested, but when we seek their service they keep back part of the price. It requires time and study, that is part of the price.

Convention Blunders—What Should We Do About Them?

To attend the adult Bible Class, or teach a class in school one must need to forego a "morning nap," or "leave the dishes" uncared for. There are those who can excuse themselves from any obligation made in the district, state or national convention if something goes on that is not in keeping with their thinking. It is to be regretted that we are so human that we continue to make mistakes and blunders in the convention, but does it help matters to throw up our hands and say we are through with the thing which we helped to bring into existence? We said twelve years ago that the time was past due for such an organization as the National Convention. The child is just twelve years old, you cannot expect too much of it; it has hardly had time to become orientated. Shall a father withhold food and clothing from his twelve year old child because he is behind in one or two grades?

Sinking the Ship and Its Crew Because You Dislike the Cook!

That is just what the minister is doing when he says that he will not raise any part of his national apportionment, because things are not going to suit him. At the convention he voted a ten thousand dollar budget, but he comes to his local church and keeps back part of the price. He never mentions the "Bible Chair" at Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky; the need of the Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va.; the Southern Christian Institute in Mississippi and Jarvis College in Texas. If all the churches in the brotherhood refused to give money and influence, what would become of your workers on the field, home and abroad? Do you really care? Are you willing to sink the whole ship because you dislike the cook?

There was a time that we said: "Go to it, we will build a college to train the leadership of the church." Well, it did not come in one year; it did not come in twelve years, shall we give up or keep back part of the price until everything suits us? Shall we wait until "we sweat before we begin to cut the tree"?

If you once used your influence to raise the national apportionment in your congregation, why keep back part of the price, at a time like this, when we are contending for a bigger and better Christian Plea? It takes real money to get a worthwhile paper; How long shall we baffle with this enterprise? We cannot make it what we

want it to be if you keep back part of the price.

Youth, the Church's Asset—If We Fail Them, They Will Fail Us!

The placing of a young people's secretary on the field was entirely in the hands of those who made the fine pledges last August. We still hope that you will redeem those pledges. This will not be done if we keep back part of the price. You can never make a better investment.

The youth of the church is its best asset, if we fail them now, they will fail us later; we dare not go forward unless we take the child with us; we cannot go alone. The call of the new age challenges the best that is in us, shall we answer the call?

"Live and let live!" was the call of the Old—

The call of the world, when the world was cold—

The call of men when they pulled apart—

The call of the race with a chill on the heart.

But "Live and help live!" is the cry of the New—

The cry of the world with a dream shining through—

The cry of the brother world rising to birth—

The cry of the Christ for a Comrade—like earth."

ORIGINAL POEM FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

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Dedicated to Prof. J. B. Lehman
His seat has not been a cushion one
Of which the idealist dreams,
For every rose there has been two
thorns
Yet he steadfastly follows the gleam.

Few men have been so misunderstood
But with Job-like patience borne,
He keeps on "hewing his log of wood"
Believing his day will dawn.

'Tis only the one who knows he's right
Will espouse an unpopular cause,
And forge ahead with his beacon light
With scorn and contempt for applause.

The education of any race
Is a matter of time and men.
It isn't the lilt of the thrilling rhyme
But the battle of sword and pen.

The public school is a single oar
Making boat turn round and round
Whoever stops with this sort of love
Can never swim but drown.

For God made man in three-fold style
With body, mind and soul.
To develop all, begin with the child
Or you never will reach the goal.

So into the thick of the South my man
Came, bent on a mission to serve
Casting about to evolve a plan
'Gainst odds which tested his nerve.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

"Keep Your Eye On the Goal"

We have had several articles at different times that have made direct or indirect reference to the proposal of our National Convention, held at Chicago in 1928, about a National Field Worker for our Young People.

In our February 1st number, there appeared, on the Editor's Page, quite a lengthy article on the same subject. In as much as all pledges made in the National Convention were to have been paid during the month of February, we wish to emphasize some things that have been said on the subject.

We have in mind two stories that serve to illustrate "Keep Your Eye On the Goal."

One has to do with farmer Jones who went out to chase a "big bear" with his "old dog Tray." Old Tray had hardly warmed up in the chase ere a scared wolf crossed his path and "old Tray" forgot all about the bear and began to chase the wolf; soon a frightened fox leaped from the bush and "old Tray" followed in pursuit; just about this time a startled rabbit ran across his track only to be pursued by "old Tray" who found himself an instant later in vigorous chase of a frightened mouse

hurrying to its hole. Poor "old Tray" was found by farmer Jones as he started "barking at a hole in the ground."

The second story serves to show how little Johnny, who worried his mother considerably about going to see the "big show of the bear circus"; she finally consented to get a bit of needed rest. Johnny starts out in merry glee and was later attracted by "a barker" standing on the end of a salt barrel at the door of the "side show" yelling: "Come see a man whose head is on backwards, only 50 cents!" Johnny digs up his "four bits" and goes in, not because it is anything new for he meets multitudes of people every day whose heads are on backwards, but the point is, Johnny forgets about the "big show," so he goes in a little side show merely to realize an instant later that he had spent all his money and missed "the big show"; this is Johnny's penalty for not keeping his eye on the goal.

Jesus had something to say about the man who "puts his hands to the plow and looks back not being worthy" etc.

If we remember correctly Paul was rather disappointed in the Gallatians who "ran well for a season," but some counter-attraction set up and they were "bewitched" and slowed down in their zeal forgetting all about the main issue.

Let us constantly bear in mind that every live issue calls out counter issues and there are always "side shows" on the way to "the main show." All true progress calls out the opposition of the reactionaries; Christ was attacked by the Pharisees; George Washington had those who opposed him; Abraham Lincoln was beset by many who evidently thought he would surely lead his country wrong. It is always thus!

For the last four years we have consumed a good deal of valuable time and stirred up much sentiment in our National Conventions relative to: "The Christian Plea," Our Kentucky School, and more recently still, a "National Young Peoples' Field Secretary or Worker." Invariably the challenge, like a great boomerang, has come back to us; what are the results?

Let us consider the last named—"A National Young Peoples' Field Worker." With one accord the 1928 Convention assembled in Chicago, accepted the challenge of Brother Robert M. Hopkins to raise \$900.00 as a supplement, making possible the employment of a full time secretary for our young peoples' work, and to this end we pledged more than \$900.00 to be paid not later than February.

The facts have been carefully stated in two previous issues of "The Christian Plea," and more recently in the

February first issue on the Editor's Page. Briefly summed up, the facts may be stated thus: We know the capabilities of the young man proposed—Elder V. G. Smith; we know the the needs of our church for "recruits," and especially the services of the young people; we know the requirements for securing a full time secretary for our young peoples' work—raise and pay in to the United Missionary Society as a supplement, \$900.00. We have pledged the \$900.00 in all earnestness, why not pay it?

GOAL NUMBER TWO

In a recent interview, one of our leading ministers in speaking of the strategic place "The Christian Plea" occupies in the Church Life of the brotherhood, expressed his idea in these words: "Brother Gray, there isn't any three combined professorships in any of our schools that mean half as much to the church today as does "The Christian Plea." The expression was made to indicate the importance of the brotherhood's latest venture—our medium of communication and most outstanding opportunity for service.

Another one of our more aged brethren, a layman in Kansas, paused to express his idea in these words: "I know 'The Plea' furnishes a very splendid opportunity for doing a great service to the church; it is attempting to meet a long-felt need in the life of the church." "As I can see it," continued the speaker, "no three ministers in the brotherhood can do as much (combined) good for the church as can a worthy church paper." The first brother lives in Indiana; the second lives in Kansas—a pioneer in the church-life of that state. These are certainly bold and challenging statements.

"Some Needs of the Christian Plea"

I was soliciting a Missouri brother for a gift of 100.00 for "The Christian Plea Fund." In the course of our conversation he remarked, "brother Gray, as I see it "The Christian Plea' needs: An efficient and successful promoter who is imbued with unshaken enthusiasm; an administrator whose ability begets confidence; a good organizer who can produce results; someone who has faith in that which he advocates and backs that faith with undying zeal; one who is optimistic, friendly, sympathetic, approachable and has the peculiar faculty of making strong attachments for the cause he represents; one who is endowed with initiative and leadership qualities."

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GENERAL INTEREST

We wish to state that in the Editor's report to the joint executive committee, as reported in the last issue of "The Plea," The National Women's Missionary Society contributed a sum of \$100.00 to the "Christian Plea" for which we are deeply grateful.

We want to especially recommend to all of our Young Peoples' Societies and Bible Schools the series of articles coming from our Brother V. G. Smith, Miss Bessie E. Chandler, our Elementary Superintendent, and Brother P. H. Moss, our National Superintendent of Religious Education. We feel quite sure that these articles will be found very helpful to those who will follow and study them very thoroly. Eventually we hope to be able to make similar announcements to the Missionary Societies and the churches.

The matter of pledges was put before the Mississippi Boulevard Church on last Lord's Day and they responded readily, those who had pledged, with \$25.00. Some have paid their pledges in full. We appreciate this splendid co-operation and expression of good will for "The Christian Plea."

With the exception of \$10.00, which will be paid in the very near future, the entire amount of \$100.00 pledged at S. C. L., has been paid. This represents vital interest and genuine sacrifice on the part of those who contributed.

Our church folk in Mound Bayou, Miss., responded nobly to the call of "The Plea." Sister P. R. McCarty whose pledge was for \$100.00, has paid \$25.00 and states the other will be forthcoming this month.

Brother B. F. Mayo, of Emporia, Kansas, a great pioneer in our Kansas work, has set an outstanding example not only for the brethren of that state, but also for those of the brotherhood who have been fortunate enough to acquire a bit of this world's goods and especially money. While he is virtually inactive now and has been for 10 or 12 years as far as work is concerned, his interest in the church has been keen. There he has endeavored to manifest that interest by building some memorial to his beloved wife and the cause which she loved so much, the church in the city of Emporia and the state of Kansas. Especially was this interest indicated when the pastor (white) of the Emporia church came to him relative to the "Kansas

Crusade Movement," which represents the Kansas State Work (white). Brother Mayo responded most nobly with a gift of \$4,000; the principal to be placed on deposit and the interest to be used annually for the development of the churches (colored) of Kansas. In addition to this, when the Editor of "The Plea" went to Brother Mayo and presented our cause and needs of "The Christian Plea," with its possibilities and opportunities for the church, and asked Brother Mayo to contribute \$200.00. After much discussion he conceded to give our cause every possible consideration, and thought at the time he would be able to grant our request, but felt sure he could at least give half of that amount. This we thought was indeed commendable, and we hope to be able to make further announcement about this grand old man of God a little later.

Brother Chas. T. Terry and family of Emporia, Kansas, one of the great pillars of the Emporia Church and loyal supporters to the cause came to the front with a splendid pledge of \$100.00 which we feel is as good as gold. While speaking of the Emporia Church we might also mention their splendid young pastor Brother H. C. Poston and wife who pledged each \$10.00 and Sister Alice Henry and mother who pledged \$25.00 and others who stated they would pledge; this we feel is a fine showing for Emporia and one or two of the other churches of the state of Kansas have indicated that they will respond just as nobly.

In the great old "Show Me" State of Missouri, we await full developments before making our final announcements, but judging from all indications and pledges made thus far, Missouri bids fair to lead the brotherhood in this respect with brother and sister Bassett of Madison and the Burtons (Elder E. K. Burten and family), Brother James Sims, of Fulton, Elder J. W. Damel, of Jefferson City, Sister Eva Gilmore and Queenie Mayberry of Jefferson City and Brother and Sister G. L. Blythe of Fulton; Sister Fannie Berry, Sister R. J. Payne, Brother W. H. Bowen and many others of several Missouri churches including the Frankford church, the church and St. Louis all following in pursuit; we feel sure that Missouri will not be one wit behind any other state. Space will not permit us at this time to give all the names of persons, churches and states that have responded either with pledges or contributions, but we hope to be able to do this soon.

The entire brotherhood regrets very much the loss of Sister Sarah Blackburn to the Mississippi work. Sister Blackburn, as will be recalled met with a very unfortunate accident on her way to the National Convention which was to meet in Chicago. Her death resulted from this accident.

Brother J. B. Lehman is scheduled with the Washington church for February 17th.

The Joint Executive Committee has been called to meet in the Mission Building at Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 5th.

"The Christian Plea" now has a full time office secretary, whose services will doubtless mean much in the way of efficiency. We have experienced some difficulty in getting our subscription list straightened up and have taken advantage of this means to advise all subscribers to report at once to the Editor all dissatisfaction relative to their subscriptions and any suggestions or friendly criticism they may have. We also ask that every pastor co-operate with us in sending in their news items of their churches and we hope our State Presidents, Secretaries and Evangelists will see that we get reports from their respective states at least once a month and if possible twice a month. Report all matter to the Editor at 2021 Montgall Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Rev. Frank Brown, 1325 College St., Memphis, comes from the Christian Advent Church of Memphis to take membership with the Mississippi Boulevard Church.

John M. Coleman, brother of Elder F. H. Coleman, 2725 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, departed this life Dec. 29th.

He was baptized by Elder P. Washington at the S. C. I., Edwards, Miss. He worked some in the new church in Youngstown, Ohio, where his brother, Stephen W. Coleman was recently made an Elder. He suffered quite a while having had several operations. His parting words to all the five remaining brothers was: "To live a straight life for Jesus."

A CARD OF THANKS

Russellville, Ark.

I wish very much to express my heart-felt gratitude toward the members of the Edward Chapel Christian

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FROM OUT NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. A. L. Martin, 401 N. 5th Street,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Sisters:

As the time passes on, so are we passing on, and the record we make as onward we go will stand as a monument of good or evil to us. One-half of our Missionary year is history, and our thoughts are turned to the next big event of our Program—Easter Week of Prayer.

As we approach this season we are trying to count in the splendid women who are serving the states and local societies, knowing that our success will depend largely upon their efforts; hence we look hopefully to the future for a larger work today than we saw yesterday. Remember our aims for the year, and try with me to reach every one. This is an easy possibility.

During Easter week let us make a membership drive; let us talk "World Call" and "Christian Plea." I don't know how many societies we have, so I am asking that each State President and Secretary write me of your State Work in which letter please tell me how many societies you have.

So often we pray the Father to add His blessings to the work. He has done so and the work is increasing rapidly, then we ought to bear our share of that increase. If the work is increased, our giving must be increased; hence we are thinking of a larger "Love Gift" this Easter. Those of us who have given one dollar for the past ten years, let us move up out of the way of the next class by giving two dollars that they may find it a duty and a pleasure to give the ONE.

Measure the ground you have covered, is it up to the "Standard of Excellence" which holds the idea of one-half the quota paid; all dues for the half year paid in full, etc.

We are not appealing to you for financial support only, but your moral and spiritual support will be encouraging; more men and women will be reached which will mean a greater asset for the entire brotherhood.

Sisters, it would be so encouraging to me if you would pause just a bit and write me of your work. Being your new president, I am sure I do not know all I ought to know about you. It would be a very nice thing if every society would write giving its own conditions.

We want to know how to count you in, and we do not want to wait until

the last minute when just a postal card will do it. A few states are keeping up, but these are bearing their part of the burden; yours is wanting. Look your society over; stir it to duty; council your group leaders; seek the delinquents and keep a wide-awake program before those who are interested.

Yours for Missions,

MRS. A. L. MARTIN, President.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We are asking all whose subscriptions to "The Plea" have expired to renew them at once. It is only \$1.00 and we are sure everyone can get a dollar if he wants to and tries hard enough.

THE BLUE PENCIL MARK means your subscription is due. RENEW IT AT ONCE!

Editorial Comment Continued from Page Four

"Yes," said I, "and 'The Plea' needs some other things which you doubtless have in mind but failed to mention." "The Christian Plea" needs: generous supporters who know how to sacrifice and don't mind it for Christ's sake. It needs tireless "Boosters"; it needs loyal supporters whose love for the church is unquestionable; it needs bold and willing champions for its cause; it needs dauntless followers who never give up, or let up in their efforts to do all they can with their time, words, influence, money and news for publication with the one hope of eventually securing the things desired and especially needed in "The Christian Plea."

Thus we have the two sides of "Some things The Christian Plea Needs." In the first instance some things are required of an editor, in the second instance some things are required of subscribers, readers, church constituents and churches themselves. In fairness to all, it must be said only as the two work together and do their whole duties and "tote" their full share of their responsibility, will "The Christian Plea" be all it should be and measure up to the brotherhood's expectations.

"The Christian Plea" does not assume the spirit and attitude of handing our churches a program of work; on the contrary, it proposes to help carry out the program of the local churches and arouse the earnest spirit of the churches as a whole.

"The Plea" does not intend to superimpose anything, rather it has committed itself to the more laborious task of

"informing and educating" until the membership is sufficiently enlightened to act within itself. A paramount need in the local church is intensive education of the membership and officary on the importance of systematic, intelligent, weekly contribution for Missionary Work as well as for local expenses; this should supplant our spasmodic efforts to raise money through rallies, entertainments, etc. Also there is great need for stewardship teaching about the proper use of christians' time, opportunities, talents, influence, money, etc., as related to the church and God. Church ignorance must be expelled if the conquering hosts of Christ are to go forward. An ignorant church, with an indifferent leadership can not succeed any more than an untrained army under the direction of an imbecile. Jesus chose 12 men from the ordinary walks of life. He taught them and they became extraordinary men! The leaders of today have an educational task!

Furthermore, the time for haphazard,—"hit and miss" methods of doing the work of the church is passed; our churches need to be taught to make and follow a church program for a period of years with every definite objectives in view. The officary must be taught to appreciate and use business methods, and undoubtedly our pastors must recognize, more readily, changing conditions with increasing demands,—and to this end they must know how to more advantageously organize their forces. No minister, regardless of his educational limitations can longer excuse the utter lack of system and efficient organization in his church work. He must have his methods of procedure, objectives, programs and budgets. Doubtless there is much to be done educationally!

"The Christian Plea" is the integrated medium through which the churches may express their united power in those great lines of service about which we all agree. It proposes to bring about fellowship and cooperation in the larger work of saving the world for Christ; it proposes to develop a strong brotherhood consciousness, fostered through: "The Christian Plea," "Missionary Magazines," "Bible School Publications," District, State, National and Inter-National Conventions, and the friendly interchange of ministers and members.

We are not so much interested in assembling outstanding conventions as far as numbers go, as we are in achieving a number of goals, usually designated in our gatherings or conventions. Every church reporting to these gatherings or convention should accept the votes of the convention as the voice of the churches.

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STATE NEWS PAGE

Mississippi the "Magnolia State"
By B. C. Calvert, Evangelist

We are happy to report that on the night of December 21, 1928, Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tenn., spoke to an appreciative audience at the First Christian Church of Clarksdale, Miss. Dr. Walker is one of the greatest Churchmen of the age. His message was a source of inspiration to "the faithful few" who had succeeded in paying for our Church property which cost us four thousand (\$4,300) three hundred dollars.

Elder B. T. Hunt, pastor of the Memphis Church, was present, and made the closing remarks, to the satisfaction of all who heard him. He paid a high tribute to Dr. Walker as a Churchman.

Elder E. G. Mason, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Clarksdale, introduced Dr. Walker. He said Dr. Walker's success in business is due to his faithfulness, and his loyalty to the Church.

Forty-nine (\$49.05) dollars and five cents was realized in the Annual Drive conducted by Evangelist Calvert at First Christian Church, Clarksdale, during a part of the first two weeks of January, 1929. The "flu" greatly hindered our success.

Mrs. S. S. Blackburn departed this life January 26, 1929, at the C. C. Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. She was in St. John's Hospital at Springfield, Ill., from the 24th of August, 1928, until the latter part of December when she was given a leave of absence by the physicians there to visit her brother, Mr. William Sneed of Chicago. Having become so very ill while there she was taken to the C. C. Hospital for treatment.

The passing of Mrs. S. S. Blackburn was a great shock to the brotherhood of Mississippi. She leaves a husband, two children, several step-children, two brothers, two sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Elder I. C. Franklin, President of the M. C. M. C., Dr. J. B. Lehman and Mrs. Lehman, all spoke on the funeral occasion. Evangelist Calvert preached the funeral sermon.

Elder R. B. Brown, President of the Bible School Convention, was master of ceremonies. Elder K. R. Brown read the 90th Psalm as the Scripture lesson, and Elder N. R. Trivillian offered prayer.

Editor P. A. Gray, Jr., Kansas City, Mrs. Bernice Holmes, of Oklahoma,

Mrs. Lucy Sneed of Chicago, were those from afar who were in attendance on the funeral occasion.

The Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention is giving three prizes to the three Churches raising the highest amounts above their apportionments. The first prize will be a "Banner" with the leading Church's name written on it in letters of gold. The second prize will be a Communion Set, and the third prize will be two dozens of Song Books.

Clarksdale is serving notice on the brotherhood of Mississippi that she is working for that first prize. She will prove by her works that she is indeed and in truth the Leading Church.

The Clarksdale Church has been organized into seventeen clubs, and each club is requested to raise ten (\$10.00) dollars. This will give us a total of one hundred (\$170.00) and seventy dollars.

The Indianola Church has unanimously adopted the Budget System. By this plan we hope to put new life in the Church, and more money into the treasury.

Bro. A. Elmore and wife took Sister Tucker, Mrs. Calvert and the Evangelist to Union Hill to the funeral of Mrs. S. S. Blackburn.

Evangelist Calvert recently sent in eleven subscriptions to the Christian Plea. Will other ministers do as well?

Mound Bayou District Convention will be held with the First Christian Church of Clarksdale, Miss., beginning Thursday night, Feb. 14, 1929. We look forward to a great Convention.

Mrs. Jennie Coleman of Clarksdale is now on the sick list. She seems to be improving.

Even though Bro. E. D. Vaughan works in Jonestown, twelve miles from Clarksdale, he is a real asset to the work here.

Bro. C. A. Watt, Chairman of the Official Board of the Clarksdale Church, was not present at the official meeting on Friday night, Feb. 1, 1929, on account of the illness of one of his sons.

Miss Z. L. Vaughan, who spent more than three months in the hills of Claiborne County, has returned to her home in Clarksdale.

Mrs. F. A. Vaughan and her aunt,

Mrs. Susan Jones, were called to the bedside of Mrs. Yarber of Memphis, another aunt. They have returned and reported that Mrs. Yarber is much improved.

Mrs. Eliza Guice, of Jackson, Miss., has been on the sick list for the past several days, but seems to be recovering.

Mrs. Celia Kinney, one of Clarksdale's most faithful and best members, has been sick but is now up and at her post of duty.

Elder B. L. Jacobs was over to Jackson Wednesday night on Church business. He has planned great things for the North Jackson Christian Church for this conventional year.

From the Banks of the Old Kentucky
"The Blue Grass State"

By C. H. Dickerson

Whatever the aim, the "flu" did not miss Old Kentucky. Seventeen hundred cases and 40 deaths is the report in our local papers, in Fayette County and Lexington. We hope the worst is not yet to come.

Needless to say that all Church and school work has been signally affected, but somehow the work keeps up and we have many things to cheer us, as we know there's an oasis in every desert though every traveler does not find it.

The same is true of many other things that the Great Creator has done.

Have Thine own way Lord, have Thine own way, Thou art the potter, I am the clay, is a pretty good attitude for workers in Kingdom Building.

Kentucky State Board had good January meeting. Brother Frost resigned for good reasons, finding it impractical to serve the vice presidency and Brother H. T. Wilson was elected.

Finding acceptable promising students for our Lincoln Institute attendance is the feature of immediate activity. State S. S. Board met and outlined plans for leadership Training School to be held in Covington, Ky., Tri-state Ky., Ohio, and Indiana if proper adjustments can be made.

A later number will carry a positive message. The writer was elected Treasurer to succeed the late Bro. C. W. Duncan, who passed in November to his reward.

C. H. DICKERSON

446 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

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STATE NEWS ITEMS

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"The Sunflower State" (Kansas)
By F. H. Coleman, Pastor Atchison and
State President

The work at Atchison is moving along nicely. Each department is active. The Bible School has added some new teachers to its force. We were thankful to Miss Ruth Baker of Martinsville, Va., for casting her lot with us while she is in the city. Miss Baker is one of the city school teachers. It shows a very fine spirit for one to work in his church even though there for a short time.

Notwithstanding that she is a city teacher, she is not ashamed of the little church as some of our professionals are. She brings one of her teacher friends also.

We are striving to make this a banner year by being 100 per cent in our apportionment—State and National. As soon as the weather permits we are going to have our evangelistic drive. Brother A. W. Davis, our National Evangelist will conduct the meeting. We hope to do some good in keeping with the Pentacostal program. We are trying to survey several new fields with the hope of beginning at least one new field.

Church News Items

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THANKS

Church at this place for the kind hospitality, the kind consideration and the kind and charitable deeds which they rendered us during the illness of our husband and father, Brother W. T. York.

Among the few are Mrs. Mary Franklin, Miss Emma Franklin and also Mrs. Sallie Woodard and several others that space won't permit me to mention.

May God bless them and may their lives be long and prosperous is my hope.

Your Sister In Christ,
VIOLA YORK,
809 Marian St.

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.

Dear Editor of "The Christian Plea":

Please publish for me the splendid help the Brethren and Sisters rendered to me during my illness. The Russellville Church sent out a box of groceries given by sisters Mary Franklin, Emma Franklin and Yetter Russell.

Center Point Church sent me a box of good things to eat. Saratoga Church sent a bushel of corn. Pearidge Church sent me an offering. This help came in the very time of need. Words cannot express my appreciation to all for their kindness.

It was very sad thing to see sister Mary Franklin and husband lose their

beautiful home by fire during the Christmas week.

I am still in bed, can't say how long it will be until I can go to my appointment where I am pastoring at Pearidge.

I left brother and sister Bostick's home on Christmas eve where I had been ill for a few days. Everyone was so nice to me while there.

Respectfully,
ELDER W. T. YORK.

FULTON NOTES

Elder P. C. Washington, now a teacher in East St. Louis, preached both morning and evening, December 30. He is a former pastor of the church.

The fourteen months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Booker Starks was buried Sunday, January 6. Elder Christopher of the A. M. E. Church officiated.

The Helping Hand Club gave an entertainment and served refreshments at the church, December 28 and raised over \$10.00.

The Art and Dramatic Club gave a social for members and visiting young folks during Christmas week. Many took advantage of the opportunity.

Miss Catherine Van Buren has returned to school at Lincoln University.

The Quarterly Reports of the Church and departments show a very appreciable increase in finance and interest.

The Church offering envelopes given by the Art and Dramatic Club to the Church are now in use.

The special Christmas offering ran over \$8.00. The program was put on. So far this year, each department has observed its special day at the appointed time.

February is to be used in special efforts to raise the state apportionments.

Mrs. Emma Richmond, Vice President of the Helping Hand Club, is out again after a severe heart attack.

"A PRINCE AND GREAT MAN HAS FALLEN IN ISRAEL"

Paris, Little Rock, Ky., Jan. 28.—Before 1928 passes into history eleven of the members of the church at Little Rock passed on to their reward. The Church lost some of its best members.

Among the numbers who went to solve the mysteries of the great unknown was: Brother Chas. W. Duncan, who departed this life November 13th, 1928; he was born in famous historical Cane Ridge section of Bourbon County. His father and mother,

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Duncan were early settlers in this county. His boyhood days were spent here. Brother Duncan obtained his common school education in the district school and later attended the State Normal School at Frankfort, Kentucky. Realizing the necessity of Christian fellowship, he joined the Christian Church at Little Rock under the early pastorate of the Rev. R. E. Hathaway. Since that time he has been strict in attendance. He was to be found at all times in every forward movement both local and state-wide.

At the time of his death he was, and had been for many years, a deacon on the official Board, and Superintendent of the Sunday School for more than 20 years; treasurer of the State Sunday School Convention for 22 years; Vice President of the Sunday School Association of the District for six years and Treasurer of the School of Methods.

He was interested in all movements pertaining to Religious Education; he was one of the church's greatest and noblest sons for whom we all mourn.

He was a tender and an affectionate father, a loving and devoted husband. In his home there was constant sunshine, purity and peace. He was congenial and popular with his neighbors. He was trusted as a friend, admired as a citizen and relied upon as an advisor.

Therefore, "A Prince and a Great man has fallen in Israel," one that was true to his church. True in places of public trust; true to himself and true to his God. Therefore we bow in humble submission to "Him who doeth all things well."

H. T. WILSON, Pastor.

OBITUARY

Sister Susan Nance was born in Christian County, Kentucky, in the year 1844, July 25th and departed this life December 29th, 1928 at 11:45 a. m., age 75 years, 5 months and 4 days.

She had been a member of the Christian church for more than forty years. To know sister Nance was to love her.

She died in full triumph of the faith of the fathers. She knew that the end was near for she remarked to relatives and friends at her bedside the evening before her death, that her troubles and pains would soon be over. She remained conscious until a few minutes before the end.

She leaves to mourn her passing the following: Mrs. Thomas Jenkins of Madisonville, Ky., Mrs. Adelia Cannon, of Alton, Illinois and Miss Della Hill of this city, who are nieces.

Mr. Thomas and Benjamine Hill of Englewood, New Jersey, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

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522 McCormick Ave., Evansville, Ind.

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TIMELY EVANGELISM

BY C. D. SERRILL

Reproduced

Evangelism is the very heart of Christianity. It is the vital spark which keeps the church alive, and which warms the pulse of civilization. The original message was good tidings of great joy which should be to all people. A gospel which does not fit the needs of every period in history is not good news in reality. William T. Ellis says: "The greatest proof of apostolic succession is apostolic success." Today we have a splendid opportunity to prove the truth of this statement.

Evangelism for the times must be elemental. The gospel must always be applied to fit the need of the individual soul. It must take him where he is and bring him to Jesus. Whether he be a child, an adolescent, a youth or a person grown matters not: the gospel will fit and fill his soul. The greatest commendation of the book of Acts consists in the fact that it presents the gospel as approaching a person in whatever condition it finds him, and never leaves him until it has brought him salvation.

This must be true of every period in history. An understanding evangelism must present the gospel in such elemental method that it will take society where it is, and bring it into the presence of the Master. It must transform the materialism of our day into powerful spirituality. It must meet science sympathetically, lovingly, fairly, and prove to it that it cannot ascend to the heights where spirituality can venture. It must transmute the indifference of our day into Christian consecration. It must show the thrill-seeker that his greatest thrill will come, not from questionable amusements, but from presenting

the gospel message to others. We must impinge the gospel message upon the consciousness of the world until the glory of Jehovah takes on new meaning.

Evangelism to be effective today must be expositional. It must have a true scriptural foundation. Bible conversions have always proved this true; and the present age is no exception. Today, when we understand child and adult psychology so well, and when we know the Bible so much better than ever, there is small excuse for not bringing the two together, and thus achieving lasting results. Such evangelism must conform practically with the public school program. Our scriptural instruction, whether in church schools upon the Lord's Day or in week-day religious schools, should be on a high plane in order to claim the respect of the students. It must show the reasonableness of Christian teaching in relation to all other education. Thus taught it will result in right character development, which is the finest fruit of evangelism.

Evangelism to find the hearts of folks must be emphatic. A stimulated belief will not convince. We must let others know that we believe what we preach. Christianity is true because it is founded upon the well-attested facts of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; and if it brings the right sort of conviction to us we will be able to pass it on to others. Truly, "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation," and it works both ways, in the heart of the giver as well as in that of the recipient.

Convictions will always convince. Dr. Goodell says: "The crying need of the world is a few first-class convictions." And what is a conviction? Is it not something which makes a convict of a man, which fastens him to one thing, so that he is not at liberty to roam everywhere to no purpose? He says further: "If, as some about everything, it would be an thank, our fathers were too sure immense gain if some of their children were absolutely certain of anything." An emphatic evangelism, with a firm note of conviction, will bring results.

Evangelism to warm the souls of our brother-men must be emotional. The indifference of the present is largely due to the lack of emotion in experience and in appeal. The church's temperature is low; she does not speak with the fervor and passion of her earlier years. Too many of us are afraid of being accused of emotionalism; we think it is beneath us to shed a tear or speak with faltering voice. Some time ago, Harry E. Fosdick threw a bomb into a meeting of the Greater New York Ministerial Association when he said these words: "Ministers are discussing social and economic problems and human institutions too much, and are neglecting to wrestle with the individual soul. We need a renaissance of what our fathers used to know as evangelical preaching."

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SPECIAL NOTICE !

A BLUE PENCIL MARK indicates your subscription to "The Plea" is due. RENEW IT AT ONCE! We want your name on our mailing list.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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NATIONAL BIRTHDAY BANK A MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

By BESSIE E. CHANDLER

No better plan has been devised for the enlistment of Bible School pupils in missionary giving than the use of the National Birthday Bank. The missionary or general superintendent should call every Sunday for special birthday gifts over and above all other contributions, based upon an adequate program of missionary education. The birthday bank should be opened at least twice a year, December and June.

To those schools who are not using the birthday bank we urge you to send at once to the United Christian Missionary Society and secure one free on request. Then in order that your school may have brought to its attention in a special way the fine service which the new birthday bank may render in the missionary and benevolent work of your school, may I suggest the following special service:

Set a special Sunday two or three weeks ahead to be known as "Birthday Bank Dedication Sunday." (If you have a missionary program in your school, a missionary Sunday would be a good day for this service.)

Make a placard announcement to hang in a prominent place in your Bible School auditorium, giving advance notice of the special dedication service.

Make full and frequent announcement of such dedication service both from the platform and in the church bulletin.

In all the advance announcements, state that all members of the school who have not made a birthday offering since the beginning of the current missionary year, July 1, 1928, will be expected to make such birthday offering on Dedication Service Sunday, and that others who have made such birthday offering during the period the bank has been in use up to the dedication, may be asked to give a special Love Gift for World-Wide Missions, thereby having a definite and tangible part in the dedicatory Birthday Service.

All birthday offerings thus gathered will apply to the credit of your Bible School and therefore assist your school in raising its apportionment.

To all schools we suggest to you the following plans for Birthday Offering Call for the Birthday Offering every Sunday:

Use a word of greeting, an appropriate song, birthday verse or a brief prayer to express sentiments in har-

mony with the occasion.

Ask those to stand the first Sunday in each month whose birthday comes that month.

Have a birthday secretary who will keep a list of all birthdays and send a note of congratulations to arrive on the birthday calling attention to the custom of the gifts for Missions.

Devote all birthday offerings sacredly to missions and benevolence as special gifts over and above all other contributions, and explain this frequently to the school.

The department of Religious Education is especially anxious that all the local schools will use the National Birthday Bank regularly every Sunday.

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH III. YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

By V. G. SMITH

(Continued from Feb. 15th Issue)

Reorganization or Church Life Dept.

The entire department is organized under one president with four vice-presidents and departmental secretary with four associate secretaries. The vice-presidents are chairmen of four standing committees which are Church School or educational, Christian Endeavor or expressional, Service or missionary, Social life or recreational. These committees each have a particular part of the program of the department to look after. The committees plan the worship, make out the program, manage the finances and be responsible for the efficiency of the various activities.

Close or Unification

This plan of correlation is builded upon a set of officers and six committees. Each activity of the young person in the church is under this set of officers and these committees are responsible for their particular item in each of the sessions of the department. These committees are:

1. Program or Devotional for worship services.
2. Membership for the department bringing members to all.
3. Service or missionary for projective service activities.
4. Social or recreational for promoting all socials.
5. Finance for budgeting and financing the budget.
6. Executive through which all business clears.

With all these types or correlation there must be the very evident loyalty of every individual and the very careful selection of officers and leaders. The

Young Peoples Department is an effective unit in developing interest, initiative and leadership for the church of tomorrow.

CONSIDERATION

By Elder J. L. Beach, 1308 Woodlawn Avenue, Birmingham, Ala.

Brother president members and friends of the 11th Street Christian Church, Annual Alabama Convention of Disciples of Christ, I want to talk to you on the subject, "Consideration."

Consideration is needed in all our relationships, contacts and efforts. We must consider our own physical lives as well as our spiritual lives. Caring for our bodies will enable them to be healthy and sound that they may be used as temples for God.

We must consider the fact that we are instruments for God's purpose and through Him we may manifest His works. Man's greatest mistakes were made by not considering God as Creator and Universal King; through Him we "move and have our being." We must consider the unrighteousness of our hearts and lay it aside and fill our hearts with righteousness and things eternal which will not fade away.

We should give consideration to the tongue, a very small organ of taste and speech, but is unruly and is able to set the soul on hell fire. We should not use our tongues for the purpose of lying, murdering and breaking peace in our homes and in the homes of others. Let us use this little organ as a power for God and Him only. God gives us energy and He wants us to give it back to Him through obedient service to His divine cause. We must consider God's Church, the greatest institution, and the one means through which men, women, boys and girls may enter into God's Kingdom.

"Consideration" must be given to all achievements in any walk of life and there must also be sacrifice. No one can attain success on "flowery beds of ease"; we should weave our own threads in life that we might know them ourselves. Mr. President, members and friends of the 11th convention, let us consider that we are all stewards of God in this world and some day we must give an account of our stewardship. We must appear before Christ some day to give an account of our life's work while here upon this earth.

Let us do more for Christ's church by example as well as precept, that we may establish the church in the hearts of everyone. Let us not be ashamed to own Christ as our Savior, for He died on the cross that we might live again.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

THE CHAIN OF GOD

Every movement of good has an antecedent of good without which it could not be. Practically every fundamental principle of righteousness we know today had its seed-thought in what was said to Adam when God first began to deal with man. Without that Abraham could not have given the Characters of sublime faith; without Abraham, Isaiah could not have given the Characters of the Golden age; and without Isaiah Christ could not have given the world His wonderful revelation of truth.

We can see this truth verified in the movements of our day. Without the teachings of Paul, Lincoln could never have issued his Emancipation Proclamation; and without the lesson of emancipation we could never have gained prohibition, we could not think of outlawing war. We progress step by step. One step always leads to another. He who does good has no idea how far reaching it is.

An interesting illustration comes to mind here. About 1886 a representative of the Southern Christian Institute spoke in Angola, Indiana. An appeal was made to aid a worthy Negro boy. A girls' circle decided to undertake it. Mrs. Lehman, then Ethie Burlingame, was one of them; Georgia Kinney, later Mrs. Pres. Miner Lee Bates and Emily Kinney, later Mrs. Grant K. Lewis, were others. The boy selected was King R. Brown. It is interesting to follow the chain.

K. R. Brown became a prominent minister. His daughter, Celeste, later graduated and married Zach H. Howard who became a minister. Their children, Odessa, Zella, Oneida and Johnny all came to the S. C. I. and are doing good work. Brother Brown's second daughter, Rose, graduated and has become a useful field worker. His daughter Anna married a minister and is doing good work. His granddaughter, Annita, graduated at the S. C. I. and fitted herself for good work.

After aiding the boy, King Brown, a call came to Mrs. Lehman and myself to come into the work where we have spent thirty-nine years. Mrs. Miner Lee Bates had the privilege to aid in putting Miss Odessa and Miss Zella Howard through Hiram. Mrs. Grant K. Lewis had the privilege of seeing Grant K. Lewis administer these schools.

The S. C. I. has seen scores and scores of young people go out to useful work. Mr. W. W. Blackburn, Assistant State Superintendent of Negro Education, a few days ago wrote: "Let

me thank you for the very excellent article you sent for the last issue of the Journal." Too, may I tell you that already several have written me saying, how much they enjoyed reading it.

"Your telling of the conversation with the old man, hit the spot. Your school is sending out into the world a much different class of young people. I have yet to find the S. C. I. graduate who will refuse to talk out in Church or Sunday School."

"The Christian Plea" is a distinct link in this Chain. Elder K. R. Brown started the Gospel Plea and then asked me to take it. The old Gospel Plea went far and wide into the homes of white people and Negro people and laid the foundation for much that is being done now. "The Christian Plea" a descendant of the Gospel Plea now has a most outstanding opportunity if only we can see it.

And look at the Missionary enterprises. If we take what is raised at the S. C. I. the J. C. I. and P. C. I.: and at those churches that are ministered to by those trained at one of the schools and the Louisville Bible School, we have the bulk of all we are raising for missions.

But there is one thing we lack yet. We have not yet learned to love each other and be helpful to each other. Many a difficulty could be ironed out if we would seek to be helpful to each other. The Negro Disciples of Christ, though small in numbers, have an opportunity that is not surpassed by any others. If only we would move as a unit, if only we could have a vision of what we could do. The chain is not complete yet. Other links are yet to be forged. May the spirit of God lead us on to see what we can do.

ORIGINAL POEM

Dedicated to Prof. J. B. Lehman

(Concluded from Feb. 15th Issue)
For many a boy he has opened the gate
And to many a girl gave sight,
And scattered today over many a state
They're found in paths of right.

When the king of sports was asked of his "Walls"
His people and state to save,
He points to his men who obey his calls
Saying "These are my walls, they're brave."

So when the muse of history calls
Professor Lehman to attest his power,
He can point to his students as his walls
He has built for his strong tower.

Up from the Southland into the North
As feathers from Grandma's geese,
These daughters and sons of Ham go forth
You'll find them in West and East.

And many have followed the "Booker T. Plan"
"Let the buckets down where you are,"
For it isn't the clime that makes the man
Nor the flowery fields afar.

One ship sails east another west
By the selfsame winds that blow
It's not the gale but the set of the sail
That determine the way you go.

And now o'er the three score line my man
Journeys on past the noon of his day,
May he still be led by that kindly hand
"Till he gets to the "End of the way."
C. H. DICKERSON,
446 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.
Jan. 25th, 1929.

A PROGRAM FOR WORKER'S CONFERENCE

(Concluded from Feb. 15th Issue)
Superintendent Presiding—Time 7:00 O'clock.

1. Silence.
2. Call to Worship.
Supt.—So then, my beloved, even as ye have always, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.—Phillipians 2:13.

Worker—For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work for His god pleasure.—Phillipians 2:13.

3. Song.
Work for the night is coming,
Work through the morning hours,
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work mid springing flowers
Work when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun,
Work for the night is coming,
When man's work is done.

Supt.—Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God.—II Timothy 2:15.

Workers—So built we the wall; "For the people had a mind to work.—Nehemiah 4:5.

4. The Lord's Prayer (The Supt. leading).
5. Song.

I need Thee every hour, Most Gracious Lord,
No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.

Refrain:
I need Thee, O I need Thee, Every hour I need Thee,

O bless me now, my Saviour, I come to Thee.

11. Business Period, 15 minutes.
(a) Reading the Minutes last meeting.

The EDITOR'S PAGE

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PRE-EASTER ITEMS

JESSE M. BADER

(Reproduced)

The first item in the Pre-Easter Evangelistic Crusade is "Survey the Field." Why?

First, because communities change, populations shift, and members move.

Second, because a survey of your church community will help "locate the harvest." One can know where prospects are, discover the "members elsewhere."

Third, because the church needs to work intelligently at her task. "Know your field," but how can you without an annual survey?

Survey your Bible School, listing those not members. Take the church membership roll and list the husbands whose wives are members. List the fathers and mothers whose children are members.

What shall be done with the survey?

First, carefully tabulate the names and addresses.

Second, send out letters enclosing suitable tracts and an invitation to the church services.

Third, send out the workers to call

not once, but consecutively until results are secured.

Such a survey is sometimes irksome. One deals with detail. It is not easy. All this is true. In the story of the ninety and nine, a survey showed ninety-nine safe and one was out—lost. The shepherd searched. It wasn't easy. It wasn't a pink tea affair. This business of winning souls to Christ comes high. It's not easy, but it's great.

Someone has said, "The most expensive piece of church furniture is an empty pew." The second item in the Pre-Easter program is "Stir the Church." A stirring, amounting to nothing short of a revival, is needed in church attendance. Many members have lost their conscience on this. They have a listless unconcern. Sermons, not one but several, are needed in the early part of the pre-Easter season, calling the members to a loyalty to the House of God and a devotion to the Lord's Table.

Count those present. Check the names against the church roll. Send out letters and visitors to the absent. Ask them to be present the next Sunday. Observe an "Every Member Present" month. Order tracts on "church attendance." Distribute these each week.

If your congregation has 40 per cent of the members present any Sunday for any service, you have about the average. A count and check gives a startling revelation sometimes. We think we have a bigger average than we do. When you count and check, you get at the facts.

One of the solutions to the church attendance problem is a rich worship service when people are fed and filled. A banquet table has something on it to eat, and it provides fellowship.

When people come to church, let the church provide that which will nourish the soul and furnish a fellowship in Christ that helps.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

(Concluded from Feb. 15th Issue)

We may well expect adverse criticisms—they just will come inspite of all we can do; however, it is to be regretted that they come too frequently from those who are either uninformed or mis-informed; then of course, there are always those who always seek frivolous excuses to evade responsibilities. We should permit none of these to hinder us in our effort or hamper 'The Christian Plea' in its Mission of service to the churches. Let us do our duty inspite of the "knockers." Talk, the right kind, is needed, but talk alone will not suffice—We must be "doers

of the word."

Let every minister, even as brothers, Preston Taylor, J. B. Lehman, B. C. Calvert and K. R. Brown take the initiative in placing "The Plea" in the hands of members and friends.

The ministers owe "Church publicity" to the success of their efforts and programs; get readers for the paper by sending in subscriptions, get publicity for your church by sending in your local "news items." We haven't but one church paper seeking the patronage of all of our churches, let us support it!

"The Christian Plea" is as good as it is today because of those who love the work to the extent of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Many have given, some out of the abundance of their poverty! Have you done your bit? Have you paid your subscription? Have you gotten a friend to subscribe? Have you made a gift large or small to "The Christian Plea Fund?" Have you boosted your paper? Have you sent in your suggestions or criticisms to the Editor? Have you written an article for publication touching on some needed phase of our church work? Have you personally sent in, or seen to your local church news items being sent in for publication? This is the way to HELP "The Christian Plea,"—Just "keep on keeping on" until you right every wrong, this is a fine way to prove your loyalty to the Christ, to His church and its agencies!

GOAL NUMBER THREE

Our National Apportionment \$10,000
For 1928-29

We accept (as we invariably do, as far as acceptance goes), \$10,000 as our quota or share of the world's work. This is \$6,000 less than our apportionments have been for two previous years, however this amount does not include "The Christian Plea", which comes before the churches as a "special appeal" for this year.

How about our goal of \$10,000, have we kept our eyes on it? Regardless of "our intentions" to do perfectly wonderful things as yet we are far short of our goal with more than half of our church year gone and less than one third of our goal realized.

It seems that we are to experience another shameful failure unless this matter gets more attention from the pulpits, the officiators, the membership, and more loyal support, in the terms of dollars and hundreds of dollars, from every church in the entire brotherhood.

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PAGE of NEWS ITEMS

PIEDMONT CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

MRS. ODESSA HOWARD WHITE,
Reporter, Martinville, Va.

After closing a reasonably successful first semester we are well up into the second, with a slight increase in enrollment. In an effort to gain recognition from the Virginia Board of Education an attempt is being made to follow the state course of study and to employ only those teachers whose qualifications are up to the standard. The future of Piedmont Christian Institute looks brilliant to those of us who are hopeful. Located as it is, in a town in which no public high school is maintained, it has unusual possibilities for growth and influence.

The present Senior class is composed of six promising young people; while next year's class—if all goes well—will be made up of eighteen energetic boys and girls. Athletic activities of the institution are greatly hampered, due to a lack of a gymnasium and playground facilities. The social side of the institution is well taken care of by the various class and club organizations.

The senior class was responsible for bringing the male quartette of A. and T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina, to us on the night of January 11th. The entire town seemed to value the wonderful privilege which was ours and turned out in numbers large enough to fill our auditorium to its capacity. An outstanding member of the appreciative audience was Mayor Brown of Martinsville.

The Junior class has had a sock social which furnished pleasure as well as finance for class activities. On the 7th of January it also had an interesting "Tea" which was a slight variance from the usual routine.

The Junior and Senior classes are working on class plays which they plan to stage within the next few weeks.

A group of enthusiastic faculty and students availed themselves of the opportunity to enjoy "Aida" during Grand Opera season in Greensboro.

The Alumni Association of Piedmont Christian Institute is doing some very appreciable service. It recently closed a popularity contest, the proceeds of which will be used to help definite improvement about the school.

The Church here is wondrously fortunate in having in it a large group of wide-awake young folk. The Christian Club (composed of the young people of the Church) helps to hold the interest of its members. It plans a

Lemon Party for Friday night, February 15th, which promises to be an unique affair. Just now all efforts in Church and school are turned upon a \$250 rally which the Church will hold on the last Sunday in February.

The Women's Missionary Circle had a rare treat for us on the night of January 31st, in the form of a Wedding Fifty Years Ago. The entire audience agreed that it was a cleverly arranged program both as to costume and presentation.

We are still on the map and struggling to attain our ideals. You will hear from us again at some future date.

FROM MIAMI VALLEY NORWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH DAYTON, OHIO

Elder Wm. M. Owens, Pastor
Mrs. B. H. Johnson, Reporter

Elder William M. Owens, a former pastor of the Central Christian Church of Louisville, Kentucky, has accepted the Wood Christian Church at Dayton, Ohio. He has been serving for two months.

He is a "live wire," and is doing a great work here. We feel greatly encouraged because the church is lining up as never before. He is a splendid young man and we are looking forward to great achievements this year.

It is especially encouraging to have the pastor's wife line up with us to help us put our program over. She has wonderful musical talent and aside from helping out in this respect, will doubtless mean much to our Missionary work.

The pastor is putting forth every possible effort to get all delinquent members back into "the fold." We are especially anxious to conserve our membership as well as add new ones. Thus far, we have had several additions.

Miss Buckner is Superintendent of our Bible School and Sister France is the Elementary Superintendent. Our School is doing some splendid work.

On February 3rd, we had our big financial rally. Our goal was \$800.00. We did not quite reach it, but felt that our efforts could not be called a failure as we raised \$600.00.

The pastor preached the morning sermon and Rev. Swail, (the white Christian Minister), preached the afternoon sermon. His was certainly a strengthening and inspiring sermon. He endeavored to show us just what our duties as Christians and members of the church were. We are thankful for his cooperation and message.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

Elder J. B. Parsons, Pastor
Miss Anna E. Gilmore, Reporter

The close of last year found us very proud of the fact that we only owed \$5.00 on our church.

Our church work is getting along nicely. The membership is divided into Clubs and Groups which produces splendid results both financially and spiritually and it keeps up interest.

We were glad to have the Union Thanksgiving service at our church. Our pastor preached the Union Christian's sermon.

The Bible School is beginning to progress. The attendance and interest is improving. This, we believe, is a hopeful sign. We are making some very definite plans to increase the interest; For instance: We are getting a lot of splendid ideas from our Elementary's talks in "The Plea" and we are planning some new things. Especially are we planning to use the Missionary story after the lesson Period; We are also making some definite plans for Decision Day. The writer, Mrs. Gilmore, is the Superintendent, Elder J. W. Danel who has taught in Lincoln University for more than a quarter of a century, and our former pastor for a number of years, is assistant Superintendent and one of our able teachers.

Sister Queeny Mayberry is leading our Missionary Society on to victory. We have had a number of interesting and inspiring programs. It may be of interest to others as well as the societies of the state to know we have paid one half of our state apportionment and expect to pay every cent of our entire apportionment.

Our last month's meeting was at the home of Sister Ella D. Morris, our Chairman of the Program Committee. At the conclusion of the program we were served a most delicious lunch by Sister Morris. This was most enjoyable.

The Y. P. S. C. E. is doing such splendid work and is paying its state obligations. It has observed C. E. Day with a program and a special financial effort for National apportionments.

We find a lot of valuable suggestions in Brother V. G. Smith's articles and feel proud to have him with us in the state of Missouri and pastoring a neighboring church. We also use the C. E. Guide.

We are making an appeal to the youth of the Church and City and are endeavoring to place before them ample inducements to live "The Christ Life."

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

HOW TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By SISTER SUETTA JOHNSON,
Aaron's Run, Ky.

Madame President Co-Workers and Friends:

A. What can our W. M. Society do to increase its membership?

B. What can I do?

This subject is a very important one. One that I fear I cannot treat justly. Yet I am too glad to say a few words as we learn by doing.

I am interested in Missionary work and willing to do whatever I can to make this great work a success. First, we who make up our Missionary Society are examples for others to follow. There are things we can do to increase our membership. Then there are things we can do to keep them away as well.

Do not make careless remarks about those who do not seem to be interested in your Missionary Society. We may say that they are selfish, worldly or indifferent. This is not always true. It is up to us to let our lights shine so brightly that these unlisted women may be touched. Let them know that you have a great aim in view and need their co-operation.

Since it was by woman that sin came into the world, it should be her business to help conquer it by winning souls for Christ.

The woman who does not belong to the Missionary Society may not understand what we are trying to do. Let them know what our work stands for and what it means to be interested in the work. Prove to them that we are going upward, Lifting as we climb.

When visitors come to our meetings we should interest them with the spiritual side, as well as in the social period. I believe that we should begin our meetings on time, so those who may come in as visitors will not become worried and we ourselves lose interest in the meetings. Have them know that you are glad to have them and the society appreciates whatever little they can do for the benefit of their Missionary work.

This may interest them enough to come back again, and again, finally they will join the Society and become excellent workers in this great field of labor. There are some women who would be glad to serve if we use them in a way that they can help. Some can sing, others can do different things. There are women who can pray won-

derfully well. We can all learn to pray, in our local society.

Some do not attend our meetings because they are embarrassed when called upon. No doubt some plans could be made by the leaders to help these women encourage them in every way possible. Assure them that they can do, if they only have confidence in themselves. It maybe a fine idea to let them be responsible for a certain work in our local Society where we are all at home. Then, when they become more familiar with the work, they will love the work of the Society. If we increase the attendance of our local societies we are sure to increase the Membership of our District Meetings.

Plan your meetings so that they will be interesting to all from the highest Educator to the most uninformed. Have patience with them who do not seem to be interested in Missionary work. It has been said that there are some who were so glad to learn of the Christ that they spent two hours each day speaking to others about their souls. Therefore let us not grow impatient. For we must put over the great program for the Master.

It is our duty as Missionary women to visit those who do not belong to the Missionary Society. Talk with them personally about the people in other parts of America. In India and other parts of the world, let us know the needs so well that our hearts overflow. Their hearts are just as tender as our own. Some of them will become members of the Society.

Give these unlisted women your real friendship. Make it convenient to go by their homes and ask them to come to the Missionary Meeting with you, and then let us make them welcome. Let them know that you really care for them deep down in your hearts.

Then corner the question what can I do to increase the membership of the Missionary Society? Each individual or member has her share of work to do in getting members into the Society.

First. I must be sincere in the work before I can influence others.

Second. I can help make our meetings interesting and inviting to those who have not yet enlisted.

Third. I can speak to some one about our Missionary meetings, trying to make them feel the need of their support.

Fourth. I can pray in behalf of those who do not belong, visit their homes, talk with them personally, or write them. Always proving to be a

friend to them even though they are indifferent.

Fifth. I can show others that I am interested in my society myself.

Sixth. I can read that I might be informed, and be able to answer questions concerning the Missionary work.

Seventh. I can pay my monthly dues, and other funds so that my Society will not be in the arrears and attractive to others.

Eighth. I can do my best in my service to the church to show the real need of the world for Christ. I am sure if every woman of the Missionary Society would do her part in increasing the membership it would not be long until most every unlisted woman would see the light of a new day in her life and willingly offer her membership.

"Stir me, Oh stir me Lord, I care not how,

But stir my heart with passion for the world,

Stir me to go—to give—but most to pray;

Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled

O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie,

O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

Stir me, stir even me. Thyself wast stirred,

By love's intensest fire, till Thou didst give,

Thine only Son, Thy best beloved One, E'en to the cruel cross that I might live. Stir me to give myself so back to Thee, That Thou canst give Thyself again through Me."

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

By Maude M. Jackson, Oxmoor Christian Church, Oxmoor, Alabama

To the

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

Stewardship is one of the most important teachings of the Bible; it is simply a Christian's responsibility to God for his life. Yet the practice of stewardship is one of the hardest things to teach. Why? Because of the training which people have received in the past. Most people have not taken stewardship seriously. The time has come for Christians to actually practice stewardship. As strange as it may seem, a minister can talk on any subject and get a hearing from his members but when he comes to the subject of a Christian's duty and his money, they do not hear.

We sometimes say that a man judges the value of an object by the price he pays for it, that being true, some **most** evidently do not value the church **very** highly because they give less to it than they give for other things.

What is stewardship? Is it a New Method of getting money out of people? (Please turn to Page 8, Column 2.)

STATE NEWS PAGE

MT. STERLING, KY. Elder W. H. Brown, Pastor

Mrs. Lizzie D. Morgan, Reporter

Our church is doing nicely in every department. The pastor had had a slight attack of the "Flu", but is quite well now.

Prof. J. Roger Jones is Superintendent of our Bible School. He has had to undergo an operation, but we are glad to say he is out again.

District number 6 held its meeting on February 2nd. It was held at Fair View, Ky., The writer Lizzie D. Morgan, is President. It was a very cold day, but we had a glorious day. The attendance was good.

It was a great inspiration to have our State President, Sister Susie M. Brown with us; also our General Secretary Sister B. B. Hutsell. The meeting was full of interest from beginning to end.

The good people of Fair View certainly know how to entertain strangers and thereby added to the success and inspiration of the service.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

How the W. M. I. of Woodland Avenue Observed their Quarterly Meeting on February 5th, 1929

Although "Old King Winter" was still present and the streets fit for a toboggan ride, there were 17 members and two visitors at the Missionary meeting which was held at the Woodland Avenue Christian Church, Kansas City, February 5th, 1929.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. William Dyson, President. There was the usual routine of business, both old and new; Minutes of the executive meeting were read by Mrs. Willis and received by the Society; the roll was called and all with few exceptions responded with Biblical or other quotations.

Report as follows: Group Number 1, Mrs. Willis, \$1.35; Number 2, Mrs. Toney, \$1.20; Number 3, Mrs. Brashers, no report (because of illness in the family).

The program was rendered by group number 2. Song, "Where He Leads" by Society; Scripture: Isaiah 49:8 by Rev. Gray. Instrumental solo, Mrs. Moore, (one of our visiting friends) who added much to our program. Vocal solo, Mrs. C. E. Craggett. Subject of the Topic: "Latin America", Mrs. P. A. Gray, Jr., gave a paper on Mexico. Solo, Mrs. Davis, (another visiting friend whom

we were glad to have and whose services were highly appreciated. Mrs. G. A. Terry spoke on Paraguay. Mrs. Mary Brown spoke on Argentine. Mrs. Hopkins led us in prayer. The duett by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Craggett and his wife was a pleasing surprise. Remarks from our visiting friends, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Moore.

Our social side was well provided for by Group Number 1. All enjoyed the various games led by the pastor. The "eats", a lovely repast, was provided by Mrs. J. Brashers, (Group No. 3). All left having spent an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Wm. Dyson, President,
Mrs. Ora Drayden, Secretary,
Mrs. May Brown, Reporter.

JACKSON, MISS. NORTH JACKSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder B. L. Jacobs, Pastor
M. J. Brown, Reporter

The services on last Lord's Day were good. The Executive Board met the 2nd Lord's Day evening and perfected plans for a Financial Drive, which is to culminate on our "Annual Rally Day,"—the 2nd Sunday in July." \$500.00 in five months" was adopted as our slogan. We believe we can do it.

The students from S. C. I. presented a play here on Monday night, February 11th to a packed house. The praises were high in regards to it.

Our Jackson District meeting is now history. The meeting was held at Edwards Christian Church on February 15, 16 and 17, 1929. Aside from delegates, we were glad to have a number of visitors, friends and well-wishers of the Cause. Among our friends were several S. C. I. faculty members and students. The meeting was good from start to finish. The representation was good.

The following delegates were present from North Jackson: Brother M. S. Brown, Church Department; Sister H. Tucker, Bible School; Brother Abe Elmore served in interest of the W. M. S. Miss Grethel C. Brown, Christian Endeavor to State Secretary.

FINANCES REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: Church Department, \$11.26; Bible School, \$6.51; W. M. S. \$2.25; C. E., \$4.50; Total raised \$43.30.

All delegates went home fully determined to do a much better work.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMEN'S MISSION- ARY SOCIETIES

By MRS. SUSAN W. OFFUTT,
2400 Germantown St., Dayton, Ohio,
National Recording Secretary,
Women's Missionary Society

I wish an explanation be made through the columns of "The Christian Plea", giving a reason for the omitting of the "Future Work Committees" report of the Woman's Missionary Society in the Minutes of the Chicago Convention, (August 1928).

I did not have the report of the Future Work Committee. I asked the secretary of said committee for the report, immediately after it was read in the convention, but she refused to give it to me, saying that there were some corrections to be made and that she would take report home, rewrite, and send to me real soon. I wrote her twice asking for the report, but to this day I haven't had a word from her.

I was advised by our past president not to send Minutes until I secured the report, but Brother V. G. Smith urged me to send what I had and that he would write for the report of the Committee as I was holding him up. I then sent what I had.

I felt that this explanation was necessary as the report of the Future Work Committee to me is of vast importance in our work.

TO MISSISSIPPI BIBLE SCHOOLS

By L. R. GARRISON,
State Supt.

TO THE BIBLE SCHOOLS OF MISSISSIPPI:

It is fully decided that the Bible School will hold its Convention in Jackson, Miss., in July, 1929. This in no way violates the Constitution.

The motion which was made at Mound Bayou, for the two Conventions to meet at the same time and place, was pre-faced with the understanding that as the Sunday School Convention was already set, it would go ahead and the great Union would be in 1930.

We know our Convention is a democratic Missionary organization and we do not make iron clad laws for the membership, nor for its leaders; We do not have a Pope. In the Christian Church we make our plans and cooperate in our efforts to build up the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

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TIMELY EVANGELISM

By G. D. SERRILL
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No matter how much we know, if we cannot pass it on with some warmth of feeling, it will register little. A big brain and a big heart should go together. A life must be on fire itself if it would kindle a flame in another's soul. The greatest need of our time is for a fervent evangelism which will love so warmly that it will literally fuse our hearts into sympathetic contact with fallen humanity.

Evangelism to sway individuals and multitudes must be expectant. Our faith largely determines our fervor. We will never get results until we expect them. We must be on tiptoe with expectancy. We cannot secure converts, nor would we know what to do with them if we did receive them, unless we actually wanted them and expected them sufficiently to prepare for them. A young minister came to one of the greatest soul winning preachers the world has ever known and complained because he had so few converts. The older man looked at the younger man, and said, "You certainly don't expect converts at every service, do you?" "No, of course not", replied the other. "That is just why you don't have them" was the curt reply. We must all plead guilty to something of the same lack of expectancy.

The unconverted will respond to expectancy. We must believe in them, we must see the good in them, we must love them, and we must expect them to come to the Master. They will be much more inclined to step out toward us and toward our Jesus if we make them feel that we actually expect them—and then the joy that passes understanding will be ours and theirs.

Evangelism to be timely must be enduring. It must show results in our own lives and characters, if we would inspire others. In formational evangelism, through our church schools, it must show enduring results in the formation of habits of thought and life in our boys and girls. In reformational evangelism, through the conversion of those grown older, in our regular work and through special campaigns, it will show transformed lives that are marvelous in the sight of the Lord. Such evangelism will endure in leavening the whole social lump. It will lighten

the dark industrial corners with the gospel. It will reach the last and least of the earth with the heavenly principle of the Golden Rule. It will never be satisfied until it has reached the uttermost parts of the earth with the message of peace and good will. Timely evangelism, after all, is timeless, because it builds for eternity. Because the work is more difficult today, because of changing conditions and shifting emphases, is no reason for discouragement or despondency. The greater the task the greater the challenge.

If the early apostles had quit, where would the gospel story be today? If we disciples of today quit, where will the gospel message be tomorrow? "How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things!" Artists have painted the head of Jesus with a halo, but that is due to their imagination. The greatest halo around his head is the glory of a completed work in human redemption. And yet that completion depends upon us. No wonder Jesus could say, in his great intercessory prayer: "The glory thou has given unto me, I have given unto them; that they may be one, even as we are one."

If we as a people, have an effective evangelism today, it is because, to some degree at least, we have the spirit and the message of our Master.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

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ple? Has it to do with money—money only? Many people think when they hear of stewardship that it is a new idea. Stewardship is the biggest theme in the Bible and it has to do with ALL of life; money is only a part of the province of stewardship.

Think what would happen if every member of the church actually practiced the stewardship of time for instance; that is, if every member would give to the Master a certain amount of his time each week for some definite form of Christian service. God has a right to demand some of our time. We have time for business, time for social life, amusements, pleasure and for everything we wish. Why not some time for the Church? In these hurrying days we say we are so busy that we can scarcely get to church; every member of the church is expected by the Creator to practice the Grace of Stewardship.

This is a serious duty which each one ought to face squarely, and not leave all the tasks to the preacher or to "The faithful few"; it is not fair. Think what it would mean to a Sunday School class if each member did some-

thing for the sake of the class each week. The class would grow and greater interest would be created. Let us try to put into practice this new art. If the church can only get the members to act whole-heartedly, the rest will take care of itself. Notice any active church and you will find the people who give freely of their means are the ones who have whole-hearted interest in the church.

My beloved members and friends of this convention, let us ask ourselves a question, are we carrying out our duty as Stewards for Christ? If so let us press on and upward to the mark of a high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

GOAL NUMBER THREE

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The Expenditures of the United Christian Missionary Societies for 1928-29 as indicated by their spending budget for this period is \$1,901,802. Even though this may seem a very large sum of money for the church, it scarcely is sufficient to adequately care for the work. It is imperative that our gifts be increased.

There are approximately 500 churches in the brotherhood with 450 ministers (reported) and a constituency of over 50,000, all of whom should be seriously concerned with vital phases of our church life and work this year. One phase of our work is \$10,000 which we are requested to raise.

Your apportionments represent YOUR share of the world's work allotted to you; you are depended upon to give this amount to successfully carry forward the program of the year. Failure, on your part means failure elsewhere, and eventually retrenchment somewhere along the line. Trees are known by the fruit they yield; men and churches are known by their works. Luke begins his account of The Acts of the Apostles with these words: "These things began Jesus both to do and teach." The "doing" came before the "talking". Let us do more and "talk" less!

Each local church and its departments are asked to contribute a definite sum (as stated in pamphlets sent out to the Bible Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies by Brother P. H. Moss, and to the Churches and The Women's Missionary Societies by Sister Rosa Brown Grubbs), which if done, will assure victory.

With increased effort on our part to measure up to our outstanding opportunities and meet the challenge of the hour, there surely will come added privileges and larger opportunities for service. Keep your eyes on the goal and "pass up" the side shows on the road!

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The Disciples in the Heart of Life Today

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A good many faint hearts think that a body such as the Disciples can make no headway today. It is a confused world and we are rasped by clang of commerce and babel of tongues as we aim to push along on the road of life.

A story of conditions, however, will convince us that there is not as much confusion as seems. Everybody to be sure is crying his wares, for it is hard to get attention. That is why we take to institutions and seek ways that will "bulk large." That is why we think we must have such strong organizations and well arranged machines. Who can get attention, or make spiritual headway in a land when the people have made more than \$90,000,000,000, in one twelve months, with the tides of making rising higher each year? Who can be seen or felt in a society whose automobile registry runs into the millions? Last year 4,630,000 machines were turned out. What a whirr of wheels as these new cars race along our levelled and paved highways. Who can sit still for an hour at church when the clouds are calling, the sunshine wooing, the road beckoning—all nations trumpeting?

Religion is the still small voice the whisper of the Infinite, the quiet lash of eternal seas on the shores of time heard only when it is still. "Be still and know that I am God." Can such religion live at all in such a condition? Can an organization like the Disciples, who have not the traditions and poetry of age, nor the prestige of long standing in the world, get a hearing and do good? We like people who know how to play the game and who are old enough to have a yesterday. The Disciples are not very old and have no great

commanding ecclesiastical institutions to dazzle and overwhelm the age.

But if the church census can be relied upon the Disciples are not only holding their own but increasing very rapidly. That the membership has increased five or six hundred per cent in the last hundred years must go far toward answering the observations mentioned. We may not have the zeal and abandon of pioneer days, but we are going and growing as the addition of 56,939 new members last year attests. That 1,629,383 people find their spiritual nourishment in the doctrines preached and the truth taught proves their worth. So great a number would make a vast astonishing array if collected together in one place. They would constitute a city almost as large as Philadelphia. But the people are all the more important and useful to society because they are scattered among the people of the nation. And that is the chief test we would make—service and not numbers.

We believe the Disciples to be of more service in the kingdom of God today than at first. They work for movements and measures and things sorely needed in the Christian world. With few exceptions, they will not budge from their position that the Bible is a divine revelation and that it makes the will of God known to the human race. It is the message of God to the human soul. In this age when naturalism is so clamant and many of the philosophers and scholars of the time are drifting back to the theism and pantheism of the 18th century there should be a clear, strong, convicting voice insisting that God has spoken definitely to his people through proph-

ets and apostles, and especially in these latter days through Jesus Christ his Son. The Bible is the record of their inspiration and shows the footsteps of God across many ages. Above all it convinces us that God is in the world and that his will is the active force in progress and life.

The Disciples insist that the New Testament is a sufficient rule of faith and practice by which a church may be built and guided. No people can offer a greater thing than that. To keep the New Testament in the supreme place in the religious life is to do a supreme thing. If it were to be lost or to fall into disuse or to be so managed that it would be disbelieved, it is impossible to measure the extent and density of the moral darkness that would fall upon the mind of the race. We are advocates of the New Testament and deny that any other book is on a par with it.

The Disciples also have a special service to render in insisting upon the fact that Christ is Lord of all. We respect the thoughts of philosophers and the findings of science, but they cannot take the place of Christ who is all and in all. We believe in learning, but the New Testament shows us the way of salvation. In a world of science we need Jesus Christ to satisfy the heart and to explain life, death, and the Great Beyond. We shall always go astray in our thinking and in our lives unless we think of the universe in terms of personality, instead of in terms of law. We preach the reign of Christ instead of the reign of law. This lifts all life above mere mechanism and materialism and touches it with the divine and eternal. The people who stand for that unquestionably have a mission because they will help to keep humanity from drifting back into the muck and degradation of worldliness.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By BESSIE E. CHANDLER,
Elementary Supt.

"The World moves forward on the feet of little children."

VI.

LESSON PERIOD— PROFESSIONAL WORK

We are fast realizing the need of hand work and expressional period in the Church School as well as in the Public Schools. The following statement was made by a noted writer in regards to handwork in the church school:

"With more and more study of the relation of activity to the learning process and with a better understanding of children, however we have come to think of activity as not limited to the muscles of the hand, but as employing the whole Personality of the child. Instead of ginging a season for not having handwork, we now are called upon to give our reasons for using it. In other words, what we are seeking is the development of all-rounded personalities and the most effective means of developing them."

With this outstanding statement I am sure every conscientious children's worker will introduce and carry out the idea of handwork or project work in the Church School. There are several outstanding reasons for the use of manual education as a part of religious education:

1. To afford an outlet for Physical Energy—In our first article we considered the physical characteristics of the child from 4 to 12 years, finding him restless and overflowing with energy. Their little muscles are fairly aching for activity and their minds work better when this longing to DO something is satisfied. This longing can be satisfied each Sunday at the expressional period, which is a part of lesson period.

2. To maintain interest—Again we give opportunity for them to give expression to make things. The instinct to create is found in all of them so it can As teachers you are seeking to secure be satisfied in the church school class.

3. To insure study of the lesson—fruitful study when we hope to lead the children to further study that will give him pleasure when the child in his home study or classroom work has made something he is proud of, he glows with the results of this achievement. He sees

the results of this achievement and thus feels its value, as a result he will give better attention and time to his church school.

4. To Fix Ideals.—There is an old saying "What goes in at the eye must come out at the muscles". This saying is true of the child in the elementary department. If he is permitted to draw, model, make or express in some way the ideas or thought he gained from the lesson his knowledge of this thing will last far longer and make a deeper impression.

With these reasons for Handwork we can readily see its great value in the church school. The handwork may be free hand drawing, tearing, cutting, modeling, or poster making. Posters for each season, missionary posters, health posters, lesson posters. The Junior children may make booklets to use along with the lesson story.

We are placing special emphasis on the expressional work this year. It is our hope that every elementary worker will introduce it in their church school.

INASMUCH

By PATRICK H. MOSS

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous answer him saying, "Lord when saw we thee? And when saw we thee sick athirst, and gave thee drink? And when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in, or naked and clothed thee? And when saw we thee sick or in prison, and came unto thee?" And the King shall answer and say unto them, "Verily I say unto you, IN AS MUCH as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto Me."—Matt. 25: 34-40.

Dare we forget the 182 aged and disabled ministers; the 202 widows of ministers and their families, and 14 aged Missionary veterans on Resurrection Sunday? These pioneers gave themselves, in the early days to clearing away the brush and breaking of the new

soil. They were our first line of defense. Now shadows are falling, the evening comes on, dare we forget or neglect them as they pass slowly out of life?

If you should stop to count across twelve years you would find that more than twenty-four of our group have passed out of mortal sight. Some of their widows are still with us. Your gift on Easter Sunday will help and cheer them. Inasmuch as you do this for the least, you have done it unto Him.

Yes, we call them the FIRST line of defense: What about the SECOND line of defense,—those young people that will be and should be in the Summer Young People's Conference, the Magnolia, Edwards, Miss., Mid-West, Kansas City, Kans., and Southwest, Hawkins, Texas? These are camps of training for the Second Line of defense; they must take our places.

'What can I spare? we say,

Ah! this and this

From mine array

I am not like to miss;

And here crumbs to feed some hungry one;

They do but grow a cumbrance on my shelf,

And yet one reads, Our Father gave His Son,

Our Master gave Himself."

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

By V. G. SMITH

IV.—THE CHURCH SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

The class or department of the church school should have all officers from the group except the instructor. A president to preside over the business meetings each Sunday and to act as chairman of the Executive Committee, is the first officer. A secretary to keep the minutes of the meetings, to issue orders on the treasury, to keep up with the attendance record, to report absences and set in motion the machinery to reclaim negligent members and gain new ones, is next in importance. The treasurer should be responsible for funds turned over to him, pay out money on an order from president and secretary, give an accurate financial statement of the department or class and to set in motion machinery to make and raise the organization's budget. All of these should have assistants as vice-president, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer. The secretary should be chairman of the Membership Committee and the treasurer chairman of the Finance Committee. The teacher or teachers are ap-

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

THE FINAL OUTCOME DEPENDS ON YOU, NOT ON WHAT SOME ONE DOES TO YOU

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

The real test of any individual, nation or race comes when they get to the place where they are free to act and commence to see visions of service. Especially when others begin to hinder them and make their task difficult does their real test come. The measure is not what others do to them, but what they will do to reach their goal. If they violate the fundamental principles uttered by Christ they will be a long time on the way, or maybe they will never reach the goal. No man ever reached a great eminence except by overcoming difficulties that others could not overcome; and yet doing nothing resentful or hateful. Abraham Lincoln went through a fiery furnace of opposition and hatred that would have crushed any lesser man. When he got through safely we began to make him almost superhuman. The whole world now looks upon Lincoln as its greatest human hero.

In looking over the Negro press and Negro literature we find an immense amount that will stand the test and will help the race to higher things; but there is much that makes us tremble. It bears the marks very plainly of saying, "We are going to thrash them into line, we are going to be ruthless to those that have been unjust to us." This course will not win any goal. Christ wants us to take for granted that those who are yet in the toils of sin will do bad things and that we are set to help them to higher ground, if we are more mature than they are. We recently took down a book, a novel, by a noted Negro writer. We did not read far till we said, "Surely, this man is not a Christian. He has lost his faith in Christianity, or he would not approach the problem in that spirit, no matter how bad others had been." His method cannot win out if Christ is true.

Some of the things the white people have done to the Negro in slavery and since that time are not defensible on the principles of Christianity. But that does not justify unchristian methods to

overcome them. He who does an indefensible thing puts himself lower than I am, if I am doing right, and I gain an immense advantage over him in that way. If the Christian Negroes would see the opportunity God is giving them now to step up on higher ground than those who are doing unchristian things, they could do an outstanding work that would live down the ages as Abraham's work has lived. If he had begun to whip the Sodomites into line for their meanness we would not now know that there was an Abraham. But he did not do that. He just stepped up on the higher ground that the Sodomites did not see and now his name is immortal. Those white people who are doing the unjust things can not possibly hold their own against those who step up on higher ground. No race of people ever had a finer opportunity than the American Negro now has. He can easily be the deciding factor in our struggle for better things for the world. But many of the present day leaders do not see this and with hammer and tongs they are going after what they want.

The Disciples of Christ have taken their Negro constituents in on an equality in principle. Some of the details are not worked out because of some people whose prejudices are yet unconquered. It lies very largely in the Christian Negroes to work this out to a great triumph. Suppose the year book would show that our Negro churches had averaged larger giving, suppose their WMS would show more constructive work done, suppose they would show more adequate effort at educating Christian leaders for their children, suppose they should begin to make sacrifices to help to save those white people who are yet in the bonds of prejudice, suppose they would show more faith in God to work out their salvation, suppose they would show a finer fruit, what would the future be? You say that is too much to expect? Not at all. The Negro was the first race that was met at the door of freedom by the missionary school. The training they got at the hands of those who made a sacrifice to aid them should make them capable to do the very things we have mentioned.

When Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs comes to you, help her to win such a victory. When Patr'ch H. Moss comes to you look upon it as a door of opportunity. When Patrick H. Moss comes to you you look upon him as bringing to you

God's opportunity. Do it and God will give you the blessing.

FROM THE BANKS OF THE OLD KENTUCKY

"THE FLANNER HOUSE MAN"

There are pyramids built and monuments reared

To the men who make things go,
Who've hazzarded Life and all they had
In the face of the Sullen foe,
And God forbid that the time should come

When Heroes strong and brave,
Shall never in Life hear the words
"Well done"

So often rehearsed at the grave.

Some men have greatness due to their birth

Some upon them it is thrust;
Still others achieve it by dint of worth
They labor and toil and trust.

Among the chicks in whose "Crops were sand"

As the fowl fanciers would say,
Is the Bird we now call the "Flanner House Man"

Who "flew the coop" and got away.

He's a Bourbon Boy from "Old Kaintuck"

Near Old Cane Ridge Meeting Ground,
The Brotherhood knows that his push and pluck

Is making our world go round.

He's a New Castle, Berea Hiram Man
With an Indianapolis touch
Was winner in every race he ran
And the world hasn't many such.

In one'd home place the proverb claims
No honor to man can come,
But there are exceptions in every game
Kentucky is Henry's home.

And yet anywhere in this dear old state
The mention of Herod's name,
Will fill the house from yard to gate
And in other states its the same.

My man never tells of the deeds he has wrought

He scarcely a letter writes,
Nor how he has won in battles fought
Where only the giants fight.

I have my say while he's in his prime
He's a preacher and that first rate,
To find one better you'll search for a time

And over many a state.

Convention man from his hat to his heels

He knows her from center to side
Happy, content and safe you feel
When the hand of a Herod guides;
And should my friend never write a book

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SOME OBSERVATIONS

The 1928 Year Book of the Disciples of Christ show some very interesting things about "Missionary Giving" from the Negro churches and auxiliaries. Taking first the statistical side:

There are 375 churches counting out the East North Carolina group that does not come under the "giving" side of our co-operative efforts. Taking into account certain churches reported but disbanded that I know of, I would subtract about 20% or 75 churches, leaving 300. Of these 300, 68 gave something for Missionary purposes.

There were 132 "giving" Bible Schools reported. In these 300 churches there are only 112 missionary societies, since a society is not a Missionary society unless it gives something for world Missions.

There were only 21 "giving" Christian Endeavors, 30% of the "giving" churches having "giving" C. E. Societies and only 7% of the total churches have "giving" societies.

Is there any connection between 23% —"giving" churches and the work of a

field secretary? Is there any need for some sort of field work among C. E.'s?

Year Book and National Minute

A Missionary Society is not recognized as such unless it gives Nationally for Missions, yet the National Convention Minutes and the Year Book show the following states recording as W. M. S., some societies which do not give for missions.

Year Book	Adv.	Adv. Con.	Min.
Arkansas	7	5	2
Illinois	2	4	6
Kansas	5	1	6
Kentucky	16	3	19
Mississippi	14	3	11
Missouri	12	2	14
Ohio	8	2	14
Oklahoma	7	3	4
Tennessee	5	1	4
Piedmont	4	1	5
	80	12	13 81

The totals nearly balance but the manifest error that occurs in ten states and two local societies shows lax book-keeping on some one's part. Incidentally the one state that is not quoted didn't give its statistics in the minutes.

Of course, the state reports are due to report on all and only those that report thru it. One can well account for the Year Book excesses since thru the year a missionary offering might be kept up yet there be no representation in the state convention. Yet there is only one way legitimately to account for the 13 more reported in the convention than are in the year book—that is thru the organization of new societies during the months of July and August after the close of the Missionary Year. However such is hardly probable especially when the field secretary of WMS did not know of these new organizations.

Principally these thirteen stray organizations classed themselves as W. M. S.; they were no such things according to the constitution of such a body. Or some ambitious secretary wanted "My State" to stand out, and reported two or more organizations not in existence, choosing to pay for them rather than "fall down". Missouri had reported in the Year Book—12 societies in the State Minute,—11 societies giving Nationally and 13 societies reporting to state with representation while the National Minute shows fourteen societies. Something is rotten in the Denmark of book-keeping.

All states should strive to keep each department up to par and not report

anything that isn't true. With such tabulations, it is not extraordinary to say with Eld. Alphin's methodist bishop opponent, "The Christian Church hasn't system enough to count itself."

Observations

Natl. Minute	Year Book	Diff.
Arkansas	12	10 2
Illinois	6	6 0
Kansas	7	6 1
Kentucky	56	11 45
Md.-Del-D. C.	3	3 0
Mississippi	32	11 21
Missouri	17	15 2
S. Carolina	13	9 4
Ohio	9	6 3
Piedmont	5	6 1
Tennessee	6	5 1
Texas	23	14 9
Oklahoma	9	8 1
	198	110 87

However unlike the Missionary Societies, the Bible School may have autonomy without regular contribution. But on the other hand, the situation is more serious since this organization deals with the character formative years of life. How can the great program of a Christ-saved world be the lesson and still there be no attempt on the part of 88 schools in only 15 states of the twenty-two where there is work conducted to give the Bible School a vital, telling influence in bringing this about thru Missionary Giving?

I dare say half of this giving was to a field secretary. And that means not one of the four special days were observed and thus the Missionary education disseminated by these special programs were lost. Without the means of finding out other than influential, I am giving a rather arbitrary classification below.

Number of schools giving \$2	
or less	22
Number of schools giving \$2 to \$5	35
Number of schools giving \$5 to \$12.00	34
Number of schools giving \$12.50 to \$25.00	19
Number of schools giving \$25.00 to \$50.00	10
Number of schools giving \$50.00 or above	11

This list includes all who gave for Missions and is not confined to those who reported in the National Convention. Ninety-one per cent of the giving school gave less than \$12.50 or (Please turn to page six)

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

**Mt. Beulah College
Edwards, Miss.**

A cast chosen from the two literary societies presented the very popular play "Cranberry Corners" a few nights ago. The characters were very well chosen, and played their parts in a highly professional manner. The audience was quite large, and despite the bad weather, many friends and former students from Jackson, Vicksburg, and the surrounding community were present.

The play was so popular that demands came in from a number of cities to bring it to them. It was impossible to go to the score of places that wanted the play, but the cast did present it in Jackson, and in Port Gibson.

It was well received in these two places as it was at home, in fact they had several invitations to give it again in other churches of these two cities.

The cast was composed of Carnella Jamison, Henrietta Bradford, Authorine Davis, Cyril Robertson, Burel Lee, George Washington, Jonas Sneed, Portia Lucas, Ardella Moore, Isaac Henderson, Viola Martin, and Emmett Dickson. Edward Brown was property man.

Quite a large group of teachers and students from Piney Woods School visited our campus recently. They were here the entire day, spending a long time in each class of every department of the school. They took very extensive notes as to the best methods of teaching the different subjects, and their Principal spent considerable time in the school office studying our office procedure in matters of registration, classification, and the keeping of records of class work, absences, etc. We would be pleased if more schools and individuals would visit us in this manner, and would be more than glad to take time to explain the modern methods used in our entire school system.

The annual Franklin-Philo Baseball game was played recently. The Philos won by the score of 8 to 5. It was not at all a decisive win for the Philo team, however. Until the last inning it was anybody's game. The Franklin team was in the lead for the first few innings.

The most important thing revealed by the game was the amount of material which Coach Thomas will have for the season. Practically all of those out for

baseball this year are new men. With the first game March 15, with Piney Woods there is not much time for the getting into shape of so much new material, but our prospects should not be so bad for the season.

OAKWOOD BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH Chicago, Ill.

**DR. T. B. LIVINGSTON, Pastor
MRS. ROSA PAGE WELCH, Reporter**

Oakwood Boulevard has much to be proud of in the person of the pastor, Elder T. B. Livingstone. His superior cannot be found when it comes to expounding the Word intelligently and with the Christ-like spirit.

He is up to the standard in all phases of church work. Dr. Livingstone possesses the qualities of an efficient and progressive Minister. With his powerful and magnetic leadership, the cooperation of the official board and congregation at large, nothing can hinder the progress and the increase in membership of our church.

No Christian should be content with half doing God's work. No Christian should do anything to hinder the progress of God's work; viz,—staying at home, knocking the pastor, knocking the different organizations, remaining neutral—neither for, nor against.

No matter how efficient your pastor or leader may be, if there isn't a cooperative spirit, enthusiasm, a willingness to do (and doing) on the part of each individual follower and especially the co-workers (meaning the officers) he cannot hope for success and progress.

For the past month the different departments of the church have been responsible for Sunday evening programs. February 3rd was "Men's Night" with Dr. T. J. Brown, A. B., M. A., S., (Editor-in-chief of Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.) as the speaker. February 10th, "Women's Night" with Mrs. Cynthia Martin, National President, W. M. S., and Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, founder of Phyllis Wheatley Home as speakers. February 17th Junior Choir program and February 24th will be Young People's Night.

Brother John Williams, a pioneer member of the Chicago Christian Church, passed away February 6th after an illness of only eight days. His

death was a great shock to all. He was one of the finest characters and one of the best loved members of the church. He will be greatly missed. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Maggie Williams and other relatives to mourn his loss.

Mrs. Hattie Tyree is on the road to recovery after undergoing an operation at the Wilson Hospital a few days ago. Brother Ollie Matthews, Sister Spears and Dudley are on the sick list.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH Memphis, Tennessee

**ELDER B. T. HUNT, Pastor
MISS ESTER LUSTER, Reporter**

The C. E., Mr. P. Phillips, President, had a world of fun in an "Old fashioned molasses Candy Pulling" at the president's residence.

"The Sunshine" Club of the church sent sunshine, thru flowers to the Tuberculosis Sanitarium. Previously they had brought "Sunshine" to the County Hospital.

Brother Prince A. Gray delivered a gospel message to us Sunday, February 17th.

The Missionary Society, Sister Daniels, president, and Sister Bonner, secretary, had a beautiful wool filled quilt for some lucky person.

The Bible School, M. W. Bonner, Superintendent, expects an increased attendance through the city field work of Sister Lee.

The church is expecting "The Butterflies", Miss Luster, President, to come out of their cocoons now that Spring is near.

Our membership here is divided into four major clubs: "Gold Bond", Dr. Walker, leader; "Blue Ribbon", Prof. Edwards, leader; "Willing Workers", Dr. Fields, leader; "Busy Bee", our youngest deacon, U. Phillips, leader.

Brother Fred Bracey received the sad intelligence of his mother's death in San Angelo, Texas.

ELDER B. T. HUNT FETED BY WOMEN'S MISSION- ARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church entertained the membership recently honoring their pastor, Elder B. T. Hunt, celebrating his sixth anniversary as pastor of the above named church.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

**AN OPEN LETTER SENT OUT
TO ALL MISSIONARY SOCIETIES
FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE NATIONAL SECRETARY
-MRS. ROSA BROWN GRUBBS**

DEAR FRIEND:

It is now time to get ready for the observance of the Easter Week of Prayer. The first aim of this observance should be to deepen the spiritual life, to lift new ideals, to set up a worthwhile purpose for life. Accompanying this letter is a letter from Miss Alma Evelyn Moore presenting the statement "A Life of Purpose" which has been arranged especially for our workers and women. With her—I am asking that you study very carefully this "Life of Purpose", that you sign same if you feel you are willing to make this statement a personal standard and will try to build its ideals into your life. Keep the card for yourself and return to me the signed stub, care Missionary Organizations Department. Also give estimate of the number which you feel can be effectively used with your group. We will gladly, without cost to you, send the number desired.

The second aim of the Easter observance should be to raise the balance due on apportionment regardless to what that balance is. Of course one more quarter's offering will have to be made but with such an aim it gives a chance for going "over the top" or slightly missing the mark with a chance of success still possible ere the year closes.

As a missionary society we've never made as much of Easter as we should have. If there is ever a season which in its very nature sacrifice is suggested it is Easter. At this time Christ gave His life. Can we as disciples afford to make less than a sacrifice. This year we desire to have the Missionary Society challenge every member of the church for an Easter offering. Aim for a Dollar or more from every member and start your personal work in sufficient time to really expect it. Under separate cover I am sending, to facilitate this service, a letter to be signed by you and sent to every member of the church with an Easter of-

fering envelope. There should be a close follow-up on these letters and envelopes.

We are also enclosing a copy of the Easter Week of Prayer service. These are 15c per dozen or 85c per hundred. Order from this office in sufficient numbers for each member to have a copy.

Assured of your cooperation to make this a great Easter,

I am yours in His service,
ROSA BROWN GRUBBS.

A LIFE OF PURPOSE (A Statement)

"I cannot live without Christ.
I cannot bear to think of men living without Him.
I cannot be content to live in a world that is unChristlike.
I cannot be idle while the yearning of His heart for His brethren is unsatisfied."

And desiring to bring into my life a deeper sense of the reality of Jesus, and of my own responsibility to Him for my personal service as a witness for Him.

It shall be my purpose:

To spend thirty minutes each day alone with Christ. At least half of this time to be in waiting silence, in heart-searching willingness to see my own faults and in intercession.

To so live that those with whom I come in closest, personal, daily association shall know that since Christ lives in me, I face each day gladly; that they shall find Christ in my voice, actions, attitudes; that they may see Him through my acts of kindness, my patience and humility and in my happy acceptance of each day's duties.

To make my religion natural, wholesome, something for every day use of which I may talk with my friends. To speak of Christ with those with whom I come in contact that they may know Him and love Him as I know Him and love Him—as my Friend.

To give myself unreservedly to some task in the church. To fit myself for this service, not to excuse myself for lack of ability or unfitness, knowing that his church was founded by unlearned, ignorant men who had power because "they had been with Jesus."

To systematize my days so I will have an equitable portion of time to offer Him, not to say "I have not time."

To offer myself to the executive committee of the missionary society and to the pastor of the church as one who will accept a place of responsibility when needed; and to fit myself for such leadership.

To magnify Him—His service, His brethren, His church. To speak only words that will build up, not tear down; to speak in encouragement, not criticism; to support with all my ability, not to wait passively to see if success comes; to be happy and enthusiastic in my loyalty, not loyal from duty only. Remembering always that it is His service, His brethren, His church to be exalted.

..... Name
(This is not a pledge but my purpose.)

CONFERENCE DATES

Magnolia Young People's Conference,
May 27, June 2.

Southwest Jarvis College Conference,
June 3, June 9.

Midwest Young People's Conference,
June 17, June 23.

CONFERENCE SLOGANS FOR 1929

"A conference of '29 in '29, watch Magnolia go!"

"A conference of '29 in '29", watch Southwest go!

"A conference of '29 in '29", watch Midwest go!

CLARKSDALE, MISS.

We the Willing Workers Missionary Society of the First Christian Church, Clarksdale Mississippi, regret very much to learn of the death of Sister Sarah Blackburn of Mound Bayou, We sympathize, and wish to say to the bereaved family that God has taken his own.

"Sleep on dear Sarah, sleep on, For we are striving on the way To meet you in that sweet beyond In that Resurrection day."

Rev. B. C. Calvert, pastor of the First Christian Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi is in Danville, Kentucky running a Revival Meeting. He is meeting with success, 3 additions. The members are praying for his success.

Mother Brady is on the sick list. She is one of the faithful members of the her a speedy recovery as she is missed very much by her members and First Christian Church. We hope for friends.

Mrs. D. A. Elliott has been on the sick list, and her daughter, Miss Charlotte James of Jackson, Mississippi has been at her bedside. She is up and Miss James has returned home.

D. A. Elliott, Local Reporter.

STATE NEWS PAGE

THE PALO ALTO CHRISTIAN CHURCH ROXIE GREEN, Reporter

A great service was held at the Palo Alto Christian Church on the first Lord's Day in March. Elder C. J. James preached a wonderful sermon. He also preached at the night service and one person came forth in each service and made the good confession. The weather was a little unpleasant, but we had a good crowd both day and night.

The following persons were present at the District Meeting which was held at Johnson Chapel Christian Church, February 22, 23, 24: Elder C. J. James Prof. S. F. Green, Brother L. H. Petty, Brother Linwood Calvert, Brother James Quinn, Brother Josh Strong, Sister Minnie Quinn, Sister Beatrice Strong, and the writer. A very short session was held and only nine persons turned out. This was the Willing Workers' period.

The Missionary period was Saturday night. Scripture, Romans 16th chapter; Song and prayer by Elder James, business discussed and short session.

On the 24th, Sunday school was omitted. Elder James preached a good sermon. Offering; dismissed for dinner.

At the Young Peoples' Society period with Mr. Theo Quinn as President and Miss Pearl Dean, secretary. The program was brief.

We hope Brother Wiley Thompson who has been on the sick list will soon be up again.

Brother James is trying to be at his post of duty again.

BETWEEN TWO HILLS

Dear Editor and readers of "The Plea":

Just a word from East Tennessee. She is now in fine trim. Everything broke fine for a grand and successful year.

On February 26th I was called to Bristol to preach and to ordain a man to the ministry. He was a Baptist minister by the name of G. C. Dyers. He and his wife both came forward and united with the church at Bristol; both are young, and a fine looking couple. I told Rev. Dyers I liked his looks just fine and that there are three things very essential for a successful minister and they are: Preach it, Live it, and Look it. I ordained him on the night of February 28th. The church said they would call him to the pastorate of that church at Bristol.

Rev. Dyer immediately subscribed for

"The Christian Plea"

About every church in this part of the state has a pastor; I shall give the name of each: Bristol, Elder G. C. Dyer; Johnson City, Elder S. Kinney; Jonesboro, Elder E. M. Hale; Washington College, Elder S. A. Russell; Rogersville, Elder D. W. Bradley; Knoxville, Elder R. F. Hayes. Isn't this a fine bunch? When Brother Taylor comes to Knoxville he will be surprised; East Tennessee has gone, and says tell Kentucky, Mississippi and Texas to come on.

Sister Parks was delayed on account of illness of her sister. We expect her on the 9th and will report it later.

Don't forget Ministers' relief Easter. Send it to headquarters.

Yours for service,
D. W. BRADLEY, S. B. S., Pres.

FROM THE METROPOLIS OF THE WORLD (New York City)

St. Stephens Christian Church,
165 W. 131st Street, New York

Elder W. M. Johnson, Pastor

Our work here is moving along nicely. Everyone feels much encouraged. Though few in numbers and young in years, we are looking forward to great progress in the next few months and hope to have one of the outstanding churches of the brotherhood here in the world's largest city.

We were glad to have as recent visitors, Sisters Staples and Murdock of the Baltimore Church. It was a most pleasing surprise. Thank you, sisters, call on us again sometime and invite your friends to visit us. We would be glad to know the names of relatives and friends residing in this city who should be identified with the Church of Christ. Evansville, Ind.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

MRS. VIRGIE L. THOMAS, Reporter

I am indeed sorry to report that Eld. H. L. Hildreth has offered his resignation. He had done a most splendid work in this city. He and his good wife have certainly labored hard for the last eight years to make possible the success of our efforts to establish a Church of Christ in Evansville.

We can truthfully say that Brother Hildreth is a plain, Bospel preacher a real power in the pulpit; as yet, he is a bit undecided on his new field of labor, but hopes to locate in the early

spring or June. Any congregation would do well to secure the services of this great man of God. Since we cannot hold him we are glad to recommend him to be a loyal, faithful pastor. He may be reached at 522 McCormick Avenue, Evansville, Indiana.

WOODLAND AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH Kansas City, Mo.

ELDER C. E. CRAGGETT, Pastor

MISS ETHEL DYSON, Reporter

The Bible School attendance and offerings have increased considerably as the result of the contest now going on. The adult Bible class is making a fine showing. The teacher is Brother A. G. Nelson.

The play given by the children and young people of the Endeavor Society was well rendered on Sunday evening to a splendid audience. Miss Bessie Chandler directed the play. The offering for Missions was \$6.50.

"The Pilot", our church bulletin, starts out on its second year of service for Christ and the Church. Coming as it does, half printed with news items of work through the Missionary Agencies of the church, and with helpful suggestions on life and service for Christ together with local briefs, serves to make it as helpful as any little bulletin published by any of the churches in the city. It serves both general and local. Its Editor is Rev. C. E. Craggett, the pastor.

Thursday evening, February 14th was red letter night for The Willing Workers' Club. It was the close of the trip around the world. Quite a number went on the trip. Luncheon was served in each country. There were ten countries. The goal for this entertainment was \$100.00. When all reports were made \$104.95 lay on the table. The President is Mrs. Mary Brown.

A number of children attended the valentine party at the church. Mrs. Deetsy Bray directed the social activities and a lot of fun was had by all who were present.

Mr. Sylvester Allen, Miss Bessie Chandler and the pastor attended a meeting at Ebenezer A. M. E. Church Monday evening, February 18th. The meeting was held to work up interest for the great Endeavor Convention to be held here in July.

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THE DISCIPLES IN THE HEART OF LIFE TODAY (Reproduced)

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The Disciples are especially needed in this age because of their stout maintenance and advocacy of personal character and righteous conduct. This has made them moral helpers and reformers in every community where they exist. A man said "I want to see a Christian preacher come to this community. He will make it safer. Wherever they go they stand up for the right thing." Such times as these demand such men as that. They give no quarter to such abominations as trial marriage nor countenance the ruin of people by bad social practices. They are patriots and fight lawlessness and they are preachers and preach salvation. They seek to be apostolic, but the tender and stern atmosphere of the old prophets still hovers about them, and their uncompromising challenge of wrong make them the irresistible besom of many a community. Perpha more than any other people unless it be the Methodists, the Disciples have kept the prophetic fires burning.

The Disciples also serve by promoting democracy. Kings and creeds had their day. But can the people rule themselves? No The real democracy is a God-ruled democracy and the Disciples are trying to live by that way. The world tends toward democracy and it needs the good example of somebody who makes the venture of practicing it. This the Disciples have done, and they have made progress too. They are not a mob, but more and more a well-disciplined brotherhood, or democracy. To have achieved that alone is to have justified their existence, and to make them of special worth to their age. The people are free and they worship and serve. The people are free and they stand together for battle and enjoyment. That is democracy made safe by the restraints of the world and will of God.

It should be said further that the vigorous Christological evangelism of the Disciples is more sorely needed than any other force in America today. According to the last census there are more than fifty millions of people outside any kind of organized religion. We cannot have too many evangelists in the field. These outsiders must be won to Jesus

Christ. The multitudes wait for our ministers to come to them with just the old, sweet wonderful gospel of light and salvation. This is no time for us to be questioning needed in the world. Divided Christendom, confused thought, whether "We as a people" are the neglected Bible and its practical loss to so many, the disturbed family, lax morals, militant lawlessness, carelessness about human life, an organized underworld, a divided church, drugs, drink, and the millions famishing for the gospel call for our ministers and ministry, our churches and their shepherding work with and for the people, with their aggressive and effective work against the enemies of the human soul, with their plea that the churches and nations dwell together in peace—live together joyfully in the love of God.

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

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pointed by the school organization and are members ex-officio of the Executive Committee. The other officers are elected.

Procedure

A planned worship program should follow the business period with some youth in charge. The offering should be a part of the worship program. Next is the lesson period with the teacher in charge. After this the closing exercises with class reports on attendance and any other educational features wished to be reported.

A budget should be made out, including all items of the organizational expense. Here is a sample of what should be included in a church school department of, say 25 young people divided into three classes.

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| 1. Literature and lesson helps | \$20.00 |
| 2. General Bible School | |
| Treasury | 10.00 |
| 3. For Missions | 15.00 |
| 4. Improvements, supplies, etc. | 20.00 |
| 5. Social life activities | 5.00 |
| 6. Benevolences | 5.00 |

The department ought to buy its own literature, even though it is better to order it through the general secretary of the school. Also as this is a department with elective ability, often the texts used will be more than the three or four cent quarterly of the graded system. Also each department ought to contribute to the general treasury to take care of overhead. The larger task of the school is Missions even as the school takes an apportionment, the classes and departments ought to subdivide that apportionment among them-

selves and share as a unit in the Missionary task. Item number four includes the expenditures for maps, pictures, repairs, bell, books for record, painting, redecorating and other equipment. The department should have one social during the year whether it is occasional or "just some night". There are occasional calls for benevolent purposes, like Christmas baskets, flowers for sick or funeral purposes, fruit for indisposed members, etc. The total budget is \$75.00 or just three dollars per member per year, 25 cents per month, a little less than six cents per week.

ELDER HUNT FETED, ETC.

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Several brothers and sisters testified as to the growth and splendid success the church has had under the pastorate of Elder Hunt.

On Sunday prior to this entertainment, two ladies were added to the membership of the church.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

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gave \$5.00 or less than 42 cents per \$1.00 per month. That means they month or \$1.68 per special day. Seventeen per cent of the total gave less than \$2.00 or 10 cents per month with 40 cents per special day. A Bible School that would give less than street car fare per month to Missions, needs to refind the heart of that Bible it is supposed to teach; or a school that will be one of the 70% that gives less than two pairs of shoes per year to the furnishings of funds for the extension of God's kingdom will hardly have any part with Him.

God's work demands sacrifice. Can the Bible school of this land learn a sacrificial love for Jesus Christ who sacrificed all?

Woodland Ave. Christian Church by all. A very interesting program was carried out with Mr. A. G. Nelson as master of ceremonies. Talks were made by Mr. William Dyson, Mr. R. P. Jackson, Miss Bessie Chandler and the pastor. An address was given by Mrs. Mary Brown the president. Papers on the life of Washington were read by Mrs. Nellie White and Mrs. Deetsy Gray.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

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Ere he sails away in the air
The living will sigh with the last sad look

"He hasn't treated us fair."

C. H. DICKERSON,

146 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

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WINNING OTHERS

T. B. LIVINGSTON, V. D. M.

Scripture: John 1:35-42.

The pre-eminent work of the Christian is soul-winning. It is our paramount duty to help others find our Savior. Really, it should be esteemed a blessed privilege. It should be our joy to introduce others to our Friend. We must bear witness of what He has done for us, and is able to do for others. Not to endeavor to bring others to Jesus is to discount our own profession. The soul truly redeemed bubbles over. It must share the **Good News**.

"Friends, is not my case amazing?"

What a Savior I have found!"

Jesus' chief method of winning men was by personal contact with individuals. The New Testament stresses Personal Evangelism. We must emulate Christ's example. We must employ the methods of the early church. If we have the spirit of the Master, there will be no hesitancy. Jesus said that His Followers were to be the salt of the earth. Salt must come in contact with what it is intended to season or preserve.

Too long have we emphasized mass meetings, spectacular demonstrations and dramatic methods in our efforts at soul-saving. Christianity is to be propagated by personal contact. The personal touch is the most effective.

Hand-picked fruits are best.
"For not with swords' loud
clashings,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
But deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly Kingdom comes."

Our Scripture lesson is a fine illustration of the truth. Andrew finds Jesus and accepts Him as Messiah, then straight-way seeks his brother Simon and

brings him to Christ. Not much is recorded of Andrew, but almost every time we read of him, he is bringing someone to Jesus.

There are other examples of Personal Work in the first chapter of John. It has been aptly called, "The Finders' Chapter." Jesus finds Philip and was fond of him. Philip satisfied that the One who said, "Follow Me", was Messiah, and immediately seeks his friend Nathaniel.

In the fourth chapter of John's gospel we find another illustration. As soon as the woman of Samaria had learned of Jesus for herself she became an evangelist. She joyfully reported to the people of her town her discovery of the Messiah, and urged them to come and verify her testimony.

Christ is counting on our personal testimony for the success of His cause upon earth. The spontaneous, earnest, joyous testimony of a believer is often far more effective than the finest preaching. "A word spoken in due season how good is it." The word of a little Israelitish maid in captivity was the means of physical and spiritual healing for Naaman, the leperous Syrian general. If our allegiance to Jesus is wholehearted, we shall never lack opportunity of bringing others to Him for cleansing and healing. Let us pray with Miss Havergal:

"O give Thine own sweet rest to me,
That I may speak with soothing power,
A word in season as from Thee,
To weary ones in needful hour."

We cannot save souls, but we can bring them to the Savior. This is our peculiar privilege. It is our supreme duty. Christianity has two commands, "Come"

and "Go!" We must obey the first to be saved; and the second to prove that we are saved. The disciple must become an apostle. If we are true teamers in Christ's school, we will be willing to go on whatever errands He sends us.

An anonymous poet sings appropriately:

"I found a soul that was lonely
and sad;
This I have done today,
I spoke the word that made him
glad;
This I have done today;
I heard him lift his voice in
praise;
It gave him hope for the better
days,
And helped him walk in the holy
ways;
This I have done today."

"I found a soul that was stained
with sin;
This I have done today,
And brought him to Christ, who
took him in;
This I have done today;
I knew my Lord and what it had
cost
To save a soul like him who was
lost,
So I guided his barge that was
tempest tossed;
This I have done today.
"I lifted his burden when the day
was long
This I have done today,
it helped him carry his cross
with a song;
This I have done today;
Up where the mists have cleared
away,
Out on the glory shining way,
I will join his song in eternal
day
This I have done today."

Be it ours to know the joy of soul-winning here and hereafter. This was the "joy set before Him" who we are and whom we serve, when He endured the cross, despising the shame."

The best textbook on Winning Others to Christ is the Bible.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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THE TEACHER'S BUNCH OF "SWEET-PS"

By PATRICK H. MOSS

1. Prepare each lesson by fresh study.
2. Present lesson with enthusiasm.
3. Prove your work by regular test.
4. Provide a task for each member of class.
5. Prevent the leak in your class by following up the absentees.
6. Punctuality the teacher's rule of life.
7. Pray and pay the price of prayer.
8. Provoke others to good works.
9. Preserve the good in all that you read.
10. Practice in your own life the thing that you teach others.

"Education is simply the encouragement of right habits—the fixing of good habits until they become a part of one's nature, and exercised automatically".—Elbert Hubbard.

"THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL"

By PATRICK H. MOSS
National Superintendent of
Religious Education

There are at least two kinds of superintendents. One who appreciates the job and has a vision of what the school should do and be. The other who serves on Sunday only, and is void of vision.

The function of the church school is to develop intelligent, efficient, and consecrated leaders for all phases of church work. To do its part in building a generation whose motives and will powers shall be Christian.

The Superintendent, if wise, studies
the Art of Challenge

He or she learns how "to put the thing up to one" when wishing to draft him into service. If he wants a teacher for the A boy's class he first interests the boys of the class in this certain person that he wants for a teacher: "Say, fellows, how would you like to have Mr. Jones for a teacher?" Then he appoints a committee from the boys' class to wait on Mr. Jones. When the request comes from the boys it is hard for Mr. Jones to turn down. If there is any hesitancy on Mr. Jones' part, the superintendent will ask him to take the class for only three months, and, if at the end of this time he does not like it or finds

it impossible to serve, he may give it up. Watch him and commend his work.

The Superintendent should Advertise The Standard of the School

A standard of efficient work by class and teacher. Also on "On time" standard. This is for all of the school. The teacher is expected to cooperate. If the teacher is late, or stays away from class without informing the superintendent, let the superintendent commend the teacher for the work she did when she came on time. The best way to make a new teacher is to make one out of the old teacher. There should always be the family spirit in the school.

The superintendent should always keep in mind the following division of age:

1. Mental age.—This child has a strong mind and learns faster than others of his age.

2. Chronological age.—This child may be adapted according to its proper age.

3. Physical age,—this child is rather large to its age.

4. Social age,—this child may not know so much according to his age, but

Place him with his "bunch" and give special attention.

"Remember the need of the child, is the rule of the school."

SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELE- MENTARY WORKERS

By BESSIE E. CHANDLER,
Elementary Superintendent

"Qualities of Christian Character in
children may be developed best in the
Play Hour"

VII.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The children should be given as much opportunity for social activities as the young people of the church school. It is in early childhood that we are anxious to awaken and cultivate the social qualities in the child. It is the goal of religious education to develop men and women to enter whole heartedly into the activities of the Christian program.

Educators have come to see that a person's ability to initiate, to choose rightly and to lead, is best and more quickly developed through social activities.

Since the Junior boys and girls are so energetic a Church Story Hour with a Play Period, a monthly social

planned by the group, will serve as an outlet for this energy. The Junior department should be organized into clubs and groups, each giving a "hike", taking a camping trip in summer, indulging in fall and winter out-door activities.

The children in the primary and beginners class should be given a party by the workers of the departments at least once a month. Games, ethical stories and songs may all be the means of entertaining. This is the best and most practical way to teach fair play, right conduct and other ethical essentials. The children are receiving the educational value, the social development and at the same time the party may serve as incentive to increase the attendance of the classes and to create interest in the Bible School program.

Refreshments for these little parties and social events should always be simple and very inexpensive, but should always be novel and interesting. They may often be seasonal. In October, red apples and pop corn; in November nuts and small cakes or ginger bread, in December huge snow balls of pop corn and peppermint stick; for January and February the same things may be repeated and in the spring and summer refreshing cool drinks and cakes.

We can therefore see how the Junior Christian boy and girl and the primary Child may be educated religiously through our program which makes a large place for the right use of social activities.

WANT AD COLUMN By BESSIE E. CHANDLER

WANTED:

Cooperation, Interest, Fellowship, and Support of all Pastors, Superintendents and other local leaders in the promotion of the Young Peoples' Conferences for 1929.

STUDENTS WANTED:

Wanted at the 1929 Young People's Conference one hundred energetic, interested, enthusiastic, cooperative young people.

Must have recommendation of local pastor and superintendent. For further information write:

Prof. P. H. Moss, 2045 N. 5th St., Kansas City, Kansas.

Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Kansas City, Kansas.

TO CONFERENCE PLEDGERS

By V. G. SMITH, 1928 Director

I have at hand a list of the Conference Character Band Pledges and some interesting facts about these delinquents are apparent.

Magnolia Conference pledged ...\$53 10

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

SHALL WE WORK FOR A REVOLUTION?

"And he that sitteth on the throne said,

Behold, I make all things new."

There are two kinds of revolution. One is the kind produced by those whose hearts are full of bitterness and revenge and they want to smash up things. The other is the kind produced by those who have visions of greater things and are willing to suffer as martyrs to bring them about, desiring their benefits to come who oppose as well as to those who cooperate. The first is illustrated by the French Revolution and the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. The latter illustrated by the beginning of the Christian Church and the Protestant Reformation. The first is unchristian and will get nowhere that is good. The French people suffered fearfully under the reign of the Louises and they became very bitter and when they struck blood flowed like rivers in the gutters of Paris. They lost all their faith in God and proceeded to destroy everything that pertained to the Church. While they freed themselves from the kings, they also nearly destroyed the nation. The same seems to be true so far in the Russian revolution. Russia will be a hundred years in getting over it, if indeed it ever gets over it. On the other hand, the Protestant Reformation went on to build a constructive program which has resulted in all our modern invention and development along educational and industrial lines.

What Kind Of A Revolution Are The American Negroes Working For.

He who reads the Negro journals and the books produced by the more radical Negro authors, and he who lives near enough to the people to discover their inmost thinking cannot fail to see that they are thinking of revolution. Some of them are thinking of the revolution with the sword and blood and fire. Others are thinking of the constructive revolution that we may well call building a new civilization.

Those who think of sword and blood and fire are blind and do not know what that will mean to themselves. Some think of uniting the darker races in one great melee. Some revolutions do not remain in the bounds

marked out for them three weeks after they start. No man or set of men can guide them in channels they desire, but they take courses no one thinks of and result in fearful destruction. Those who talk this do not know it, but they are led in their thinking by anarchists of the white race. Their hope now is to gain reinforcements from the darker races. We cannot dwell long on this for it is so fearful, so suicidal that no man with faith will countenance it.

But those who are thinking of producing a constructive revolution that may be called building a new civilization are standing in the foremost files of time and will find themselves spiritually kin to all the prophets and apostles and martyrs that have wrought so wonderfully in the past. He who builds a new civilization walks on the clouds. No man can pull him down. If he tries he will just push him up higher. If the Negro wants to stand among the masters of the earth he can do so if he wants to pay the price. The price is (1) faith in God; (2) a vision in the larger things of life, (3) a willingness to become a martyr if need be for the good of all, and (4) a love for all men irrespective of race, color and condition. You say the white people do not have these. Some do and some don't.

Those who do are among the greatest the world has ever known. They are working unselfishly to give a chance to the most degraded of the earth. Those who don't are among those who are sinking lower and lower until they are ready to perish from the earth. If now the Negro who was so fortunate as to be taken by the hand of the missionary teacher when he first stepped into freedom is true to the ideals that gave him birth in freedom, he can at once make himself great in the earth. The kind of revolution that the French and Russians put up would just about destroy the Negro in America. The kind of revolution that the apostles put up would make the Negro great. It would give him a place among the rulers of the earth.

Then let us hasten to our task. We must build better churches and a better spiritual society, we must build better school houses and a saner system of education, we must become better farmers and workmen and produce more, we must become more economical and care for our money better, and we must have more love for

all mankind. The Negro now has it in his power to help to redeem that Mid-West Conference pledged .. 33.10 element of the white people that is destroying itself. He must make himself feel that God is depending on him for bigger things. He must quit repining because some one is hindering him. God cannot do much for him until he seeks to find what he can do to make a better world.

TO CONFERENCE PLEDGERS (Concluded from page two)

Both paid at Conference 11.10
Leaving \$42.00 for Magnolia and \$22.00 for Mid-West.

At present the remaining unpaid pledges on the basis of \$86.20 is \$38.00 evenly divided between the two Conferences at \$19.00 each. In other words, Magnolia has paid \$34.10 or \$23.00 since Conference while Mid-West has paid \$14.10 or \$3.00 since Conference.

The faculty at the two Conferences still owe \$20.00 of that \$38.00 still due—owing \$11.00 at Magnolia and \$9.00 at Mid-West. Is that a record for Leadres?

Lets make another trial and see if by May 1st ALL PLEDGES can't be paid.

RING OUT CONFERENCE BELLS By BESSIE E. CHANDLER

Ring out Conference Bells, ring in the Youth,

Ring Conference Bell, thru out the spring,

The time is come when Youth must sing,

With greater love of truth.

Ring out Conference bells, ring out!

Ring in the valiant youth and lead Him to a useful life,

Ring out the causes of his strife,

Ring in the Christ of noble deeds.

Ring out Conference Bells, ring out!

Ring out the worthless that fills his mind

For those that come must leaders be,

Ring out the evil he must see,

Ring in the love for all mankind.

Ring out Conference bells, ring out!

CONFERENCE DATES

Magnolia Young People's Conference, May 27, June 2.

Southwest Jarvis College Conference, June 3, June 9.

Midwest Young People's Conference, June 17, June 23.

CONFERENCE SLOGANS FOR 1929

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"Keep Your Eye On The Goal"

(On Co-Operation of Field Force)

We learn, from Wellington at Waterloo, that there is a time in every battle when all forces must be brought into action. That time has come with our National Goals. As a good general often shortens his front, shifts his forces and concentrates his attack, so with our National workers. We are now laying the ground work for solid building. Necessarily there must be unity of effort on the part of the Field Force. Consequently, there is an agreement upon areas of responsibility, thus avoiding overlapping and duplication of efforts. Concerted efforts are being made to achieve our National Goals.

Thus the necessity for the change in strategy, together with other changing conditions that make it imperative. However, it matters not what changes may be made, nor how wise our representatives are in planning, how ambitious, energetic and eagerly desirous they are of rendering service, however capable and efficient for their respect-

ive assignments or tasks unless they secure the hearty cooperation and unstinted support of every pastor, church and individual officer and member, all is in vain! Let us give our pastors, field force and representatives unbounded confidence and unqualified support.

Needless to say, (and I am speaking Editorially) our National Workers should be received and accorded the courtesies of Brethren. They are no less truly our brethren now than when in our midst as servants of the Church. Every pastor, whose very efforts bespeak for him undying loyalty to the cause of the Christ will find his efforts supplemented by these General workers; every faithful Christian will find in them a true friend and every struggling Church will find a Counselor, a helper, a leader and friend. Let them cooperate with you, you cooperate with them. Let us try a little "team work", "pulling together." **Keep your eye on our Goal.**

OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION

The President of the National Convention is issuing a statement relative to the time and place of the National Convention. Every reader must bear in mind the fact that no amount of discussion, private or public, from press or platform, changes the time and place of the National Convention. So long as there is no official announcement to the contrary, you may know every pastor, every congregation and every individual member or organization is expected to give the most hearty cooperation.

It is not to be generally assumed that articles, because of their appearance in "The Christian Plea" carry with them **Editorial approval**; neither does it necessarily indicate the Editor concurs with the opinion expressed. It may be said, however, that we feel keenly the need of our church constituency being properly and thoroughly informed about the church, its Plea, its work, its Prayers its Policies and Workers. Surely the membership deserves to be given diverse views,—so long as they are not polemical, scandalous, unkind or discourteous and decidedly un-Christian—on all questions affecting the life of the Church and her work as a whole.

This is a part of the service we have a right to expect the press to render. But, even so there is no occasion for sounding an "alarm". We must learn to face facts. It is one thing to imagine or think a certain thing to even wish certain condi-

condition exists; it is quite a different thing to know that actually it does or does not exist.

FACTS WILL TELL THE STORY.

There has been entirely too much taboo about our church work to assure absolute success. Folks are usually a bit skeptical about that which belongs to them, but they dare not touch for fear of something—what?

Well, nobody knows!

The thing we most need is to discover many facts about our work and, even though they are a bit unpleasant, let us learn to face them courageously as Christians. Once this is done we can better understand our relationship and responsibilities to the rest of the Brethren and our world task. Let us do some **Clear thinking** for ourselves. Let everyone begin now to prepare for the National Convention.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES

We are glad to see that the United Christian Missionary Society recognized our Young Peoples' Conferences to the extent of building the Thanksgiving Program around the "Youth in Training". If you observed Thanksgiving with a Program you have a very fine knowledge of the value of the Conference to the Young People of the Church.

The following are Conference dates:

Magnolia (at S. C. I., Edwards, Miss.)
May 27, June 2, 1929.

Southwest (at J. C. I. Hawkins, Texas) June 3-9.

Midwest (at Western University, K. C. Kansas) June 17-23.

The following Slogans are used and indicate some objective:

"A Conference of 69 in '29, watch Magnolia go!

"A Conference of 59 in '29 watch Southwest go!

"A Conference of 49 in '29, watch Midwest go!

The April 15th Issue of "The Plea" will carry a supplement which can be used in a fine way to promote Conference interest in your Church and Community. It will prove of great service to those who will use it. Every pastor, Congregation, Parent and Youth should bestir themselves to see that the youth of the church attend some conference, somewhere. You can confer upon the youth of your church no greater honor and render them no greater service than to make possible their attendance in Conference. Payment of Conference Character Bonds and subsidies are urged.

PAGE of NEWS ITEMS

FROM THE GREAT LAKES CLEVELAND, OHIO

Elder R. Wesley Watson, Pastor..

Dear Readers of "The Christian Plea":

We are glad to report that after a great struggle for eight years, we now occupy a modern church home at 7401 Cedar Avenue. Our properties consist of a fine modern church fully equipped for Religious Educational work and worship, with two splendid modern dwellings which will rent for \$120.00 per month.

This property was valued at \$75,000. We felt wonderfully blessed at getting it at \$40,000. This building was made possible by the support of the United Christian Missionary Society, the Ohio Christian Missionary Society and The Cleveland Disciples' Union. The membership and our five building committees deserves much credit.

We had access to our new home for the first Sunday in January. Our regular dedicatory services were held on February 3rd. Brother Preston Taylor was to have preached but could not be with us because of illness. The pastor preached the morning sermon and Brother I. J. Cahill, General Secretary of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society brought the dedicatory message which was most helpful. Our offering was \$4,700.00 which included both cash and pledges. We were deeply grateful for the gift of \$500.00 in cash from Brother Davies, one of our retired Ministers (white).

We are now laying our plans very carefully for a Pre-Easter Campaign. Brother R. L. Peters is to do our preaching. We are going forward in The Master's name. We seek the cooperation of all in helping us to get in touch with strangers, visitors, friends and relatives whose membership should be in The Church of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio.

FULTON NOTES

February 17th was Men's Day at Christian Church. The pastor preached a sermon to the men in the morning. Rev. L. R. Johnson preached at the afternoon service. And the representatives of the official board read papers at the evening service. The financial results were gratifying, \$22.18 being the total.

The Men's Club was reorganized with Mr. James Sims as president, Mr. Clyde Laws as Vice President, Mr. LeRoy Dudley as secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson as assistant secretary and Mr. Crawford Brown as treasurer.

The Bible School observed State Day and with a social was able to send off \$5.50 on its state apportionment. This auxiliary under Mrs. Mary Van Buren is preparing its Easter program.

The W. M. S. sponsored a play on March 7th and the result was a \$43.00 house with \$50.00 cleared on the door receipts and refreshments. The remaining amount on the State Apportionment has been sent.

The Helping Hand Club has donated some curtains to the church to be used in plays and exercises. They were made by Mrs. R. J. Payne and Mrs. Emma Richmond and add much to the appearance of the stage.

The Helping Hand Club had a successful Valentine Social at the home of Mrs. Charles Shy on February 14th. Over \$12.00 were realized. Also, this club let three of its members have 50 cents to see what they could make with it. The result has been so encouraging that the 50 cents is still making extra dimes and nickels.

Mrs. Crawford Brown is a new member of the Helping Hand.

The Art and Dramatic Club made up of young people gave a social at the church and cleared over 35.00. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Laws, Miss Pearl Gibby and Mrs. Barnebelle Brown composed the committee in charge.

The Club also contributed five dollars to the church department on coal.

The Men's Club sponsored a recital by Mrs. Gladys Cannon-Nelson on March 21st and the Art and Dramatic Club served the refreshments.

All eyes are now turned toward the annual Spring Rally, May 19th with \$400.00 as the goal.

The Church is bent upon paying all apportionments and a small note ere the end of the church year, June 30th.

IN THE CAPITAL

By C. H. DICKERSON,

1502 P. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

"The Banks of Old Kentucky" is parking a bit with Elder Griffin and 12th Street Christian Church, Washington, D. C. Last night's beginning brought out a splendid audience and a good spirit of worship and service prevails.

This meeting looks toward Easter, after which this preacher looks towards Lexington, Kentucky.

Elder Griffin has a healthy bunch of men supporters and of course women also. We had a great service in Lexington on the 17th, the day, I left

Elder S. C. Crawford, a local minister will "Hold the Fox" during my absence. A "checking up" recently showed ten preachers and twenty-five school teachers and ex-teachers on our Lexington Church roll. The Preacher's Club and Teacher's Guild are the next units for service in our Annex Drive in May and afterwards.

Give the local preachers and teachers a chance. No telling what they might do.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS

Elder Henry, our State Evangelist was with us on March 3rd and gave us a splendid message on, "Obedience", Mark 5:1-7.

Elder N. H. Johnson gave a beautiful lesson on Baptism and the Lord's Supper on March 10th, Matthew 28.

On March 17th, the Lord's Day, Elder Johnson gave a splendid lesson.

The Bible School under the direction of Mrs. N. T. Fudgen is on its way to the top.

The Christian Endeavor is waking up with the Spring and we hope they will continue to work.

Elder J. C. Jones, Evangelist for district Number 4 worshipped with us on last Sunday.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Easter Services at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church were very impressive and beautifully carried out. The pastor, Elder B. T. Hunt delivered an appropriate and eloquent message.

Two persons, Miss Mary Moore and Mr. Troy Woods received the Holy Baptism in the evening service.

PORT GIBSON, MISS. CHRISTIAN CHAPEL

Elder K. R. Brown, Pastor

Mrs. Sadie R. Thomas, Reporter

Our church is doing very well. On the 1st Sunday of this month we had a large audience and splendid services throughout the day.

The S. C. I. came to us with a very popular play, "Cranberry Corners", on February 18th. It was indeed a fine play, a real credit to any school anywhere. The attendance was large and all enjoyed the play.

NOTICE !

TO OUR EXPIRED SUBSCRIBERS:
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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

WOMEN AND THE CHURCH By Mrs. Deetsy Blackburn Gray Kansas City, Missouri

(This paper was read to the Woodland Avenue Church on Woman's Day. A special feature of the Church in behalf of the Faithful Women of the Church.)

Many centuries ago, woman's position was one of inferiority to man. Indeed, many of our present day ideas about "woman's place" may be traced directly to the conception of these early centuries. Excepting in Jewish life, women were but little more than chattel.

It was different with the Jewish women for they enjoyed much greater freedom and occupied a place more nearly on equal footing with man.

According to the best light we can find on this subject, woman was intended, originally, to "help" man and to be a companion for him. This is no less true in the church than elsewhere.

In early Jewish life we find that woman played no inconsiderable part in public celebrations; Miriam, for instance, the sister of Moses, led a band of women who commemorated with song and dance the overthrow of the Egyptians. (Exodus 15:20,21); Jephtha's daughter gave her father a triumphal reception (Judge 11:3); the maidens of Shiloh danced publicly in the vineyards at the yearly feasts and the women celebrated the return of Saul and David from the defeat of the Philistines with singing and dancing.

Occasionally women held public offices, particularly that of Prophetess or inspired teacher. In this connection we doubtless will remember the names of Miriam (Exodus 15:20) and Deborah was one of the Judges and great warrior. No modern organizer has excelled her.

It is hardly necessary for us to say the management of household affairs devolved mainly on the woman. They brought the water from the well, attended the flocks, prepared the meals and used their leisure hours in spinning and making clothes for the family, for sale, or for charitable purposes.

To our utter amazement today, we find a few good, perfectly well-meaning folk who feel that women, like the

children of yesterday, "are to be seen but not heard" in the Church. They are sincere in their beliefs that woman should inquire of her husband at home and in private. In this particular, Paul is usually the object of reference.

Two things may be said about this school of thought:

1st.—We must remember with what high esteem Paul held many of his co-workers and most loyal supporters, who were women.

2nd.—It is to woman's eternal credit and everlasting efforts that the church stands today as a living monument to the Christ. It is indeed fortunate for the Church that woman has not kept silent and inactive.

In the New Testament we find many pictures of beauty of life and service of woman. Many of these women gave to the support of Jesus and His twelve Disciples and ministered unto them. In fact, many of the women formed a large part of the early group of Christians. They were always presented in relation to Christ and work of the church.

When Christ's public ministry was at its height, it was a group of women who followed Him as He journeyed about Galilee and down into Judea. For the most part they were women of maturity, good position and means. The following are some whose names might be mentioned: Elizabeth, the mother of the great forerunner; Mary, the blessed among women, the mother of Jesus; Salome, the mother of James the Less; Joanna, Herod's of James and Less; Joanna, Herod's Steward's wife; Mary Magdalene and many others. These all ministered of their substance and doubtless did personal work.

This group of women have been called the Church's first Woman's Missionary Society. Martha and Mary, who opened up their homes joyfully to Jesus and the Twelve, were the first forerunners of the numerous women who later made possible the success of the church by having Church Meetings in their homes. In this particular the names of Mary, the Mother of Mark; in Jerusalem; Lydia in Philippi, Priscilla and Aquilla, her husband may be mentioned as well as many others.

Preachers traveled a great deal in the early Church. This was in keeping with our Lord's command to "Go into all the world and preach." Thus

hospitality, generally known as a prime virtue in the East, became of special value in the Early Church, not alone for traveling preachers or evangelists, but for traveling Christians for the Inns were generally poor and the occupants rough. Thus it was considered a great kindness to "wash the feet of a traveling Saint."

The Letters Of The Apostle

Paul indicates that he found shelter in dozens of such homes and was very grateful for it; Thus we see woman has played a very important role from the very beginning in the life and labors of the Church.

It may also be noticed that woman took part in public worship. Paul speaks of Euodia and Syntache (Phl. 4:3) as having labored with him in the gospel, probably as Missionaries or workers in the city. He also refers to the financial help given him by the Church, of Philippi for extending his labors. In this we may be sure the generous Lydia was a leader.

Consequently, it may plainly be seen that Paul found in the life of the Church the same sort of help and encouragement that Jesus found in Galilee. There was Priscilla whose teaching of Appollos, "more accurately" what she had heard or learned from Paul himself. This was done in her own home in connection with her husband.

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ON TO PENTECOST

By JESSE M. BADER,

Secretary of Evangelism, U. C. F. S.

This year Pentecost comes May 19th. This great day always comes fifty days after Easter. This period of seven weeks present wonderful opportunities for a definite advance in the work of the church.

This year, it suggested that during this seven weeks' period, the following five-fold program be followed:—

Survey the Field,

Stir the Church,

Send out the Workers

Save the Lost

Shepherd the Flock.

This five-fold program should culminate on Pentecost, May 19th. This program is being followed by the whole Brotherhood.

Emphasis is being placed on three things—

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'ON TO WINSTON - SALEM'

STATE NEWS PAGE

1929 NATIONAL CONVENTION AT WINSTON-SALEM TO BE MOST IMPORTANT

The Thirteenth Annual National Christian Missionary convention of the Churches of Christ will be held in Winston-Salem, N. C., beginning Monday, August 26th, and running over the first Lord's day in September. There has never been a convention held in the history of our organization that is more important than this one. The distance is in reach of everybody. They can go by the way of Atlanta, Ga., by the way of Knoxville and Morristown, by the way of Roanoke, Va. and Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va., or by the way of Washington City. One of the most enterprising cities for our people that we've ever met in. We have four fine congregations of our brethren in that city and they are making every preparation to entertain us by the hundreds. A broad invitation has been extended to the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia to meet with us and have full fellowship.

—Preston Taylor

NOTICE FROM PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Christian Missionary convention of Tennessee will be held with the church at Knoxville, Tenn., beginning Wednesday, August 21st and running over Lord's day. The state is preparing to celebrate this convention with every possible feature to make it a great one, not only are they inviting Tennessee to be present but we are inviting the National delegates to stop over on Lord's day on their way to Winston-Salem. Then they can on Monday morning take the Carolina Special right into Winston-Salem and be ready for the beginning of the National Meeting.

CENTENNIAL, ST. LOUIS, MO.

ELDER WM. ALPHIN, Pastor

MRS. A. F. MITCHELL, Reporter

Our church work is moving along smoothly with all Departments doing nicely. Our membership and attendance is still growing—recently we had four more additions. We were glad to see Mrs. Grubbs in her seat at church.

We have had the Installation of our officers with a fine program in the evening.

Mrs. J. H. Heatley the wife of our President of the Brotherhood Organization, joyfully entertained the members of the Brotherhood. We love sister Heatly although her membership is elsewhere. We are living in hopes—well, enough said.

Mrs. Lula Bunday, the good wife of Elder G. Bunday, is still on the sick list.

Mr. Brooks, the husband of Mrs. Ella Brooks died Sunday, February 3rd.

COOPERATION OF FIELD WORKERS

By GRANT K. LEWIS

Acting Recorder

For Joint Executive Committee,

Nov. 21, 1928

It has been suggested that some members of the Joint Executive Committee inform the churches, through the columns of The Christian Plea of the very fine cooperation existing among the field workers. As Acting Recorder, perhaps this responsibility is mine. We have three fine, efficient experienced and trusted leaders in Mrs. Rosa Grubbs, for the Missionary Societies, Mr. P. H. Moss for the Bible Schools, and Mr. Prince Gray, for "The Christian Plea". Under the direction of the Joint Executive Committee they travel among the churches, representing our whole cooperative work, while each does the specific task assigned as indicated above. The field is so large and the expenses of travel so heavy that each cannot visit every church nor every state every year. So they have arranged to help each other. While each majors on a particular task, each is informed on the whole task, and is prepared to serve the churches as need and opportunity require.

These leaders meet three or four times a year and plan their itineraries, not only so as to keep out of each other's way, but to see that the whole field is covered and every church is reached by at least one representative of our cooperative work.

In raising the quotas for our ten thousand dollar budget, each helps in the whole task. Then while P. H. Moss carries his major responsibility the quotas of the Bible Schools, wherever he goes he is informed and prepared to assist in the quotas to the missionary societies and to the churches. So also with Mrs. Grubbs and Mr. Gray.

Unfortunately this year our funds do

not permit a church field worker. While Mrs. Grubbs has been asked to do the general office promotion in behalf of the church as such and its quota of the National Convention budget for World Missions, the entire field force is responsible in whatever field they go. We bespeak for each of them an attentive hearing wherever they go. May every church, Bible school and missionary organization respond to the appeal of these worthy leaders.

ON TO PENTECOST

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them by additional contributions, over and above our regular giving. Sometimes it requires burdensome sacrifice to respond to these appeals.

First,—Church and Bible School attendance. It is a sin for a church or Bible School to have a smaller attendance than it ought to have.

There is too much self-satisfaction with the present numbers in all the church service. There is a need for a new faithfulness everywhere on the part of members of the church to the house of God and the Communion Service. Someone has said, "The most expensive piece of furniture in the church is an empty pew."

Let there be an advance in every church in attendance. Seek to get out the whole Sunday School enrollment and all the church membership for the seven Sundays now before Pentecost.

Second,—Evangelism. The first Pentecost was a day of revival when 3,000 were baptized. The day began with 120 disciples who had been spending ten days in the Upper Room in prayer. Before the Pentecost day was over there were 3,129 followers of Christ. When one thinks Pentecost he thinks evangelism. There was a great preacher on this day and a great message. So great was the message that they cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter gave the answer in Acts 2:38, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, unto the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Let us make this coming Pentecost like the first one—a day of great soul winning.

Many churches should plan a revival of two or three weeks leading up to Pentecost. During all these next

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"WINNING OTHERS" (Concluded from page one)

Study to learn how—

Christ won Andrew,—John 1:40.

Andrew won Peter,—John 1:41.

Christ won Philip,—John 1:44.

Philip won Nathaniel,—John 1:45-49.

Christ won Nicodemus,—John 3.

Christ won the Samaritan Woman,—John 4.

Christ won Zaccheus,—Luke 19:1-10.

Aquila won Appolos,—Acts 8:24.

Philip won the Ethiopian,—Acts 8:26-40.

Christ won Paul,—Acts 9:1-32.

Peter won Cornelius,—Acts 10.

Paul won Lydia,—Acts 16:14-15.

Paul won the Jailer,—Acts 16:25-40.

Jesus expects everyone who has found Him as Savior to tell others the story—to bid them, "Come and see." He expects us to bear witness of His saving power.

WOMAN AND THE CHURCH (Concluded from page six)

In Paul's later letters he refers to the widows who were already becoming an order in the church, receiving support and rendering valuable service like many of our own Church Missionaries, pastors' helpers and Directors of Religious Education. The order of Deaconesses began in the Apostolic age. Phoebe, who bore the letter to the Romans (16th) was probably a deaconess.

In the sub-Apostolic age, woman became active officially in many ways, teaching, organizing and singing in choirs, etc. History tells us that many of the greatest of the Early Church Fathers owed their conversion to the influence of some good, faithful mother, sister or wife.

In this twentieth century we find woman possessing many rights and privileges previously denied her. She enjoys greater freedom and shall we say, she carries greater and graver responsibilities in every way? Now, in turn, shall we not see that Politics is made fit for a social order such as our civilization needs and Christianity demands?

No one longer questions the right of woman both to be "seen and heard" in the Church today. Let us, however, sense the challenge of the Christ and the Church as it comes to the woman

of the Church today as it never has before.

There is much work to be done, many wrongs to be righted, much suffering to be borne, many sacrifices to be made. None are better prepared by nature to do this than we are.

Woman has a deep mother-instinct that should give her deep foresight into human nature; she possesses both charm and ability, brain and resourcefulness; she alone is capable of the sweetness so much needed to triumph over much bitterness in the life of the Church.

In a crisis woman is capable of both dignity and decision, and, when she lives close to God, when she walks with Him and Talks with Him and is led by His spirit, she usually possesses rare spiritual insight. These are some of the qualities so much needed in the life and work of the Church today. God pities the stupid woman who sees neither His will nor her own better interests, but wastes precious moments talents, opportunities and lives.

Let the women of the church sense today as never before their God-given tasks and rise to their exalted positions in the Church and strive to do the will of God. As the early women proved to be the last at the cross and the first at the Sepulcher, let the women of the church be the last to bring shame upon the Holy name of the Church and the first to lift up the Church in their lives, their words, their actions, and in their service. The world now demands a practical Christianity; it wants to see Jesus living in us. This is the greatest contribution we can make to the Church. It is a contribution of Life.

EDITORIAL COMMENT (Concluded from page four) THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

From time to time the attention of the Church is called to Special appeals of the utmost importance. As a general rule whenever special appeals come, it is necessary to provide for them by additional contributions, over and above our regular giving. Sometimes it requires burdensome sacrifice to respond to these appeals.

We have, in The Christian Plea, a special appeal of the above mentioned character. To make possible its success, we must deny ourselves. Our gifts must be over and above all gifts made to The General Fund of the United Christian Missionary Society. All gifts to The Christian Plea Funds are to be strictly personal, individual.

It is well to add, however, that monies given the Editor as public offerings or collections are credited as Field Receipts and goes to The Plea Fund. Also any Congregation or Auxiliary

commonly known as Departments of the Church, or any District, State or National Convention may Contribute any amount (and we seek their hearty cooperation in this particular,) but in the final analysis we are depending on you, the individual.

The appeal is strictly personal. It is an appeal of self-denial, a sacrificial gift is requested. We do not ask that you solicit or give personal entertainments. While we are registering no particular objection if you either choose or deem it advisable to do so. The point is: We are asking you to give it. It is this sacrificial or self-denying spirit that makes possible the success of the Church and its agencies.

The Plea seeks to serve the Churches. It cannot serve the churches until the churches first serve it. It cannot come off the press until it gets the funds from the churches; it cannot publish your local "news" until you forward them to us; it (The Plea) cannot come to you (thru the mails) until you come to it (with your \$1.00 for subscription). It has no income except that which comes from the membership of the Church,—you!

There are several whose subscriptions are now due, and we earnestly seek your cooperation when we ask you to "pay up". We have a list of those who pledged to pay their dollar at the National Convention last August. We ask you to forward us your dollar so we can transfer your name to our subscription list. We should get our friends' subscriptions and interest others, not by allowing them to borrow our paper, but by paying for their own. This is the way to help the Cause. See that we get correct names, addresses, change of addresses, towns or cities, states and your dollar and we will see that you get 24 copies of "The Plea".

ON TO PENTECOST (Concluded from page seven)

Sundays, the preachers should preach evangelistic sermons, the members of the church should be sent out to call and talk to people like the early Christians did urging that they accept Christ. What the church needs now, each loyal church, is a revival of witnessing for Christ such as the early church had. If we are going to restore the New Testament church we need to restore the evangelistic fervor of the early church.

How many baptisms can each church have before Pentecost, May 19th? Christ has said "Go make disciples". On this matter of soul winning, he gave orders. Many seem to think he gave a few suggestions. Orders and commands should be obeyed. Let our slogan be, "On to Pentecost in the spirit of Pentecost."

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"AS THE EDITOR SEES IT"

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Is this to be known as our year of timely achievements or colossal failures? Surely this is no time to "mark time" in the face of so many unmet needs. There are many outstanding opportunities for service to the Cause we love so well. Shall we accept the Challenge of the hour and "measure-up" to the full needs of this new day of larger opportunities and increased efforts?

Some National Goals

We have before us the following goals:

1. Four Church Colleges and Schools of recognized standing.
2. A Church Journal; a medium of communication.
3. All churches having full Fellowship and cooperation in the larger work of the world.
4. National Quotas or Appointments, representing our share of the world's work,—a total sum of \$10,000.00.
5. A Bigger, Better, more substantial and, a more representative National Convention.
6. A general Secretary for the churches.
7. A National Young People's Secretary, a leader for the youth of the church.
8. A National Evangelist, who shall be our pioneer in the foremost cities of America—(North, East, South and West.)
9. More and larger Young People's Conferences.
10. Crusaders for Christ; this year it was proposed that we have a Team of Pentecostal Crusaders.

Obviously several of these goals, perhaps, are in the distant future; others are precious opportunities thrust at our very feet now,—today. Much depends on what we do now! We are living in a day when folk are doing big things in a worth-while way. We need su-

preme faith, infinite patience, sympathetic understanding, daring courage, uniform actions, harmony and "team-work" or cooperation,—these are indispensable to our success. There are increasing demands for a United Church, with a United Front in United Effort.

"In Unity, Strength"

There is power in United effort. Every page of history is a story of combined efforts of individuals to realize specific ends or goals.

Others have learned long ago to "pull together". The spirit of self-seeking impedes progress and makes absolute success impossible. In this particular the church of Kingdom Building is seriously no exception. Invariably the work hampered and "limps" when individuals, groups or organizations are "self-seeking" rather than "self-sacrificing". We must learn to do effective team-work by "Pulling together". In Unity there is Strength.

Many an apparent failure would be transformed into a monumental success were the principles of action reversed. For instance: The pastor comes prepared with fine messages on Lord's Day. His eager audience is not dissatisfied in the least. Bright and early Monday morning Deacon Jones busies himself with unkind criticisms, trifling talk and inconsistent conduct. Who doubts the impossibility of the church to succeed under these circumstances?

Conversely, the entire membership goes out, including all the "Deacon Joneses" and for six days of 24 hours each, follow-up the appeals, the invitations and wise counsel preached on Sunday,—thus putting into practice for six days the sermon, by the membership—its an inspiration to watch the success of the church.

In like manner, no phase of our church work, whether in the local church, the District, State, National or World-wide task, can attain any appreciable degree of success if our beloved pastors, many of our good church officers and multitudes of prominent members and general workers do not "pull together" or cooperate. Great success no longer comes to the "One-Man-Concerns," rather, it comes to vast Cooperative Corporations. Let us try a little team-work, and see if it is not possible to bring to realization some timely achievements.

Clear Thinking Needed

Some clear thinking about our Local, District, State, National and World-wide work would greatly improve the status of our churches. Our trouble is: too few of us do real clear thinking. Clear thinking deals with facts. It is not particularly concerned with sentiment, feelings, opinions and beliefs.

Clear thinking proposes to actually see things as they are; not as I wish they were. It's a case of "What is, is; and What ain't, ain't." There is no use thinking "you is what you ain't," or "I hope he's gone where I 'spect he ain't." That is only non-sense! It makes absolutely no difference with the facts of a given situation. It is interesting to note how frequently one acts on opinions and beliefs, rather than on the facts involved.

Many facts need to be discovered and rightly understood relative to the work of the church. Necessarily, these facts should be detached from sentiment and prejudices. No doubt about it, we need somebody or something to set us to thinking, to help us to clarify our own thoughts that we may better understand our relationship and responsibilities to our brethren and the Brotherhood at large.

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THE ETERNAL CONFLICT BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

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"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

"But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

Man was created after God's own image. That is, man is a part of God's created universe and his growth and development towards maturity is a slow growing process. When we study geology we study how the earth matured from chaos to its present form. When we study zoology we study how the animal kingdom matured from primitive forms. When we study botany we study how the vegetation lives and grows. When we study the teaching of Jesus we study how the Kingdom of Heaven matures in human hearts.

Like the struggle between the plants that would mature into useful grains and the weeds that would hold down,

so is the struggle between those people who would go on up to the higher things for which God designed man and those people who would hold down to the barbarian things from which we came. When Jesus was tempted He knew these but the evil forces thought He did not. The suggestion from the evil world was about as follows: "You mean to make this world better by the slow process of teaching and growth? You are foolish to think that. Take my way and organize a military force and force the world into what you want in one campaign." Jesus answered this by saying, "Your force accomplishes nothing. You never made the world better by that method and you never can. I will not fall down and acknowledge you as my authority. The God who made the universe is my authority. Get thee behind me satan."

And so the conflict goes on between Good and Evil. Evil is always nagging at the heel and Good is forever striking to mash the head of Evil. Steadily, but surely, the good is triumphing over Evil. In the end Evil loses out every time but comes back again for another conflict over some problem not yet adjudicated in the great courts of God. When the Apostles went out to preach Jesus they were most viciously assaulted but in a little while the flower of the Jewish nation became Christian. When the Church assaulted the Roman Empire the most drastic persecutions were resorted to, but in 300 years Pagan Rome disappeared forever. For a thousand years the barbarian nations became the leading Christian people. When good Christian men attempted to drive the pagan practices out of the Church the leaders of the Romish Church persecuted them with the most wicked methods, but in less than two hundred years Protestantism ruled the world with a rod of iron. When good men sought to drive slavery out of our land they were most wickedly assaulted but in a short time President Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation. When good men and women sought to drive venal commercialism in the form of the liquor traffic out of our land they were almost wickedly assaulted but in the end prohibition was written in our constitution.

And what of the fights of the future? They will be like unto those that have gone by. Good men will preach and teach and keep cool. If an assault is to be made it will have to come from

the evil side. Good never started a war. It often was forced to defend the righteous cause, but it never started anything. We are now just beginning in some great causes. One is to outlaw war. Before it is over, we may rest assured, the god of battles will assault us most viciously, but in the end we will triumph. Another is to create a more just race relation, and before it is over with we may rest assured we will be assaulted, but in the end we will triumph. Still another is to put business on a righteous basis, and before it is over with wicked minded business will assault us. The driving out of the saloon business was just one battle of a great war. The tobacco business that is now leaving no method untried to make every girl smoke cigarettes even though they cannot bear living children thereafter. The picture show business that is most wickedly commercializing true love and affection and is making murder and robbery a commodity in trade, will not surrender without making an assault on good people.

And so it will go on. If the newer people like the Negro, the Japanese and Chinese want to become great before God and man they will have to enter God's cause. Some are saying that they want to start a war to right wrongs. No, No. Let them start to make the world better by God's appointed way, and if there is to be anything started, let the evil forces start it. Only they who have the grace and fortitude to stand still and wait upon God can hope to triumph. He who has not the grace of God in his heart will be crushed if he starts anything. Only they who are made of martyr stuff can triumph in this great cause of God.

A DASH OF SCOTCH

Ever hear the story of a pair of tight-fists? Once there were two Scotchmen. One wouldn't wear rubber heels because they "gave". The other bought his son a violin so he wouldn't have to have the boy's hair cut. The first was born in the U. S. to save the price of transportation. The other offered to return the doctor's calls when the bill was presented. The sure sign of spring is when these laddies throw out the Xmas trees.

Swimming dates from the first time a Scotchman came to a toll bridge.

The difference between a canoe and a Scotchman, is that the canoe tips sometimes.



The Clarion Call

Promoting Three Summer Conferences For Youth

A WORD TO THE WISE

Bernice Andrews



If all the time were conference time, we'd have better trained young people. If all the young people in our churches had conference training, we'd have a revival of interest and enthusiasm for the church's program that would send

it around the world in one generation. Why do the leaders of youth plan and provide a conference experience for young people? Why do those who attend come home inspired to deeper consecration and more unselfish service? Merely this: underneath all the fun, fellowship and knowledge gained is the dynamic, soul-firing experience of having lived for a week in close fellowship with a Christ, who is real for probably the first time. The student has found a friend, a guide, and a helper and, at the same time, he hears the command "Go"—"Serve".

There are three conference centers seeking to provide such an experience to two hundred or more young people each summer. The word "Magnolia" already means "Conference" to many, because this conference is now nearly four years old. Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi again extends to you a hearty welcome for week of May 27 to June 3. Young people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-eight years, who desire to develop their Christian initiative in order to be better able to serve, are eligible for Magnolia. The goal for attendance is "Sixty-nine in Twenty-nine"

The Mid-West Conference is entering its second year of history. Last year ten young people had a great experience at Dalton, Missouri. This year a change has been made in location, and Dean Moss expects forty-nine young people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-four at Western University Kansas City, Kansas. The date this year is June 17-23.

The churches and young people of the South-Western part of the United States are rejoicing over a new conference which is to be started at Jarvis Christian College this summer.

The location near Hawkins, Texas, is ideal. "It has all of the advantages of a college and has also the advantages of a camp. All of the common games can be played, fish can be caught, and all of the sports found in the country can be enjoyed; yet most of the conveniences of a modern city are at our command."

With such a location, a splendid faculty and an inspiring program, the goal of fifty-nine young people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-four should be reached long before the date of the conference.

If you have not already seen the bulletins of these conferences which give specific information as to how to reach the conference centers, what to bring, the courses to be offered, the faculty, fees and other costs, write at once to the director of promotion, Miss Bernice Andrews, Missions Building Indianapolis, Indiana. Plan now to make the conference experience available to the young people of your church! The returns will be many, for they will be read into the lives of boys and girls as they grow into Christian manhood and womanhood.

Bernice Andrews, Director of Promotion.

WHAT THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED SAY:

"Conference meets our needs".—Cyril Robertson.

"Conference week is one of great fellowship and inspiration".—Issac Henderson.

"To my idea Young People's Conference is a wonderful institution to promote progress and leadership training of the youth of today in Christian living".—William Lucas.

"Conference has meant to me the awakening of new ideals. It has brought me closer to the Kingdom of God. It has helped me to understand the way in which Jesus wishes me to live."—Jessie Louise Wilson.

I think that this type of conference is the best I have ever attended for developing the abundant life.—Juanna Andrews.

I hope by my endeavors to encourage other young people to attend next year.

I want to do my part in helping to live up to the slogan of "29 in 29".—Mayme Williams.

RING OUT CONFERENCE BELLS

Bessie E. Chandler

Ring out Conference Bells, ring in the Youth,

Ring Conference Bell, thru out the spring,

The time is come when Youth must sing,

With greater love of truth.

Ring out Conference bells, ring out.

Ring in the valiant youth and lead Him to a useful life,

Ring out the causes of his strife,

Ring in the Christ of noble deeds.

Ring out Conference Bells, ring out.

Ring out the worthless that fills his mind

For those that come must leaders be,

Ring out the evil he must see,

Ring out Conference bells, ring out!

Y. P. C. AND YOUTH

God sent the spring to Edwards

And dowered with gentleness

And Oh, she made of Edwards

A pleasant place to see!

Above the hills gaunt barrenness

She flung green veils of loveliness

And fragrant trees with Blossoms filled

The Churches sent their youths to Edwards

And dowered them with confidence;

And Oh, they saw at Edwards

A vision fair to see

Against the old ills of the world

The young Christ's high ideals they hurled.

And then went out with Christ to build

The world that is to be.

AN OLD GAME FOR EXERCISE



CONFERENCE? SHALL I?

Personification Of A Dream

V. E. SMITH



Vance G. Smith

And as He slept
He dreamed.

(A Shining One enters). I am the Conference spirit after nine months, I am come to engage your interest again in Conference. I shall call my helpers to remind you of Conference values. (Claps her hands) (A Solemn One enters attended by orderly, but joyous pages).

SOLEMN ONE—I am Religion as you looked upon it ere you came to conference. "When you see him, there is no beauty in him that you should desire him." Yet you found my attendants appealing last summer in conference. Let them speak.

A BROWN PAGE—I am Morning Watch. Ere, the cares of the day, took your thoughts into mundane realms, you spent 15 minutes with me. As you sought your favorite spot amid nature's beauties, "alone with God and Nature there, you took your heart to God in prayer." You loved my quiet joy. Return to it once more.

A GRAY PAGE—I am Chapel Devotions—a pause in the morning of busy activity to engage in public worship. Thru song, prayer, scripture and word, you were lead to pay homage to the great source—God. I carried the breath of my co-laborer, "Morning Watch", over into the plans and purposes of the day. I am here to invite you back again.

A BLUE PAGE—I am the call that the dying sun brings—a petition to forgive sin and error and approve the impulses and acts of service. In addition, I bring a wider scope to a life of purpose, a deeper meaning to devotion, a larger interest to a Christian interest. I would broaden the horizon of your possibilities and place your soul in a realm of sacrificial love. I am Vespers.

A PURPLE PAGE—I am those last thoughts, that last prayer, that concluding gesture to a Father—God. I am Group Devotions. I review the day and profit by its mistakes. I thank the God-of-Things-as-They-Are for permitting another trial to paint into life the Things-as-They-Seem-to-Be. I pray for a Strength equal to tasks and not for tasks equal to an undeveloped strength. Return to this period and enjoy religion as Christ did with His

Disciples.

Shining One, as Solemn One and pages take place across head of Sleeping One)—Now for another Set of Values!

(A Stalwart One with pages enters).

Stalwart One—I represent Physical Life—the basis of all life, the starting point of all activity. When I am damned by mis-use, abuse or neglect, the soul of Religion would save is beyond salvation, I want to urge your return and these my entourage will solicit your presence.

A PINK ONE—Remember me? I am the old Out-of-Door Sports. Aha! I see you recall me. Why the grin? Thinking of that ball game where you covered yourself with glory by knocking a home run? Or are you smiling at that last sack race in the Saturday Track Meet? It will be as much fun this year as before.

A SILVER ONE—I am nine full hours of contented dreamless Sleep. I appeared twice during the Conference day—once for an hour after lunch and again for eight hours at night. I was untroubled because you had spent a day of pulsing activity and I built up the exhausted tissues for the next day. Return for the nights as well as the days of conference.

(Stalwart One and pages line up on the right of cot).

Shining One—So much for Body—Now for minds!

(Spectacled One enters with pages)—I represent Study—Thought, Mental, Life, Intellectual Alertness. I appear throughout conference in whatever there is to learn. Especially am I represented in the morning classes. I only brought my retinue, the types of courses. Let them speak!

AN INDIGO-BLUE ONE—I am Self Analysis Courses, principle of which is Life Evaluation. I am Indigo to represent the feeling which possessed you after taking this course. But, see, (turns around) my reverse side is Golden to symbolize the great opportunity Conference offers to repair past mistakes. Your aspirations govern me as well as the factual evidence of your inadequacy. I appear in Life Problems and Relationships, so meet me again in 1929.

A PASTEL ONE—I am the courses on Personal Enrichment. I strive to help you find your place in church, community and the world. I bring the answer to the question of a young man of Christ's time, "What shall I

do to inherit eternal life?" I teach life based on service, moreover I show you where to serve. Learn of me!

A MAUVE ONE—And, I am new to you—Activity Courses. Do you want to work? Then I shall give you plans and actual experience in working. You learn by doing, and I give the opportunity to do. I act. I am activity in all branches of Church life. I issue a special invitation to you.

A YELLOW ONE—I am the Majors of Conference. I give you the methods in specialized units that you need for efficiency. My credit is recognized by any board. I use the International Council of Religious Education in approved texts. I amount to something.

(Spectacled One with pages, arrange a line on right of cot).

Shining One—Another would speak. You shall hear her.

A CERISE ONE—I represent Extra—Curricular Activities. All free periods are mine. I clean up the rooms, foster fellowship, write letters home, encourage friendship, indulge association and put over the Sunday service. I am the group meetings, the preparation for demonstrations, the meal period. On Sunday, I am the Business period, the morning communion service, the afternoon Friendship Hour and the Worship Circle which ends Conference. I invite you.

(Cerise One takes place at foot of cot).

Shining One—Is that all? Ah! I forgot Social Life. Come Neglected one what are your values?

Motleyed One—I come unescorted because I am a unity. I am at every turn when you meet other conferences. Of course I have my period in the evening, but I also exist throughout. I sit at the tables and raise the songs. I go to chapel and lead the "pep" singing. I revel in the recreation period and plunge into the activities of Conference. I destroy cliques, annihilate snobbishness, overcome isolation. "Awake! Awake! Put on thy strength! Put on thy Beautiful Barments." Enroll for conference is here!

(All close in on Sleeping One as he awakes. He sees "cloud of witness").

SLEEPING ONE—Aha! To Conference I shall go. I can't miss such values. Where's my pen? And that application blank?

Sleeping one takes pen from Stalwart One, fills in blank given by Shining One, folds and puts in envelope given by Solemn One along with Check proffered by Spectacled One.

Sleeping One—To Conference? I shall!!!

MAGNOLIA CONFERENCE—May 27-June 2 at Edwards, Miss.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE—June 3-9 at Hawkins, Texas.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE—June 17-23 at Kansas City, Kansas.



CONFERENCES AMONG OUR GROUP



Patrick H. Moss
Young People's Conference among the Disciples of Christ is still comparatively new, stretching over a period of less than ten years. Its phenomenal growth has claimed the attention of the entire brotherhood. In 1921-22 there were nine conferences held with an enrollment of 66 young people; in 1925-26 thirty-two conferences were held with an enrollment of 2,907. About this time the first conference for our group was projected; held at the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. It was made possible through Character Bonds gifts of the Ohio Young People. The Magnolia conference for such was the appellation given it, enrolled 42 young people. Beginning under the old regime, made it possible to graduate the first class in 1928. Nine splendid young people representing six states and B. W. I. received their honors from the hand of Dean Hutton, with the dignity of University graduates. Four of these young people are going forward with their college training, three are teachers in the public schools, one a national worker in the Department of Religious Education, and one engaged in Y. W. C. A. work. The dates for the Magnolia Conference this year are May 27-June 2nd. This conference should serve the young people of the following states: Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama Florida, Georgia and part of Tennessee.

The Mid-West Young People's Conference was made possible by \$100.00 subsidy of the Missouri State Convention. This conference was held at the Bartlett Vocational School, Missouri, the last week in June, 1928. While the number attending this conference was not very large, they were a very fine bunch of young people. The sec-

ond conference will be held at the Western University, Kansas City, Kansas. June 17-23rd, 1929. We should be able to reach the young people in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana.

We have long had a desire to see a conference located in the Southwest, serving the young people of all of Texas, part of Arkansas and part of Oklahoma. After a long conference with the President of Jarvis Christian College last December, we have been assured, that the state of Texas will do its full part to establish a conference for the young people of that section of the country. June 3-9th are the dates given for the projecting of the Southwest Jarvis College Young People's Conference. Pres. Ervin extends a very hearty welcome to the Campus of Jarvis College.

To cover the entire field among our group there, should be a Central Conference located in Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and part of Tennessee. We hope that the Kentucky and Ohio Conventions will soon sponsor such a movement.

The call is coming from some of the leaders in the Piedmont District to locate a conference in that section of the country. The Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Virginia, is the logical place for the conference and would place it in the reach of the young people of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D. C., and North and South Carolinas. We should strive to realize this vision in the next one or two years.

Greetings—Mid-Westerners:

And welcome, thrice welcome are all of the church youth between the ages of 15 and 24 in the Mid-West Region to our Summer Conference in Kansas City, Kans.

Come and enjoy a week of fellowship worship, friendship, engaged in workmanship under good leadership. This fleet of ships will be to you, a glorious adventure in Crusading with Christ on the Jesus Way toward the Abundant Life.

Mid-West Conference is depending on YOU.—A. G. Smith, Director.

TO THE CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH WEST:

We are happy here at Jarvis to announce to you the First Young People's Conference held in this section. We are especially glad that it will be held here at Jarvis for several reasons. One of these reasons is, that it will give each church an opportunity to send at least one delegate to us who can go back to his community and spread the news of the great fellowship that we have here. Jarvis is the ideal place for a conference because it has both the advantages of a country camp and of the city school buildings. The churches of this section are to be complimented, in that the opportunity for a greater spiritual awakening is being cast at their feet. They should and MUST send delegates to this great conference if they are to be of the greatest service to their communities. Let us work together and make this the greatest conference ever.—Herod Ward.

GREETINGS: MAGNOLIANS

'69 in '29' is our motto for Magnolia. That does not mean that the enrollment will be limited to 69. If the young people of the Brotherhood could see the location for the Magnolia Conference, we could double our goal!

The campus of Southern Christian Institute consists of 1,265 acres of beautiful land, much of which is a forest of giant trees, oak, gum, cedar, pine, magnolia,—which at conference time is verily alive with birds. Thru it runs the interesting Big Black River, and there are also our large ponds for boating. There are the tennis courts, ball diamonds, and other athletic equipment of the college. The dormitories dining room, and the new, college building with all their advantages, will belong to the Conference during that mountain-top experience. Anyone who could see the Conference location would say immediately: "69 in '29' is not overly optimistic at all."—John Long.

GREETINGS FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONFERENCE

To the Mid-West, Magnolia and South-west Conferences:

The conference students everywhere this next summer will have the unusual privilege of being in the greatest Conference set-up thus far in the history of our people. There will be 56 conferences in the United States and Canada. It is not only a national enterprise but has grown to an International one as we have information concerning a conference in China, one in the Hawaiian Island, and in Australia and another in the Philippine Islands. The conference student this summer will participate in a world fellowship. What a great privilege to be permitted to participate in this broad fellowship! Therefore, as we look forward we can realize that thousands of young people with the same ideals and the same high purposes are looking forward just as eagerly as we are to this mountain top experience.

There must be, of course, behind the conference movement great purposes. Those purposes read in terms of the conference experience means something as follows: To discover one's self, to find out what one has within himself that is good, clean, wholesome, pure and fine. After self-discovery comes training. The person who has discovered himself will want to train for whatever service he may be able to render. Then the discovered self, the trained self, will find some field of service in the local church where he might serve his fellow men and his God.

So the best things that I can wish for you conference students this coming summer is that you enter into the conference with your whole soul and from that experience come back enriched in mind, body, and spirit for the work of the local church.

—Virgil A. Sly.

GREETINGS TO THE MAGNOLIA CONFERENCEITES

I was very happy to discover the other day that it would be possible for me to dean the Conference.

Having heard much of the Magnolia Conference and the spirit that prevails there I know that I will be much enriched by the contact and experience at the 1929 Magnolia Conference.

The Conference movement has grown by leaps and bounds and this has been made possible only because underneath the growth are high ideals and deep purposes for youth. These ideals and purposes are expressed in the

discovery of self, the training for leadership, and the seeking of avenues of service for the community, local church, and the world.

Let us then come to conference with four dominant purposes in our hearts.

1. To seek the "Jesus way of life."
2. To seek Christian fellowship.
3. To seek noble service.
4. To express that service in our churches and communities.

Our church, our community, and our brotherhood has a right to expect both character results and practical help from our conference experience. This is somehow expressed in the little poem by Miss Adeline Bridges:—

"For light is the mirror of king and slave,

It is just what we give and do;
Then give the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you."

—Virgil A. Sly.

GREETINGS

Blow the dust off of the old suit case and pack up your belongings for conference. We're counting on you at Jarvis, June 3-9.

For years I have counted President Ervin among my choicest comrades in Christian service. His sacrificial service through the years speaks for his interest in young people and symbolize the wholesome Christian atmosphere which prevails in Jarvis.

Indeed, we want you to share in a week of character training, a week full of interest, good fellowship, happy hours of study and play. You will be glad you came. Some of my most enjoyable hours in traveling about among our churches have been spent in Jarvis.

Come right along, we're look'n' for you.—S. W. Hutton.

TO MID-WEST CONFERENCE-ITES:

If I should meet you, what do you think my first question would be? If you had rendered service to your church since conference? I know you have a deep sense of appreciation of

the church that made it possible for you to attend the conference at Dalton, Missouri; but that would not be my first question.

I would ask, what personal help or enrichment that you have received out of that one week of conference fellowship and service? For I wonder if any normal young person could pass through such a week with no effect on his life. Many questions would come into my mind as I looked into your faces. But as I think of conference now, it seems to me that my first question would be **ARE YOU COMING BACK TO CONFERENCE?** Then I expect I would tell you all about conference dates—June 17th to 23rd; and place of meeting, Western University, Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. V. G. Smith, who will direct the conference, will have some good news to tell you soon about the low fee, etc. I am sure I would tell you to bring one more with you to conference this year.—Patrick H. Moss.

"HOLD THAT BRACE"

A few days ago I read this story, and thought about the young people of our church. The story runs:

When I was a youngster, my father was repairing the roof on the veranda. He gave me a brace to hold for a few minutes saying, "Now, don't let it go or you will let the porch roof down." I thought it was a joke. So after a moment, I eased up on the brace to see if the supporting beam would not hold of its own accord. Suddenly there was a crash. Down came the roof and by a miracle only, I escaped injury.

Young People and Local Leaders, you may think your share of responsibility for the Young People's Conference in the spring do not amount to much. But **REMEMBER!** You are holding a **BRACE**. You dare not let go. Every one of us **MUST SUPPORT OUR LOAD**. Youth is an outstanding feature of our program.



A CONFERENCE EXERCISE

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OAKWOOD BLVD. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

729 Oakwood Blvd.

Rev. T. B. Livingston, Pastor

As a fitting climax to the Lenten services that have been observed each Sunday during the Lenten season, the choir sang, "The Last Seven Words", by Dubois, on Good Friday evening under the direction of E. C. Welch and Mrs. Gertrude Jackson, organist. The soloists were, Mrs. E. C. Welch, soprano, Mr. Carl Wells, Bass and Mr. E. C. Welch, tenor.

"The Power of His Resurrection" was the subject of Brother Livingston's discourse Easter Sunday morning. It was delivered with such fervor and feeling that we are sure that everyone who heard it was inspired and more determined to live Christ-like and to do more for the advancement of His Kingdom. Brother and sister Keys, formerly of Greenwood, Miss., came forward and united with us.

On Sunday afternoon the W. M. S. with Mrs. Irene Abernathy as President rendered a special Easter program.

On April 7th at 8:15 p. m. the choir had its regular monthly Sunday evening musicale. The following artists appeared: Helen Robins White, soprano, Silvertone Quartette: Goldie Guy Martin, Pianist. The choir sang several selections. On April 17th the club of women with Mrs. Black as leader presented the "Chicago Women's Orchestra" with Mrs. Howard Harrison, cornetist and director.

Our pastor has been and is suffering with a severe case of rheumatism. We're glad to report that he is improved and we hope that pretty soon he will be entirely well.

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

A report of the Christian Missionary Convention of District No. 3 for the First Quarter 1929 was held with the 11th Street Christian Church, 11th and Avenue F., Birmingham, Ala.

The Bible School opened at 9 o'clock and was presided over by the district president, Mr. A. F. Jackson. It was lively and full of enthusiasm and inspiration. We find more time is needed for the Bible School work and this we agreed to give in our next meeting

More time and attention must be given to Youth if we expect them to play their part well in the future and make effective leaders.

The Church department was presided over by its president, Elder W. D. Johnson. The reports of the preachers and the delegates from the churches were very commendable. The sermon was given by Elder J. L. Beach. It was much enjoyed by all. Elder A. J. Jeffries reported for the 11th Street Christian Church. The report showed that the work is still on an upward trend with six confessions for the first quarter. We were made to feel there is a greater need for Evangelism in the Home Land and Foreign Fields.

At 3 o'clock a program was rendered by the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Maud Jackson is the president. The expressions from this program were like that made by the King at the Cana marriage feast. "The best was saved for the last."

The women of this district feel there is a part for them to play and they are launching out into the deep in Missionary Enterprise. The ministers have realized the women are no longer to work in the back-ground but by their sides in building up the Kingdom of our Master.

We were proud of the first report coming from our Young People's organization with Miss M. L. Adams as president. We have only three churches in our district. The finance from each department was good.

The total receipts for the day were \$55.38. The Love of Christ constrained us.

Mrs. A. M. Haygood, Reporter.

NOTICE TO THE CHURCHES

The constitution of the National Convention requests that each church represent with \$5.00 in the National Convention by paying it through the State Convention, District Convention, of \$5.00 may be sent direct to the Treasurer of the National Convention.

The officers of the State Conventions and the local pastors should keep this before the churches.

If each would make this needed contribution the expense of the convention would be cared for and a fund could be

created to help the Christian Plea.

J. E. WALKER, Treasurer,
234 Hernando Street
Memphis, Tennessee.

1929 NATIONAL CONVENTION IMPORTANT

The Thirtieth Annual National Christian Missionary convention of the Churches of Christ will be held in Winston-Salem, N. C., beginning Monday, August 26th, and running over the first Lord's day in September. There has never been a convention held in the history of our organization that is more important than this one. The distance is in reach of everybody. They can go by the way of Atlanta, Ga., by the way of Knoxville and Morristown, by the way of Roanoke, Va. and Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va., or by the way of Washington City. One of the most enterprising cities for our people that we've ever met in. We have four fine congregations of our brethren in that city and they are making every preparation to entertain us by the hundreds. A broad invitation has been extended to the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia to meet with us and have full fellowship.—Preston Taylor.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO THE READERS OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA:

I wish to say that the Cross Street Christian church of Little Rock is yet progressing in way of a building. I asked them to raise (during January and February) \$500.00 to apply on a building, and notwithstanding the hard winter they went over the top, raising almost \$600.00. I do believe they are tired of being out of doors.

Their zealousness and hard work has made it possible for us to begin a building and perhaps ere this is in print we will be working on its foundation.

We lament very much the accident that happened to Brother I. W. Dean who perhaps will lose an eye from a lick at the M. O. P. shops. We hope not however. Brother Dean is one of our red letter members.

You shall hear from me ere long.

Yours in His service,

M. M. BOSTICK, Pastor.

"ON TO WINSTON-SALEM," NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 26th,

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

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It may be seen, with the foregoing thought in mind, that a little **dissatisfaction** is sometimes a good "tonic" for us. It is possible to be too contented for one's personal interests. However, dissatisfaction should be reinforced with ability, competence, good home-made humor (not the cold-storage brand) courtesy, generosity, adaptability, flexibility, infinity, patience with an abundance of love sandwiched in between.

"In Counsel,—Safety"

"Without counsel purposes are dissatisfied; but in the multitudes of counsellors there is safety."

Few men can achieve success unaided; as a rule, the more responsibility one takes upon himself, and responsibility is usually taken or assumed rather than given,—the more and more dependent he becomes upon those below him. Men who attain great success are ably supplemented by the right kind of subordinates. Frequently **able subordinates** are capable and sometimes "guilty" of thinking for themselves. This need not generate friction. There can be both **perfect frankness** and courtesy, politeness and manliness. A dose of good humor will make our frankness more assimilable. Let us be frank and face facts, but also let us be Christ-like.

Through counsel we can avoid much duplication of effort and over-lapping of programs, work out a schedule of mutual service, delegate responsibilities, establish sympathetic understanding and bring about hearty cooperation and thus attain, with a much greater degree of certainty, many of our goals.

Increased Gifts Needed

It is distressing to note that, of all religious bodies, we, the Disciples of Christ who endeavor to follow in His foot-steps and pattern our lives after His, stand absolutely at the bottom when you come to **giving money** as a proof of our loyalty to the Christ. The statistics show that of 26 leading religious bodies, counting the various branches of the Baptist Methodists and Presbyterians each as one, the Disciples rank fourth in size.

However, we are at the bottom of the list, twenty-sixth, when you come to the matter of giving. Let us state two things:

1st. There are thousands who give absolutely nothing during the entire year for the Cause they **pretend to love** so well. Practically two-thirds of the members of every church are decidedly irregular in attendance, delinquent in support and indifferent about the future of the church. In other words: they are "shirkers", "parasites," just anything you wish to call them **except Christians**. These are the folk who are most displeased in every church. They seek "something for nothing" and never seem to **know** when they get it. To please them is impossible and it is sure folly to try. Much could be said to the **everlasting credit** of the church along this line.

Our records prove that the above conditions exist with individual churches as well as with individual members. That is to say, our churches are not setting very good examples for their own members. This is the tragedy of it.

Many of our best churches, as far as numbers and potential possibilities are concerned, are isolated, morooned within themselves. Many of them are not even endeavoring to reach their own communities with an effective program. They haven't a program for themselves nor any group of people about them. Is it any wonder these churches do not make progress? "People who try to get a monopoly on God soon go into "Spiritual Bankruptcy." There are two ways out of this predicament: One is to work out an adequate program to meet the needs of their respective communities in which the church is located. The other is to give the church a Passion for Missions.

Empty Formalism Ineffective

Most Disciples are fully aware of the importance of rightly entering the Kingdom. Sufficient **emphasis** has been laid on faith, **repentance, confession** and **baptism**. We know and admit the importance of these and the precise order of their sequence, but, does "true and undefiled religion before God" stop at this point?

The number of us who think that "good, old-time religion," after having taken the preliminary steps, consists of going to **church on Sunday, paying meager dues, and partaking of the communion**,—the number who think this way are far too many! We just simply **must not permit our-**

selves to utterly forget the **life and service** enjoyed by the teachings of Jesus. Religion to too many of us is mere empty formalism, even as was true with the Jews in the days of Jesus.

Regardless of our **soundness in Doctrine, our Scriptural relationship** to the rest of the religious world, or how securely we may think we have gotten into the Kingdom, how snugly our **Conventional garb** of outward performance of church duties may fit us, if we are unwilling (deep down in the secret recesses of our hearts,) within the reasonable limits of our abilities to measure up to the full requirements of the teachings of Jesus and "meet the obligations of real service which Christianity imposes upon us, of which **giving** is a very vital part, then we simply haven't the **spirit of Christ**. The basic fact to be remembered is that life and all its **possessions** have come from God and common **honesty** requires us to **return a part** of it to Him for the support of His work among men."

Christ Manifested in Lives

2nd. Our main trouble seems to be that **most of us are living under too high a pressure** with increasing and exacting demands in this day of the airplane, radio, International telephone, automobile, many forms of commercialized entertainment and countless other distractions. The combined demands of making a living and the wild rush for entertainment and pleasure are overshadowing the idea of **making a life count for Christ**. The Christ who came that our own lives might be fuller and richer; indeed that we might have the "more abundant life" is being crowded entirely out of our lives.

If the religion of our Lord, Christianity itself, means anything at all to us, if it is not a mere sham and pretense, if it is what the present conditions should be a real challenge to those of us who love the Christ to accept our Christian responsibilities. **Christianity** is not a religion of yesterday. It is a **living, vital religion** for the present, today, with its needs and problems; clashes of creeds and conflicts of races.

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SELF DENIAL WEEK, APRIL 28-MAY 5

Every Member of the Church is Asked To Observe it !

To the members of Our Churches:

The United Christian Missionary Society has reached a period in its history when immediate enlargement is imperative. The increased cost of operating at home and abroad, the urgent demand for expansion in every field, and the momentum by which it is caught up and swept on by the spirit of the time in which we live renders it powerless to fill its mission and imperils its existence unless reinforcements are forthcoming at once.

The Society has a definite mission to preach the gospel to the whole world. This is the task which it is summoned and for which alone it is equipped. Not its duty to define a creed or fix a faith. Its duty rather to present the picture of Christ's advancing Kingdom, a story more thrilling and more significant than any epic which the mind of man has conceived.

Our shibboleths must not stand in the way of the massing of all forces for the world's evangelization, nor must any barrier, however great, prevent the fulfilling of this mission. Retreat and compromise are forever impossible. Universal conquest or abject surrender are the only alternatives. The land has been surveyed, the field is mapped out, the strategic positions have been chosen, trained workers are in the field and the hour has come for the signal of swift advance along the whole front. A clear ringing challenge has come to the Disciples at home to match the courage and self-sacrifice of those on the firing lines of the world's frontier horizons.

William Carey said, "I will go down into the well if you will hold the rope." Our own undaunted and irrepressible Doctor Shelton stood on the rim of the world and said, "Come on,

boys." And a greater than these has said, "Go ye into all the world," and "Lo, I am with you always." Shall we, the Disciples of Christ in this God-blessed America, turn a deaf ear to this challenging call? Have we the faith and courage of our fathers, whose heroic self-sacrifice has made possible our rich heritage? Will we go up at once and take the land, or will it be necessary for God to raise up another people to carry out the great commission of our Lord?

As plain as were the signs that culminated in the advent of our Lord, so clear are the facts that God has given to the Disciples of today the challenging summons, the divine call and the glorious opportunity to win the world for our Redeemer. We have the message. We have the men. We have the money. Why is it that we do not advance at the command of our conquering hero and take the world for God?

This mission work is a matter of money and money does not come without pressure. Love is the pressure we need. Nothing is too hard for love. Love plans and plods and prays and succeeds when everything else fails. Love can pay our debts and keep them paid. We may not figure out how, but love knows how and will do it. Oh, that a genuine revival of old-time religion might sweep through our hearts. Then our troubles at home and abroad would soon be at an end. It leads men to pray and pay for the coming Kingdom of our Lord. If we could get close to God that our hearts would be warmed by divine love this generation would see the gospel preached throughout the world.

Brethren, this is God's work. It will be done some day. God means that it shall be done. He does not sit behind a veil of second causes, careless of His

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THE CRITICAL NEED OF THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

(Statement made in an Executive Report to the Executive Committee of the United Christian Missionary Society, at its March 1929 meeting.)

The urge of the proposed Self-Denial Week is beginning to assert itself. The strong statement of the executive committee, authorized at the last meeting, has been sent out. The undertaking has brought a helpful spiritual note into the special prayer services and other meetings at headquarters. The personal fellowship and participation at the mission rooms in the self-denial commitments, has been both reverent and joyous and the response from the field force here in America is showing the same spirit. Last November a letter was sent to all the distant mission fields mentioning the tentative plans for Self-Denial Week and recently a cable has gone to each field, telling of the call of the executive committee and setting forth the very serious financial needs. Already there have been earnest responses from many quarters. The two stations in Mexico have begun plans for Self-Denial Week both in Churches and Schools. The congregation at Bolenge, Africa, has begun months ahead to plan its participation. The matter has caught fire in India, in spite of semi-famine conditions. In some cases this will mean laying aside a portion of the regular food supply each day. The need of the mother Society in the face of her great world responsibilities is stirring the hearts of her children across the world. The correspondence and conferences with the pastors on the part of the promotional department has just begun. The response has been immediate and enthusiastic.

Mr. McCormick is sending a statement to the churches which frankly tells of the destruction which will come to the work

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MAKE-WAY FOR YOUTH

V. Christian Endeavor Society
Organization

A live Christian Endeavor is the sign of youthful nerve and life in a Church but it requires careful organization and motivation.

A president, a secretary and a treasurer perform for this organization what they did for the Church school department. They carry the load of the organization duties. Their offices are too well known to need repetition here.

The committee form a very important element in the success of the society. The Executive Committee is composed of the officers and the chairman of the committees. All business should clear thru this committee and come to the society from th's clearing house. All officers should make their reports and all committees submit their plans ere the Society gets an opportunity to act thereon.

The Membership Committee, headed by the secretary of the organization, should keep up with the attendance of members, recognize and acknowledge visitors, work for new members, investigate absentees, visit the sick and be in charge of publicity.

The Financial Committee headed by the treasurer has charge of making the budgets asking and spending; launching the financial campaign; following up the special efforts and recommending in season expenditures.

The Program Committee has the duty of planning the program, selecting leaders, giving out topics, posting leaders and topics for a period of three months in a public place. This committee should meet every week and make out the program in detail two weeks in advance. The membership committee should meet twice monthly and the rest monthly.

Procedure

On the first Sunday of the month all the routine business should be called for and the membership roll corrected as far as possible. Attendance is taken by calling of the roll for verses.

A prepared worship program planned by the program committee and executed by the young people should precede each meeting, occupying about fifteen minutes.

A study period of ten minutes on some book or subject under different or one person is next. This study subject should be connected from week to week.

The opening of the topic by the leader and the prepared talks should not take longer than ten or fifteen minutes, with an open forum following for about the same length of time to conclude the program. A five minute closing period, in which the offering is taken if it was not received in the worship period, marks the end of

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SELF DENIAL WEEK

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world. He is here. He will go with us as we go. The gospel must be preached throughout all the earth. And it will be done as soon as we learn to love.

Victory is certain. Of this there is no doubt. The word of the Omnipotent God is pledged to this world. The question for us is, "Shall we have part in the rejoicing of that hour?" We are passing through the acid test today. Are we willing to drink of the cup and be baptized with the baptism?

At this critical moment, when tremendous responsibilities confront us as members of the executive committee, we appeal first of all, to the ministers of this great Brotherhood—as faithful a body of men as ever lived. They are the ambassadors of Christ world. He is here. He will go and share with us the responsibility of this task. A clarion blast from the pulpits of America would awaken the sleeping and shake the world for God.

A week of self-denial has been appointed—April 28 to May 5. Every secretary and the entire office force of the United Society, and every member of the executive committee will have part in the offering of this week. The Disciples of Christ, to the last man, woman and child, are asked to share in the sacrifice which the hour demands. Souls are dying without Christ. Missionaries have given up all to carry the bread of life to the starving millions. "The fields are white unto harvest." The challenge is impelling. Shall we accept it, or shall we be found wanting? Jesus expects every Disciple among us to do his duty. Let us not disappoint Him. The answer to this challenge may settle the destiny of nations and decide the fate of the Disciples of Christ. "The victory may depend on you."

Every member of the Church asked to observe it!

an hour and a quarter of helpful Christian Endeavor expressional activity.

The service element of C. E. will appear in a later article.

CRITICAL NEED OF MISSIONARY WORK

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everywhere, if the deficiency in giving of last year is not recovered.

We not only feel that our people will give the extra amount when they know the need, but that a period of real self-denial will start new spiritual tides in our brotherhood. A week of very plain living and self-forgetfulness, together with high thinking and earnest prayer for great needs in America and abroad, may prove to be what is most needed to bring our devotion abreast of the Easter ideals and evangelistic gatherings. A few years ago the Shelton Memorial love offering called out almost unanimous participation on the part of our missionary churches. If the same enlistment can be secured for the present great need, which touches vitally every part of the enterprise throughout the world, it will save the day for the work and bring courage and hope to every worker far and near.

The deficit of the Society has come about through factors which every mission board in America has faced. In the final analysis and simply put, these factors are two. In the first place the expense of missionary work everywhere, in keeping with changed economic conditions over the same period has only slightly increased. The adjustment to higher cost of religious work has been made in connection with the churches and general religious work at home, because we were face to face with the problem and had to meet the issue. The missionary work, being farther removed, has had painfully to await the time of readjustment. The Society, unwilling to close and destroy the work built up across so many years, and believing that the churches would rally to this necessary increase in giving, has been under the necessity of borrowing increased amounts with which to carry on the work.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

Not Rights, But Obligations; Not Privileges, But Duty

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

No race of people have ever been thrust into such a strategic position as are the Negroes of America. When they came to America, unwillingly it is true, they were thrust into the best of our common labor, farming. When they were freed they were thrust on the right side of the controverted questions, the missionary side of our problems. When they were given their citizenship they were thrust into civilization building, the work of building schools. Now when they are entering the third generation of freedom they are thrust into the great moral problems of our day, prohibition and outlawry of war. It seemed that the elements of nature were battling for them.

Now what greater folly could be committed than for the educated Christian Negro to begin to battle for his rights? It looks like a desecration of divine privileges. Let the Negro of America forget the word rights and begin to discharge his duty in the things where he is free to act, and the next generation will see him among the great of the earth. The American Negro who has had the benefits of the Missionary School has on him tremendous obligations and if he discharges them no power under heaven can keep him from greatness. But if he neglects them, and begins to clamor for rights, he will slip back in the scale where it will take centuries for him to extricate himself.

The Negro now has a monopoly of the common labor. This insures him a strong physical being and a skill in the arts that has made other nations strong. For nearly forty years, schools like Tuskegee, Utica, and S. C. I. have held farmers' meetings to direct the attention of the people to these fundamental things of life. But the fruit from these meetings was never abundant. The people mistrusted that it was a means of keeping something from them that they needed. A few profited, but only a few. If they had gone to work in dead earnest they could by now be so skillful in farming that they could just shake a stick at the ground and it would yield abundantly. If they had saved their money in bank accounts they would

now be able to buy up millions of acres that does not yield enough by the old plantation method to pay the taxes. Ten thousand acres of the best land about Edwards can now be bought by colored farmers.

There is a kind of right that makes a man all powerful and no man can take it from him. It is not political rights, not even civic rights. It is the right that comes to a man who can do what the world needs and cannot get elsewhere. Why are we talking so much about Mahatma Ghandi? He is swaying the minds of two hundred millions of people and yet he has no political rights. Why was it that the whole civilized world knew more of Booker T. Washington than it knew of Theodore Roosevelt? He was doing a job that no one else seemed to be able to do. If the American Negro now throws himself into the task of making America great in the things that God calls great—and he has abundant opportunity to do it—he will not need to worry about rights. Before me hangs a picture showing the Jews clamoring for the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus had no rights at all there, but he was making himself master of all mankind. The man who clamors for rights for rights' sake, loses them. The man who fulfills his obligations is gaining a right that transcends all human rights. The man who does his duty in the things where he can act need not seek for privileges. The longest way around is often the shortest way home. Just now many of our papers are crying out against the president's policy of reorganizing the party in the South. They are mistaken. A reorganized party such as he is contemplating cannot exist long without coming to all the people irrespective of race for aid. Moses seemed to be going against his interests when he renounced his inheritance of the Pharaohs, but he inherited a kingdom of such greatness that the Pharaohs would now be entirely forgotten if it had not been for Moses. What we now need is unselfish service for mankind. We must make a better world to hand to our children than our fathers handed to us.

GENUINE SPRINGTIME IS DOING ITS BEST

The Griffins, Bowers, Hughes and Magowans
Are making the thing go round and round
The 12th Street Church put the battle on

And called to their aid a Kentucky Son.

This loyal crew the vision see
And the Master will give us victory

The City Folk as the cities do
Have "a thousand and one" useless things to do.

I'm chasing you, while you chase me
Like squirrels round the old oak tree

If one could stop and "ketch" his breath
But doubtless he would get "done to death."

We might somehow evade this thing
Of speeding up in this endless ring.

But as Lincoln said to his neighbor Sykes
"Who likes this thing is the thing he likes."

So on we go sparing brawn nor brain
In the endless round of the endless chain.

But 'mongst it all we find the time
To deliver the message and pen this rhyme.

The Washington people are a generous band
Showing utmost respect to the "Out of Town Man."

C. H. Dickerson.

NOTICE !

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SELF-DENIAL WEEK AND NEARNESS TO GOD

No call is more needed by our churches than a call for self-denial. Everyone who has given the self-denial week, April 28 to May 5, serious consideration has been impressed by its spiritual value. There has been a general feeling that the members of our churches need to be brought face to face with a call to real and definite sacrifice. Of course, many will not heed this call any more than they will heed the call to remember Christ week by week at the Bible school workers, missionary organization leaders and ministers who will unite with the 2,300 workers of the United Society family and with the Executive Committee to make a deep and vital impression on the life of our brotherhood. In addition to these, right in the heart of the churches of our brotherhood there are literally hundreds of consecrated men and women not having official position who will join with their leaders in this. They will loyally face the question as to whether or not they would rather maintain the preaching of the gospel of Christ at home and abroad than to have some of the luxuries and even some of the ne-

cessities in their homes and lives. The observance of this period of self-denial will mean that the membership of our church will be drawn nearer to the Master who says, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST DARE NOT FAIL NOW

The missionary and benevolent enterprises of the Disciples of Christ carried on through the United Christian Missionary Society are in great danger because of two conditions:

Increased Cost of Work

First, this work has grown and thus becomes more expensive since it was taken over from the six old boards. And then the cost of carrying on the same sized piece of work has increased not only in the home land but on every foreign field. High cost has hit everywhere.

Insufficient Receipts and Increased Deficit

At the same time the receipts for this work have increased only slightly. Feeling certain that our people, if they knew the need, would not want to beat a retreat and abandon work that had been built up across the years at the cost of much money and human life, the executive committee of the United Society borrowed funds to continue the work until our people could be acquainted with the facts. But this course cannot be pursued any further lest the deficit become a burden that will break the morale of the workers.

Self-Denial May Save Soul of

Brotherhood

Because of the danger to the work from lack of sufficient funds the period from April 28 to May 5 has been designated as Self-Denial Week, when special sacrificial gifts will be made to save Christ's work. This self-denial appeal was sent first to the 2,300 workers of the Society round the world, and they are making a most cheerful and generous response from both home and foreign fields. All secretaries and other officers of the Society headquarters group signed a self-denial fellowship covenant to give a week's salary—some going even beyond this—and as a result there is already heard a new note of more joyous living and deeper spiritual experience among these folk at the Missions Building in Indianapolis. Like results will certainly follow throughout the brotherhood in proportion as our people deny themselves in order to meet the desperate needs of Christ's cause. And unquestionably our souls are in as

great need of sacrificial fellowship with Him as the kingdom is of the funds we can thus provide.

We lacked \$138,000 of being able to care for our work during the missionary year ending June 30, 1928. We, therefore, had to borrow that much and add it to the deficit in the general fund. Our financial report as of January 1, 1929, indicates that we shall receive \$30,000 less this year from released bequests, either directly or through the old boards. In addition, we must carry the added interest charge on the \$138,000 borrowed. This indicates that we shall need \$175,000 increase in receipts this year. July 1, 1928, we cut the work \$114,000. If we cut an additional \$175,000 this year, it will mean a total cut of \$289,000 in two years. It was difficult to the point of sacrifice, both of money and of life, to build up this work.

What such drastic cutting of the work would mean:

Consider what the cut would mean if it were made in one department. For example, if the \$289,000 were cut from our foreign work, it would mean the closing of:

All of our work in Africa...\$88,769.91
All of our work in India... 138,908.11
All of our work in South America ..
..... 44,360.08

and yet the cut would not be completed. This would mean the recalling of every missionary, the dismissal of every native worker, the turning back of the children in our orphanages and schools to non-Christian influence.

To illustrate further, if we were to cut \$289,000 out of our Home Mission and Benevolent work, it would mean the cutting off of:

Our Church Maintenance....\$32,593.71
Our Jarvis Christian Institute.24,449.41
Our Southern Christian Institute ..
..... 18,400.04
Our Japanese work13,751.48
Our Mexican work..... 17,156.75
Our Indian work..... 10,635.25
Our Evangelistic program....14,269.59
Our St. Louis Christian Orphans'
Home..... 44,093.44
Our Cleveland Christian Home.27,638.16
Our Colorado Christian Home...
..... 8,879.40
Our Juliette Fowler Home... 30,041.73

Even so, the cut would not be completed by this wholesale destruction of our work.

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NEWS

Spring not only is letting us know of her arrival in the twittering of the birds, the peepery of the hyacinths and jonquils, but in the "pep" and smiling faces of the 23 that met in the Missionary Society of Woodland Avenue Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri, at the home of Sister Monroe, 2518 Euclid Avenue.

After the usual routine of opening and regular business with the President presiding, the pleasant rivalry with its fun and good natural humor began between the groups for dues and new members. Group No. 3 led with \$2.85 followed closely by group number 2 with an offering of \$1.80. Group No. 1 brought up the rear guard with \$1.50.

The program was sponsored by group No. 3. It was greatly enjoyed. It was as follows: Song—"More About Jesus", The Society; Scripture, Luke 10:29-37, Mrs. C. E. Craggett; Song "Where Jesus Goes", The Society; Discussion—"Missionary Welcome in India", Mrs. Hazel Moore; Solo, "If a Christian Meets a Christian", Elder C. E. Craggett; Discussion "Mohammed or Christ in India", Mrs. Ernestine Wilson; Solo, "Throw Out the Life Line", Mr. T. E. Hayes; Discussion, "Survey of India" Elder Craggett; Solo, Mr. William White; Discussion—"What the New Plan means to India", Mrs. C. E. Craggett; Remarks, Elder William Alphin, Miss, Bessie Chandler and Miss Circuit.

The music was unique as it was furnished by the men. The first two papers were by visitors who later took membership.

The social side was brought up by group number two, under Mrs. Deetsy B. Gray's supervision. She really knows how to "put over" games and social "stunts". We screamed with laughter just as a set of school kids would be expected to do. We played "going to London town" and "Nobody's Dog was ever talked about as was Napoleon's dog". I won't say just how one of the visitors described it,—you should have been there.

Group number one cared for the eats. It was a most tasty repast. We came to the end of perfect evening about 11:45, having had a "howling good time."

President, Mrs. Ethel Dyson
Secretary, Mrs. O. Drayden
Reporter, Mrs. Mary Brown.

WOODLAND AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Woman's Day was observed Sunday, March 1st with three special services promoted by the Willing Workers Club. A Pew Rally was the feature of the day. The collection amounted to \$151.20.

The Bible School gave a St. Patrick's Day party at the home of Miss Martha Jackson. Guests were given Irish names and Irish games were played and enjoyed by all.

A pageant on the suffering Savior was given on Sunday evening, March 17th. This service culminated a series of sermons preached by Elder Craggett on "The Cross of Christ".

The Missionary Society observed Easter week of prayer. On Wednesday Elder Gray preached; the meeting was well attended and full of interest.

The rain and storm did not keep the "faithful few" from attending the Sunrise prayer meeting which was enjoyed by all. The church was beautifully decorated by the teachers of the Bible School.

After two weeks' stay in Cincinnati, Ohio, with the Kenyon Avenue Christian Church in a revival meeting we were glad to welcome our pastor home. In the absence of the pastor, Elder Sparks and Elder Gray preached.

The Missionary Society presented the Cecelia Quartet in its first public program on April 5th at the church. A very pleasing program was rendered. Special features were: The Sinner and the Song, in which several members of the Missionary took part. It was well rendered and well received. The members of the quartette are Mrs. Nettie Jackson, Mrs. Katherine Jones, Mrs. Josephine Brashears, and Mrs. Ina Giles.

Men's day was observed Sunday, April 14th. Three special programs were planned; the Men's chorus sang. A number of men from other churches sang with the men of our church. Mr. William Jones directed the choruses.

Elder G. R. Terry, pastor of the Church in Mayfield, Ky., was a visitor.

Visitors Sunday, April 10th: Elder William Alphin, pastor of the church in St. Louis spent the day with his wife and mother last month. Members and friends were glad to greet these visitors.

Our Evangelistic Meeting began on April 15th. Elder R. H. Davis, pastor of the Kenyon Avenue Church of Cin-

cinnati, Ohio, is doing the preaching.

The evening services brought to a close one of our greatest days with a soul-stirring message by Dr. Taylor. Many wept audibly for joy. Our total offering for these 3 days' efforts was \$86.00. We wish to thank our friends and members who gave us such unselfish and loyal support and pray God's blessings on the Church and our wonderful pastor. May he live long and do much good.

NEWS FROM THE QUEEN CITY OF OHIO—CINCINNATI

Richard H. Davis, Pastor

On Easter Sunday, March 31, we closed one of our most successful pre-Easter evangelistic campaigns. Elder C. E. Craggett, pastor of the Woodlawn Avenue Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri, was our evangelist.

On Easter Sunday seven persons were buried with their Lord and Savior through the ordinance of Baptism. There were two men over 40 years of age, one white lady, a student at the University of Cincinnati and former teacher at Tugaloo College, Miss., one boy ten years of age and three girls between the ages of eleven and fourteen.

There were one hundred and twenty persons in attendance at the Sun Rise service. Our church has been lifted to a higher plane of spiritual vision and a deeper consecration of Christian living through the earnest and masterly sermons of Elder Craggett. I recommend him to any minister and church who need a fine Christian gentleman and spiritual dispenser of the Gospel of Christ.

On Sunday morning, April 7th, we had three additions. We have had approximately 225 additions since October 1, 1928.

Our school of Religious Education, under the direction of Attorney Jessie D. Locker and his corps of teachers, is moving forward.

It is our definite aim and sincere desire to raise and remit our full quota of our National Apportionment before June 30th.

BLUEFIELD, WEST VA.

Elder I. H. Smith, Pastor

Our work at the Second Christian Church moved on nicely. Prof. P. H. Moss and Miss Bessie Chandler visited our town and church the 10th and 11th of March. Their addresses stirred our churches and Sunday schools. Prof. Moss preached for the Second (Concluded on page seven, col. 1)

"Meet Us At Winston-Salem, Monday, Aug. 26th, 1929 at 8 P. M."

AN APPEAL FOR MISSIONS

We are exceedingly anxious to have each member receive this great appeal as a personal request to the extent that he will feel responsible for the success or failure of this effort on the part of the Brotherhood.

The successful maintenance of our entire work including our schools,—Jarvis, Piedmont, S. C. I., Lincoln Ridge Bible Chair, our Evangelistic Program, our Missionary Pastoral Program for weak churches, the successful operation of The Christian Plea and all of our Mission work both at home and abroad depends upon your Self Denial Gift.

This bit of information will doubtless help you to realize what your gift will do for Christ and help send the gospel to the ends of the earth:

\$100.00 will support a native teacher in Tibet or a native evangelist in Africa two years.

\$50.00 will preach the Gospel in Africa, support an orphan or Bible woman in Africa or India, keep a boy or girl in school in Africa for one year.

\$10.00 will give a fidelity share in the operation of Jarv's Christian College, Southern Christian Institute, Piedmont Christian Institute, Bible chair, Lincoln Ridge, Ky., or a mountain school, or in any of our work in the home or foreign field.

\$5.00 will support an orphan or native evangelist in Africa or India for 36 days, keep a boy or girl in school in Africa for a month, or provide loving care for an aged person or orphan in the home land for a week.

\$1.00 will preach the Gospel in Africa, support an orphan in Africa or India, or a nurse in India for 1 week support a bed in a hospital in any field, a stereoptican in Japan, or medical assistant in Africa for 2 weeks, or furnish food for 1 person in an orphanage or home for the aged for 5 days, or it will cure a case of yaws.

SELF DENIAL WEEK

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Of course, this cut would not be made in one department. The \$114,000 cut already made did not close a mission field, an orphan's home or a home missionary institution. It did close institutions on the mission fields, call home missionaries, turn away aged people and close the door on orphan children.

From the beginning it has been necessary to borrow to carry on the work. On July 1, 1924, the deficit in the

general fund amounted to \$356,000. The deficit campaign reduced this to \$141,000, but by July 1, 1928, it had increased to \$498,000. This is a net increase of \$142,000 in the past four years.

It is true that it has taken nine years for the deficit to grow to a net of \$498,000 as of July 1. It is true that part of this deficit was inherited from the old boards. It is true that this deficit was created in earning for the work of six national boards having assets of over \$12,000,000. It is true that it is not as large a deficit as the deficits carried by the missionary boards of other churches. But it is just as true that this deficit is deadening in its effect on the work. The work can not go forward carrying such a dead weight. Surely a prayerful consideration of the needs of the work would lead one to feel that not another cent should be added to the deficit intentionally.

To meet this serious situation, our present Executive Committee voted to issue a call to our people to observe the week of April 28 to May 5 as Self-Denial Week. The secretaries of the Society and the Executive Committee are themselves leading out in this self-denial by contributing a week's income. Already the call has gone to the entire United Society family of workers around the world and the response has been instant and enthusiastic. One missionary sent in a check for \$100.00 and asked that in addition a month's salary be applied to this self-denial program. Another missionary is contributing two months' income. One of our workers in America, who had heard about this, wrote in: "I am so happy to hear of the plan for Self-Denial Week. I am asking that you see that \$50.00 is pledged for me." This is almost two weeks' income for this worker.

This self-denial must be an individual matter:

Self denial must not be made a church, a Sunday school, a woman's society, a Christian Endeavor, or as an organizational matter of any kind. It is an individual matter. Will you as an individual, enter into this self-denial fellowship? It must be real self denial. It must be over and above all your other giving if it is to help. Are you ready to give up some luxury, or even some necessity, that Christ's work may be sustained? The question is, do I, in my heart, believe that it is more important to keep the gospel of Christ going than I have some of

the things which I do have in my home and life? Jesus said "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Are you as an individual, ready to follow?

Many will fellowship with Christ in This self-denial.

It is true, some will not follow. Some will not heed Christ's invitation to remember Him at the table of the Lord. Many will follow. There are enough Bible School workers, woman's workers and ministers who will join the 2,300 United Society workers and the Executive Committee in this fellowship of self-denial to make sure that our work will not be destroyed. Also, there are a sufficient number of consecrated members in our churches who are not in places of leadership who will enter heartily into this self-denial to save the work if they know the facts.

The Greatest Christian Joy

Here is a testimony of one who has already entered into the fellowship. He says, "When this proposition came to me as an individual, I thought about the matter and faced my Christ, I was led to go far beyond the week and I found great pleasure in this giving. My experience leads me to believe that there is spiritual joy and spiritual culture for any man or any woman who will face the entering into this fellowship with a true and loyal heart and who in spite of obstacles and personal problems, which are many and great, will win through to victory for Christ. This self-denial for the sake of our work, widely entered into, will bring a spiritual blessing to our brotherhood.

Having Joined, Will You Share With Others?

Having joined the fellowship, will you pass on the information to others? Will you ask the members of your family to join, the members of your church to join? Will you write to your friends, wherever they may be, and give them the opportunity which has come to you, and many the joy that passes understanding be yours and may the love and fellowship of Christ, whose you are and whom you serve, be with and abide with you and yours in all your way.

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BLUEFIELD, WEST VA.

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Church, of which I am pastor, at 11 o'clock bringing a great message. At the same hour Miss Bessie Chandler addressed the Sunday School and church of which Brother M. C. Chambers is pastor. Both of the distinguished visitors spoke at the Second Church in the afternoon, to a large crowd.

They visited South Bluefield Christian Church in the evening. Monday they left for Tazewell, Va., visiting the Midway Church of Christ, of which our good friend, Brother G. M. Dickerson is pastor. There the visitors stirred the church. From Tazewell they took train for Floyd, Va. This community will not soon forget these messengers. They did not have Penn-broke on their visiting list this trip.

We organized a group meeting among these churches on the 6th day of December 1928, at the Graham Church, S. H. Smith, President. Elder M. C. Chambers, vice president; Sister Ocie M. Preos, secretary; Elder C. M. Dickerson, treasurer; Elder G. M. Dickerson, business manager and field agent. The meetings have been arranged to meet quarterly at the different churches in this community. The purpose of the organization is to evangelize the community, re-open closed church-doors, revive the sleepy and unconcerned churches, and to help encourage each church and preacher in his field. Our first regular meeting was with the church at Tazewell. We had a good meeting and we were well entertained. Our next meeting will be held at Second Church, Bluefield, W. Va., April 17th instant.

The Second Church will begin the revival on the 12th of May.

We would suggest that the Christian Plea carry the names and addresses of the pastors so when someone wants to correspond with them it could be done. I would like to get the address of Elder R. E. Hancock, whom I have written twice at Covington, Ky., but can't hear from him. I shall be glad to make reports of this field from time to time to the Plea. I shall soon send in my subscription to it.

When you drop down our way, whether you are member, preacher or friend, stop at the Second Christian Church, 201 Reese Street, Bluefield, W. Va., We live right at the church. If any members visiting this city from any of our churches, we would ask their home pastor to notify them to visit our churches and services. If any are living here notify me of their location and advise them to fall in line with the church.

JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

Bolton Street Christian Church

Dr. G. W. Taylor, Pastor

Miss Viola Spencer, Reporter

Our church is finding its way to timely success under the leadership of its present pastor, Dr. G. W. Taylor, who is a very efficient and capable preacher. He has a little band of faithful co-workers. We have put on a great financial drive headed up by Elder Julius Henry. Our drive began March 13-17.

The pastors and good membership of the two Baptist and Presbyterian Churches gave us a splendid support. These churches are under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Skoffs, McDowell and G. W. Session, McDowell and G. W. Session of the Presbyterian church. Miss Dorothy Mae Holt of the F. D. High School. Miss Holt was Mistress of ceremonies. Sunday brought our efforts to a close with fine attendance and interest manifested throughout the day. The Bible School was unusually good in attendance, interest and \$5.89 offering.

At 11 A. M. the pastor occupied the pulpit to great credit to himself and his hearers. Two were added. At 3:30 Dr. Holmes of the white Christian Church brought us a great message which filled our hearts to overflowing. He also gave us a liberal donation.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS

From Missionary Circle

Dear Editor:

I am glad to have a chance to say a word in The Christian Plea:

Jesus said: "I came not to call the Righteous, but sinners to repentance." When the enemies of Jesus said he was a sinner's friend, they meant to cast reproach upon him but they unintentionally spoke a gracious truth. Jesus always had a good word for the sinner. He was the sinner's friend. He was constantly found befriending erring man, a helper of the weak, a lover of the out-cast.

Jesus did not come seeking the Righteous the wise nor the great all of whom are satisfied with themselves, but they came seeking to save those who were OUT-CASTS, whose lives were miserable wrecks who had drifted upon the treacherous sea of time who had been thrown away by a hypocritical world.

After all love is best measured by the sacrifices it makes. The love of Jesus was measured by "the old rugged cross" of Calvary. He did not commission some one else, but came himself and gave His life for the life of the world. He died for sinners, so ought every Christian be willing to give of his substance, his means, time

energies and very life for soul-saving.

S. C. I.

NEWS NOTES

The Baseball team has won only half of its games to date. The first two were played with Piney Woods and were easy wins. The second two games were played at Alcorn. Alcorn was at least worried, and was glad she had her former professional pitcher back in school.

Professor Long and President Lehman represented Mt. Beulah at the Religious Workers' Conference held at Park University recently. Nearly fifty Negro schools were represented from all over the country. President Lehman read a paper at one of the sessions which was very well received. Professor Long preached in the pulpit of Brother Preston Taylor at his Sunday morning services.

Beulah is the name of our new bus. She is a Chevrolet truck with a very attractive enclosed body on it which was built on our own campus. It made its first trip when the boys went to Alcorn.

We are very happy to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frost are members of the faculty now. The annex has been remodeled by them into a very comfortable home. Edward and J. are enrolled in school. Mr. Frost has charge of the garden, the cattle and the hogs.

The choir presented a very beautiful musical program at the morning church service on Easter Sunday. They went to the Friendship Baptist church that evening and gave the same program to a very large and appreciative audience.

The Mt. Beulah Orchestra is making splendid progress under the excellent direction of Professor Klaiss. There are seventeen pieces in the orchestra at the present time. Most of the players were unable to play a note at the beginning of the year. Professor Klaiss plays the violin real well, and has played it and other instruments in several orchestras and bands. We are fortunate in having him to develop our organization for us.

The Missionary organization under the direction of Mrs. Hobart entertained its members at an unusually attractive social event recently. The social was held in the Home Economic rooms which were very beautifully decorated for the occasion. A number of interesting missionary games were played. When refreshments were served we had to go to Africa, China and Japan to get them. Booths in three corners represented these countries, and

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**MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, April 21 was a high day at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church of which Elder Blair T. Hunt is pastor.

Prof. J. B. Lehman, president of the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., was a very distinguished guest at the morning service, and brought to the congregation the message of the hour, which needless to say, was timely and eloquently delivered.

The attendance was good, and the excellent music rendered by the choir lifted one to great spiritual heights.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Sister S. L. Bostick, Reporter

DEAR EDITOR:

We wish to say to all who are interested in the North Little Rock Church that we are now looking forward to owning a fine house of worship. We have been looking forward to a building for many years. Several efforts to build have failed. Finally Eld. M. M. Bostick has succeeded in organizing the membership into two clubs led by Elder Sash and Elder M. M. Bostick as Captains. The goal was \$500.00. The early returns showed \$365.00 had been raised. No one doubts the complete success of our Campaign.

Our Easter week of prayer was a wonderful success and was greatly enjoyed by all the churches taking a part in it. The good women of the various churches manifested great interest. We observed the "Sun Rise prayer and meeting" on Lord's Day morning. This gave us a fine start for the day and made it possible for us to carry out our program successfully. Brother J. W. Williams was at his best at the 11:00 services. He spoke of the greatness of the love manifested on this day. The early Disciples were unafraid because they knew God was with them. This is the only way for us to succeed. We must have God with us, then too, we will be unafraid.

The offering for the Society was \$8.00 the General Fund \$2.00 plus a pledge of \$2.25 making a total of \$12.25. Those who gave were as follows: Mrs. S. L. Bostick \$1.15; Eld. J. W. Williams \$1.00; Brother John Harris, Sisters Rosa Honey and Sarah Beeson and Brother Cooper Hill each gave \$1.00. Several others gave from 35 cents down to 10 cents making a grand total of \$8.00. We have a small congregation but they are faithful workers and we are proud of them. Brother R. S. Ashe and family led the church offering a very fine sacrificial spirit. Let others do as they have done,—that is, sacrifice for the Cause.

SCOTT, ARK.

Mrs. T. R. Moore, Reporter

On Easter Day the Oak Grove Christian Church, number 2, had quite an enjoyable time. Our Sunday School was conducted by Brother T. R. Moore, the superintendent at the usual hour, after which we received an interesting sermon. The offering was \$6.52.

The Easter Program was conducted by the writer. It was considered very fitting for the day. Two of our special musical numbers were: A chorus "He arose from the Dead" and a duett, "They Crucified My Savior and Nailed Him to the Cross."

Quite a number witnessed the program and everyone went away seemingly much benefitted.

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

W. Main Street Church

Elder S. Kennly, Pastor

We are glad to report our church is in a very prosperous condition. Our newly chosen pastor, Elder S. Kennly, of Winston Salem, N. C., has the work well in hand and all departments are moving along nicely.

We have just closed a two hundred dollar drive in which we went over the top. Mesdames Sarah Stewart and Mamie Taylor were the hustling leaders who led the church over the top.

The Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. W. A. Scott, president, is now pushing its program. They successfully sponsored the observance of the National Negro Health Week, in a city wide program including representatives of all churches, schools and uplift organizations. It also included city and health workers, and the Red Cross nurse. It was indeed a great meeting, full of information and interest.

The Willing Workers Club, Mrs. Spurgeon, President, is doing a splendid work.

Elder A. J. Washington of Winston-Salem, occupied the pulpit all day Sunday in the absence of the pastor. The congregation enjoyed his sermons and hopes he will return again soon.

**CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

St. Louis, Mo.

The entertainment given by the Sunday School was quite a success. The scriptural cake alone netted quite a bit.

The Ladies Aid was entertained by Mrs. Ruth Flowers. The Sunday School Worker's conference was well attended. Easter program was arranged and successfully carried out.

Sunday was family day; the weather was very inclement, still each family was well represented.

Deacon's day program was well carried out. Young Deacon Lyons made the best financial report and

Deacon Flowers the best attendance report.

Our Women's Day program went over the top both financially and in attendance. How we did make the men ashamed! We were glad to have Prof. Bogus, one of the teachers in Vashon High School to take membership with us. Our pastor spent a few days in Kansas City with his family. Quite a few visitors worshipped with us on last Lord's Day.

W. M. Alphin, Pastor,
A. F. Mitchell, Reporter.

BRISTOL, TENN.

Elder G. C. Dyre, Pastor

We were glad to have Elder D. W. Bradley of Rogerville, Tenn., pay us a visit. He delivered a most excellent sermon. It greatly helped the church at large.

Brother Bradley received a minister and his good wife into the fellowship and service of the Church. He was also ordained and is now pastoring the church and is doing a great work.

The auxiliaries of the church are doing splendid work. The Men's Individual Club, The Home Mission Club and the young folk of the Christian Endeavor are combining their efforts to put over a great program for Christ and His Church.

"Where there is work that must be done
Where there is a cause that must be won

To our churches we must go
Where love and charity overflow
And they never answer No."

JONESBORO, TENN.

Elder E. M. Hale, Pastor

Bethel Christian Church is progressing nicely under the pastorate of Elder E. M. Hale.

Mr. John Latture is the leading spirit in their great big Sunday School of which they are all justly proud.

S. C. I. NEWS NOTES

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the food served there was such as would be found in these countries, and was served in native fashion. Students and teachers alike declared it the most enjoyable social event of the year.

Another social event was given in the Library last week by Miss Monahan. The college students and faculty were the guests. It was an informal get-together in honor of the Frosts. A very delightful punch was served, and an Easter Egg hunt was enjoyed by all. It was a very delightful occasion.

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"AS THE EDITOR SEES IT."

PRINCE A. GRAY, JR.
Kansas City, Mo.

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CHRIST MANIFESTED IN LIVES

To our utter amazement we find that the church of the true and living God is hardly able to hold its own today, and in some instances it is not. This is not due to any inherent weakness in the basic principles of Christianity. Nor is it because our ministers as a whole lack ability, zeal and spirituality. In the final analysis responsibility for the failure must be largely borne by the laity who refuse to take Christianity seriously. The early Disciples of Jesus were no less human than we; they too were plain folk with natural love for home and family, engrossment in business affairs, fondness for leisure and safety, the same dispositions to look after their own interests first, to seek pleasure and enjoyment. They differed with us in but one particular; once they knew what Jesus wanted them to do they at once set about doing it. Our best proof of our loyalty to Christ is the way we "Keep His Commands."

How Our Money is Spent

The following figures and facts appeared in the Educational Digest which made a survey and states:

Out of every \$100.00 spent in this country:

\$24.50 goes for the necessary living expenses.

\$22.00 goes for luxuries.

\$11.00 goes for investments and savings.

\$13.50 goes for miscellaneous things.

\$14.00 is absolutely wasted.

\$8.25 goes for the punishment of crime.

\$4.50 goes for government expenses, local, state and National.

\$1.50 goes for our schools.

\$.75 goes to support the church.

From the above figures and facts we conclude three things:

First,—The church does ex-

CONVENTION NOTICE!

The National Christian Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ will convene in their thirtieth Annual meeting, beginning Monday, August 26, 1929 in the city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This session will continue through the first Lord's day in September.

There has never been a convention held in the history of our organization that is more important than this one.

The program committee is arranging a most entertaining and attractive program. There will be excellent reports, inspiring addresses, instructive conferences, happy banquet hours and a plenty of heart-warming fellowship.

In the selection of a place of meeting, Winston-Salem, (the twin city) will prove to be idealistic. The distance is in reach of everybody. One can go by way of Atlanta, Ga., Knoxville and Morristown, Roanoke, Va., and Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va., or by the way of Washington City.

We have four fine congregations of our Brethren in that city, and they are making every preparation to entertain us by the hundreds.

A broad invitation has been extended to the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia to meet with us and have full fellowship.

Plan now to send your pastor and bring a big delegation to the **GREATEST** National Convention of the Churches of Christ.

Preston Taylor.

ceptionally well for the kind of members it has and the type of support it gets from its members.

Second,—Our monies do not begin to match the importance and scope of the work the church is doing.

Third,—We get money for the things that do not for the time being, interest us. "The church is not a beggar fit to receive only the crumbs that fall from our tables. Instead, it is the preferred creditor of every person in its membership roll. The Kingdom of God comes first because it is first. It is the most important consideration in human life. We owe more to the Church for what we are, we have and hope to become than we owe to any other institution including home.

Fruits of Christianity

All about us may be seen the results of Christianity and the influence of the church:

War is now out-lawed by 58 nations;

The spirit of friendship is growing in the hearts of men; Education is being fostered everywhere;

Science is leading to an understanding and invention is teaching us to use it for the benefit of mankind.

The growth of the church in the U. S. is more rapid than the growth of the population.

There are now 700,000,000 Christians in the world, or nearly half of the human race.

There are missionaries of Christ in every land of the known world. Our giving is increasing, though it is still inadequate to meet the needs. Last year \$2,330,000,000 were given for religious, Educational and charitable purposes.

The liquor traffic is out-lawed in the United States; and other nations are making earnest efforts in this same direction.

Christian Union is being preached in every religious group of Christians everywhere;

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

P. M. MOSS, Supt. of Religious Education, Dept. Editor
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THE YOUNG PEOPLES' CONFERENCE

A Young People's Conference is "A Week of Discovery and Training of Youth for Service in Kingdom-Building." Perhaps the most valuable part of it all, at least for the first-year student, is that of the discovery of youth.

For anyone who contemplates being a leader nothing is more necessary than a proper vision of himself. He needs first of all to know what his possibilities are. What did he inherit from his parents? What has his environment contributed that would help or hinder him as a leader? What are his needs? Where are his weak places? That doctor is most successful who is the best at diagnosing cases. Unless he knows what disease his patient has, as well as his powers of resistance, he does not know what medicine to administer to effect a cure. Any prospective leader needs first of all to have his own case diagnosed.

Many a young person with real possibilities has proved a failure because he had no one to show him to himself, and to let him see where he needed development. Many an organization has gone on the rocks because of entrusting itself to leaders who did not know where their weaknesses were, and who thus proved poor leader.

Now one of the first and most important things done by a Young People's Conference is to introduce the young person to himself. He is given a course in Life Evaluation which helps him to measure himself in terms of a growing, Christian personality. And he doesn't come out of such a course thinking more highly of himself than he ought to think. He has discovered himself. He knows exactly where to begin and what to stress in order to train himself for real service in Kingdom-Building.

If the Conference did nothing more than this the churches could still not afford to fail to have their best young people attend. But they do more. The Conference not only shows young people to themselves, but it gives the training that will help them to correct their faults and to strengthen their good qualities. In addition to a vision of Self, it gives them a vision of God, and of the needs of his children the world over, together with the desire to make the most of their best for the sake of others.

—John Long.

THE CRITICAL NEED OF THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

(Concluded from May 1st Issue)

When the budget was framed and the year's promotional plans launched last fall, three clear facts were faced. In the first place there was a deficiency in receipts for the missionary year ending June 30, 1928, of \$138,000. Second, it was realized that to again cut the budget, as was done the year before, and close work throughout the fields would be very serious, not only for the work itself, but in the reaction upon the giving of the churches. In the third place, it was felt that to allow the deficit of the Society still further to increase would be equally as serious. It was in full recognition of these facts that the budget was not cut, but left at the figure of the missionary year 1927-28. Parallel with the making of the budget, plans were inaugurated in promotion, so that the deficiency in giving in 1927-28 might be made up and the deficit not increased. So far this year, the receipts are practically the same as those of last year. The deficiency must be made up between now and June 30. The results of the March offering for foreign missions cannot be determined as yet. Every effort is being made for increases through the Easter and Children's Day offerings. But the hope for a large increase lies in Self-Denial Week, because this is a new and added source of income, as well as a high spiritual challenge.

We must in no way forget the serious financial situation which the Society faces, especially if the income for the year is not largely increased. In that event, it will be necessary to make drastic reduction in the budget and therefore in the work. Every effort is being put forth to make up the deficiency in the giving and we have strong hope that this may be accomplished, but we must not for a moment close our eyes to the seriousness of the situation.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen J. Corey, Acting
President.

(Note: Since the above was written further word has come from mission fields on Self-Denial Week as follows: "Buenos Aires national workers and missionaries cooperating"; Africa, "Hearty approval—large numbers participating"; India, "Missionaries will average probably more than weeks' wage—Indian Co-workers and churches enlisting in spite of semi-famine conditions"; Japan, "Churches, schools workers, Sunday Schools and missionaries participating"; Philippines, "deduct \$700 from next monthly payments".)

NORTH CAROLINA INTERRACE MEET HEARS MOTON

Governor Presides and Extends Cordial Greetings—Addresses Broadcast White and Colored Leaders Plan Campaign

RALEIGH, N. C., May 9.—The North Carolina Interracial Commission in annual session here yesterday set as its major objectives for the coming year the discovery of conditions which need to be remedied and the more effective organization of the interracial forces of the state to deal with these conditions. The improvement of Negro education, health, and general welfare will engage the Commission's primary interest. At the same time renewed efforts will be made to carry on a program of popular education, through the churches and otherwise, for the changing of attitudes out of which injustices grow.

Favorable Decision in Transportation Suit

Reports were submitted indicating helpful activities in various sections of the state. The most important was that of the committee on bus transportation, stating that the lower courts have sustained the Commission's contention that busses must provide transportation for Negroes, but that the case has been appealed and is now pending in the Supreme Court. Several hundred dollars have been spent in pushing this case and a favorable verdict is confidently expected.

Churches Cooperating

Rev. I. Harding Hughes, chairman of a committee seeking the cooperation of the churches, reported that Race Relations Sunday was well observed in a number of places, that the Baptist State Convention had formally endorsed the Commission's work and appointed a committee of fifteen

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"ON TO WINSTON-SALEM," NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 26th,

CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

THE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL

In practically every institution of the land there is great unrest among the students. In many of them there are strikes of a great or less violent nature. President Hoover says we are experiencing a great crime wave that will destroy our civilization if not stopped. In many localities banks and pay rolls must be guarded with armored cars and highly armed guards. Why is this so?

Many causes may be named, but we believe behind all of them is one cause, namely, the soul of youth is not anchored. We have cut loose from the fundamental truths that stabilized us. In religious matters we have two schools which are known as Fundamentalists and Modernists. The Fundamentalists are not fundamental and the Modernists are not modern. Both have assumed a title to which they are not entitled. The so-called Fundamentalist are in reality literalists and the so-called Modernists are in reality liberalists. The literalists have taken a position that is utterly untenable in the presence of what science has found; and the liberalists have taken a position that is utterly untenable when judged by the spiritual experience of God fearing men of all ages. The controversy between them is an utterly false issue. Both are right in their accusations of the other and both are wrong in their claims for themselves.

Now, the fact that this controversy has crept into the seats of learning we are right in our judgment of our land loose from the anchorage that alone can stabilize any people, and, the crime wave is the result. If we are right in our judgement of this, then it follows that we are just in the beginning of our crime wave and what we will see in the next thirty years will make our hair stand on end. What we will see will cause great turmoil in our land. We can not fool God. If we go wrong the consequences will be sure. We can easily repeat the experiences of the Jews in the days of the Judges. They followed a wrong course and then they fell and in their desperation they called on God and God heard them and deliverance was sent. We are living in a very complex age and any confusion will easily throw us into a desperate situation.

Somehow, we feel that the solution of our race relations will be found in some such experience. If our complex industrial age goes into such a confusion old conceptions of segregation will have to give away to humanity's necessity. We believe the

solution to our church divisions will also be found in some such situation. Some morning America will wake up with the storm breaking over its head and then a new order of things will follow. The good of all races will have to make common cause against the wicked of all races. Religious denominations will seek the fellowship of all who are sincere and ready to love those who want a better world.

But every solution of great problems in the social realm must be found in the teaching and efforts of Godly men of the past. The propositions set forth by Christ in every instance had their germination in the seed thoughts of the prophets before that time. Without Abraham, Moses, David and Isaiah, Christ could not have preached the sermon on the mount. Every great advancement of mankind had its origin in some thing that went before.

Now if this is true, then what we are doing now in our cooperation is the seed idea of something farther on that will be hailed as a great blessing. For example, what the Negro and white disciples of Christ are doing in cooperation is by no means the ultimate goal to be reached. What we now have is by no means perfect. In some things our cooperation is only in name. But as a seed idea it may easily be an earnest effort of great things other generations will create. And if this is true, it behooves all of us to be most earnest in what we do. We are not building the house that is to be. We are just driving the piling down deep into the ground on which the foundation of the house is to rest. Then, if we are tempted to get angry, if an inner impulse suggests to us to be contrary or hateful, let us not yield to it. What we do may destroy the foundation for the structure five hundred years hence. And above all let us anchor our faith to the old and fundamental truths so we can stand. If others about us go into the maelstrom of criminality, let us work faithfully on.

INTER-RACE MEET

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to cooperate with it, that the Methodist Protestant Church had taken similar action, and that other important religious bodies are expected to do so.

Moton Delivers Principal Address

The day's program concluded with an interracial mass meeting which packed the Hall of Representatives in the State Capitol. Hon. Max Gardner, governor of the state, presided and delivered an address, expressing

NOTICE TO THE CHURCHES

The constitution of the National Convention requests that each church represent with \$5.00 in the National Convention by paying it through the State Convention. District Convention, of \$5.00 may be sent direct to the Treasurer of the National convention.

The officers of the State Conventions and the local pastors should keep this before the churches.

If each would make this needed contribution the expense of the convention would be cared for and a fund could be created to help the Christian Plea.

J. E. WALKER, Treasurer,
234 Hernando Street
Memphis, Tennessee

deep appreciation of the Commission's work and extending a cordial welcome to the principal speaker, Dr. Robert R. Moton, of Tuskegee Institute.

After an eloquent introductory address by Dr. E. C. Brooks, President of North Carolina State College, Dr. Moton delivered a characteristic speech, talking with perfect frankness to both racial groups and making a profound impression on the entire audience. After commenting on the remarkable progress which has been made by the Negro group in America, which he said is not matched anywhere else in the world, he made a powerful plea for the removal of such handicaps as still hinder the advancement of the race and for the extension to the group of fair opportunities to attain and achieve the best of which they are capable. The several addresses of the evening were broadcast by radio.

Many Prominent Negroes Take Part

Among the representatives of the colored group present at the Commission's meetings were Dr. S. G. Atkins, C. C. Spaulding, Dr. J. E. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, Dr. J. W. Walker, Lieutenant L. A. Oxley, Mrs. M. S. Pearson, Dr. W. H. Bruce, Prof. J. H. Johnson, Dr. Frank Avant, G. C. Shaw, Berry O'Kelly, W. S. Lee, and many others. An unexpected was Hon. E. A. Johnson, of New York City, former member of the state Legislature and now candidate for Congress from the Harlem district. Called upon for a few remarks, he warmly commended the Commission, which he characterized as a providential agency for the improvement of conditions.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Chairman, Dr. W. C. Jackson, vice president of North Carolina College for Women; vice chairman, Dr. J. A. Cotton; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Julius Cone; assistant treasurer, Prof. J. W. Seabrook.

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CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

District No. 3

Report of The Christian Missionary Convention of District No. 3 for First Quarter, 1929 was held with the 11th Street Christian Church, 11th Street and Avenue F, Birmingham, Ala.

The Bible School opened at 9 o'clock and was presided over by the District President, Mr. A. F. Jackson. It was lively and full of enthusiasm and inspiration. We find more time is needed for the Bible School work, and this we agreed to give in our next meeting.

More time and attention must be given to youth if we expect them to play their part in the future life and make effective leaders.

The Church department was presided over by its President, Elder W. D. Johnson.

The reports of the preachers and the delegates from the churches were very commendable. The sermon was given by Elder J. L. Beach and was very much enjoyed by all. Elder A. J. Jeffries reported for the 11th Street Christian Church. The report showed the work is still on an upward trend, with six confessions for the first quarter. We were made to feel that there is a greater need for Evangelism in

the Home Land and the Foreign Fields.

At 3 o'clock, a program was rendered by the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Maud Jackson is the President.

The expressions from this program were like that made by the King at the Cana Marriage feast. "The best was saved for the last."

The women of this district feel there is a great part for them to play and they are launching out into the deep in Missionary enterprise. The ministers have realized that the women are no longer to work in the back-ground, but by their sides in building up the Kingdom of our Master.

We are proud of the first report coming from our Young People's Organization, with Miss M. L. Adams as president. We have only three churches in our district. The finance from each department was good.

The total receipts for the day were \$55.38. "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us."

—Mrs. A. M. Haygood, Reporter.

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL, PORT GIBSON, MISSISSIPPI

Mrs. S. R. Thomas, Reporter

Our Bible School though small is wide awake with 90 per cent of our apportionment paid.

The pastor, officers and teachers are laboring to do their best. The school entertained Easter Sunday night with a cantata—"The Beautiful City;" leading characters, little Marguite Conti as Pilgrim; Beatrice McClellan as teacher; Ruby Pyous as Tempter and seven messengers.

Our girls and boys are really trying to do their best for Missions under their Superintendent, Mr. R. D. Thomas.

On Monday night after Easter the choir entertained with a cantata—"Gates Ajar", leading characters: Gladys Tolver as Pilgrim, Myrtle Heath as Faith, Jorcia Keys as Hope and the rest of the choir as messengers.

Our C. E. Members are still on the scene trying to raise money for the apportionment and to defray the expense of a member to the Magnolia Conference. President, Mrs. L. B. Brazand.

Quite a number of our members and friends remembered our pastor's birthday (Rev. K. R. Brown) February 28.

In the last meeting of our W. M. S. in October, ten members pledged \$10.00 each for this missionary year. Each went to work at once on the pledges and by the close of the 2nd quarter we were able to send in one-half of our apportionment.

Our Society observed "Women's Day." We are using the Missionary topics.

Christmas Mrs. Grubbs was with us, although being confined to bed most of the time here she was able to be with us in one of our meetings and her presence as well as suggestions were very helpful to us. We observed the "Easter Week of Prayer" using the programs from headquarters, which were given the members by Mrs. M. J. Brown.

All members attended some service during the week, while six members attended each service; all seemed deeply interested. We feel that this Week of Prayer has helped the church.

Members pledging and the amount paid at present:

Sister Bessie Thomas	\$2.25
Sister E. E. Blackburn	2.75
Sister A. L. Scott	2.75
Sister L. Page	7.36
Sister S. R. Henry	7.35
Sister L. B. Brazand	7.00
Sister L. Tolliver	9.65
Sister Vina Regans	10.00
Sister M. J. Brown	17.20
Sister S. R. Thomas	20.00

There are members who did not pledge but have, and are still working faithfully.

With such cooperation we were able to finish our apportionment last month. We are looking for a visit from Prof. Moss and Miss Chandler.

We are asking the prayers of the brotherhood that we may reach our goal everywhere.

S. C. I. COLLEGE NOTES

Our annual all-school picnic was held recently. The morning was given over to the playing of Volley Ball, baseball, horse shoe, tennis, and such games as directed by various ones. Every student took part in several games during the morning. The lunch consisted of Frankfurters, buns, cookies, mustard, catsup, and ice tea, all in such quantities that every one was satisfied although some was left over. In the afternoon an intermural track meet was held. Each class had entrants in the following events: 50 yard dash, broad jump, high jump, hoop race, sack race, three-legged race, and shot put. Each event was divided into two sections, one for boys and the other for girls. Grades 9 and 12 tied first place in the meet with 63 points each, the 11th grade took second place, while grades 8 and 10 tied for third. The picnic is an annual affair conducted by the senior class in college. They make all arrangements for the events to take place for the lunch, and they determine the date; all of which they keep as a secret until the day decided upon by them.

PAGE of NEWS ITEMS

FROM THE GREAT LAKES— CLEVELAND, OHIO

Cedar Avenue Christian Church
Elder R. Wesley Watson, Pastor
Greetings to the Brotherhood:

Our church has just closed the greatest revival in its history. Elder R. L. Peters, of Winston Salem, N. C., did the preaching.

Brother Peters kept up his record as a great gospel preacher. For three long weeks he stood up and preached the gospel in its fullness. His many songs, just before he preached, did much good.

The Masterpiece of the revival was his sermon in "Spiritual Survey or Searching for the True Church. In the early stages of our development history greatly helped our Cause. Brother Peters made a number of friends and of course some enemies for he preached the straight truth and it drives some and draws others.

With us Easter Sunday was a "red letter day." There were 118 in the Bible School. The offering was \$10.00. The Baptismal service came at 7:30. There were 21 baptised. 31 were added otherwise. The total amount raised was \$377.47.

Our work is moving along well. We hope to continue to grow as the days come and go. We have a membership of 300 with 160 enrolled in Bible School.

Look for a book of Elder Peter's revival sermons soon. Anyone desiring a copy may secure one from R. W. Watson, 2110 E. 36th St., Cleveland, Ohio. They are \$1.00 up to May 30, after that date they are \$1.50. "Spiritual Surety" is worth that much alone.

CEDAR AVENUE CHURCH

The Cedar Avenue Church in Cleveland, Ohio held its pre-Easter Evangelistic campaign March 10 to 31 inclusive.

Cleveland is the fifth city in size in the United States. It has a total population of 1,010,300. Its colored population is more than 60,000.

There is only one colored Christian Church in the city. Elder R. Wesley Watson is its pastor. Elder Watson is a young man with a bright future. Scholarly, an excellent pulpit orator, a real pastor and a good mixer. He is beloved by all the people of the city. He is also statistical secretary of the National Convention.

The Cleveland Church has a membership of about 300 of the best people in the city and a Bible School of about 160.

Rev. Watson's wife is a well cultured woman with a very pleasing

disposition and great executive ability. She is a great helpmate to him. Together they make a great team in the church work of Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, CHRISTIAN CHURCH'S GREAT- EST NEED

1. A social worker among the young people, whose duty would be to organize the young people along all lines of the church's activities and religious education.

2. They need to look out for their pastor's comfort and necessities a little more. As I see it, the pastor has a large territory to cover in visiting his members, which ordinarily is too strenuous on him, physically, therefore getting him a car to do his visiting could be beneficial.

3. A competent secretary to do clerical work in their office would be timely. These things would be a great addition to the growth and dignity of the church.

I began their pre-Easter revival March 10, and closed April 1, with interest at high-water mark. There were fifty-one additions to the church. Quite a number were primary obedience and baptised. I found the church in good spiritual condition and the revival already on—didn't have to work it up; the Bible School and Christian Endeavor Society is in flourishing condition. They have a most excellent choir that rendered music throughout the revival.

—Robert Lee Peters

BETWEEN TWO HILLS—ROGERS- VILLE, TENN.

Elder D. W. Bradley, Pastor

Dear Editor and Christian Readers:

This is to let you know that we are still alive but true is the saying "In the midst of Life we are in death." We have had two deaths recently, Sister Jane Kintchlo and Bro. Wm. Lyons. Sister Kintchlo was ill about four months while Brother Lyons had been in failing health for some time.

We are planning an evangelistic Campaign under the leadership of Sister Parks of North Carolina a member of the Tri-State Convention.

The members and friends gave the pastor a "Pound Party" recently for which much credit is due. Brother Henry Caldwell and Sisters Dorcas Fugot and Ellen Caldwell, they know how to do things when it comes to "putting over" a program. The pastor and family always welcome the visits of such warm and generous friends as these. We thank you;

come again— Brother S. Kinney is now pastoring Johnson City.

OBITUARY

Scotts, Arkansas

We wish to report the deaths of Brother Tom Chiles and wife, Sister Adline Chiles, whose deaths occurred March 21st and April 3rd, 1929.

They had united with Pearidge Christian Church about thirty-one years ago. From time forward they attended church services very regularly until their health began to fail them about a year ago. They stood firm in the "one faith" and seemed to love the Church.

Elder Wm. Martin conducted their funerals. He told of their Christian lives and service. The church has lost two good faithful members. We hope it is heaven's gain. They are survived by four sons and one daughter and a multitude of friends to lament their deaths. I wish to make special mention of their son, Harrison and his wife. They took their parents in their home and cared for them during their entire illness. They deserve much credit.

The burial was in Pearidge Cemetery.

REFRESHING SHOWERS FROM THE LORD

Between Palm Sunday and Easter has already brought forth much fruit. A whole week given to the service of the Master in meetings from house to house, meditation, Prayer and preparation to receive the blessings from the Lord. On Palm Sunday two young ladies (Twin sisters) made the good confession and before the week ended brought two more all from the bible school, they were baptized and received into the fellowship of the congregation and before the flame died out Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs fanned the flames into a blue blaze. With her presence and inspiration, and scarcely had she left us until Mother's day came and it brought Rev. O. H. McGowan, a minister of fine qualities from the Congregational Church, who united with the congregation, fellowshipped in, and ordained as a Christian minister. Lea Avenue is deeply interested in the Christian Plea and from its membership and friends have sent in nearly two hundred paid subscribers, beside all of her indebtedness to the woman's Christian Missionary Society and the Bible schools are fully met and are now making preparation to attend the State and National Conventions.

Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tennessee. —Preston T. Taylor.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Note:

(The Woman's Missionary Society of the Port Gibson, Mississippi Christian Church has already paid its full apportionment for the year ending June 30, 1929. Mrs. S. R. Thomas, President; Elder K. R. Brown, Pastor).

The Election

Study election suggestions in the Manual for Women's Missionary Society, Guilds (price, 10c; from the United Christian Missionary Society, Missions Building, Indianapolis, Ind.). Officers are elected in May that preliminary work may be done, and all announcements as to new year's work be made by the new president and Group leaders at the June meeting, that the July meeting under the new officers may be as well prepared as those later in the year, and that no time be lost in getting work started. Election in May! For plans, see the Manual.

Your New President

No action during the year is of greater importance than your choice of president. Next year will see the culmination and closing of the Three Year Pentecostal Period. It will be this new president who will lead you to the heights both in the spiritual significance of this Pentecostal anniversary and in the gifts and offerings and increased membership which you will lay at His feet. Will you not be in earnest prayer during these weeks that you may be led in a wise choice and be willing to accept the joy of the responsibility. Do not choose your officers carelessly, nor take only those who have no other responsibilities. Your Missionary Society needs as its officers your finest and most outstanding church women.

The May Meeting

The leader for the May meeting will be obliged to condense her program to allow time for the two unusual features, the annual election and the welcoming of new members. Condense so that your entire meeting, business, election, worship, introduction of new members and the presentation period will not take more than one hour and one-half. Do not tire your new members their first meeting.

Make the meeting vitally missionary. Do your utmost to make the new members feel that they have joined more than a club, that it is more than a program once a month where one is entertained and meets one's friends. As you prepare and

present your program pray that you may help them to see the bitterness of lives which are without Christ and the depth of our responsibility to help them, even through a missionary society, to "see Jesus."

Now is the time to make special plans for bringing up deficiencies in aims and achieving all goals by June 30th. As they say in Africa, "Pots are made while the clay is in good condition," and the best of pots are not made at the last minute, either!

Travel

One of the heaviest items of the foreign budget is travel. Missionaries, for the sake of health and mental and spiritual welfare, must have their regular furloughs, which, for most fields, come once in five or six years. These must come home; those whose furloughs are over must return; new workers must be sent out. It is an item of expense which must come as a regular part of the work, however heavy. The Missionary organizations are being asked to furnish this travel this year. The only funds that can count on it are those above the amount given last year. For illustration, you gave \$450 last year, this year your offerings are \$550; so you have contributed \$100 toward the travel fund of the missionaries. Nothing can count on this until an amount equal to your last year's giving has been reached. We believe there are many women who will make personal offerings of from \$5.00 to \$100 for this travel fund. They are counting on the women to do this. Your state workers will write you about your state share of this. Let us bring up our offerings quickly to the amount of last year, that we may assure this travel fund.

More Than Last Year

The growing missionary work demands larger expenditures. If the larger offerings do not come, work somewhere must be closed that the work held may continue its normal growth. A work that does not grow is dead. Our missions are healthy, live, growing pieces of work. We too must grow. Our giving can not remain static without our killing in our own hearts the spirit of responsibility and unselfishness. "Quench not the spirit." Will your offerings for this year be greater than last? Are you planning now that your quota will be reached by your June meeting; and that, whatever this quota accepted may be, you will give more than last year, allowing for this margin of growth?

The Life of Purpose

Do you want to help bring to our missionaries that spirit of high courage which comes from the knowledge that "their brethren" are with them in actuality—sympathy, giving and constant prayer?

Do you want to renew in our brotherhood the spirit of brotherhood—warm faith, loving patience and forbearance and that "blood tie" of brotherhood only in those who are indeed one in Christ Jesus?

Do you want to give our church—your church—such leadership and service as Christ is asking and expecting of those who have accepted His salvation.

Do you want to live a little closer to Him? Have the consciousness of "The Comforter" ever with you? Know that when you utterly fail today His tender smile of faith is with you as you try again tomorrow?

The Life of Purpose will help you in all this. It will help others to know you are trying and failing and trying again. Will you be one of one hundred thousand who will sign the statement and so try to make a gift like this to His church?

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others, that we are not always strong;

That we are ever overborne with care;

That we should ever weak or heartless be,

Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer

And joy and strength and courage are with Thee!

SOME IMPORTANT STATEMENTS FROM THE BROTHERS REGARDING THE NATIONAL APPORTIONMENT FOR WORLD MISSIONS

"Dear Sister Grubbs:-

Just a word of cheer; all you have suggested will be carried out the Lord willing. You can depend on every department of Lea Avenue to pay its Missionary Quota in full.

With best wishes

Preston Taylor."

"Dear Mrs. Grubbs:-

We have already sent to headquarters from the church of Jarvis Christian Institute \$100.00 for the General fund of the United Society. We hope to complete our apportionment soon.

Very kindly,
J. N. Ervin.

Dear Mrs. Grubbs:-

We will make every effort to reach our apportionment. Martinsville will not disappoint you.

With best wishes I am sincerely yours,
Mrs. J. H. Thomas.

Dear Mrs. Grubbs-

The Kenyon Avenue Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, will pay its every apportionment for the cause of Missions this year.

Yours truly,

R. H. Davis.

STATE NEWS PAGE

MISSISSIPPI "THE MAGNOLIA STATE"

It has been quite a while since you have read a line from the pen of the Evangelist of "The Magnolia State." Much of our time during those silent weeks was taken up in revival meetings. You know a mule can not pull and kick at the same time.

February 24, 1929, found the Mississippi with the Second Christian Church of Danville, Kentucky, where he began a great revival. Elder Wm. Martin, the wide awake and efficient Pastor, met the writer at the train Saturday night, Feb. 23, in his beautiful Sedan Car, and conveyed us to the home of Sister Nelson, which was our home during the meeting. This is a real preacher's home, and Sister Nelson, one of these simon-pure Christian knows how to make it pleasant for God's ministers.

On arriving in Danville we found snow on the ground, and after I had been there a week it snowed again. But in spite of the snow a good audience greeted the first service. We began in cold weather, and Danville is a cold town when it comes to the Cause of Righteousness, thus you see there had to be some hot preaching to worm things up. They tell me the Baptist ran two consecutive meetings of two weeks' duration in the same town with only one addition.

As a result of our labors in the Danville Church, according to the testimony of the Pastor, Officers, and leading members, the Church was greatly revived, and there were four accessions. One of these was by primary obedience. It was my good pleasure to see this brilliant young man buried in the watery grave of baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. This is a real intelligent young man, and he is the head of a family. Very likely his wife will follow suit. The denomination has had tried hard to win this young man, but he knew "the Book", the Bible, the Word of God too well to subscribe to human creeds. This young man alone was worth the meeting. But there were three others who took their stand for Christ.

I met some individuals I shall never forget. Among them were Brother and Sister Smith, Brother and Sister Fish, Sister Warren, Brother and Sister Ross, Sister Smothers, Sister Nelson and Sister Pennington, Sister Tuck-

er, Brother and Sister Carpenter, Brother and Sister Anderson, Brother Frances and a number of others whose names I do not recall.

The meeting closed at Danville at a high pitch.

During my stay in Kentucky I visited the Minister's Alliance which meets in Lexington every Tuesday. Our own Brother E. Letton is president. He makes a fine one.

Georgetown, Kentucky, was the next place of business for the Lord. Elder G. E. Letton, a New Day preacher, the shepherd of the flock, met the Evangelist at the station in his beautiful automobile, March 13, and conveyed him to the home of Brother and Sister Keene. This was our home during the Georgetown revival. Brother and Sister E. H. Keene knew how to make it happy for their guest.

The brethren at Georgetown beat themselves in building such a beautiful structure. And best of all, they built with the children in mind.

Suffice it to say they have a real modern church.

Some of the best people in all the country are at Georgetown, Kentucky. They certainly have one of the graces Paul admonished the Corinthians to have—The Grace of Giving.

In spite of the fact they are laboring under a heavy debt they willingly shouldered the responsibility of the revival and paid it off like men. Three cheers for the Georgetown Christians.

People from Danville, Nicholasville, Lexington, Midway, Millersburg, and other places I can not recall attended the revival at Georgetown. I am told that they have never had such whole-hearted co-operation of outside Churches of Christ before in Kentucky.

As a result of our labors in Georgetown thirteen souls took their stand for Christ and the New Testament Church. Two from the Baptist, two from the Methodist, and nine by primary obedience. Many of the soldiers of the cross broke down in tears as hard hearted men stepped out and confessed their Lord and Master. Among this number were some whom the people of Georgetown had pronounced as Infidels.

While in Kentucky it was my good pleasure to visit the home of my friend and brother, Elder C. H. Dickerson. Sister Dickerson, his better-half, finds joy in preparing big dinners for his friends. Bro. Dickerson took with him from the Alliance for dinner Brother

Wm. Martin, Brother G. E. Letton, Brother T. R. Everett and myself. Sister Letton was already there. And you know that if a minister's wife finds joy in preparing dinner for that many Christian preachers she must be a Christian.

I take this method of extending to Elder Wm. Martin and Sister Nelson, Elder G. E. Letton and wife, and all the other good folks my heart-felt thanks for the kindnesses shown to me while in Kentucky.

Sister Letton is indeed and in truth a minister's wife. She truly is a help-mate to her husband. If all other musicians refuse to play Bro. Letton does not have to worry.

On my return from Georgetown, Kentucky, I spent a night with my old chum, Elder T. R. Everett, at Nicholasville, Ky. Preached to a very appreciative audience on the same night. Pastor Everett said he was going to have us back for a meeting.

Yours for Kingdom Building,

B. C. CALVERT,

Evangelist of Mississippi.

"ALONG THE POTOMAC"

Elder H. D. Griffin, Pastor

Bertrial L. Ivy, Reporter

This month closed with a good work going on at 12th Street Christian Church. Our pastor, Rev. H. D. Griffin is quite busy trying to arouse the old members. We are getting ready for the "each one win one" campaign. He is also preaching some strong and powerful sermons.

November was one of the greatest months of all last year with Sister H. D. Griffin. She pledged \$50.00 for our church work. She put on a Friendship Rally on the 11th of November '28 and invited friends of the city and of Baltimore. Rev. W. H. Taylor also of Baltimore was asked to give the Friendship sermon and it was impressive. Rev. Taylor's church of Baltimore including his wife and three buses of people gladly joined us. Rev. Wilfre, his family and some of his members of the white Christian Church of Washington were included in our audience. Rev. Wilfre took part in the devotion.

Our great Evangelist Jesse Bader and wife were with us also. Dr. Scott, the grandson of Rev. Walter Scott who was one who helped to establish the church in its early stage was with us.

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"Meet Us At Winston-Salem, Monday, Aug. 26th, 1929 At 8 P. M."

"AS THE EDITOR SEES IT"

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The name of Jesus Christ is honored above every other name and the greatest leaders of the world now acknowledge His supremacy;

Spiritual activity and Christian Conquest may be seen by the most skeptical;

Christianity is permeating business and the political world is being reshaped.

Truly it may be said the Church is the only unshaken institution in the world. It has a Divine Program and every church should be at work on the Program of Jesus, the Christ, every minute of the year.

"KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE GOAL!"

ALONG THE POTOMAC

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Representatives from every denomination of the colored churches were present. Many ministers of the gospel were filled with inspiration from the wonderful sermon Rev. Taylor rendered. The edifice was filled. The first floor and the balcony and many extra chairs had to be found for standers. The largest crowd since dedication day.

Who can make more friends in such a short time among white and colored brethren in cities like Baltimore and Washington? Surely God is in it.

Doctor Scott led the collection with \$10.00 on the Christian table. There were three tables. Christian, Baptist and Methodist. The collection table totaled \$46.25. Some of the white members could not rest so decided to give. Mrs. Griffin raised the Thanksgiving offering. Also the young ladies class called her the morning of the rally to address the class. They gave Mrs. Griffin a surprise of \$17.50 which brought her up to \$125.00 all raised in November. This made \$305.00 on the church debt.

GREAT BAPTIST DENOMINATION HITS LYNCHING

Barbarous Badge of Shame that Should be Eradicated, Says Southern Baptist Convention

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 14.—Denouncing the lynching habit as "a badge of shame to our civilization", the Southern Baptist Convention at its recent annual session in this city urged that every effort be made to build up and maintain "a public sentiment that will establish justice and banish from our borders the appalling practice of mob violence." "Never should we be content", said the Convention "until every vestige of this barbarity is eradicated and every individual has secured to him the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The significance of this statement is found in the fact that the Convention represents the largest religious group in the South, with 20,000 churches and a membership of more than 3,800,000. The statement regarding lynching was embodied in the report of the Commission on Social Service, headed by Dr. A. J. Barton of Atlanta, and was formally adopted by the entire convention and published in the minutes. In full it is as follows:

"In the year 1928 the number of lynchings shows a marked decrease. Figures compiled by Tuskegee Institute, Ala., show that only eleven lives were sacrificed to mob violence as against sixteen for 1927, distributed as follows: Mississippi, 5; Louisiana, 2; Texas, 2; Missouri, 1; New Mexico, 1. While the decrease is a source of gratitude, the fact that this number of lives should have been so sacrificed or that any number should be so sacrificed is a badge of shame to our civilization and should fill us with sorrow and indignation. Our responsibility is emphasized by the fact that during the past year every sacrifice of life to mob violence took place within the bounds of this Convention and never should we be content until every vestige of this barbarity is eradicated and every individual, black and white alike, has secured to him the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, unless and until deprived of it by due process of law administered by public officers, backed by public sentiment and held responsible to public sentiment for the faithful discharge of their duty.

"It is reported by Prof. Monroe N. Work, of Tuskegee Institute, that by the practice of vigilance of public officials twenty-four attempted lynchings were prevented during the year. We would commend the courageous and righteous stand taken by practically all of our leading Southern papers, for example, such papers as the Hattiesburg American, Hattiesburg, Miss., and the Vicksburg Herald, Vicksburg, Miss., unhesitatingly condemning the brutality of mobs and appealing to enlightened public sentiment and the American sense of right for the protection of the life of the condemned or accused against this form of violence. Speaking of mob violence, the Vicksburg Herald says, "It is brute force applied in an atrocious way and it is a throw-back to the methods of the Dark Ages. Mob law, if allowed to thrive in our country, would destroy the freedom and liberty of our people" and again. "No state can thrive where lynching thrives. What thoughtful person would come to a state to make his home that stands year after year at the head of the lynching column? No real progress can be made in Mississippi until lynchings are stopped." The Hattiesburg American says, "Lynchings in Mississippi will cease when an awak-

ened and outraged public opinion so decrees. To the building up of such a body of public opinion this newspaper is irrevocably committed. When lynchings are run down by law officers, like any other murderers, indicted, tried and convicted like other criminals, the reign of the rope will end."

We quote these utterances from these two papers to illustrate the fine service which some of our papers are rendering. We express the hope that all of our papers will be exercised by a like spirit of courage and justice and that our people in general will give to public officials, to public journals, and to all other agencies, undivided support in building up and maintaining a public sentiment that will establish justice as administered by constituted authority and will banish from our borders the appalling practice of mob violence.

CONFERENCE DATES

Magnolia Young People's Conference, May 27, June 2.

Southwest Jarvis College Conference, June 3, June 9.

Midwest Young People's Conference, June 17, June 23.

CONFERENCE SLOGANS FOR 1929

"A conference of '29 in '29, watch Magnolia go!"

"A conference of '29 in '29", watch Southwest go!

"A conference of '29 in '29", watch Midwest go!

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AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY

By Jason M. Cowan, Butler University

Preface

The following article was presented as a term paper in a class in Church History at Butler University where I am a student. The class was allowed the privilege of choosing its subject matter from the general field of literature dealing with the history of the Christian Church from the time of its inception until the eighth century A. D., with this reservation: that the treatment of the chosen subject be historically accurate and logically arranged.

I chose "African Christianity" for several reasons; some purely subjective, some objective. Like many others who have not taken the time or the trouble to look into its history, Africa, to me, was indeed a "dark continent" with a vague past and a doubtful future. And in its relation to Christianity circumscribed by a single Biblical quotation, "Out of Egypt have I called my Son."

Again, I too had accepted the general omission of Africa, as an important location in early church history, in modern literature as a silent argument for non-importance. In each of these attitudes I found myself in error. Now that these errors are corrected, I can look toward the land of my forefathers with a new sense of pride and admiration for its contributions to the general culture of the world.

It is not to be assumed that I have covered the entire field of the History of African Christianity. This would require volumes and a thorough knowledge of every phase of African life and culture. In this only the surface has been scratched and that not very deeply. But enough to give a faint idea of the great store of information awaiting the student or minister wishing to familiarize himself with the subject.

—J. M. Cowan

A Brief Survey of Christianity In Africa From the First to The Eighth Century A. D.

I. INTRODUCTION

For historical purposes only, the title, African Christianity, is used to designate the field of study for this particular treatise, and is not meant to imply a particular brand of Christianity which was African, and African only, without any relationships or likeness to Christianity in any other part of the world. The purpose of this brief survey is to determine, if possible, these relationships; how Africa, Asia Minor, and Europe agreed or differed in the methods used in the propagation and perpetuation of the message of Christ; and to determine the underlying cause of the failure of Christianity to survive the test of the ages in Africa while it survived in less favorable circumstances in Europe.

In considering the historical background of Christianity in Africa, the matter of dates, or approximate dates is of minor importance. While it may satisfy the most critical historian, about the only thing that we can say with any degree of certainty is that sometime in the remote past, thousands of years before the Christian era, a type of civilization prevailed in Africa which is comparable to civilizations of ancient, medieval, and modern times. A civilization which produced unequalled works of art; which was skilled in science and scientific investigation; and one which left tremendous monuments of brick and stone to be an everlasting source of inspiration to engineers and architects. It must be understood, that this civilization did not extend over all of Africa. It was, to be exact, an Egyptian civilization, but its influence was felt in the entire

area reached by the early emissaries of the Cross.

One of the fortunate circumstances in regard to Egyptian history, that is fortunate for the historical investigator, is the fact that the subjection of the Egyptians by the Persians, the Assyrians, and later by the Greeks and Romans did not destroy the evidences of culture which existed among the Egyptians from earliest times. Recent excavations in the Valley of the Kings have revealed as never before the extent of the artistic advancement of these people. Not only in the extant works of art do we get an insight into their past, but in their literature as well. Judged by modern standards of literature, the great body of Egyptian literature is too dry and monotonous to be of value except for anthropological purposes. However true this may be, it has a particular value for the student because it reveals the things that the people thought and wrote about.

Another important aspect in the historic background for Christianity is the influence of commerce in shaping the lives and minds of a people for the introduction of new ideas and ideals. Africa has never been an isolated continent in this respect, and especially has Egypt had an important place in the history of commercial intercourse between the ancient peoples. Here again it is impossible to fix with any degree of certainty the beginning of this intercourse. In times of famine in other countries Egypt became the world's grainery. In the Tell el-Amarna letters the friendly kings ask for much gold. Inasmuch as agriculture was the leading industry, it is quite likely that a great many of the commodities used in Egypt were imported from Asia and southern Europe. There are records of various kings sending out expeditions to secure the rarities from other countries. We are not sure whether these were trading or raiding parties as Egyptian objects have been found in the

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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"CHILDREN'S DAY AROUND THE WORLD"

.... ..By Bessie E. Chandler..
"The world moves forward on the feet of little children."

Coming forth out of an ardent desire to proclaim the gospel everywhere has grown a long continuous effort to reach the generation of children with the story of Jesus.

If we should survey the numerous mission fields and make the conditions existing there we would ask our selves the question: "What does Children's Day mean to the children in America and to the children of other lands?"

We do want the boys and girls to know what their offering will mean to the children of the world. Let us glance at the Oriental children of the world and observe what Children's Day would mean to them.

In China and neighboring countries are constantly waging in warfare, robbing and destroying buildings. Through their barbarous acts, hundred of men and women are killed, thus leaving thousands of children starving, diseased, homeless and clothless. Children's Day would mean to these unfortunate children several new comfortable orphanages where they would be fed nourishing food, given warm clothing and sent to hospitals when they are sick. What a glorious service you would be giving to these children whose hearts are sad, but because of Children's Day they will be made happy.

We hear the same cry coming from the children of Africa and other countries. It will mean that teachers and evangelists will be sent to tell them the story of Jesus. It will aid in building and sustaining boarding schools, printing of books and papers from which the boys and girls can learn to read the stories about the Man of Galilee as we read them.

It will mean that churches and Bible Schools can be built at every mission station so that the children in other parts of the world can gather on Sunday morning and sing with happy hearts as we sing, "Jesus loves me, this I know."

This time is fast approaching when we must observe Children's Day as our last special day in the Bible School. Let us commence now to make our plans for the observation of this

day. This day is observed by more than any other day; greater efforts are made on this day than any other day toward promoting World-Wide-Missions. Let every church throughout the Brotherhood endeavor to make this offering the largest of the entire year.

Let every superintendent personally ask all of his Bible School workers, pupils and church members this question: "How big is your heart?" You will find that some hearts will contain only self, others will include both self and friends, still others will have the true christian heart which should be as large as the Master's and include the "Yhole world."

Those who do not have the true big heart try expanding them on Children's Day with the rest of the world for World-Wide-Missions.

For this year we urge every school to take the offering and make it as big as possible. Collect all money in at once and close a successful year.

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

V. G. Smith

II. MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION Organization

The intermediate boys and girls are members of the Triangle Club. It has a constitution and by-laws made for it by the Department of the Missionary Organization. This document calls for a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. These officers are elected by the body but the adult advisor is appointed by the Woman's Missionary Society. Also it calls for a meeting once a month with an executive committee meeting once per month to check up and clear up business matters.

The senior and the young peoples group belong to the Young Peoples' Mission Circle. They too, have a prepared constitution which calls for the regular officers and an advisor from the adult society. They meet once per month with a prepared program. The executive committee meets and approves all business, etc. before it comes to the Circle. It should meet once per month.

Procedure

The transaction of the business in the regular meetings of the Club and Triangle are reduced to a minimum by the work of the Executive committee. So following a worship program in

the World Call and used on materials that are sent out from the Missionary Organization Department of the U. C. M. S. the short business with the chairman in the chair is desposed of. Often it is better to put the business first then the leader of the worship will take the chair and conduct the prepared devotions.

Following this period, the regular program on Missionary subjects is carried out with a topic suitable for the age level with material and stories based upon the common interests of the group. This material is obtained from the same source as the worship material. Oftimes the idea of pantomining the story or costuming and staging to present the country of the program material is an effective way of handling this important feature. Mrs. L. A. Devine found the method useful in having the young people come as Chinese or Japanese when floor as Chinese or Oriental lands, serve studying these countries, squat on the refreshments used for food and have the room decorated as a Chinese or Japanese scene or home. Many efforts may be made to impress the lessons of the missionary program at these two levels.

A social period may follow the program with games of the country studied.

FIFTY GREAT DAYS

Easter to Pentecost

The Cross of Christ Calls the Church of Christ Onward to Pentecost

On to Pentecost, May 19. And may it be a high day of spiritual experiences such as the first Pentecost, the passion and power of which should be the normal possessions of the modern church. Such mere incidental of Pentecost as speaking in tongues have often obscured the vital features of the great day in the church's life. Christ intended that the spiritual dynamic of Pentecost should be a natural characteristic of present day Christian experience. And as we approach this anniversary prayer and preparation only will make possible a mighty realization of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the church on that occasion.

THIRD ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION OF MISSOURI

The annual third District Convention of the Christian Churches of Missouri met at the Second Christian Church of Frankford, May 2-5, 1929.

The following churches comprise the District: Salisbury, Madison, Hannibal,

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"ON TO WINSTON-SALEM," NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 26th,

CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

THE TEST IS SUCCESS

"What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him?"

The world measures a man entirely by what he does, not by what he believes. We are in an age of success worshippers. We are not far enough along to always distinguish between good causes and so the people will often lionize a successful bandit or a successful puglist even though he is a very immoral man. The principle is right but the application is wrong. The law of God is that we must succeed before we get the divine approval. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." What we need to do is to distinguish between good causes and bad causes.

All of Christ's teachings, even his crucifixion, would have counted for nothing if his work had come to naught a few weeks after he died. If some man today should claim that he is Christ come to earth again, we would immediately put the test to him, and rightly so, Can he prove himself? We have men today, of the ultra liberals, who claim they know more than Christ. Can they prove it? If they do they should be able to convince the world. If their claim ends in confusion and division then we know their claim was spurious. Paul claimed he had a vision on the way to Damascus. Did he? Look at his life what he accomplished. That proved it. Some old ignorant countryman gets up at a covenant meeting and relates a vision which he had. Did he have it? Was there anything in his life afterwards that proved it? Then was it strange if folks forgot it as soon as he said it, and just laughed at him, if there was nothing in his life to show that he had it? Would God give him such a vision if he did not follow it up with a good mission?

Now after stating this common spiritual law, let us make the application. We do not claim to have had visions, but we have made plans and adopted policies. Did we work them? If not, then we cannot claim any power. Our accomplishments are our justifications. That is the way God justifies us. And when we make utter failures God and man condemn us.

First, let us take for example the Christian Plea. Many expressed dissatisfaction with the old Gospel Plea because it was too localized. Then we decided to take it over more fully by the brotherhood. If we had all worked faithfully for what we voted,

the Christian Plea would now have five thousand subscriptions and would be one of the powers in the causes of the kingdom. It would not be worthy of being on the desk of leaders in other churches and of the best thinkers of our white ministers. The test of Christ and his disciples was what they did in the first sixty years. Our test is what we have done. Did we subscribe for it? Less than formerly. Did we pay our pledges we made for it? No, almost none paid it. Can God justify us that way?

Next, let us take for example our cooperation. We hear much in our day about interracial cooperation. No people have a finer opportunity to cooperate than the white and Negro Disciples of Christ. We never divided into North and South, there was not even stirred up a bitter feeling between them such as our Methodist and Baptist brethren experienced. We did not organically divide into colored and white. Our plea was the union of God's people and we dared not divide along racial lines. The constitution of the United Christian Missionary Society made no provisions for separation on color lines and invited the colored organizations to represent. Have we made it work? Yes and No. Let us look at the Yes first. Our work up to this point has been foundation laying not harvesting. And we have done much. Compare what was thirty years ago with what we have now and we see this plainly. The southern white people have traveled many, many thoughts from that day. Our Negro people at first entered with enthusiasm as a novelty, now they are in the solid work of working out the problems involved. Even though they do not now give as much as they did, they are coming with a reasonable progress. Now let us take the No. We have not worked our opportunity. We have not permitted our responsibility to weigh heavily on our minds. Instead of studying how we might overcome each new difficulty we have contented ourselves to grow bitter, and often to scheme to secretly defeat those who were well meaning.

Brethren, let us awake out of our sleep. We have the greatest opportunity of any people of our day. Do we see it, and are we trying to work the works that God wants us to work? Think on these things, Brethren.

THIRD ANNUAL DIST. CONVENTION OF MISSOURI

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New London, Frankford, Fairview,

THE MAN WHOM KENTUCKY DELIGHTS TO HONOR

There's a difference, they say, 'twixt planet and star.

The star being further away:

The planet revolves like the wheel of a car

Round the hub, while the fixed stars stay.

Then, planets shine by a borrowed light

And not real as the star

I cast my vote for the orb so bright Which not only seem, but are.

As lights in the firmaments, so are men

There planets, stars and suns:

Some shine for a season, then "Go Out" again

While some like the comet, run.

Sweeping my scope along my sky

Watching the worlds go round

My vision refuses to pass him by

He answers to "Brother Brown".

Down in the Cumberland River shade

Where they sing and shout and pray

Down in that town which is "Taylor Made"

In Nashville he first saw the day.

Humble his birth and few his friends

His horoscope showed no calling

But for the "Divinity that shapes our ends"

His, might have been appalling.

Somehow my man caught sight of his star

And to it his chariot lashed

Till his fame is known both near and far,

As toward the summit he dashed.

His prime was in days of acid test

For our cause the "stock was down"

But fearless and brave he stood abreast

Where the weaker men would drown.

At length Mt. Sterling sought a man

Who'd travelled the Brotherhood round

And knew it all from Beersheba to Dan

No wonder they called "Brother Brown."

He's pastored Mt. Sterling for years and years

Beloved by the people all

Through three-score and ten, He's full of cheer

And true to the Master's call.

His counsel is safe, his wisdom sound

As old man Solomon said

No better pastor no church ever found

In his class he stands near the head.

C. H. DICKERSON.

Lexington, Ky.

Huntsville and a mission point at Vandalia. Two of these are inactive, six of them are active, reported and were represented by delegates. There were 25 delegates and an average attendance of 100. Saturday night and the three Sunday services marked the high point of attendance.

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WHO IS AT FAULT?

By Carrie Smith, 218 W 64th Street
 New York City, N. Y.

I read our Editor's front page article in the April 15th issue on: "As The Editor Sees It." I noticed, among many other statements this: "Clear thinking proposes to actually see things as they are." To me this is significant.

There are many small churches in little rural towns that are either dying or dead and there are many of our leading cities where every denomination is represented and is flourishing, but a Disciple of Christ who wishes to be known as a Christian only, may not have a church home—why? Whose fault is it? Why can't we see the actual situation? Why don't we sense the importance of the real challenge that comes to The Disciples of Christ? Does the command to "Go into all the world and make Disciples" come home to the leaders of the brotherhood? Did Jesus say, "Go make Disciples" or did he say, "Go where Disciples are made?"

Why is we do not seem to be able to establish churches in many of our greatest cities? If there are Disciples of Christ whose delight is to be known

as "Christians Only," why don't someone teach them to advertise? If we have churches in our larger cities why don't they let it be known? If we don't have any why don't our leaders take the initiative in organizing churches of the Disciples of Christ? Is it because we lack the members, the church buildings, the field, or is it not that we lack vision, faith and the love of God in our hearts? Who is at fault in this particular?

I am not finding fault or complaining, but I hear so much about needing help in different ways. We humble, well meaning disciples who happen to live in unchurched communities are frequently lost in the whirl-wind of the life of our larger cities and are not able to help the church. Even when we write we do not get the courtesy of a reply.

The National Convention don't seem to have time to answer our call to "Come over into Macedonia and help us;" either that or they don't seem to be greatly concerned about our fellowship and cooperation in the great task. Who wonders but that we have great need when the flock is left to wonder from city to city uncared for? I often wonder, "Who is at fault?"

DECISION DAY AN OUTSTANDING DATE

There is a great day in every life; and some days stand out above others. If our life was one day after another it would be wearisome, indeed; but in order of things such is not the case unless one sits down and bakes it thus. The birthdays come in for their unusual significance with the many little courtesies and gifts; it is even so with marriages and other events that take place during the life time of the average person. Each life has its special day that may be regarded as the turning point. Billy Sunday sat down on the curb of the street and for once really thought things over, and from that time till now he has pursued a different course. It was his turning point. After a wild life, in every conceivable thing had been done to cast reflection on the training received, St. Augustine came to a great decision, and as a consequence the world has been enriched by his devotion. What is true of these two men is but an illustration of what is happening to multitudes. There are great days in the life of us all that represent decisions like that of Luther, Campbell, Wesley and a host of others. It cannot be otherwise because it is life.

CONVENTION NOTICE !

The National Christian Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ will convene in their thirtieth Annual meeting, beginning Monday August 26, 1929 in the city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This session will continue through the first Lord's day in September.

There has never been a convention held in the history of our organization that is more important than this one.

The program committee is arranging a most entertaining and attractive program. There will be excellent reports, inspiring addresses, instructive conferences, happy banquet hours and a plenty of heart-warming fellowship.

In the selection of a place of meeting, Winston-Salem, (the twin city) will prove to be idealistic. The distance is in reach of everybody. One can go by way of Atlanta, Ga., Knoxville and Morristown, Roanoke, Va., and Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va., or by the way of Washington City.

We have four fine congregations of our Brethren in that city, and they are making every preparation to entertain us by the hundreds.

A broad invitation has been extended to the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia to meet with us and have full fellowship.

Plan now to send your pastor and bring a big delegation to the **GREATEST** National Convention of the Churches of Christ.

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NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CITY

J. F. Whitfield, Pastor

A. D. Penn, Reporter

The Bible School is rowing nicely under the New Elementary Superintendent, Miss Alpha Penn. Much progress has been made along the lines of attendance, offerings, punctuality and general class cooperation. The teachers are interesting and enthusiastic. The Elementary Superintendent and teachers staged a very effective program on Religious Education Day in February. The program was a success much to the delight of those sponsoring it. The program was rendered as follows:

Worship Program, Fifteen minutes; Pantomime, "The Old Rugged Cross" by the Primary Girls; Story of "The Ten Virgins" by the Junior Boys and Girls; Offering, Remarks, Announcements, Closing.

The several classes have begun their hand work and are finding it very interesting.

Elder Whitfield, the teacher of the Boys Junior Class, gave three prizes to three boys in his class for one hundred per cent attendance and a grade "A" scholarship in Class Cooperation. This method was our incentive to others.

The National Workers, Prof. Moss and Miss Chandler conducted a week-end institute for the Bible School and Young People's Workers in March which was more than helpful to the workers. It was inspirational as well as informational.

The Easter program for the Bible School was very fine. It was a composition of and sponsored by Miss Justina Spencer and Mrs. J. F. Whitfield.

The program was a dramatization of the "Resurrection."

The Evangelistic Campaign was conducted by Elder B. J. Gregory of Selma, N. C. He delivered forceful sermons each night. The meeting was a success from every end.

Elder Whitfield went to North Carolina on the fifth Sunday in March to be present in an Eastern North Carolina meet. He reports a successful meeting. Elder J. C. Williams a local minister, served in his absence to the satisfaction of all present.

On the first Lord's day in April ten persons were baptized and the right hand of fellowship was extended to fourteen persons on that day. The services were live and full of spirit and everyone felt a degree stronger spiritually.

The Ladies Aid Society gave a Martha Washington Tea Party in the Month of February which was a financial success to the extent of \$15.65 despite the very inclement weather.

The Woman's Missionary Society gave their Annual Calendar Social on the 19th of April at the home of Deacon and Mrs. G. E. Turner.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

Each number of the Christian Plea carries many helpful suggestions and introduces new workers erstwhile unheard of. This is fine. I wish to second the motion that more of the firters sign name and address. Somebody might desire to call them out of their neck of the woods and use them.

Lexington church has a host of buse activities. The Sunday School with Superintendent James McKee who is also a faithful janitor, is nearing the hundred in attendance. The minister teaches the "Teen age" class of about fifteen as lively chaps as you ever saw.

Miss Florence Reid, Miss Odie B. Lewis, Mrs. Bertha Peaks and Mrs. Engleman and sister Dickerson are regular teachers at their post with the other classes.

Our school always begins and ends on time. So does the church, and we have had eight additions in April and May. Four grown people last Sunday joined. We're busy this spring among the City Schools. While our Ministers Alliance was visiting Paris, we delivered an address to the High School there.

Sunday, May 12th, we motored over to Richmond, 26 miles and preached the baccalaureate sermon for Richmond High School. Sunday, May 19th, we preached the baccalaureate sermon for Midway High School, 14 miles west and on the same night performed a like service for The Memorial Institute at our oldhome in Nicholasville. These dates with our spring Annex drive for \$1000.00 coming off May 26, caused us to turn down some calls which we dearly wanted to fill.

Our two main clubs, East End and West End will give each \$100.00 in their rally; sister Sally Ross is president of one and sister Fannie Sanders president of the other. The Loyal Workers are another lively bunch and the Circles, Triangles, Tanglefoots and What Nots will bring up the rear.

Friday we made the State Convention Program. T'will "Go off" at Little Rock, 12 miles east of Paris, Bourbon County, July 24-28; all noses point

that way. Pastor H. T. Wilson says, "Come on!" And we're going.

My compliments to the young Pens that push along the lines of the Plea. God bless them, and ye Editor, Keep on keeping on. Will meet you all down in good old Winston-Salem, N. C, where the "Two Seas meet" and the chiefs and scribes strike hands with their kith and kine and feel at home in the fellowship of the oneness of God's people.

YES INDEED

In Winston-Salem yellow yams
And water mellons flow
No matter 'bout your pork and lamb
You dealeates must go.

But 'tis not worldly things we crave
To feast is not our goal
Convent'on goers come to save
And edify the soul.

There's not a city you can name
From Adam down to Balaam
Can better play Convention's game
Than good old Linston-Salem.

C. H. Dickerson, 446 Ohio St.
Lexington, Kentucky.

SAINT JAMES CHRISTIAN CHURCH Lyons, Texas

Elder J. M. Washington, Pastor
F. H. Moore, Clerk and Reporter

A wave of sadness literally swept this entire community on Saturday morning, February 2nd, at 7 a. m., due to the death of one of our pioneer members and citizens, in the person of our beloved Elder Will'am Green.

He was born in Tennessee in 1836. He came to Texas and located in Burleson County about 74 ears ao. Heg was 93 years old when he died. He married Miss Elizabeth Carroll December 18, 1866. To this happy union came three children: Robert W. Annie and James A.; all of whom survive him. He leaves besides these. two grandchildren. 13 great grand-children and one great, great grand-child and a multitude of friends to mourn h's passing. He was preceeded in death by his life's companion several years.

Father Green, as he was affectionately called, was one of the early trail blazers of the Christian Cause in this section of Texas. He was one of the founders of St. James in 1887. He succeeded in organizing several other churches in this and adjoining counties. Literally hundreds have been baptised by him.

He was a faithful soldier who seem to have fought to the very last. He

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

**MOTHER, TWENTY FIVE
YEARS AGO**

By Mrs. Mary Brown,
Kansas ity, Mo.

Over nineteen hundred years ago Mary, the mother of Jesus, sat with the Christ child, the babe of Bethlehem on her breast. From that time on down through the ages great artists have tried over and over again to paint the full beauty of this simple subject, —Mother and Babe. They have never been able to really satisfy themselves. There is more beauty in this simple every day sight than man can adequately express with pencil and colors. This goes to show that the common, every day things of life are sometimes the most beautiful.

The girl of 25 years ago barely approaching womanhood, was taught that motherhood was the grandest, the loftiest and the holiest God-given power to woman. She was not only glad to be called mother, but felt it a joy. Motherhood was her greatest ambition. She was proud of motherhood and was willing to sacrifice for her child. She took time to rear her children for she felt that young life depended on her. She realized "as the twig is bent so is the tree inclined" to grow.

The triumphs of her children were her own. Her eyes followed them while present and her soul went out with them when absent. The memory of sacred hours,—mother's word, her faith and her prayers saved us from plunging into the deep abyss of sin.

Years have filled great drifts between us, but they have not hidden from our sight the glory of mother's pure unselfish love. Her love was never tired. Her love endured through never exhausted; it never changed, it all. She remembered that infant smile that once filled her bosom with rapture, that merry laughter that joyful shout of childhood, that first promise of youth. She could never be brought to think of him or her unworthy. Too often it is convenience, fashionable or a matter of habit that preserves the friendship of mankind, but that of mother is not changed by fortune, loss of influence nor even the loss of character.

Twenty-five years ago mothers taught their daughters concerning maternity so let us teach our girls that it is honorable. The expanding rose just bursting into beauty has an irresistible bewitchment and so has the blooming bride led triumphantly

to the altar. She awakens admiration and interest. The blush on her cheeks fill us with delight. But the charm of maternity is more sublime than all these. Heaven has imprinted in mother's face something beyond this world; the angelic smile, the tender look and the watchful eye which keeps its fond vigil over the slumbering babe.

Thank God for the mother of 25 years ago. Unlike some women of this period whose soft jeweled hands have never felt the clasp of baby fingers, whose tinted cheeks have never felt their sweet warm breath and who never had a maternal knee as the first altar of a child's devotion.

But not so with our dear, semi-old-fashioned, sweet voiced mothers with eyes,—in whose clear depths the love light shone. Their dear hands were worn with toil, but they gently guarded our tottering footsteps in childhood and smothered our pillow in sickness. Blessed is the memory of such a mother. The beauty of other voices may be lost but the entrancing memory of her's will live in our souls forever.

The mothers of one-fourth century ago were mothers who were just as busy and careworn as we and yet they were never too busy and too tired to teach their children that "the way of the cross leads home." They were women who had time for maternity and whose exstasy of joy was reached when the small warm body of the babe was nestled to their breast. They smiled with the care of their children and never felt they were a burden and in their way. They didn't feel that they couldn't afford to have children because it might deprive them of fine clothes, jewelry, and pleasures. They were unselfish, self-sacrificing loving, tender and kind mothers who were always thinking of the welfare of their children. The wild storms of adversity and the bright sunshine of prosperity were all alike to them. They never ceased to love! Their friendships were unalterable in life and strong in death and they breathed their last sigh in a prayer for the welfare of their children.

Remembrances hover over every incident of those calm and blissful days when mother's presence gave life its greatest charms; affection turned aside the arrows of misfortune; gentleness alleviated the pangs of distress; tenderness smoothed the pillow of sickness, kind hands held the head of pain while

alterable love supported us amidst unloving smiles beamed upon us and unkindness and ingratitude. These incidents can never be forgotten. They will live on many years after death's ice fetters lay upon mother's brow, year by year as other true and tried friends are called from labor to reward, we think as the poet:

"Mother! Dear Mother! the feeling
must

As I hung on thy bosom—cling round
the first

'Twas the earliest link in love's warm
chain

'Tis the only one that will long re-
main.

And as year by year and day by day,
Some friend still trusted drop away,
Mother, dear mother, O dost thou see
How the shortened chain brings me
nearer thee."

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

By Rosa Brown Grubbs
**OAKWOOD BLVD. CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
Chicago, Ill.**

The Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church is progressing under the leadership of Elder T. B. Livingston in spite of its tremendous burdens and responsibilities, so reports came to me from many angles the day I visited there. I was however, sorry to find the Pastor out of the city. He was at the time visiting his family in Washington, D. C. Conference with the W. M. S. gave information of a well organized plan for program and work although they had thwarted because of very severe weather during January and February. They will of course raise their Quota this year.

Professor C. W. Smith, Druggist and Chairman of the board of Oakwood Blvd. expressed delight pertaining to the business arrangements of the church on its financial responsibility. And in speaking with regards to the Missionary Quota of \$100.00 said, "It will be evidence of ingratitude if we fail to give \$100.00 our Quota for World Missions."

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch is reporter to Christian Plea for the Oakwood Blvd. Church. We are therefore looking to her for a large subscription list from the membership.

The S. C. I. Club is planning a substantial gift to the Christian Plea.

LANGLEY AVE. CHURCH Chicago, Ill.

While in Chicago, Illinois I was the guest of Bro. and Sister R. E. Latouche in their beautiful new home, 204 Michigan Blvd.

My visit with the Langley Avenue Church was an inspirat on indeed. No where in the brotherhood do we have

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EAST TENNESSEE

By Mrs. W. A. Scott

Over here in East Tennessee in the Great Smoky mountains, we find ourselves quite busy these days pushing forward the work of the Master.

The Johnson Church has recently had a very inspiring visit from our National Field Worker, Mrs. Grubbs. She found us busy at work in our Missionary Society on our national apportionment. We are doing fine along this line and expect our full amount. The Missionary Society sponsored a Mother's Day program which was very much enjoyed. Our weekly meetings are adding much to the social life and general interest in our church work. The following contributed to our drive on our apportionment: John Latture, \$2.00; William Keebler, \$1.25; Elder S. Kenny, \$1.25; Mrs. W. A. Scott, 1.15; H. B. Ryans, \$1.00; Roy Shoun, \$1.00; Mrs. O. W. Sherrill, \$1.00; Mrs. H. J. Meek, \$1.00; Mrs. M. H. Hankal, 50c; Mrs. Lyden, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Mawk'ns, 50c; Mrs. Crawford, 25c; Mrs. Carter, 10c.

The Jonesboro Church had a very successful rally on the 3rd Sunday in which they raised almost \$170.00. They have paid off their last note to the Church Extension with thanks for their patience and consideration. The Sunday School which is doing an excellent work with Mr. John Latture as teacher, Mrs. Lewis Walker as Superintendent and Elder Hale, pastor, contributed \$125.00 to the church.

We are planning to play our part in the State and National Conventions, both in finance and delegation.

COLLEGE NOTES

..Those students who attended Magnolia Conference last year recently presented the Conference idea to the rest of the students in a special booster program at chapel. Those who took part in the program were Maurice Welch, Edna Mae Smith, Cyril Robertson, Viola Martin, Henrietta Bradford, Isaac Henderson, Carnella Jamison, and Fannie Lee. Miss Lee is president of Magnolia this year. Each of these students gave an interesting talk in which he or she presented some phase of Conference life. If the rest of the Brotherhood is as enthusiastic about the possibilities of Conference as the student body here is then "69 in '29" is none too large as a motto.

Last week the College invited the farmers of the community to a meeting for the purpose of discussing the farming situation in this community. It was a beautiful day right in the midst of cotton planting and most of them desired to be at their work while they had such good weather, but more than three hundred farmers attended the meeting. Both President Jones of Piney Woods and President Holtzclaw of Utica who have had great experience in such meetings said that it was the most had ever seen in any meeting of the kind, as well as being the largest they had ever seen come at the call of a collegee for such a meeting. As they stated, there was never a time when farming conditions in this section were in such a critical state, and the fact that the farmers came out in such numbers showed the great confidence they had in the College. President Leham, was elected chairman of a committee which he is to appoint which will organize the farmers of the county for the purpose of purchasing land.

The ministers of the State met at the College for a two-day meeting with Jessie Bader, Secretary of Evangelism of the United Society. Both days were very full as Mr. Bader had so many fine things to present. With the students who are planning for religious work attending, the attendance at the meetings was over thirty. They all felt that it was a mountain-top experience.

TOPEKA, KANS.

Elder B. C. Duke, Pastor

Dear Readers of the Christian Plea:

We are writing that you may hear from the Second Christian Church at Topeka, Kansas.

Somebody has quitly broadcaster the report that the church at Topeka is dead. We are glad to say that the church is very much alive and is doing a very good work.

The church, Bible and Christian Endeavor are doing a good work. The outlook for the future is fine with a fine bunch of young people most of whom are members of the church.

Our church building has been remodeled and decorated both inside and out. It does not look like the same place of worship. In fact, it is not the same place.

One of the criticisms that I have to make of our brethren is; they are too sparing with paint. Some of our church buildings look as though they have not been decorated since they were first dedecked. Strangers are impressed of the congregation and our homes by the way the church looks. We invite strangers to our churches and probably never give them an opportunity to visit our homes; if the church is clean and inviting he is likely to conclude that our homes are on par with the church and vice versa.

Pardon me for leaving my subject!

The missionary Society is mighty sick, almost dead but the doctor says there are hopes yet. I think her appendix is on the wrong side. We have raised our apportionment of \$50.00 for our state work and have had our Evangelistic meeting. Brother A. W. Davis held a two weeks meeting for us which was very successful.

We have now turned our attention to our National apportionment which we expect to raise before the books close on June 30.

A SPECIAL NOTICE

By Elder R. L. Peters, 1428 E.

8½ St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

Will you please announce for part of the constitution of the four consecutive weeks that that National Christian Missionary Convention of Churches of Christ, that refers to membership as found in Minutes of the 11th Annual Session held at Washington, D. C. 1927 on page 33 article 2, which reads as follows:

"This organization shall be composed of (1) Churches known as Christian or Disciples of Christ with auxiliary agencies. (2) States and Districts conventions represented by duly elected delegates and such others as the convention in session may provide."

The objectionable part is District Conventions. National Conventions are not composed of Districts. The order of organization is as follows:

State convention is composed of districts, there the word District Convention should be stricken out and it can only be done by the convention in session as stated on page 35, Article 1 of the amendment.

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Greek islands on the mainland and on the other hand, objects from these places have been found in Egypt, and in the inscriptions are spoken of as "tributes." The general consensus of opinion among historians is that the Egyptians themselves were not a trading people of the type that would make them masters of commerce such as the Jews or the Phoenicians were, and that their commerce was largely in the hands of foreigners, just as it is in our own times.

Regardless of the native or foreign control of commerce, one of the most convincing evidences of its importance lies in the fact that in those days when the highways of commerce were infested with bandits of every type, and travel, or means of travel was slow and trying, six great highways connected Lower Egypt with the commercial centers of the orient. Over these highways must have come the usual assortment of merchants, tradesmen, artesians, mechanics, scholars, in fact all classes from the lowest to the highest. This mass of tradesmen would also represent about all of the current modes of religious thought and practice prevalent in the courtries from which they came. They would receive in return the modes of thought and an insight into the manners and customs of the Egyptian people. We shall see later how desire to control the commerce of the Nile valley led to the founding of Alexandria, the city which held such a strategic position in the geographical distribution of Christianity throughout Northern Africa.

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This geographic distribution of Christianity at once challenges our attention. The civilization of North Africa was centered about the fertile Nile Valley. There were several reasons for this. In the first place access to water was an elementary

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seems to have felt during the last few years that his warfare was about ended. He walked three miles to visit St. James just before being confined to his bed. He seemed to have greatly enjoyed Elder T. J. Green's sermon and responded to a request for remarks. He said he was responding for "it may be my last time, I don't

know." His remarks were indeed impressive and timely.

He was not very wealthy in this world's goods, even though he had a small farm of 57 acres; he was immensely rich spiritually having lived to a ripe age filled with kindly deeds and useful service in Kingdom building.

The Ministerial Relief Fund of \$10.00 was a great solace and real source of joy to him. He had been receiving this amount since May, 1927. It cheered him as nothing else could do. It added much to his comfort in his last days. The end came in four days.

The funeral was ably conducted by Elder T. J. Green of Galveston. He used as a text: "The Master is Come and Callesth for Thee;" John 11:28. Elder W. B. Washington, pastor of St. James assisted him also Rev. M. Wilbon of County Line Baptist Church, where the funeral was held. The burial was at Center Line. Miss Emma Dotson, a teacher in the Lyons High School read a touching condolence.

The weather was very disagreeable but the house was packed to its utmost capacity. The crowd even gathered outside in the mud to pay their last tribute and respect to a greatly loved soul who was the last of their pioneers in the community. He was truly a great soul with unlimited possibilities for good, the greatest of this community, a rare character indeed and greatly loved by all. The following resolution was adopted by St. James:

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to take from us our beloved Elder Green; and whereas, we know the grief and suffering of the bereaved family, therefore be it resolved:

That we, the officers and members of St. James Church and its auxiliaries, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and admonish them to humbly bow with us to the Will of our heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Be it further resolved: That a copy of this obituary, these resolutions and condolences be sent to "The Christian Plea" for publication and be it further resolved: That a copy of the paper be sent to the family.

Elder J. M. Washington, Pastor

Elder L. H. Hicks, Deacon

Elder F. H. Moore, Clerk and Reporter.

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LANGLEY AVENUE CHURCH

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task than here. We found them rejoicing in the close of a deal for a new church site at a cost of \$40,000. The new location is on E. 36th Place, and provides adequate facilities for Religious and Missionary Education

and for social activities, also 2 floors of small apartments which will afford monthly income for the church. This venture was made by the little church with out any co-operation what ever. It is however, hoped that the City Mission will give support as promised sometime ago. It is the dream of the pastor, Elder Latouche that some day this building will give space toward the establishment of a home for our aged.

2ND CHRISTIAN CHURCH Bloomington, Ill.

The Church at Bloomington, Ill. was visited by me on one of the coldest nights of the year. Mowever we met Elder Wells, the pastor and a few of the faithful. I talked to them concerning the work as though the house was full and plans were made which we think will result in achieved goals for Missions in Church as such and Missionary Society. Brother Wells promised an offering for support of Brother Wells know him as one who Christian Plea and those who know can always be relied on..

2ND CHRISTIAN CHURCH Gary, Indiana

A visit to this point brought us face to face with a distressed struggling group. Bro. J. W. K'trell is supplying there as Pastor. They have been worshipping in a school building but plans were under way where by they may be able to rent a store room which will enable them to better put on the whole program. If there is a place in the brotherhood where Missionary Funds could be spent to advantage it is Gary, Ind.

This is one of the greatest growing cities in the country. Less than two decades ago it was a wilderness. Other Mission Boards are taking advantage of the opportunity here afforded to gather together their own and to grow up with the city. Why not we?

WHERMAN AVE. CHURCH Cincinnati, Ohio

A visit to the Wherman Avenue Church of Christ, Cincinnati, Ohio, of which Elder M. Frazier is Pastor, revealed an enthusiastic group of workers. The church in many respects, showed marked progress. The building has been remodeled and is fully adequate for service, both worshipful, educational and socially in that community. They were enthusiastic in their response to the Missionary message which was my privilege to bring them. Full assurance was given that they would raise their full quota for Missions this year. In response to an appeal in behalf of Christian Plea three subscriptions were taken and the pastor promised to appoint a reporter and make a canvass of the membership for subscriptions.

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THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY

H. L. HEROD, Indianapolis, Ind.

The National Convention of the Churches of Christ among the Negroes of America was organized in 1916 at Nashville, Tennessee, with Preston Taylor, the present incumbent, as president. The movement was born out of a sincere desire on the part of a few Negro leaders to make the Negro churches more efficient and aggressive in the work of the Kingdom. To this end organization seemed indispensable. It was felt that the Negro Disciples are a part of the great brotherhood by a common faith in the gospel of Christ and by historic association. Our fathers, although in bonds, heard the words of God as preached by Stone, Scott, Campbell and Gans and accepted it with unspeakable joy and pride in its power. The pull of brotherhood and desire for fellowship in Christian service, coupled with the challenge of the whole program of the whole church were irresistible. Nor could we be blind to the splendid achievements of the Negroes in other religious communions. Indeed we were chagrined when we remembered that although we had the truth, they had the spirit and were doing the work. We realized that many of our good churches were decadent and that our children were being lost to the cause of New Testament Christianity for lack of organization and adequate leadership.

The advantages accruing from the organization have already more than justified its existence. In the first place, the Negro Disciples did not know each other. It was generally known that we had a considerable number of churches and ministers, but there had been no getting together of the forces for conference and mutual encouragement. Nor were we

aware of the splendid ministers, educators, laymen and women who make up our Negro churches. Second, a better and closer relationship between ourselves and our white brethren has resulted. Some of them knew that there were a few straggling Negro brethren here and there. They had even done some deeds of mercy for them. Few had dreamed of working with them for their own salvation and the Christianization of the world. Negroes in America were, and largely are, conceded by many of the strictest of our faith as belonging either to the Methodist or Baptist persuasions. Our national meeting from the first has brought representatives of the United Christian Missionary Society and other leaders of Christian work face to face with our outstanding Negro brethren to the wholesome profit and pride of both groups. Third, the national convention from the beginning felt that the organized work of the Negro churches should be one with that of our white churches. There seemed no tenable reason why Christian groups differing widely perhaps in race and nativity should not be co-ordinated. So we are succeeding, not only in organizing the local churches for more efficient service but in correlating and articulating that work as auxiliary to the larger work of the church as represented by the United Christian Missionary Society. Fourth, the movement in addition to directing and inspiring our churches with new zeal is developing initiative, the sense of responsibility and leadership. Our churches with increasing pride are realizing that it is more blessed to give than to receive and that they have a great contribution to make to the cause of Christ. Fifth, the

National Convention its first year attempted a concrete task. A Jubilee fund of \$20,000 had been proposed in 1916 by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. The undertaking was indorsed and the amount nearly raised in three years. In 1917 the National Convention adopted three objectives: the building of a church in Washington, D. C., the founding of Central Christian Institute and a share in world missions. An emergency drive for \$100,000 was begun in behalf of this three-fold task. Pledges amounting to \$115,000 were taken. This money is being paid and the objectives are in process of realization. At our convention at Indianapolis, \$8,478.34 was reported raised for 1922. That convention adopted a budget of \$20,000 to be apportioned among the churches and raised in 1923. The apportionment was based on the emergency pledges yet unpaid and will be expended for the emergency drive objectives.

The United Christian Missionary Society is working through seven of its special representatives who constitute part of the executive committee of the National Convention. J. B. Lehman, superintendent of Negro work, Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs, P. H. Moss and his assistants as field secretaries and other workers supported by the United Christian Missionary Society, have been of inestimable value in giving the National Convention worth and effectiveness. We have always had their presence, wisdom and heartiest cooperation. The general secretaries of the several boards which make up the United Christian Missionary Society have gone out of their way to present the various causes of the church to our people. Our school men, the regional and state evangelists, the dozen or more pastors located and supported altogether or in part at such strategic centers at Washington, Baltimore, Cleveland, Memphis, Day-

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

P. M. MOSS, Supt. of Religious Education, Dept. Editor
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ton and Columbus, largely justify the support given them, by their fine spirit of cooperation.

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PRAYER OF COMMON FOLKS

Help Thou our eyes, O Father, to perceive
Reality revealed through all that seems;
No signs unique we ask for, but believe
Our common life diviner than all dreams.

Help Thou our ears to catch thy accents clear
In all the common sounds of every day;
We need no voice like that of Israel's fear
At Sinai's foot; for such we do not pray.

Help Thou our minds the truth to comprehend
Which Thou dost offer in the daily round;
We do not ask thee from afar to send
A message all our errors to confound.

Help Thou our hearts to let the dear Lord in,
Who stands so near and knocks at every door;
We need not wait the Heavenly Guest to win
Till we shall walk these earthly ways no more.

—John Clinton Pryor.

Demorest, Georgia.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, Missionary Societies, Christian Endeavor Societies and Bible Schools of Maryland and the District of Columbia, convened in Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Division Street near Laurtins on Thursday, July 11th to 13th, 1929, W. H. Taylor, Entertaining Pastor

The program was as follows: 1 P. M. Church session, Dr. M. F. Robinson, Presiding; 1 P. M. Devotional, Hagerstown Delegates; 1:15 P. M., President's Message; 1:45 P. M. Appointment of Committees; 2:00 P. M. Report of Churches; 2:30 Open Discussion—"What Can We Do For The Betterment of Our Work?"; 3:15 P. M. Report of Committees; 4:00 P. M. Election and Installation of Officers; 4:15 P. M. Executive Session; 5:00 P. M. Adjournment; 5:15 Supper.

Evening Session—7:30 P. M. Devotional, Washington Delegates; Welcome Addresses, Responses; Music, Mt. Olive Choir; Sermon, President, Dr. M. F. Robinson, Hagerstown, Md.; Music; Offering; Announcements; Benediction.

Friday, July 12th—Morning Session—8:00 A. M. Breakfast; Missionary Societies Session, Mrs. N. W. McGowan, Presiding; 9:00 A. M. Devotional, Mt. Olivet Delegates; 9:15 A. M. President's Message; 9:45 A. M. Appointment of Committees; 10:00 A. M. Report of Societies; 10:30 A. M. Open Discussion, "The Great Commission"; 11:00 A. M. Report of Committees; 11:30 A. M. Election and Installation of Officers; 12:00 M. Adjournment; 12:15 P. M. Dinner.

Afternoon Session—Christian Endeavor Societies Session, Mrs. L. A. Staples, Presiding. 1 P. M. Devotional, Hagerstown and Washington Delegates; 1:15 P. M. President's Message; 1:45 P. M. Appointment of Committees; 2:00 P. M. Report of Societies; 2:30 P. M. Open Discussion—"Our National Christian Endeavor Convention"; 3:15 P. M. Report of Committees; 4:00 P. M. Election and Installation of Officers; 4:15 P. M. Executive Session; 5:00 P. M. Adjournment; 5:15 P. M. Supper.

Evening Session—7:30 P. M. Devotional, Mt. Olivet Delegates; 8:00 P.

M. Special Music; Sermon, Elder H. D. Griffin, Washington, D. C.; Offering; Announcements; Benediction. Saturday, July 13th—Morning Session—8:00 A. M. Breakfast; Bible School Session, Mr. W. C. Bowie, Presiding; 9:00 A. M. Devotional; 9:15 A. M. President's Message; 9:45 A. M. Appointment of Committees; 10:00 A. M. Reports of Schools; 10:30 A. M. Open Discussion—"Our National Bible School Convention"; 11:00 A. M. Report of Committees; 11:30 A. M. Election and Installation of Officers; 12 M. Adjournment; 12:15 P. M. Dinner.

Afternoon Session—1:30 P. M.—Sight-seeing Trip.

Officers of the Church Convention: Dr. M. F. Robinson, President; W. H. Taylor, Vice President; E. A. Stevenson, Treasurer; Mrs. Pearl Clark, Secretary.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Including Sunday School and C. W. B. M., At Little Rock, Kentucky, July 24-28, 1929. General Theme: "Evanglizing the Churches".

Bible School: General Theme—"Religious Training".

Wednesday Morning, July 24.—Forty-ninth Annual Session, President, Mrs. E. W. Hancock, Presiding. 9:00 A. M. Devotion, Fairview; 9:15 A. M. Appointment of Credential Committee, President; Greetings from each school, Delegates; Music, Germantown; 10:00 A. M. Sermon, E. B. Toles; Alternate, Blades; 10:30 A. M. Music, Georgetown; Report of Credential Committee, Committee; 10:45 A. M. "Our Problems and Solutions in Religious Training", Mrs. B. B. Hutsell; 11:15 A. M. Questions and Discussion, Delegates; 11:30 A. M. New Delegates' Period, by new Delegates; Introduction of visitors; Offering, Announcements.

Afternoon Session—2:00 P. M. Devotion, Louisville Third; 2:15 P. M. Report of Districts, Presidents; District No. 2, Mrs. L. G. Smith; District No. 3, Mrs. Aurelia Hamilton; District No. 4 Mrs. Ida Owen; District No. 5, William Walker; District No. 6, C. H. Johnson; 2:45 P. M. Music, Mt. Sterling; "A Constructive Program of Bible School Work", Miss E. M. Harden; 3:30 P. M. Music, Covington.

3:45 P. M. Address, C. E. Cummins, Supt. Ky. Bible School Association; Music, Convention Choir; 4:15 P. M. Bible School Institute Conducted by President; Offering; Announcements; Benediction.

"ON TO WINSTON-SALEM," NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 26th,

CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

WE ARE FOUNDATION BUILDERS OF A NEW CIVILIZATION

"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: for he looked for the city which hath the foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Think of a man whose spiritual head was up in the air like Abraham had his. The ordinary men see only what is transpiring around him, but here was a man who could look up and on to things that were to come. If Abraham could step down to us now and we could with him go over the four thousand years that have come and gone since his day, what a conversation we could have with him about the kingdom for which he was then laying the foundation! We could talk about the fourteen centuries of the Jewish national life. Then we could talk about the nineteen hundred years of the sweep of the kingdom of Christ. Then he with his wonderful faith, could tell us what is yet to be. What an interview that would be!

But we are in as strategic a position as Abraham was. God has great things in store for the world because of America. It was not discovered until such a time as Europe had progressed sufficiently to begin to reform. Then America became the "spillway" for the martyr-reformers of Europe. The Pilgrims came from England to Pennsylvania, the French Huguenots to almost all the seaboard, the Mennonites and Dunkers to Pennsylvania and Virginia. And into this was introduced the native Africans who did not suffer for their belief but they came in as martyrs of their person. Thus was accomplished what men would have not done voluntarily; namely, a nation was formed of every nation under the sun. God means for us to work out a situation that can be used as a model throughout the world.

But to accomplish our task we must lift up our heads and look beyond the little difficulties of our day. The great majority of the people of America are thinking of nothing but to carry on the old feuds that have come down to us through the centuries. Look at what the political parties are thinking

about. It is very largely what was started in the first fifty years of our nation. How the Republicans want to carry on the quarrel Alexander Hamilton started. How the Democrats want to carry on the quarrel Thomas Jefferson started. And then look at the relation of the colored people and white people. Lynching is nothing but carrying on a quarrel that started in the reconstruction period, and that was a quarrel that started in slavery times. With those people who are not living by faith the old quarrels have become instinctive and they are going wholly by impulse and not by purpose.

Then how are we to get a better situation? Our only hope is prophets. We need men and women who can raise their heads above the little instinctive quarrels of the past. We need leaders who will feel that they are civilization builders. Our trouble in race relations is wholly due to what our fathers did. If we are not careful we will give down to our children just as bad a situation as our fathers gave down to us. We can settle nothing of the past. Our job is to build something new for the future. Then let us forget the old quarrels. But, some one will say, what are we to do if the other fellow will not forget them? Forget it anyway. That is why Christ said we should not do evil for evil. One Abraham is worth ten million Lots. Until America develops a new spirit of social relations, a new spirit along all lines, it cannot do much. But we have a fine group of builders at work and they will build a new house for the future. The architects are at work now drawing the blue prints. They are the men and women who are preaching the idealisms. We have a fine group of carpenters and masons who are laying up the walls. They are the teachers and preachers struggling with the people.

Then if this is true, the best that many of us can do is to do what we can do to prepare architects and builders. Every church should go carefully through every family of its membership and pick out the best spaced and send them off to school. The U. C. M. S. is spending nearly fifty thousand dollars annually to build schools. Let us cooperate with them and fill these schools with fine boys and girls who will prepare to become leaders in this civilization building enterprise.

CONVENTION NOTICE !

The National Christian Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ will convene in their Thirteenth Annual meeting, beginning Monday, August 26, 1929, in the city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This session will continue through the first Lord's day in September.

There has never been a convention held in the history of our organization that is more important than this one.

The program committee is arranging a most entertaining and attractive program. There will be excellent reports, inspiring addresses, instructive conferences, happy banquet hours and a plenty of heart-warming fellowship.

In the selection of a place of meeting, Winston-Salem, (the twin city) will prove to be idealistic. The distance is in reach of everybody. One can go by way of Atlanta, Ga., Knoxville and Morristown, Roanoke, Va., and Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va., or by the way of Washington City.

We have four fine congregations of brethren in that city, and they are making every preparation to entertain us by the hundreds.

A broad invitation has been extended to the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia to meet with us and have full fellowship.

Plan now to send your pastor and a big delegation to the GREATEST National Convention of the Churches of Christ.

PRESTON TAYLOR.

BEST WAY TO PROMOTE UNION

The Disciples of Christ will count for most in the effort to establish Christian union by being united among themselves. Every one must refrain from introducing practices of mere personal taste or opinion and work for the things that promote peace. If one creates strife in his own religious group how can he be trusted as a leader in the Christian union movement in general.

Some are trying to introduce into our churches the things that originally caused division among Christians and in doing so they imagine that they are "progressive brethren." It is perfectly futile and particularly ridiculous to beg for a recognition that divided the church originally, imagining that these will unite the churches today.

To build up a strong, true, well-organized body of members who believe in the church; who make Christ's word the supreme law of their lives;

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"Meet Us At Winston-Salem, Monday, Aug. 26th, 1929 At 8 P. M."

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST to be held with the Cleveland Ave. Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., August 26-September 1, 1929.

Monday, August 26.—9:00 A. M.—Meeting of the Joint Executive Committee.

2:00 P. M. Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Convention.
8:00 P. M. Devotionals, locally conducted.

8:20 P. M. Program of Welcome under local auspices.

9:20 P. M. Response to Welcome, Elder Preston Taylor, Tenn.

9:30 P. M. Convention Address—"Glorifying the Ministry", Elder H. L. Herod, Indiana.

10:00 P. M. Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.

Tuesday, August 27th.—9:00 A. M. Devotions, Elder I. H. Smith, Virginia;
9:15 A. M. Report of Enrollment Committee and appointment of Committees.

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9:30 A. . Address and Conference—

"The Cooperative Work", R. G. Ross, Ind'ana.

10:15 A. M. Address—"Glorifying the Ministry Thru Evangelism" Chief Stately, N. C.

10:45 A. M. Music

10:50 A. M. Business Period:

(a) Partial Report of Joint Committee

(b) Report of Executive Committee.

(c) Report of States

11:50 A. M. Announcements

Tuesday Afternoon—2:00 P. M. Devotions Elder G. M. Dickerson, Virginia.

2:15 Symposium—"Glorifying the Ministry"

(a) The Call of Christ to the Ministry, Elder G. C. Campbell, Ohio.

(b) Thru Adequate Training, Elder B. T. Hunt, Tennessee.

(c) Thru Financial Support, Eld. R. H. Davis, Ohio.

(d) Thru Moral Support, Elder Wm. Alphin, Missouri.

(e) Thru Spiritual Support, Eld. C. E. Craggett, Missouri.

3:55 Music.

4:00 Report of Superintendent of Missions, Mr. J. B. Lehman, Miss.

4:30 Report of Convention Officers.

4:55 Announcements, Adjournment.
Tuesday Evening—8:00 Devotions, Elder H. D. Griffin, D. C.

8:20 President's Address—Glorifying the Ministry Thru the Church, Elder Preston Taylor, Tennessee.

8:50 Special Music.

9:00 Sermon, Chief W. A. Fordham, N. C.

9:35 Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.

Wednesday Morning, Augusts 28.—9:00 Devotions, Eld. R. F. Hayes, Tennessee.

9:15 General Business Period.

10:00 Business Period.

(a) Partial Report of Recommendations Committee.

(b) Report of Other Committees

(c) Report of Field Secretaries.

11:00, Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru World Christianity, Dr. A. E. Cory, N. C.

11:30 Report of Educational Secretary.

11:50 Announcements, Adjournment.
Wednesday Afternoon—2:00 Devotions, Eld. H. S. Hairston, Va.

8:15 Address—"The Ministry of the Lay Member, Dr. J. B. Hankell, Ind.

8:35 Address—"The Church and the Press", Eld. P. A. Gray, Mo.

9:00 Special Music.

9:05 Sermon, Eld. B. C. Calvert, Miss.

(a) Report of Officers.

(b) Report of States.

11:00 President's Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru the W. M. S., Mrs. A. L. Martin, Mo.

11:30 Address—The Missionary Society an Opportunity for Interracial Cooperation, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Ind.

11:55 Announcements, Adjournment.
Thursday Afternoon, 2:00 Devotions Mrs. S. R. Thomas, Miss.

2:15 Address and Conference—The Need of an Intensive Course of Missionary Education in the Local Church, Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Ky.

3:00 Address—The Mission Field as I Saw Them, Mrs. Settle, N. C.

3:30 Business Period.

(a) Report of Committees

(b) Report of Field Secretary

(c) All Unfinished Business.

4:55 Announcements, Adjournment.

Friday Morning, August 30th—Religious Education Period.

9:00 Devotions, Miss Anne Prunty, Virginia.

9:15 General Business Period

9:40 Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.

Thursday Morning, August 29th.—W. M. S. Period—9:00 Devotions, Mrs. Hattie Butler, Ind.

9:15 General Business Period.

10:00 Report of Enrollment Committee and Appointment of Committee.

10:15 Business Period.

10:00 President's Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru the Bible School, Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas.

10:30 Report of Enrollment Committee and Appointment of Committees.

10:45 Address—Deepening the Passion of the Church for Preaching and Teaching, Eld. W. H. Taylor, Md.

11:10 Music.

11:15 Conference—Problems and Programs of the Superintendent, P. H. Moss, Virginia.

11:55 Announcements, Adjournment.
Friday Afternoon—2:00 Devotions, Miss Bessie Thomas, Virginia.

2:15 Address—Major Objectives of Religious Education, Mr. Edgar Stevenson, Maryland.

2:45 Address—Teaching the Children Thru Projects, Miss Alpha Penn, Virginia.

3:10 Business Period.

() Report of Officers

(b) Report of States

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PAGE of NEWS ITEMS

BETWEEN TWO HILLS

We are looking forward to the Convention both at Knoxville and Winston-Salem. I hope that each Bible School in the State as well as each Department is working hard to raise its National Apportionment as well as the State Apportionment. Remember the Bible tells us "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn". Now unless we send the money to help carry on the work we cannot expect the work to go on.

However, if the Churches had sent in their apportionment St. Louis would not be boasting of Wm. Alphin as their Pastor, but because we failed Alphin Ahad to come off the field. We can't keep people like P. H. Moss, Fm. Alphin, Rosa B. Grubbs and Bessie Chandler on the field if we fail to do our bit.

We need more trained Officers in the Church and on the Board. The Minister might preach all his life, but unless the Officers catch the vision the work will drag. What is true at this place is true everywhere.

Our good sister Rosa B. Grubbs was with us on May 8th. Her message was inspiring as well as uplifting.

I hope each Bible School will try this year to make a good report. Each School is asked to send eight (\$8.00) dollars to the Convention. Do not send one dollar (\$1.00) but eight (\$8.00) dollars.

How do you expect the State to develop unless you send five dollars (\$5.00), how do you expect to be represented in the National Convention unless you send \$2.00. When you start to the State Convention don't come with a hand full of give me and a mouth full of much oblige, but come with an all around report then the State can go over the top and from Knoxville we will pull for Winston-Salem.

D. W. Bradley, State B S. President.

CONVENTIONS

The Mississippi State Convention convenes in Greenwood, Miss., week of August 14th thru Sunday. Bro. I. C. Tranklin, President.

The Tennessee State Convention convenes in Knoxville week of August 20th thru Sunday. Brother Preston Taylor, President.

MISS. BLVD. CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEMPHIS, TENN.

The faithful are fighting against "Old Man Summer Slump."

Many members are away. The Bonners are in Detroit, The Braceys are in Arkansas; The Yarbroughs are in Mississippi; The Walkers are in Colorado; Prof. Edwards is in Alabama; Sister Thomas is in Nashville. Prof. Lowe is on the road with the team.

Brother Brown visited the Kansas City churches recently. He filled the local pulpit in the absence of the pastor Elder Hunt.

The following Memphis Disciples attended the Dedicatory Services of the Christian Church in Little Rock: Mrs. Brocey, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mr. Phillips and Elder B. T. Hunt.

THE LAST STRETCH OF THE ROAD

"Far, far, I think, has been your journeying—

Dusty your dress, your shoulders bowed, my friend?"

"Yes, long ago I lost the gallant swing Of the first miles. What then, so heart can sing

The old marching-songs right to the last mile's end?"

"So steep for your scant breath this last ascent!

Needs it at such dear cost your goal to buy?"

"Ay, hard the hill. Yet I am well content

Although the ultimate coin of strength be spent,

If I may reach a country set so high."

"Does not the tooth of loneliness bite keen

As though these darkening spaces on you fare?"

"Sometimes. But one Friend stays, oft plainlier seen

When the stars die—or, if too thick night's screen

For sight, my outstretched hand soon finds Him there."

"Do you not fear lest strangeness should grip cold

Around your heart strings in that foreign land?"

"Strangeness? Why, I am homing to the old

Clime of my earliest nest, and I shall fold

My wings as on a dear familiar strand." —Henry W. Clark.

A WORD FROM SISTER GRUBBS

The National Convention accepted as its aim for this year \$10,000 and for this amount the United Society depended on us, to carry forward the work in ten great foreign fields and in the homeland. Failure to reach this aim increases the deficit, and increasing the deficit means retrenchment.

At the June meeting of the Joint Executive Committee, we were short of our aim approximately \$2500.00. The Committee voted to extend the period for the payment of apportionment to August 20th, and that in the meantime, every church be requested to make a very special effort to complete its apportionment.

If your church has sent its full apportionment, perhaps many would like to send an additional "love gift" to help us "go over the top."

Our slogan for some years has been, "One dollar per member for missions". Let us go up to the National Convention at Winston-Salem, August 26-September 1, with the best record ever.

Please write me you will do your best for I have great anxiety in the matter. Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am very sincerely yours,

Rosa Brown Grubbs.

BEST WAY TO PROMOTE UNION

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who go out to seek and to save the lost; and who honor the New Testament as the full teachings of Jesus Christ, is the surest way to promote Christian union. No doubt there must be a written statement in order to arrive at a common understanding. No man need exercise his ingenuity to produce this for we already have it. It is the New Testament. If any man will take that book and live by it, or any church believe and practice it, such will stand upon ground from which they never need to move in order to have Christian union.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

THE MINISTER'S WIFE

By Neva M. Hageman

The editor of one of our religious papers told me recently that I was cultivating a virgin field with my parsonage stories, as so few had been written on that subject. One would think that the field would be flooded as the parsonage is the scene of more human interest stories than perhaps any other one class of homes throughout the country. To the parsonage come the maim, the halt, and the blind, the rich and the poor, the happy and the discouraged, the feeble and the strong, and in the name of the church the minister's wife receives them, and does what she can to help.

When a very small girl I loved to go to church, was loath to leave, thinking how delightful it would be if everyone could stay at church always, as we were all so happy, friendly, and so good. But when we left, we oftentimes changed.

So when I grew up, and my fiance spoke of entering the ministry, I was much pleased. To live in a parsonage was next door to being in the church, was it not? Looking back over the past eighteen years, we would not change our decision, if we could, although we have fallen far short of our privilege many times.

Perhaps the greatest treasure from this ministry is the host of friends we have found, friends who are scattered far and wide. But sometimes in despondency I have wondered if I had a real friend in the whole world, for a minister's wife is not allowed that lifelong chumminess that so many other friends enjoy. However ours proved to be of sterling variety recently with my book, "Hafto," was published, and today it is scattered in hundreds of homes from California to Virginia, through the efforts of our friends, just a slight token of what they would do, if necessary.

Our friends are of a peculiar type. Some of those dearest today were but passing acquaintances when we were in their town, but through correspondence the bond has been strengthened. What a pleasure these letters are. If one were Judas minded, what stories might be written from the suggestions on their pages; stories that would rival any of those in the so-called "True Stories." Again what inspiration we have received from others as we read them over and over again.

Some from missionaries are almost worn out, having been handled so often, wept over, prayed over, and parts of them passed on to interested groups.

Other letters have the confidence of broken-hearted men and women, even young people, pleading for prayers, to help them with their burden. If we have made it lighter with our prayers and help, if staggering footsteps are strengthened, if wayward children have been brought back, if misunderstandings have been cleared up, through our prayers and efforts in answer to these pleas—is not our ministry worth while?

The first year of my experience as a local minister's wife, I tried to please everyone. It was impossible. I found that the ideal minister's wife should have several distinctive qualities, such as Irish humor; Scotch thrift; American pride; African working ability; Italian romanticism; and executive ability that would put a political manager to shame.

It seemed that there should also be equal parts of Bible knowledge; dress-making; sympathy; and mother-kindness. There should be the musical ability of Galli Curci; the memory and ability to meet people that would excel even that of Roosevelt; the patience of Job; the wisdom of Solomon and the Britannica combined; the honesty of Washington; the culinary ability of Aunt Jemima; and the literary temperament of a Gene Stratton Porter. She must have a policy manner that means all things to all people, equal to that of a presidential candidate. She must she dare not offend, no, not even when a grimy little street urchin slips in, as though at home, and uninvited, sits beside a very aristocratic guest at a dinner party. She must cultivate the admiration of all.

Like many others, I took to my bed, trying to live up to the program laid down for the minister's wife by the average church in the average town. It was while down, that Irish humor came to the surface, and I learned to see the funny side, to see the human interest, to see the pathetic side of it all. Folks wanted their minister's wife to be all of the things that they admired, even though they couldn't tolerate them in themselves. They wanted it for her own good. Even yet, I am looking for some of those earnest minded folks to start legislation on the matter some day, trying to solve

it as they solve other problems, by passing a law against it.

Not against ministers having wives, oh, no! but against their having undesirable traits. If you disagree, just listen in and hear the questions asked about the wife of the minister being considered for some certain field. Why they even eerie about hiring a minister, until he is old enough to have a wife, otherwise our students would be holding some of the best pulpits!

I have known a few, a very few wives, to become embittered under this stringency, but as a rule they take solace in the Scripture "I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me", and carry on to the best of their ability, waiting for a time when the Lord will deliver His criticism, and we hope will say "Well done, thou faithful servant."

FOR ALL THE MISSIONARY SAINTS

For all thy saints who labor on, we pray—

Thy patient, toiling saints, who still are here,
Climbing and faltering up life's rugged way,
Forget them not, O Lord, to them be near.

For all thy saints in far-flung lines, who still

Gallantly raise thy standard 'gainst the foe,
We plead—O show them perfectly thy will,
Give them the succors of thy hand to know.

Help them, with lifted heads, to stem the tide

Of hostile forces menacing their lives;
And each true saint, on fields of battle wide,
As with the ranks of sin he sternly strives.

These are thy saints, O God—as truly thine

As those that rest before the great White Throne.
May they, at last, in the same radiance shine;
May they, like them, be numbered as thine own.

May they, when life's long fight is fully o'er,

Join in that hallelujah chorus grand
Among the victors gathered on heaven's shore,

Who, crowned and robed in white, triumphant stand!
—Elizabeth S. Baird in Missionary Survey.

STATE NEWS PAGE

LITTLE ROCK—"CITY OR ROSES"

Sunday July 14th, 1929 was a Red Letter Day for the Disciples of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Christians entered their new house of worship on the above date. A beautiful red brick building splendidly located on the corner of Cross and 13th Street.

Beautiful carpet covers the aisles and platform. A big electric fan whizzes over head to make one pleasant physically. A well arranged baptistry is to the rear of the pulpit. Bro. Ash, coming from the Episcopal Church has the distinction of being the first to symbolize the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in baptism there. Bro. Ash was baptised in Christ by the beloved Pastor Bostick at 1:30 P. M.

Bro. Moss had charge of the Bible School Sunday morning. Bro. Moss (the man with the smile) is trying to teach us the better way thru Religious Education. One cannot over estimate the worth of Bro. Moss to the great Christian brotherhood.

Bro. Rcks, his teacher, and co-workers are doing a splendid work in the Bible School in the Cross St. Christian Church.

A number of out-of-town visitors were present and presented to the Bible School by Bro. Bostick. Bro. Utilis Philips of Memphis and a representation of the church at England, Arkansas spoke.

The eleven o'clock services were ushered in by the sweet-voiced choir under the direction of Bro. Dean. The pastor Bro. Bostick introduced Elder Blair Hunt of Memphis who preached the introductory sermon—Text: "What means Ye these stones?"

Following the morning services the baptism of Bro. Ash followed. Elder Bostick spoke in the significance of Baptism. The next were invitations by the wholesale to dinner.

After dinner the Dedicatory services. Our beloved and patient Bro. Lehman preached the Dedicatory Sermon. Bro. Lehman is truly a God inspired prophet. For his text he used the latter verses of Christ's Sermon on The Mount. He pictured to us the Negro's great opportunity here in America where God will prove to the world either through our volunteer efforts or thru conscripting us that all nations can live in peace in this one great country.

At these services pastors and brethren

from the local white congregation were present and aided by leading devotionals, by delivering the charge and by furnishing inspirational talks and music.

The Corner Stone laying was to follow. It was our misfortune to leave at this time for our home city. We regretted to miss it; the C. E. under Bro. Cole and the Night services but we were forced to leave for home.

The Church was happy to see and to hear President Irvin of Jarvis College.

Elder Bostick with his helpmate Sister Bostick, with officers and loyal members deserve great praise in constructing so magnificent a monument to Jesus Christ. The words of the morning text: "What mean ye by these Stones?" The answer comes that on the Corner of Cross and Thirteenth Streets in the City of Little Rock those stones and bricks and lumber mean much. They are vocal. They declare forth in clear tones: "God should be worshipped."

"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together".

"Come hither, and do your devotions after the manner prescribed for you in the New Testament."

"We are standing simply and only as a church of Christ"

Finally these stones and bricks, this building, The Cross Street Christian Church will be ever saying in clarion tones "All of God's People should be one."

So all praise to Bro. Bostick, to all the brethren and sisters and friends who labored for the erection of God's House.

ELLIOTT CHURCH

CONVENTION GREETINGS

We are now about to greet another Convention that will be held at Russellville, Arkansas. We hope everybody will come with a Convention spirit. Last Year we discussed many interesting subjects, and we are expecting to discuss more in terms that the State Disciples will be raised.

A few days ago we received our Conference Representative, his message was very interesting. I must say to the adults and young people, if we have in our Churches, what the world needs let us cooperate and make plans so the world can see it and receive it.

M. L. Turner, President of State Convention.

FROM THE BANKS OF OLD KENTUCKY

By Elder C. H. Dickerson

Lexington, Capitol of the Blue Grass goes over the top again. Contracts let for new roofing, interior decoration, annex and voted unanimously for State Convention in 1930. One hundred and thirty four dollars collection yesterday, looking toward local arrears and State Convention at Little Rock, Ark., July 24-28. All departments working.

Pastor Wilson says "All things are ready for Convention and Come." Fare from Paris to Little Rock is fifty cents per head. All Comers to wait at railroad depot or traction station until called for and taken out from Paris. Don't worry they will come for you. Preachers should "load heavy" for the country is not yet free from "Bear Tracks."

Some Kentucky Churches are again on the Preacher Hunt, as are also some preachers, church searchers. Old Kentucky needs you my good brethren and Conventions are times when all parties are of "Sound Mind and Disposing Memory."

Greetings Till I Shake your hand.

NOTICE!

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST to be held with the Cleveland Ave. Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., August 26-September 1, 1929.

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(c) Report of Committees.

(d) Report of Field Secretaries.

4:55 Announcements. Adjournment. Friday Evening—8:00 Devotions,

Miss Katherine Spencer, Virginia.

8:15 Address—Religious Education in the Family, Elder J. L. Law, Virginia.

8:45 Special Music, Choir.

8:55 Sermon—The Ministry of Teaching, Eld. R. Wesley Watson, Ohio
9:30 Offering, Announcement, Adjournment.

Saturday Morning, August 31st.—
9:00 Devotions, Miss Christine Spencer Virginia.

9:15 General Business Period.

9:45 Address—Social and Recreational Program for Youth, Prof. W. J. Alphin, Missouri.

10:15, Conference—Building Worship Programs, led by Miss B. E. Chandler, Kansas.

10:45 Conference—A Model Christian Endeavor Session, led by V. G. Smith, Missouri.

11:00 Business Period.

(a) Report of Officers

(b) Report of States

(c) Report of Committees.

11:55 Announcements, Adjournment.

Saturday Afternoon—Leisure Period.

Saturday Evening—Social Conference Activities under C. E. Department.

Sunday Morning, September 1.

9:30 Bible School

11:00 Worship Services.

11:30 Sermon, Eld. Preston Taylor, Tennessee.

12:00 Offering, Announcements, Benediction.

Communion Service in charge of Local Forces.

Sunday Afternoon—3:00 Worship

3:25 Sermon, G. J. Williams

3:25 Sermon, Elder N. H. Johnson, Texas.

4:00 Offering, Announcements, Benediction.

Sunday Evening. 8:00 Worship Services.

8:20 Sermon, to be supplied.

8:50 Offering, Closing Remarks, Benediction.

Periods marked "General Business Periods" are set aside for the Report of the Joint Executive Committee to the Convention and that particular department especially. If not used for this, it belongs to the department in session.

Each church is asked to send five dollars (\$5.00) to the National Convention, reporting the same thru the state convention or its constituted authorities.

Each state is asked to represent with ten dollars (\$10.00) and each individual with two dollars (\$2.00). The Registration fee is five dollars (\$5.00) per person and the suggested Sunday Offering is one dollar (\$1.00).

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Evening Session—8:00 P. M. Devotion Danville; Welcome Address from the Bible School, Little Rock; Response, Louisville Hancock; Music, Convention Choir; Welcome Address from the Church, Little Rock; Response, T. R. Everett, President State Convention; Solo, C. H. Dickerson; Welcome Address, From the C. W. B. M.; Response, Mrs. Susie M. Brown; Solo, Houstonville; President's Annual Message, Mrs. E. W. Hancock; Music, Quartette; Music, Offering, Benediction.

Thursday Morning, July 25.—8:30 A. M. Devotion, Paducah; 8:45 A. M. Report of Departmental Superintendents—Elementary, Mrs. E. M. Brent; Secondary, Mrs. A. B. Stockton; Adult, Mrs. Minnie Black; State Evangelist, C. H. Johnson; 9:15 A. M. Report of Schools, Delegates; 10:15 A. M. Report of Committees; Music, Convention Choir; Sermon, Wm. Martin; 11:45 A. M. Report of Secretary and Treasurer; Installation of Officers; Music, Offering, Announcements, Benediction.

Committee: Mrs. E. W. Hancock, Mrs. Annie Mae Taylor, C. H. Dickerson, Wm. Martin.

Church Program, Thursday, July 25, 1929. 2:30 P. M. Devotion, S. E. Divine; 3:00 P. M. Missionary Sermon, F. T. Floyd; Music; 3:30 P. M. Report of Evangelist, C. H. Johnson; 4:00 P. M. Report of Committees. 4:30 P. M. Introduction of Visitors; 5:00 P. M. Offering, Benediction.

Night Session—7:30 P. M. Devotion, D. I. Reid; 8:00 P. M. President's Annual Message. T. R. Everett; 8:30 P. M. Music; Paris Choir; 8:45 P. M. Educational Address, Stafford Campbell; Offering, Benediction.

Friday Morning, July 26. 8:00 A. M. Ministers' and Officers' Conference conducted by E. H. Allen; 9:00 A. M. Devotion, F. H. Gray; 9:30 A. M. Doctrinal Sermon, M. Crittendon; 10:00 A. M. Solo, E. B. Toles; 11:15 A. M. "The Church Paper and Bible Chair" C. H. Dickerson; 12:00 M. Report from National Convention, T. R. Everett

Afternoon—2:00 P. M. Devotion, J.

M. D. Thurman; 2:30 P. M. Report of Churches; Report of Committees; Report of State Board; Music; 4:00 P. M. "The Scope of the Work", Grant K. Lewis; Music, Offering, Benediction.

Friday Night—7:30 P. M. Devotion, James Conway; 8:00 P. M. Address, "History of Our Work", W. H. Brown, 8:30 P. M. Music, Little Rock Quartette; 8:45 P. M. Sermon, R. E. Hancock; 9:30 P. M. Music, Offering, Benediction.

Committee: T. R. Everett, C. H. Dickerson, G. E. Letton, M. Crittendon, D. I. Reid, H. T. Wilson, Wm. Martin.

Woman's Missionary Society—Young People's Organization will become effective Thursday Afternoon at 3 P. M.

New Ideas

Considering the struggle each new idea has to pass through, it is a wonder there is progress. Every new idea has to go through this barrage of criticism: First, it is said that the idea is "absolutely impossible." Later it is said the idea is all right, except that it will never become practicable. Finally it is said the idea has gained considerable ground, but that it will take time to develop it. About 50 years later the critic reverses himself, and says, "Years ago I said it was a great idea." The big liar!—Atchison Globe.

Took No Chances

Marjory brought her book of stories to her mother and requested her to read the one about the little red hen.

"But Marjory, dear," said mother, "we've read this one so many times. Let's read a new one today."

Marjory studied over this a moment and then gravely replied:

"No, I think we'll have the same one. I know it's good."—Kansas City Times.

Stains on Mahogany

Spirit of camphor is an excellent remedy for removing disfiguring white stains from mahogany. Those caused by hot dishes upon a polished table top yield to this treatment. Apply the spirit of camphor lightly on a clean, soft rag. Be sure not to rub in. Then polish with a soft duster.

Where Accidents Happen

Our psychology has usually located motor accidents on curves. So we are cutting down the inside of the curve to be able to see around the corner, says the Los Angeles Times. We see our stripes on the highway around the curve and then omit them on the straightaways. We even erect signs at the approach of an elbow. And now it develops that out of 3,439 accidents for the month of October on California highways, 2,500 occurred on straight roads. While we assess our troubles against one place, they turn up at the unexpected spot. There may be more miles of straight streets

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FORTY YEARS' RESIDENCE IN NASHVILLE OBSERVED

Lea Avenue Christian Church
Honors Elder Preston Taylor
As Pastor

Sixty years in the ministry of the Christian Church, forty years as a resident of Nashville were the two anniversaries observed by the congregation of Lea Avenue Christian Church, pastored by the Rev. Preston Taylor, in his honor. Careful plans and great preparations had been made for the occasion. Some of the very intimate friends of Elder Taylor were invited to be present. The entire program was in charge of the young people of the church, who, in arranging the celebration an out of door affair, raised a purse to present to him. This purse represented \$100.00 in cash. In addition to this there were a number of beautiful and serviceable tokens. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Mattie Carter. Other addresses and talks were made by Mrs. J. C. Thompson and others, including Henry Allen Boyd, who represented the National Baptist Publishing Board's Plant.

After the exercises and response by "Elder Taylor," as he is affectionately called by Lea Avenue Christian Church, lemonade and ice cream were served to the large gathering that had about this hour filled the front yard of Greenwood, resting under the shades and lounging on the velvety green lawn that is as smooth as a parlor carpet.

"Forty years ago I came to this city directed by the Lord, to do a piece of religious work; forty years ago I entered into the affairs of Nashville as a minister. I have endeavored to do as the Lord commanded me, and yet, I may have made some mistakes, but for sixty years I have been in the gospel ministry. If there is anything worthy to compliment me on, and if I have done anything that has helped struggling humanity, then I

Our National President



ELDER PRESTON TAYLOR

am fully repaid. I thank those friends who gather here, the young people whose idea is being carried out in this little affair, and my acquaintances far and near for their kind sympathy and expressions. I do not feel that I have lived but sixty years for the Master, because my association and residence here has been one of more pleasure than failure, more light than shadow. It has been a joy, especially to know you, whom to know is to love. Any man would count himself fortunate to be able to have the oversight of a congregation and church like Lea Avenue. You are loyal you are sympathetic, you are worthy; that is my opinion. May God bless you in your efforts." said Elder Preston Taylor in his remarks after the presentation speech, the tokens and the purse of \$100.00.

(An excerpt used in sermon at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn.)

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the door of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be saafe and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the travaeler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its Grand Subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It's a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life will be opened at the judgment and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

A PRAYER

Eternal joy I do not seek,
Good Lord, I do not ask to be
From need to serve the frail and weak
And every worthy cause set free.
Grant me, not always blissful rest
But always strength to do my best.
Grant me the courage for the day,
The wisdom to select the right,
The strength of purpose that can stay
Unbroken by a bitter fight.
'Tis not relief from to I ask.
But strength to finish every task.
Let me press orward to the end,
To meet whatever fate may be,
To play the neighbor and the friend
Knowing the world has need of me,
And when my earthly course is run,
Set me to tasks which must be done.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION Kansas City, Missouri

July 3-8

Patrick Henry Moss

From July 3 to 8, Kansas City became the mecca for thousands of Young People and their leaders. The Endeavor Convention held its opening Thirty-Second International Christian session to the public Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the convention Hall, 13th and Central Streets. Praise service was directed by Percy S. Foster. The Convention Chorus of several hundred voices was under the leadership of Prof. John R. Jones. Address of welcome was given by Mayor Albert I. Beach. After special music the Presentation of the President's Chain was made by Mrs. Francis E. Clark, the wife of the late Dr. Francis E. Clark. The keynote Address by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Pres. of the International Society of Christian Endeavor was "Crusade With Christ". "For Christ and the Church", is more than a slogan; it is a program, he said.

One of the special features of the evening was the Recognition of the successful Unions. There were banners awarded. The Golden Rule C. E. Union (colored) of District of Columbia received reward for successful work. Hotel Baltimore was headquarters of the C. E. Convention. Many of the dinners for Trustees, Field Secretaries, State Presidents and International Society Officers were held at this hotel. Many of the sectional Conferences were held at the Shrine Temple.

One of the most outstanding features of the convention was the Crusaders' Parade; state delegations marched in costume, it was a beautiful sight, to see Twelve Thousand Young People and leaders line up as pledged Crusaders with Christ in Evangelism, Citizenship and Peace. This army of Christian young people marching on Grand Avenue in Kansas City gave a new meaning to the 4th of July as they went singing "Onward Christian Soldiers! Marching as to war, with the Cross of Jesus Going on before." Gates of hell can never "Gainst The Church Prevail, We have Christ's own

promise which can never fail", etc. "For Christ and the Church" is truly more than a slogan, it is a program that must be carried out by the youth of the church.

The afternoon and evening programs were held at Convention Hall. Thursday night was the beginning of the Interstate Oratorical contest. (Orations limited to eight minutes each) These messages were given by the Young People from three to five each evening with some outstanding Adult closing the program with a great speech. The following subjects were discussed: "Christian Endeavor and World Peace", "Christian Endeavor and Evangelism". It is interesting to know that among the many contestants Miss Marion Jackson of Washington, D. C. (colored) won second place on the subject of Christian Endeavor and Evangelism. Dr. A. E. Cory (Disciple) brought a great message on Evangelism. Mr. Cory called special attention to the "new call of the mission fields"; "The particular was the application a century ago." People went out because of the temple of idle gods, today the world is calling for a common Christianity. The first problem is the unsettled moral condition.

The missionary and soldier do not go to the foreign field for the same purpose today. The World—"Goes to get" Christ—"Goes to give". It is the golden age of man. James Kelly, Glasgow, Scotland, General Secretary of World Sunday School Association brought a great message on "World Peace". "Peace, yes, he said, but justice first, righteousness and peace must go hand in hand." We are organized for war, we must organize and educate for peace. Madame Schuman-Heink graced the occasion, with a great message in song, "The Lord Remember His Children"

In most conventions Saturday night brings a slump in the program. The Saturday night program of the C. E. Convention was one of the best both in content and attendance. Homeh Rhodeheavor directed the praise service. Then the address, "What Christiana Endeavor Stand For"; "Pro Christo et Ecclesia". Carlton Sherwood, Extension Secretary, Internat-

Special music for the evening service furnished by Mss Inez Stevenes, (colored) soprano, 16-year old pupil of Madame Schuman-Heink. This young lady did honor to herself and therefore to the race.

Early Sunday morning, from all directions of the city, there was a stream of humanity flowing toward Liberty Memorial Hall to engage in the sunrise praise service. Rhodeheavor conducted the song service. Prayer was offered by Rev. William L. Washington, (colored) of Washington, D. C. Speaker Dr. Daniel A. Poling, He spoke at length upon Peter's desire to build upon the mountain. The mountain, he said is no place to live, we go to the mountain for vision, but the valley is the place where the people live, it is the place where work is to be done. Young people of the Nation God is calling you to serve where the people are. After this hour of prayer and meditation, the people went directly down to attend services at the many churches of Kansas City.

Fred W. Ramsey, brought a great message on Personal Evangelism. Evangelism is the challenge of the cross. "If I be lifted up" has been fulfilled in all ages." Sometime it takes a calvary in our own mind to help us understand its deep meanings.

The closing session of the convention was the most impressive I ever witnessed. Dr. Poling called for decision of those who would serve in Christian work somewhere and in some way. Hundreds of young folk stood up and went forward as an expression of their decision to serve in kingdom building. Many stood up to confess their faith in Christ. Again their attention was called to their pledge to "Crusade for Evangelism, for Citizenship and for World Peace. The New C. E. salute was to lift both hands up, and say: "I will See This Thing Through." Prof. Jones' Great Chorus rendered "The Lost Chord" and sang "Since Jesus Came into my heart". Joining hands as a verse of Bless Be The Tie That Binds" "God Be With You" and the Closing Prayer.

May I call the attention of the young people of the Disciples of Christ to the Christian Endeavor Standard Program as put out by the United Christian Missionary Society. Will you begin anew the Crusade with Christ, with the Young People of the World? Shall we Endeavor to bring our local secretaries up to the standard.

"ON TO WINSTON-SALEM," NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 26th,

CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

WHO WILL PERFORM THE TASK?

"And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us." Is. 6:8.

The trouble with our race relations is that it is not based on the eternal principles taught by Jesus, and he said that a house built upon the sand will fall whenever the storm comes. Whatever is not built on Justice and Mercy and Faith will not stand. It must be on justice, for injustice can not endure; and it must be on faith, for all we do must look to the future.

The basis for our race relations was not found by us, but is was given to us from another age and another civilization. It was just handed down to us and we took it and used it just as our fathers used it. The serious problem with us is not what is, but, how are we to avoid handing it down to our children unmodified? If we do, then our children will have to go on complaining as we are complaining. We know what is, but some of us do not know how to change it.

Now who will change it? We can not send the politician, white or colored; we can not send the selfish man, for he can not save himself. Then whom shall we call?

1. First of all let us call the Christian Negro who has had a good chance under Christian teachers. He can do more than any one else. This has been proved a thousand times. When Booker T. Washington said, "Let your buckets down where you are" he electrified the whole world. When Jacob Kencly did such an outstanding missionary work he moved the mission spirit of a brotherhood. Of course it must not be the Negro who is bitter against the white people, it must not be the one who is bitter against present conditions. It must be the one who loves the world and is willing to endure if need be that he may save the world. The foremost place in the task of building a better race relation must be yielded to the Christian Negro.

2. Next, we must call the young white men who have just studied their course in "Social Justice." In ability to do the work, they come close second to the Christian Negro. These young white men and women, and, preferably, southern white men and women, must begin to study the situa-

tion of the Negro people with a view of doing their duty to them. The very first thing the Negro needs is good schools so that the children may grow up with a proper training. The next thing is to begin to build up a sentiment against rank injustice. The Negro girls and women must be protected like all other girls and women. If race integrity is to be maintained then this principle must be brought to the people. These young white men and women must begin to study anew the white man's claim to superiority; for any superiority that must be maintained by shrewd organization and unjust advantage is not superiority at all and will go at the first storm. The only way the white man can maintain his superiority is by outstripping others in growth. If by working for all the other peoples the white man does not himself outgrow them then there is something wrong. The white man must quit trying to maintain his superiority by force and must begin to maintain it by merit of service. The present course pursued by the white people is compelling the Negro to build an empire within an empire and in less than an hundred years that will create a worse situation than slavery created. We need men of faith who can look ahead to see what certain policies will lead to.

There is just one safe way for us and that is to do our duty to all men irrespective of race or color. All other courses are like building on the sand. When the storm comes all will fall. God is now giving us the opportunity to work. Tomorrow we may not be able to do anything. Let us ask God for guidance and then go to work.

CONVENTION NOTICE !

The National Christian Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ will convene in their Thirteenth Annual meeting, beginning Monday, August 26, 1929, in the city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This session will continue through the first Lord's day in September.

There has never been a convention held in the history of our organization that is more important than this one.

The program committee is arranging a most entertaining and attractive program. There will be excellent reports, inspiring addresses, instructive conferences, happy banquet hours and

a plenty of heart-warming fellowship.

In the selection of a place of meeting, Winston-Salem, (the twin city) will prove to be idealistic. The distance is in reach of everybody. One can go by way of Atlanta, Ga., Knoxville and Morristown, Roanoke, Va., and Piedmont Christian Institute at Martinsville, Va., or by the way of Washington City.

We have four fine congregations of brethren in that city, and they are making every preparation to entertain us by the hundreds.

A broad invitation has been extended to the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina and Virginia to meet with us and have full fellowship.

Plan now to send your pastor and a big delegation to the GREATEST National Convention of the Churches of Christ.

PRESTON TAYLOR.

BEST WAY TO PROMOTE UNION

The Disciples of Christ will count for most in the effort to establish Christian union by being united among themselves. Every one must refrain from introducing practices of mere personal taste or opinion and work for the things that promote peace. If one creates strife in his own religious group how can he be trusted as a leader in the Christian union movement in general.

Some are trying to introduce into our churches the things that originally caused division among Christians and in doing so they imagine that they are "progressive brethren." It is perfectly futile and particularly ridiculous to beg for a recognition that divided the church originally, imagining that these will unite the churches today.

To build up a strong, true, well-organized body of members who believe in the church; who make Christ's word the supreme law of their lives; who go out to seek and to save the lost; and who honor the New Testament as the full teachings of Jesus Christ, is the surest way to promote Christian union. No doubt there must be a written statement in order to arrive at a common understanding. No man need exercise his ingenuity to produce this for we already have it. It is the New Testament. If any man will take that book and live by it, or any church believe and practice it, such will stand upon ground from which they never need to move in order to have Christian union.

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WILL A MAN ROB GOD

Will a man rob God? is the question
Thaat cometh to you and me;
The spirit of the soul who speaketh
Reflects what the answer should be.

Thou robbeth oh man, thou robbeth
When by refusal thou try'st
To render a cause for withholding,
Thou robbeth in offerings and tithes.

What an answer canst thou give for
keeping
The things that belong not to thee
For he who holds back from the Giver,
Robs others, robs self, robs me.

You say you will give what you're able;
Your giving then amounteth to
naught,
For into your real life anad actions
The spirit of Christ has not wrought.

Isn't all of thy gold and thy silver,
Isn't all land thy feet ever trod,
Isn't even life, the health, and
strength,
Directly the gift of God?

One-tenth of thy gold and silver,
If thou wouldst be truly blest;
One-seventh of time for service,
To enter the Heaven of Rest.

Ten-tenths of thy love and devotion,
For I am a jealous God;
Ten-tenths of thy Holy Worship,
To escape the chastening rod.

O man, thou'rt born for a purpose,
Thy service, thy talent, thy all,
Is to be used for the plan of redemp-
tion,
Hear the voice of Jehovah's great
call.

Shall I slight the voice of my Sav-
iour?
Poor pitiful, selk-seeking elf;
Wrapped up in a aspiritual deception,
And on'y deceiving myself.

Let us hear His sweet voice and obey
Him,
Let us list to His gentle call;
Let us give of our earthly treasures,
ive service, give talent, give all.

Sing the song of the light that is
breaking,
Let the world hear its sweet sooth-
ing sound
Let it reach to the heart of all nations,
Spread the news of salvation around.

Awake, then to life and duty;
Awake, throw all doubting away;
Awake, to the service of mankind;
Awake to the new call of day.

—Selected.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS AT FISK UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

This Summer School of ten days duration proved to be the most help-
ful and interesting. A fine group of
ministers and workers with a faculty
of outstandnig educators and speakers
worked together and accomplished
much within the time given. The work
of the church was presented from every
ngle, and, as a result, the workers
have a new and broader vision of their
tasks, a higher conception of the minis-
try, new methods of attacking their
problems and new zeal and determina-
tion for solving them.

One hundred three (103) were en-
rolled, fifty-five (55) received a cer-
tificate of graduation.

Plans for a much larger work are

being worked out for the school next
year.

This school offers an excellent op-
portunity for ministers and church
workers to receive training and valu-
able information with the greatest pos-
sible assistance. —J. J. G.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS "COUNARY LIFE AND WORK"

(An excellent paper by Rev. W. S.
Ellington, A. B., D. D., Pastor First
Baptist Church, East Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Ellington was a member of a
class of twenty-two who took the
course in "Problems of the Rural
Church" taught by Mr. J. J. Green of
St. Louis, Mo.)

We cannot set forth in words what
we feel we have received in this class.
It has not been top-heavy with much
learning, but teacher and scholaras
have sat down and discussed the ru-
ral problems face to face and heart to
heart. Our teacher is a master in the
use of the inductive method of teach-
ing. He knows how to draw out of
his scholars their best thoughts on
any given topic, and how to lead them
to the attainment of higher and better
things.

We are convinced that the country
church is in great need of ministers
and leaders that live with the people;
who are actually in the same boat
with them. These people suffer a
great deal from ministers and other
leaders who simply meet the people in
the rural churches on Sunday and
leave them on Monday to spend the
rest of the week in some big city. The
minister who preaches to the people
in the rurals should be well educated,
a lover of rural life, an admirer of
nature and a sympathizer of the sim-
ple people. Wherever the teacher or
preacher possessés these qualities and
teaches the people how to subsist upon
the soil by getting a part of their
livelihood out of the soil he then teach-
es by precept and example.

The ruray church is a strategic point
in race possibilities, but it does not
keep pace with the rural schools, es-
pecially the Rosenwald schools. The
rural church, as a rule, is simply a
one room edifice that opens its doors
on Sunday and once a year for pro-
tracted meetings. We have been
taught thata the rural church should
be a community center; a place where
leadership is discovered, where prob-

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TO THE PASTORS OF THE BROTHERHOOD

You have, I am sure the information of the extension of the time to August 20th, for the payments on apportionment of the National Convention for 1929.

We have every reason to believe that you and every church which did not reach its apportionment by June 30th will be delighted to have this extension because it gives you even yet a chance to share in the accomplishments of the church in its program of missionary advance.

The United Christian Missionary Society is the only avenue through which our church and its several departments share in the sending of the gospel to the end of the earth. We, through the National Convention, accepted the responsibility of \$10,000.00, and the work in ten great foreign fields and the home land depends on our keeping faith.

You have been apportioned. We depend on you to send in your apportionment in full, if possible, but if the full amount cannot be sent in, do the best you can, that we may not fail those who depend on us.

We are suggesting August 18th as FINAL National Apportionment Day.

And a cold wet nose exploring

The touch of the satiny skin.
P. S. Reports must be mailed August 19th to reach us in time for the National Convention display chart.

May you and your church prove loyal to the great cause of missions.

Yours in Him,

Rosa Brown Grubbs.

A WORD FROM SISTER GRUBBS

The National Convention accepted as its aim for this year \$10,000 and for this amount the United Society depended on us, to carry forward the work in ten great foreign fields and in the homeland. Failure to reach this aim increases the deficit, and increasing the deficit means retrenchment.

At the June meeting of the Joint Executive Committee, we were short of our aim approximately \$2500.00. The Committee voted to extend the period for the payment of apportionment to August 20th, and that in the meantime, every church be requested to make a very special effort to complete its apportionment.

If your church has sent its full apportionment, perhaps many would like to send an additional "love gift" to help us "go over the top."

Our slogan for some years has been, "One dollar per member for missions".

Let us go up to the National Convention at Winston-Salem, August 26-September 1, with the best record ever.

Please write me you will do your best for I have great anxiety in the matter. Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am very sincerely yours,
Rosa Brown Grubbs.

lems are solved, where the possibilities of improving rural conditions are set forth. Young people can be trained, both in the country church and in the country school, to love the country and get an independent and satisfactory living from the soil. The women of the country should meet in their churches or schools and study child welfare; home improvements; poultry raising and gardening, etc.

The play or recreational life of the youth should be taken seriously. They should be taught games, and by contact, the spirit of leadership should be developed and directed.

Our teacher has led us to look the country man squarely in the face. The country man has pronounced characteristics, peculiar to rustic life. From a child he has had the care of lower animals, therefore, he has learned from experience the rudiments of leadership. He has been much alone with nature, therefore, he is more contemplative and meditative than the city boy or girl; he may be crude and awkward in society, yet he has a deeper insight into things fundamental and may be developed into higher type of Christian leadership.

Coming together is beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

The Church needs the reincarnation of the steadfast face.

Church expenses take no vacation.

Most people who think the Church is out of date are judging it from a viewpoint of thirty years.

Selfishness with much can do little. Love with little can do much.

Beware of the man with an open mouth and a closed pocketbook.

A big heart is better than a big house.

You must have faith in yourself, in humanity, and in God.

Free speech is one thing; honest speech is another.

It is better to fall down on a job than to lay down on it.

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

By V. G. Smith

XXIV—WORLD C. E. CONVENTION

This is a biennial convention with representatives from young peoples' societies from all over the world.

Constituency and Purpose

The list of Christian gatherings may be denominational, inter-denominational or undenominational. The first is representative of units, below a communion. The second is an assembly of delegates from a denomination, representing as its constituency the communion. The last is a group that while belonging tentatively to a denomination beginning at the denomination is not representative of the denomination as such but includes any or all denominations. The delegates to the C. E. Convention are not elected by national or inter-national bodies, nor do they represent these bodies.

The delegates came from C. E. Unions which are undenominational units of B. Y. P. U., Allen C. E. League, Epworth League and any other corresponding young peoples' organizations in other communions. These meet locally, in districts and by states, all three of which have representatives in this convention. These unions have meetings, officers and a program. They are strongest where the Disciples are weakest, the Southwest, West and on the Atlantic seaboard.

Altho, the religious education department of the United Society favors the correlation of C. E. with other youth agencies in the church it rather exist and hold its integrity of organization. So as specifically dealing with C. E. Societies, the Union does not include Y. P. departments. Hence the Disciples have never been too prominent in the C. E. Unions consequently in the C. E. Convention.

Program

As an outgrowth of the Unions of the world this convention can commandeer the best in all communions for its program. Its program runs something like this:

9:00—9:50—Group Meetings for instructors.

10:00—10:50—Another Group for instructions.

11:00—12:00 Convention Business.

12:00—1:00—Address Radio Hour.

2:00—5:00—Group Meetings for business.

8:00—10:00—Song Service and Addresses.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

NOTICE TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By Mrs. Susan W. Offutt, Recording Secretary of National Convention DEAR CO-WORKER:

This is the report of the Findings Committee which was approved at our last National Convention, held in Chicago, August 1928.

We find that it is the desire of the Conference that the matter of appointing two Regional Secretaries in connection with the General Secretary, be taken to the States for serious consideration, and to be decided on at the next State Convention.

In case it is decided to have Regional Secretaries, the entire twenty-five cents collected as dues, (each month per member), is to be sent to the General Treasury except from States having no Field Worker.

Please pass this recommendation on to your local Woman's Missionary Societies.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

By Mrs. A. L. Martin
National President of W. M. S.
DEAR CO-WORKER:

Just a short time and we will again assemble in another National Convention. The last Missionary year has been a test of our real worth. I am wondering how well we stood that test. The situation, of course, was such as we never faced before, yet we had a chance to pass, even one hundred per cent.

Today I am thinking of the question left unsettled in our last National Conference which, if properly settled, will solve one condition of our problem. As I see it there are three conditions to the problem of the Woman's Missionary Society, but, if at Winston-Salem, we can work out the first, and the most technical point, (that of Regional Field Workers) for State Development. I think the solution for the other two points will be an easy matter; almost just an announcement of the first. We say we believe this to be an ideal movement. Having the regional workers will be an asset to the entire brotherhood. The U. C. M. S. will be benefited by it and so will our societies be strengthened. This is one of the crying needs of the hour, the development of leadership.

I wish every missionary woman will pray over this matter; go into your State conventions and vote for the good of the cause, then have your report at Winston-Salem for Conference period, Monday, August 26th. In working on this question, let us see the field, how long it has stood waiting to be cultivated, then let us wait silently in His presence, and pray that when the evening of the present condition falls we can smile. Work prayerfully on this issue and when we assemble ourselves together in conference may the results be in one accord.

I am asking each state secretary to be able to report the entire enrollment of her state in this convention. In clearing up another point in our problem this is necessary. Please do not stay away from the conference because of a little extra expense and miss the information and inspiration that will mean far more to you than the cost in dollars and cents. The conferences are held to help those in the leadership of the work, and we urge that you be present on time.

My prayer is that every heart be stirred to service and allow the Master to direct its thoughts, that whatever is done may be done to His name, honor and glory.

Illinois thinks she has seen the vision and is saying "Yes" Regional Field Workers for State development.

Wishing you the blessings of the season.

I am,

Yours for Missions.

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The morning groups are led by an expert in methods of some kind—recreational, worship, programs, social service—and notes are taken from a lecture and then a discussion if desired. The person chooses his two groups.

The business period has to do with reports from unions, awarding of banners (of which there are some forty) election of officers, reports of Convention Secretary and such relevant business.

The next hour may be spent in the auditorium with the lecturer or if eating round where there is a radio, in listening to an hour of reports and addresses by authorities on C. E. work.

Then in the afternoon some group

classification meets for business and inspiration. One afternoon the state Unions meet. Another afternoon the denominational groups come together.

In the evening, addresses of an inspirational nature on subjects pertinent to young people are given.

The last Convention met in Cleveland in 1927 with over five thousand in attendance. The next one will meet in Kansas City. The fellowship is worth the visit. It is worth a short trip just to see "the wheels go 'round" in a worth-while gathering.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST to be held with the Cleveland Ave. Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., August 26-September 1, 1929.

Monday, August 26.—9:00 A. M.—Meeting of the Joint Executive Committee.

2:00 P. M. Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Convention.
8:00 P. M. Devotionals, locally conducted.

8:20 P. M. Program of Welcome under local auspices.

9:20 P. M. Response to Welcome, Elder Preston Taylor, Tenn.

9:30 P. M. Convention Address—"Glorifying the Ministry", Elder H. L. Herod, Indiana.

10:00 P. M. Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.

Tuesday, August 27th.—9:00 A. M. Devotions, Elder I. H. Smith, Virginia; 9:15 A. M. Report of Enrollment Committee and appointment of Committees.

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9:30 A. M. Address and Conference—"The Cooperative Work", R. G. Ross, Indiana.

10:15 A. M. Address—"Glorifying the Ministry Thru Evangelism" Chief Stately, N. C.

10:45 A. M. Music

10:50 A. M. Business Period:

(a) Partial Report of Joint Committee

(b) Report of Executive Committee.

(c) Report of States

11:50 A. M. Announcements

Tuesday Afternoon—2:00 P. M. Devotions Elder G. M. Dickerson, Virginia.

2:15 Symposium—"Glorifying the Ministry"

(a) The Call of Christ to the Ministry, Elder G. C. Campbell, Ohio.

(b) Thru Adequate Training, Eld-

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- er B. T. Hunt, Tennessee.
 (c) Thru Financial Support, Eld. R. H. Davis, Ohio.
 (d) Thru Moral Support, Elder Wm. Alphin, Missouri.
 (e) Thru Spiritual Support, Eld. C. E. Craggett, Missouri.
 3:55 Music.
 4:00 Report of Superintendent of Missions, Mr. J. B. Lehman, Miss.
 4:30 Report of Convention Officers.
 4:55 Announcements, Adjournment.
 Tuesday Evening—8:00 Devotions, Elder H. D. Griffin, D. C.
 8:20 President's Address—Glorifying the Ministry Thru the Church, Elder Preston Taylor, Tennessee.
 8:50 Special Music.
 9:00 Sermon, Chief W. A. Fordham, N. C.
 9:35 Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.
 Wednesday Morning, Augusts 28.—
 9:00 Devotions, Eld. R. F. Hayes, Tennessee.
 9:15 General Business Period.
 10:00 Business Period.
 (a) Partial Report of Recommendations Committee.
 (b) Report of Other Committees
 (c) Report of Field Secretaries.
 11:00, Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru World Christianity, Dr. A. E. Cory, N. C.
 11:30 Report of Educational Secretary.
 11:50 Announcements, Adjournment.
 Wednesday Afternoon—2:00 Devotions, Eld. H. S. Hairston, Va.
 8:15 Address—"The Misistry of the Lay Member, Dr. J. B. Hankell, Ind.
 8:35 Address—"The Church and the Press", Eld. P. A. Gray, Mo.
 9:00 Special Music.
 9:05 Sermon, Eld. B. C. Calvert, Miss.
 (a) Report of Officers.
 (b) Report of States.
 11:00 President's Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru the W. M. S., Mrs. A. L. Martin, Mo.
 11:30 Address—The Missionary Society an Opportunity for Interracial Cooperation, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Ind.
 11:55 Announcements, Adjournment.
 Thursday Afternoon, 2:00 Devotions Mrs. S. R. Thomas, Miss.
 2:15 Address and Conference—The Need of an Intensive Course of Missionary Education in the Local Church, Mrs. B. B. Hutsell, Ky.
 3:00 Address—The Mission Field as I Saw Them, Mrs. Settle, N. C.
 3:30 Business Period.
 (a) Report of Committees
 (b) Report of Field Secretary
 (c) All Unfinished Business.
 4:55 Announcements, Adjournment.
 Friday Morning, August 30th.—
 Religious Education Period.
 9:00 Devotions, Miss Anne Prunty, Virginia.
 9:15 General Business Period
 9:40 Offering, Announcements, Adjournment.
 Thursday Morning, August 29th.—
 W. M. S. Period—9:00 Devotions, Mrs. Hattie Butler, Ind.
 9:15 General Business Period.
 10:00 Report of Enrollment Committee and Appointment of Committee.
 10:15 Business Period.
 10:00 President's Address—Glorifying the Ministry thru the Bible School, Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas.
 10:30 Report of Enrollment Committee and Appointment of Committees.
 10:45 Address—Deepening the Passion of the Church for Preaching and Teaching, Eld. W. H. Taylor, Md.
 11:10 Music.
 11:15 Conference—Problems and Programs of the Superintendent, P. H. Moss, Virginia.
 11:55 Announcements, Adjournment.
 Friday Afternoon—2:00 Devotions, Miss Bessie Thomas, Virginia.
 2:15 Address—Major Objectives of Religious Education, Mr. Edgar Stevenson, Maryland.
 2:45 Address—Teaching the Children Thru Projects, Miss Alpha Penn, Virginia.
 3:10 Business Period.
 (a) Report of Officers
 (b) Report of States
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 (c) Report of Committees.
 (d) Report of Field Secretaries.
 4:55 Announcements. Adjournment.
 Friday Evening—8:00 Devotions, Miss Katherine Spencer, Virginia.
 8:15 Address—Religious Education in the Family, Elder J. L. Law, Virginia.
 8:45 Special Music, Choir.
 8:55 Sermon—The Ministry of Teaching, Eld. R. Wesley Watson, Ohio
 9:30 Offering, Announcement, Adjournment.
 Saturday Morning, August 31st.—
 9:00 Devotions, Miss Christine Spencer, Virginia.
 9:15 General Business Period.
 9:45 Address—Social and Recreational Program for Youth, Prof. W. J. Alphin, Missouri.
 10:15, Conference—Building Worship Programs, led by Miss B. E. Chandler, Kansas.
 10:45 Conference—A Model Christian Endeavor Session, led by V. G. Smith, Missouri.
 11:00 Business Period.
 (a) Report of Officers
 (b) Report of States
 (c) Report of Committees.
 11:55 Announcements, Adjournment.
 Saturday Afternoon—Leisure Period.
 Saturday Evening—Social Conference Activities under C. E. Department.
 Sunday Morning, September 1.
 9:30 Bible School
 11:00 Worship Services.
 11:30 Sermon, Eld. Preston Taylor, Tennessee.
 12:00 Offering, Announcements, Benediction.
 Communion Service in charge of Local Forces.
 Sunday Afternoon—3:00 Worship
 3:25 Sermon, G. 2) 311 wmwmmmm Services.
 3:25 Sermon, Elder N. H. Johnson, Texas.
 4:00 Offering, Announcements, Benediction.
 Sunday Evening. 8:00 Worship Services.
 8:20 Sermon, to be supplied.
 8:50 Offering, Closing Remarks, Benediction.
 Periods marked "General Business Periods" are set aside for the Report of the Joint Executive Committee to the Convention and that particular department especially. If not used for this, it belongs to the department in session.
 Each church is asked to send five dollars (\$5.00) to the National Convention, reporting the same thru the state convention or its constituted authorities.
 Each state is asked to represent with ten dollars (\$10.00) and each individual with two dollars (\$2.00). The Registration fee is five dollars (\$5.00) per person and the suggested Sunday Offering is one dollar (\$1.00).

**PROGRAM OF MISSISSIPPI CHRISTIAN
MISSIONARY CONVENTION**

To convene at Greenwood, Mississippi, at Wesley Chapel M. T. Church, corner Howard Ave. and Gibb Street, in G. P., Commencing Tuesday Evening, August 13-18, 1929.

TUESDAY EVENING

4:30 P. M.—State Board meeting.

TUESDAY NIGHT

7:30 P. M.—Local Program.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:30 A. M.—Willing Workers' Period.

House called to order by the President, Mrs. Gladys Jones.

The First Christian Church of Clarksdale will furnish the music.

1. Opening Song—"A Sweet New Song."
2. Prayer by Sister H. A. Heth and Bro. L. C. Quin.

3. Song—"Building."
4. Scripture Lesson, 24th Psalm, by Bro. E. D. Vaughans.

5. Song—"Rock of Ages."
6. Prayers by Sister Mary Mitchell and Mother Brady.

7. Song—"Hallelujah."
8. Discussion—"What Co-operation Can Do"—Mrs. F. A. Vaughans, Bro. O. R. Barns, Mrs. Leona Brown, Bro. Willie Weaver, Mrs. M. L. Turner, Mrs. Rena Hughes, Prof. L. C. Williams. (Time limit, three minutes each.)

9. Address—"Our Unfinished Task." Dr. J. E. Walker.

10. Song—"Everybody Will Be Happy."
11. Paper—"Myself and My Church," Mrs. Rosetta Weaver.

12. Paper—"Myself and My Friends," Mrs. Susie Grissome, Mrs. F. A. Guster.
Song—"Bright Crown."

14. Remarks—Mrs. E. T. Keys, Elder R. B. Brown, Mrs. J. A. Brown and Elder N. R. Trevillian.

15. Song—"Ring It Out."
16. Sermon—"Women As Leaders in the Cause of Righteousness," Elder B. C. Calvert, Evangelist.

17. President's Message.
18. Offering—Sister L. Wade, Brother Clarence James and Sister Mattie Jackson.

19. Business period.
20. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

2:30 P. M.—United Missionary Society Period.

Music by Choir.
Ten minutes Meditation, Mrs. B. C. Calvert, Jackson.

Plantation Melody, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot."

Opening remarks, Mrs. E. E. Carroll, Pres. Appointment of Committees.

Reading of minutes of last Annual Meeting, Rec. Sec'y.

Report of Delegates of W. M. Society.
Report of Recording Sec'y, Mrs. G. A. Franklin, Port Gibson.

Report of State Treasurer, Mrs. Eva Bingham, Fayette.

Report of Cor. Field, Sec'y, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Port Gibson.

Song, By Audience.
Address, Mrs. M. F. Williams, Greenwood, Miss.

General Discussion.
Song.
President's Message, Mrs. E. E. Carroll.
Song.

Address, Mrs. M. B. Miller, Mound Bayou, Miss.

Paper, Mrs. M. F. Walls, Hermanville.
Address, Mrs. A. T. Brown, 846 Dreyfus, Jackson, Miss.

Address, Mrs. R. B. Donaldson, Vicksburg.
Song—Solo, Mrs. Leota Christmas Gibson, New Albany.

Address, Mrs. Rosa B. Grubbs, National Field Sec'y.
Song.

Business Period.
Free Will Offering.
Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:30 P. M.—Joint session of all the departments. Devotions led by Elder R. B. Griggs, of Greenwood and Bro. Willie Weaver of Providence. Sermon by Bro. A. D. Brown of Shaw. Invitation by Elder R. B. Brown of Hermanville. Offering by Bro. L. C. Quin of West Point and Sister Mattie Jackson, of Rose Hill. Announcements and adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING

8:00 A. M. to 9:00 A. M.—Conference by Evangelist Calvert. Subject "The Timeliness of the Social Gospel."

9:00 A. M.—Ministerial Period. Elder K. R. Brown, Instructor.

Bible Questions for The Ministerial Lessons. Chapter and Verse for Answer:

1. Has Christ concealed from the church anything concerning salvation?

2. What does Christ do for His followers when they fall?

3. Was it prophesied that on the cross Christ would say to God, "Why hast Thou Forsaken Me?"

4. What does Christ offer to sinners as a satisfying house.

5. Who will govern the nation and then judge them?

6. Where did David prophetically see Christ?

7. How and to whom are sinners converted?

8. What will precede Christ when He comes in the Judgment?

9. Why is Christ annointed above His fellows?

10. Prophetically, what are the six great promises to the members of the Church of Christ?

How to arrange Pentecostal Programs ending 1930. Will be discussed. K. R. Brown, Conductor.

THURSDAY EVENING

2:30 P. M.—Church Period. Devotions by Bro. J. B. Williams of Greenwood and Bro. E. J. Jackson of Bethel. Remarks by the President and others.

3:30 P. M.—Business Period. Reading of minutes of last Convention. Enrolment of delegates. Appointment of committees. Introductory sermon by Elder B. L. Jacobs

of S. S. I. Edwards, Miss. Offering by Bro. C. A. James of Rose Hill and Sister Lizzie Calvert of Jackson. Announcements and adjournment.

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:30 P. M.—Devotions by Bro. C. A. Watt of Friars Point and Bro. L. R. Patty of Johnson Chapel. Address by Dr. J. E. Walker; subject, "Success of the Church." Solo—President's Annual Address, Elder I. C. Franklin. Report of State Evangelist. Elder B. C. Calvert. Collection by Bro. Clem Keyes of Greenwood and Sister M. L. Turner of Clarksdale. Announcements and Adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING

8:00 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.—Conference by Evangelist Calvert. Subject, "False Spiritual of Industry." 9:00 A. M.—Devotional by Bro. T. Sails of Shaw and Bro. H. Hutchinson of Center Church. Report of Secretary, Prof. L. C. Williams. Report of Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker. Report of District Evangelists. Report of Churches. Sermon by Elder J. G. Keyes of Coila, Miss., subject, "Going Back to Pentecost to Get Our Bearing." Invitation by Elder K. R. Brown of Port Gibson. Offering by Bro. Wm. Guice of Jackson and Sister Mary Mitchell of Rose Hill.

FRIDAY EVENING

2:30 P. M.—Devotions by Bro. A. L. Brown of Indianola and Bro J. Porter of Holly Grove. Unfinished business of Willing Worker's Missionary Society. United Missionary Society from 4:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. Announcements and adjournment.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30 P. M.—Devotions by Elder L. R. Garrison and Elder E. L. Brown. Memorial service. Remarks of the deceased—Dr. W. A. Scott and others. Memorial sermon by Elder B. C. Calvert, Evangelist; subject "The Loneliness of the Soul." Offering by Bro. Harry Wells, Jr., of Forest Grove and Sister Louisia Trivellian of Pine Grove. Announcements and adjournment.

SATURDAY MORNING

8:00 A. M. to 9:00 A. M.—A Conference will be conducted by Evangelist Calvert with an inspirational address; subject, "Suggestions for Building Christian Homes." 9:00 A. M.—Devotions led by Bro E. D. Vaughn of Clarksdale and Sister Joanna Ivy of Palo Alto. Unfinished business. Report of Committee. Election of State officers. Special music by the choir. Sermon by Elder H. Herindon, Pastor of McKinney's Chapel. Collection by Sister Eva Bingham of Fayette and Bro J. S. Owens of Providence. Announcements and adjournment.

SATURDAY EVENING

2:30 P. M.—Devotions by Bro Thomas Martin of Antioch and Bro R. B. Chambers of Lorman. Christian Endeavor Period.

SATURDAY NIGHT

7:30 P. M.—Christian Endeavor. Musical Program.

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GIVING TO JESUS

By T. B. LIVINGSTON, Pastor
Oakwood Blvd. Christian Church,
Chicago

What does giving to Jesus mean? The Son of God came to earth on a specific mission. He came to set up the Kingdom of God on earth, came for the Redemption of Humanity. Having given His life as a ransom for many, Christ led "captivity captive and gave gifts unto men." He inaugurated a programme which we are to carry out. He plans to carry out His redemptive work through us. To give to Jesus, therefore, is to support His cause.

It goes without saying that Christ's cause deserves our best. He gave Himself for us freely, fully, willingly, and now He says to us, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Observe, however, that the Master does not require what we cannot give. He expects of a man according to what he has. "Every man according to his several ability." God pity the man who finds himself so poor that he cannot contribute anything to the cause of Christ.

We are to give such as we have. Let us remember that whatever we have has been received of Him. He has made us stewards of His wealth. His demand that a portion of what He has intrusted to us be given back must not go unheeded. To ignore the demand means loss. He has ordained that as we spend, we get; as we give, we receive.

Such as we have! It may be silver and gold. Use it in the proclamation of His gospel, in the relief of human suffering, in the uplift of humanity. Remember, however, that your gift it not to

be measured by its intrinsic value. Your love, self-denial, devotion are the things that count most with the Master.

Such as we have, be it ever so small, if given with the proper motive, He will bless and use to His glory.

Such as we have! All of us cannot do what the world esteems great, but all of us can do something. The world appraises values in terms of silver and gold, but according to Christ's philosophy, many a poor person may give gifts of millionaire princes. Your material possessions may be no index to your spiritual possessions. As far as material things are concerned, you may be in poverty, and yet you may be spiritually rich. Paul describes the apostles "as poor yet making many rich."

Ah, friends! There are many possessions more precious than silver and gold. These are by no means the most important things you may possess. The gift of gold and silver can only bless indirectly, but your sympathy, goodwill and love may comfort sorrowing hearts, cheer desolate souls, bring new life and vigor to despairing spirits.

Such as we have! Let us take stock of our possessions. What about our talents? Do we lay them at the feet of Jesus or do we use them merely from selfish motives? If you only have one talent, Christ expects you to use it in His service. The influence of the humblest person counts in the service of the master. When rehearsing an oratorio, on one occasion, Handel said, "I miss one of the clarinets."

Each of Christ's redeemed ones has a place in His orchestra. "Every little counts." Only the Master knows what the consecration of one small talent means to His cause. The mind—intellect, sensibility, will—let us give of these. Our power of thought, our feelings and affections, our purposes and motives, in a word our personality should be consecrated to His service. Some one has aptly said: "The surrender of a personality to the highest personality is the salvation of the surrendered personality." Oh, the joy of giving to Jesus of these invisible gifts. If we thus give ourselves to Him we will enter into fellowship with the greatest Personality and all our activities will be of tremendous importance. Christ will, indeed, be working through us and we shall enter into the joy of the Lord. An anonymous writer admirably expresses our thought in poetry, let us pray:

"Lord, I make a full surrender,
All I have I yield to Thee;
For Thy love, so great and tender,
Asks the gift of me.

"Lord, I bring my whole affection,
Claim it, take it for thine own,
Safely kept by Thy protection,
Fixed on thee alone.

"Lord, my will I here present Thee
Gladly now no longer mine;
Let no evil thing prevent me
Blending it with Thine.

"Lord, my life I lay before Thee,
Hear, this hour, the sacred vow!
All Thine own I now restore Thee,
Thine for ever now.

"Glory, glory, hallelujah!
I have given my all to God;
And I now have full salvation
Thru the precious blood."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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THE NATIONAL C. E. CONVENTION
 V. L. Smith

PRESENT STATUS

The National Christian Endeavor suffers like the state C. E. from being considered as appendage rather than an integral part of the National Convention. According to the Constitution, the C. E. is one of the departments and therefore is entitled to equal consideration in the National Assembly, but so far, the Convention leaders have chosen to disregard it. Even when the program Committee gives the C. E. "A Fighting Chance." There is no assurance that this program Department will receive its deserts.

Until there is a greater manifestation of the National Convention to give youth a chance, there will not be any evident advance of interest in the National Convention among Disciple Youth.

Some Future Hopes

There are a number of things that might be done to build up a youth constituency to our National Convention.

1. Give the C. E. Department sufficient time during the week to transact its business and carry out its program and this does not mean a belated Saturday session run on the sheer nerve of the Convention-goers. Sufficient time would insure complete work on the part of Committees and better work done.

2. Consolidate the C. E. completely with the Bible School and have a Religious Education Convention under one set of officers and doing business for both. This plan would materially affect the organizations in the States and set a precedent for a breach of the Constitution from C. E. side. The Convention has been grossly violated, but that is no reason for the C. E. to follow such an unworthy example.

3. Arrange simultaneous but not severed sessions from the Convention proper. Perhaps the Bible School would like to have a part in this and the time for each would be lengthened without lengthening the Convention.

4. Promote an entirely separate Convention with different or the same place of meeting, but with a separate organization, promotion, program and objectives. The values of these latter two will compose the next article.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 ELDER Z. H. HOWARD

For the first time our church here in Muskogee had had a Daily Vacation Bible School. The interesting feature of it is that the Christian, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches combined forces and conducted three schools scattered at convenient points over the city.

The one which was conducted at the Christian Church had an enrollment very close to one hundred and twenty-five. We were highly fortunate in being able to retain the same teachers from the beginning to the close. Three of them were taken from our church: Misses Oneida Howard, Emma Friths and Mrs. Odessa Howard White. Mrs. Donnie Perdue was our fourth instructor.

No Sectarianism was taught. There are far too many vital truths necessary to the spiritual growth of young people to waste time on those petty things which make for division and misunderstanding. Emphasis was placed upon Bible Study, Story telling, Memory Work, Hand-crafts, Musical training and Supervised Play. Each teacher employed methods suitable to her particular age group. The five departments gave stars for work done. This honor roll system worked beautifully. Parents tell us that their children talked of "Gold Stars" incessantly. Note books, scrap books, wall plaques, paper belts, etc., were made by the children during their handi-craft period.

Last Friday night the closing exercises were held. Every child had some part on the program. No time was taken from regular work to prepare for these exercises. Things which the pupils had learned at Vacation Bible School were worked out in the form of a pageant, and each child felt enthusiastic over having a part in "School Closing". The patrons express themselves as being in favor of the movement, and we feel that next year we will have a better school.

If at all possible we want to have our national workers with us before we have another Daily Vacation Bible School. If our teachers can have a little instruction from them we are sure that next summer the work will be more effective.

ANNUAL REPORT

For Bible School Department, Christian Church National Convention
 Our Slogan—"\$1000.00 and 500 Schools"
 What State Will Lead?

For State Presidents—

1. Name of State
2. President
3. Address
4. Number of Schools in State.....
5. Number of Pupils.....
6. Money raised for State Work \$.....
7. Registration in National Convention NNNNNNN \$10.00
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For Local Schools

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2. Name of Town
3. Name of Superintendent
4. Address
5. Name of Delegate to Natl. Con.
6. Money sent to State Work \$.....
7. Money sent to N. C. M. S. \$.....
8. Registration in Natl. Con.\$2 00
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Our Convention meets in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, August 26 to September 1, 1929.

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My Dear Co-Worker:

We are very anxious to have a complete report for our National Convention. Will you please fill in the following questions?

- Name of State
- Number of Churches
- Number of disciples
- Number of preachers
- Value of Church property \$.....

Thanking you for this information and please let me have same not later than August 20, 1929.

Yours in the work,

Rev. Wesley Watson,

National Statistical Sec'y.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

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J. B. Lehman

WHEN WE ARE NOT AT OUR BEST

A mule cannot pull while it is kicking, and it can not kick when it is pulling. Neither can you.

Jesus stopped to condemn what the Jews were doing, but he always did it in the spirit of showing how wrong leads to a bad end. He never said anything to harm a man to his advantage. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred he talked of his great program for the advancement of mankind. He never kicked; he always pulled.

This, then should be a lesson for us. We have a big program, in fact the biggest of anything we know of in America. It is going to take our united effort to succeed. But you say some among us are doing wrong as we see it. Granted. We think so too. But does that mean that I must give up all efforts and begin kicking? If I do, I am worth nothing to the cause from thenceforth. I may have to condemn the policy of some people, but I will never condemn the persons who are following the policy unless I know they are doing it with malice aforethought. And then I am not going to harm them if I can help it. I will save them if I can. Peter acted real mean sometimes, but Christ saved him for a very fine service.

When the disciples of Christ set out to unite God's people they undertook a much greater job than they bargained for. They thought the difference was doctrinal and all they needed to was to harmonize these opinions; but, lo and behold, they are now finding out that these differences are racial rather than in the realm of opinion. And if they are to succeed, they must bring into the Church all these races. If they can not do this they might as well quit now.

It seems to me providential that the Negro Disciples are a small body in comparison to our Methodist and Baptist brethren. This problem could never be worked out in the Missionary Baptist Church. The white Disciples of Christ never divided into North and South; and, while this made it difficult in the beginning, it made just the

kind of background needed to do the work. Forty years ago there was some feeling between the northern and southern white people, but that has almost gone now. There was from the very first church in Washington, Pennsylvania. It made a little flurry for up to that time they used the holy kiss, but when this colored man joined, they dropped that. The history of Mississippi Disciples shows that both white and Negro delegates were in the first Convention and all the money taken up in the Convention was expended to help the Negro Disciples to begin their work.

We haven't solved all problems yet, as for instance as to where the Negroes are to sit in southern conventions, etc. But why stop, when you know that that is one of the problems God has given us to solve. Let us get in earnest in our task and God will show the way. In the early church, say about 150 A. D. when the church made inroads in the Roman Empire, and the persecution got so severe that the church had to have secret places to meet, often slave and master met for communion. There they were brethren, but the next day they took their relative places of master and slave again. By this conduct they broke up the most wicked enemy to the cause of Christianity.

To Negro men and women in the Church of the Disciples of Christ, I would say.

Brethren, God has called you to the most exalted position we know of in American life. Do not raise the question of your rights, but think seriously of your responsibility in this exalted position. You can sway a civilization if you go at it in earnest. Do not depend on the politicians for success. The politician has mused up everything he has ever touched. Just after the war the good Christian people were ready to go ahead in the right day, but the northern politician (called carpet bagger) and the southern politician, (called scalawag) mused it up so that we have been working sixty years to overcome the feeling. Let me plead with you that you awaken to your opportunity. Quit kicking at the white people, quit kicking at the U. C. M. S., quit kicking at your leaders, quit kicking at the students from the schools of the U. C. M. S. If any of these need correcting, go at it in a constructive way, not as kick-

ers. They need your help, not ill will. And as for myself, let me say this: I have occupied a most responsible place. Thirty-five years ago, I could have easily divided our white brethren into north and south. I did what I could to unite them. I have been a true friend to the Negro and have endured for you in a true way. I need your prayers, not your kicks. I need your support, not your cabals.

Brethren, let us begin anew. God has called us to a very important work. We are the only people so situated that the work can be done. Another fifty years of faithful effort will sway the entire American civilization. Will you prove faithful, or must God raise up another people to do his work.

ELABORATE PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITORS—FIVE HUNDRED DELEGATES EXPECTED

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 4.—The annual convention of Alpha Phi Alpha, national Negro college fraternity, will be held in Atlanta December 27 to January 1 and is expected to bring to the city five hundred delegates from all parts of the country, according to an announcement by Forrester B. Washington, director of the Atlanta School of Social Work, and general chairman of the convention committee of arrangements. A large committee is at work planning for the entertainment of the convention and expects to make the meeting the most notable in the history of the organization.

In addition to the serious features of the program, which will include business sessions and the discussion of the educational and fraternal interests of the race, there will be a succession of social features in the nature of dances, smokers, barbecues, bridge parties, athletic events, and the like. One day will be given to an auto trip to Tuskegee Institute.

Alpha Phi Alpha is the oldest Negro college fraternity in the country and has seventy-seven chapters widely distributed, four of which are in this city. This, however, will be the first national convention the organization has held in the South. The people of Atlanta are looking forward with great interest to the coming of the convention and are determined to overlook no feature of typical Southern hospitality.

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OBSERVATION

By V. G. SMITH

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Another thing that ought to be carefully diagnosed, especially since there is an increasing demand that the church schools among the Negroes specially prepare ministers for our communion. The Year Book shows the following condition to be existent.

When another fact is proven as it is

485	30522	379	250	353	.14	460	10	.8	.12
Arkansas					.22	1075	10	.8	.22
Alabama					.3	238	4	.3	.3
California					.1	111	1	.1	.1
District of Columbia					.1	19	1	.1	.1
Colorado					.9	290	8	.5	.6
Florida					.23	947	19	.11	.21
Georgia					.11	1008	12	.5	.5
Illinois					.3	319	6	.3	.3
Indiana					.12	556	9	.9	.9
Kansas					.55	3517	44	.30	.34
Kentucky					.2	45	2	.0	.0
Louisiana					.3	265	3	.3	.3
Maryland					.1	35	0	.0	.0
Michigan					.41	1844	29	.17	.27
Mississippi					.21	1545	18	.10	.16
Missouri					.1	25	0	.0	.0
Nebraska					.112	9063	81	.60	.85
North Carolina					.13	1350	18	.7	.8
Ohio					.14	533	12	.6	.7
Oklahoma					.1	28	1	.0	.0
Pennsylvania					.23	1077	11	.11	.12
Tennessee					.50	3047	41	.24	.35
Virginia					.20	1079	22	.17	.19
South Carolina					.27	1966	15	.10	.23
West Virginia					.2	80	4	.1	.1
Total									

thru the per capita giving to missions, it is found that Maryland, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas ranks in the order named. The first three have every church pastored and the latter two every working church. So it is not unfair to say that Missionary Education is directly proportionate to Ministerial Service in the states. But more astonishingly evident is the connection shown by the year book when taking churches into consideration.

Of 65 churches which gave a per capita gift of 50 cents and above, thirty-seven have full-time pastoral service, thirteen have half time, eleven less than half and only four no pastoral service at all. In other words 77 per cent of the total number of larger giving churches have preaching and service twice a month or oftner.

But the Ministerial supply situation is more serious than Missionary giving alone. What are the figures and percentage on Ministers and Ministerial service? Let us see,—With 485 churches and only 379 ministers, theoretically there are 106 churches which cannot have full-time service by any means. Some may say there are some defunct churches counted. True, but there are some deceased ministers counted also, so the ratio remains equitable. Also there are only 250 of these three seventy-nine preachers at work, thus increasing the probability of churches without full-time leaders to 235 or just seven short of half total number. But taking into account the overworked condition of the 250 working ones to supply 353 pulpits, there is yet 132 churches or 27 per cent without any sort of leadership except the laity.

There are two things that appear as needed. One is to get at least half of the 129 unemployed ministers into some of the 132 churches without ministers. Moses was instructed to use what he had in his hand. Why not the Christian Church use this supply of leadership somewhere that it already has? Greater publicity of needs on the part of unemployed ministers and unsherpded flocks thru the "Christian Plea" and thru state officers and evangelists and a greater effort on the part of churches to pay the leadership a living wage, would do much to remedy this situation.

A second means to supply the demand would be to educate a ministry. Since the close of the Louisville Bible School, the Lincoln Bible Chair is the first effort on the part of any educational force to train preachers without making farmers, mechanics, artisans and day laborers out of the same piece of humanity. No wonder he is a "little" preacher there is little left after he has taken all of the other "requisites" for a "life of service."

Why isn't there a chair of Biblical training in everyone of our Negro schools as there is a school of Divinity in everyone of the Christian Colleges? Why must the Bible teacher have to teach everything else as well as a couple of courses in Bible? With religious education, church policy, pulpitering and Bible investigation, all needed and required for successful pastoral service, where in Southern, Jarvis or Piedmont can such be obtained? They can hire specialists in other lines like athletic coaches, agricultural experts, trade teachers but as yet in making Christian leaders, they need no Bible or divinity specialist. Yet ministers are supposed to grow up under this system.

Over two years ago, Mr. Jason Mc Cowan, a student in the Divinity School of Butler University, wrote thru these pages of the opportunity in Butler for a goodly group of Negro young people to not only enter Butler, but also to get their tuition in the school free on scholarship. Even yet I have not heard of more than one taking any sort of advantage of this offer. The rule against the Negro student does not apply to this Divinity school and any number who wished this type of training would find it available. But the Kentucky brethren would establish a one-man school for Bible training less than three hundred miles from this plant for giving complete instruction.

The education for leadership among the Negro Disciples besides being woefully inadequate is grossly mis-managed to get the avowed results. We need ministers,—are they forthcoming? Judge for yourself from the above date.

PAGE of NEWS ITEMS

PROGRAM

THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE WORKER'S INSTITUTE

To be held at North Middletown, Ky.

September 21-22, 1929

Saturday Morning:

- 10:00—Devotional—North Middletown. Greetings and appointment of committees.
- 10:30—Should missions be taught in the Bible School?—Mt. Sterling and Stepstone.
- 11:00—What is The World's Greatest Need?—North Middletown and Winchester
- 11:30—Will the Bible School of Today meet the needs of the Future Church?—Little Rock and Levee.
- 12:00—Music—Offering and Adjournment.

Saturday Afternoon:

- 2:00—Devotional—Fairview.
- 2:30—Why have a State Organization of Young People?—Fairview and Aaron's Run.
- 3:00—Music—North Middletown.
- 3:30—President's Quarterly Address and Report of delegates to State Convention.
- 4:00—Reports of Schools and Young People's Societies.
- 4:30—Music—Offering and Adjournment.

Saturday Evening

- 7:30—Devotional—Little Rock.
- 8:00—Welcome Address—North Middletown.
Music—Fairview
Response—Mt. Sterling
Music—Aaron's Run
Music—Offering and Adjournment.

Sunday Morning

- 9:45—Lesson Period—Music—Offering—Adjournment.
- 11:00—Sermon—Music—Offering—and Adjournment.

Sunday Afternoon

- 2:00—Devotional—Mt. Sterling.
- 2:30—Address—The Young People's Conference, Eld. W. H. Brown, Mt. Sterling.
- 3:00—Special Program.
- 4:00—Music—Offering—Adjournment.

Sunday Evening

- 7:00—Devotional—Aaron's Run.
- 7:30—Sermon—Elder T. R. Everett, North Middletown.
Report of Secretary and Treasurer.
Music—Offering—Adjournment.
COMMITTEE—Bro. Wm. Caywood,

Chairman; Mrs. Carrie Jones, Miss Suetta Johnson, Miss Roberta Caywood, Sallie V. Johnson, Secretary.

All workers are asked to give 50 cts. to district work and 10 cts. to Scholarship Fund.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR LIVES?

By ALMA EVELYN MOORE

Is it the same that was in the hearts of those early disciples who founded the first church and who had been with Jesus? You remember how the disciples seemed naturally and "with one accord" to gather together in the same place to talk of Jesus; how naturally they seemed to love one another until they did not even call anything they possessed their own, but divided their things as the other disciples needed; how they told the good news as an outpouring of their love for Him; how instinctively they were in prayer together and it was after they had prayed and learned to wait before Him that the Holy Spirit came upon them and they received His power.

With all this in the minds of many of our women there has been prepared a statement of a Life of Purpose. This is not a pledge but a listing of a few ideals which we would like to make a part of our lives. We are hoping that you will sign it, that you will try it for one day and another and another; that you will see if you can not live it for a week, then for a month, until you have built it into your life.

Some of us will find it hard to plan our work and our leisure and to have will find the time when she realizes that the time; but even the busiest mother it means more to her family than food and clothing. Is it not of more value than some of the tasks we feel must be done? If Jesus Himself were to come to your door today in person, wouldn't you think it the most important and the most gracious thing in all the world to sit and talk with Him a little while?

Some of us will find it hard to push from our minds all the pressing cares and worries that are so heavy, but if we try again and again, practicing quietness in His presence, we shall soon

find that He is very near. Some of us will hesitate to pray, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thought," and it will not be easy to face our own weaknesses in the white light of His love. To live Jesus, to make Him a part of our everyday lives that all will know "they have been with Jesus," that He lives in us, is our purpose.

Will you take this card, go into that secret place with Him alone, and with Him so near that He is indeed "nearer than hands or feet," read it again and again with Him? Is it more than you would have given Him if you had been one of those Judean women? Isn't it something that you—and your family, and your church—need to build into your own life? Will you not tell Him that you will try it, even though you fail again and again, until you have made it a part of your life?

WOMEN ROUND WORLD PREPARE FOR PENTECOST CELEBRATION

One of the most notable events in connection with the preparation for the observance of the nineteenth centennial anniversary of Pentecost in 1930 is the "Call to the Christian World" by the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, to prepare for this great occasion.

One of the fine paragraphs of this marvelous call is as follows:

"Mindful of the meeting of the disciples in the upper room before the Holy Spirit came upon them, it is requested that prayer be very definite for:

"A fresh manifestation of God and His Spirit's power in the life and work of the Christian church.

"A revival of the spirit and practice of witnessing for Christ, that each believer may speak to friend and neighbor with the simplicity and eagerness so characteristic of the Christians immediately after Pentecost."

What a mighty impetus will be given to the preparation for the Pentecost celebration by these two great organizations made up of Protestant Christian women whose powerful influence reaches round the world!

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND CHURCH LIFE

KANSAS CITY CHALLENGES NATIONAL CONVENTION

Attention, Attention and carefully read the copy of telegram sent to National Convention while in session at Winston-Salem, N. C. which sent a thrill through the woman's session.

(Copy of Telegram to National Woman's Missionary Convention, care Rosa Brown Grubbs:)

Greetings from Woman's Missionary Society of Woodlawn Ave. Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Best wishes for a successful session. Our interest centered upon growth of local society. Unless we increase membership we cannot advance. We therefore challenge Missionary Societies of Brotherhood to increase membership one hundred per cent beginning 2nd Sunday in September and ending the 1st Sunday in December.

ETHEL DYSON, President.

Twenty-one societies accepted enthusiastically this challenge. We have set the date so that there may be 21 more to enter.

The societies already enrolled for the contest with Kansas City, Mo. are as follows: Fulton, Mo., Indianapolis, Ind., Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C., Lexington, Ky., Mt. Sterling, Ky., Dayton, Ohio, Reidville, N. C., Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, Kansas City, Kans., Cleveland, Ohio, Louisville, Ky., Hill St., Md. Bayou, Miss., N. Little Rock, Ark., Nashville, Lea Ave., Nashville, Gay St., Paducah, Ky., N. Middletown, Ky., Bloomington, Ill., Chicago, South Side, Chicago, Oakwood, Blvd., Paris, Ky.

A committee was appointed on Rules and Regulations governing the contest. The findings we herewith submit:

1. That we accept the challenge of Kansas City, Mo., Missionary Society to increase membership of local societies 100 per cent.
2. That the dates of contest be from October 1, 1929 to January 1, 1930, instead of dates mentioned in telegram.
3. That we use the records as held in offices of U. C. M. S. office as the authentic record at the beginning of contest.
4. That societies in Contest report monthly.

5. That the final report bear the post mark as of January 1, 1930.

6. That the reports be sent to the office of the U. C. M. S., care General Field Secretary, Rosa B. Grubbs.

7. That we have articles of boost in each issue of the Plea from members of the committee and others interested.

8. We recommend that each Society achieving the aim be placed on honor roll and given a certificate of honor.

9. That two prizes be given.

(a) One to the Society which enrolls in contest and maintains through to June 30th the largest number above its aim of 100 per cent.

(b) One to the society which enrolls in contest and maintain through to June 30th the largest increased membership.

10. That Mrs. Herod, Miss Trout and Mrs. Grubbs serve as committee on prizes and be responsible for other details not worked out at the sitting of the committee.

Committee:

Mrs. Jas. Brooks,
Susie Offut,
M. J. Brown,
L. A. Devine,
H. L. Herod,
Mary Vanburren,
Rosa B. Grubbs.

AN INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT (Reprint)

The Memphis Convention adopted a recommendation calling upon our Brotherhood throughout the world to celebrate the Nineteenth Centennial of Pentecost in 1930. It was suggested that, as Jesus was three years with His disciples, so we, His twentieth century disciples, should make these preceding three years a period of closer walk with Him.

In harmony with the Convention action, and upon the recommendation of the Convention's Pentecost Anniversary Committee that each agency make its own plans and goals, the United Christian Missionary Society has formulated a Pentecost Program to culminate in June, 1930. At this time the Society will have rounded out the first decade of its united service to the churches. These attainable aims, if reached, will mark progress in all the

work. It is a program of spiritual enrichment.

Our slogan for the three year program is "serving the churches that the churches may serve the world." The United Society is a creature of the churches. It belongs to the churches; exists for the churches, and serves the churches. Pentecost was the birthday of the church. It was on that notable day that her march across the centuries began. It is His Church. Christ never said, "My Child" or "My Home," for He had none: but He did say, "My Father" and "My church." Of His church he said "I will build it". It is the privilege of every follower of His to help Him "build His Church" both numerically and spiritually.

Pentecost and prayer were linked together. Pentecost might have been an impossibility without the "Upper Room" and the ten days' meeting for prayer. In that soul-experience the disciples emptied themselves that they might be filled with the fullness of God. Prayer must have a large place in the churches during these three years. Any church program will fail without it. Much attention will be given on the part of the United Society through its Pentecost Program, to aiding the prayer life of the churches.

Christ was at the Center of the first Pentecost. He was presented that day as the living, reigning and glorified Christ. If a program or a life makes a real spiritual growth and advance, Christ must be at the center.

"I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our Blest Redeemer
saved
With His own precious blood.
I love Thy Church, O God,
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye
And graven on Thy hand."

KNOXVILLE—Recently a young woman member of the Negro racial group fainted, following an accident that occurred in a section of our city inhabited entirely by white people. The fine spirit exhibited by the men and women in administering restoratives, promptly and willingly summoning medical aid and otherwise exhibiting attention was the source of favorable comment on the part of the many who watched the situation.

STATE NEWS PAGE

NICHOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA FAMILY % T. R. EVERETT

We are holding forth here in Old First as she is commonly called throughout the State and elsewhere among many of our brethren. We have just pulled through a very bad winter and are beginning to get our breath. We had our Annual rally just yesterday and everyone was well pleased with the results. The church is moving on in a very fine way. The pastor has been doing some real hard work in the Evangelistic field. On the 13th of May we started to drive through the country some three hundred miles or more to Burksville down on the Cumberland river at the foot of Cumberland mountains.

We found a group of twenty disciples worshipping without any settled place for service. We began preaching on the 14th day of May and spent twelve days with them in the public school building. We revived the work, added four to the congregation, three by primary obedience and one from the connection; we succeeded in finding splendid location, bought a house and lot, and got the deed written and sent to the heirs to sign. We were put in touch with two more congregations in that section of the country. I think two of this number will doubtless report in our State work this year.

This is a very rough and hilly country, but the people are strong and healthy and believe in large families. Three of the men in our church there have from six to eleven children, all fat, healthy and intelligent. You will recall that this is forty miles away from the railroad and up until about ten or eleven months ago it was almost impossible to get in and out of this country, as the main roads run right along the river and creek beds. When the waters were up it was impossible to get in or out. Frequently laps of forty miles would require a week duration to make the trip, and then it was at a great risk. Happily for them now, with the coming of automobiles and the revival of interest in road construction we can make the trip in a Flivver over the distance in an hour and

a half. So with these new accommodations the whole world is becoming closely allied and better acquainted. There is much pioneer work that needs to be done in these parts of our own state and doubtless the same could be said of other states.

We will never get very far with this one man idea of Evangelizing the state. We must arrange to have more men and work at the job of Evangelization, all at the same time with the same definite goal in view. I hope to advance an idea, which, I think will doubtless help our Kentucky situation, in our coming Convention in August. Well, the people do attend church in these places and one is inspired to preach. The white preacher and his officers came out to hear us. Some of them came several times and all were exultant in their words of praise for the service rendered and invited us back at an early date. We will arrange to do so as soon as possible.

"THE ATMOSPHERE OF S. C. I." 11th STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Editor:

I hope you can find room in your dear old Christian Plea for us as we are making wonderful progress in our church and also our many auxiliaries which are working for the benefit of the church.

We have now with us the tools of old S. C. I., Mr. Haygood, Mr. Toles and Misses Jordon and Rutledge and also Mr. Barnes who have come from S. C. I. and are doing their best to put things on a systematic plan. They have come in and have reorganized the C. E. Society and are holding various posts in the church and other auxiliaries of the church. We are proud, very proud to have our young people home and to see them take such interest as they do in the work for the Master. We are hoping and praying that they all may get back and encourage others to do work for the Master.

Our district convention was held in Oxmoor the third Sunday of August and we had a large number present, dinner was issued out on the church ground, and we had some fine speeches

made and music selections rendered by our young people.

A. B. Barnes, Reporter.

BETWEEN TWO HILLS

We are looking forward to the Convention both at Knoxville and Winston-Salem. I hope that each Bible School in the State as well as each Department is working hard to raise its National Apportionment as well as the State Apportionment. Remember the Bible tells us "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn" Now unless we send the money to help carry on the work we cannot expect the work to go on.

However, if the Churches had sent in their apportionment St. Louis would not be boasting of Wm. Alphin as their Pastor, but because we failed Alphin had to come off the field. We can't keep people like P. H. Moss, Wm. Alphin, Rosa B. Grubbs and Bessie Chandler or Prince Gray on the field if we fail to do our bit.

We need more trained Officers in the Church and on the Board. The Minister might preach all his life, but unless the Officers catch the vision the work will drag. What is true at this place is true everywhere.

Our good sister Rosa B. Grubbs has visited us. Her message was inspiring as well as uplifting.

I hope each Bible School will try this year to make a good report. Each School is asked to send eight dollars (\$8.00) to the Convention. Do not send one dollar (1.00) but eight dollars (\$8.00).

How do you expect the State to develop unless you send five dollars (\$5.00), how do you expect to be represented in the National Convention unless you send \$2.00. When you start to the State Convention don't come with a hand full of give me and a mouth full of much oblige, but come with an all around report then the State can go over the top and from Knoxville we will pull for Winston-Salem. D. W. Bradley, State B. S. President.

WHAT IS IT?

One of the most peculiar and striking phenomena of history is that day of the week known as "the Lord's day," the first day of the week. Even now, less than half of the population of those nations called Christian nations are adherents of churches acknowledging Christ as Lord and Saviour, and yet there stands that day all but universally recognized by believer and non-believer, Christian and non-Christian. What about this one day of the week that is thus marked, set apart and honored?

It is not the purpose of this tract to repeat the arguments at length, showing this to be the right and Scriptural day to be observed as a sacred day by Christians rather than Saturday, the seventh day. That has already been well done by W. H. Book, of Columbus, Ind. It is rather our purpose to help Christians to a better understanding and appreciation of the day as to its significance and sacredness.

The very name "Lord's Day" that has come down for two thousand years, contains much to ponder. It is one of the things that must be accounted for by those who discount, discredit or disregard the Christ. The Lord's Day is His day. It belongs to Him. Those who claim Him as Lord and Master will protect for Him that which is His, and not steal from Him, His very own. It, like the sacred ordinances, baptism and communion, has a sacred significance.

What Gave Rise to the Lord's Day?

Up to a certain point in history, the first day of the week had no more significance than the second or third day. After that time, it has held this peculiar and outstanding and significant place. What event made the change?

The first thing that marks the day is that it is "the resurrection day," the day on which the Lord came forth from the tomb. It is the day on which death was swallowed up in victory; the day on which God raised His Son, the Saviour, from the grave and gave the final and finishing proof of His Saviourhood.

The next notice of it, in the period when the new group of people known as Christians, was being formed and taught and guided by the apostles, is that they met on "the first day of the week to break bread" (Acts 20:7). Also, in 1 Cor. 16:2 we find the injunction in regard to the collection for the saints: "On the first day of the week let each one lay by him in store."

The first day of the week is the beginning of keeping this day as the special day of the Lord. Now the day is kept round the world, by hundreds of Christians, as sacred to Christ and commemorating His resurrection from the dead.

General Features of the Day

The above bit of history shows why the first and central purpose for which the disciples met on this day was "the breaking of bread" (Acts 20:7). Even the preaching was secondary, and, apparently, incidental. This was fitting since the communion was designed to call to mind the central and most tragic events in the life and sacrifice of Christ. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death until he come." Thus this new day is marked by a special and entirely new feature in the matter of worship. The bread and the cup are not only a beautiful memorial, but proclaim a message both to His followers and to those who are not.

Of all the days of the week, the first day is His day. It is certainly fitting that one who bears His name should keep it and neither desecrate nor appropriate it. On the Lord's Day the Lord's people should remember the Lord in the Lord's own appointed way. Let us remember that by His own personal and positive command this feast was instituted. (Matt. 26:26, 27; Mark 14:22, 23; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:24,

When dealing with that which has to do with the very heartblood of the Saviour, only loyalty and reverence are fitting on the part of those who profess to be His. Remember that it is this that gave rise to and marks the day itself. How, then, is the day fittingly spent by a Christian, if that which makes and marks the day is omitted or neglected?

Sabbath and Lord's Day

For the sake of those who may need to make clear the place and significance of the Lord's Day, we submit the following comparisons. We should keep in mind that we are to-day living under the New Testament and not under the Old; under the Christian dispensation and not under the Mosaic; under the gospel of Christ and not under the law of Moses. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath day. These are, and always have been, separate and distinct days. Those who fail to make the distinction have failed to make the distinctions between the new and the old made above. It is an error to call the Lord's Day the Sabbath.

The Sabbath

Seventh day.
Common name, Saturday.
Day of rest.
Jewish day.
Marked by rest.
Commemorates finish of work and deliverance from bondage in Egypt.

The Lord's Day

First day.
Common name, Sunday.
Day of Christian service.
Christian day.
Marked by communion.
Commemorates resurrection and deliverance from bondage to death.

Distinctions between the Lord's Day as a Sacred Day and as a Legalized National Holiday

There are some who have been confused on the matter of the Lord's Day because, in addition to its religious place and significance, it has also been given legal significance and civil significance by many nations in many centuries.

For the social and economic, or even some other, standpoint, any state or nation may choose this day and enact laws making it a legal holiday. This has been done many times, but this has nothing whatever to do with its status in the Christian system and economy. It would be the Lord's Day anyhow, and is, nevertheless.

Constantine was one of the first to enact such laws giving the day national recognition and status. Some have thus been confused and supposed that thus was the Sabbath changed from the seventh day to the first by human enactment. This is not the fact at all. He merely was the first to enact civil law in regard to the activities of the people on the Lord's Day. The same has been done by many of the States in the Union, but in no case does that in any way influence the religious facts of the meaning, significance and purposes of the day for Christians. Constantine's law may be found in any good encyclopedia.

Greatest Present Needs Regarding The Lord's Day

Rather than attempt to force further the legal phases of a vicil holiday on the Lord's Day, there is now needed a deeper understanding of the day and a greater consecration and loyalty on the part of those who are Christians. It is perhaps with poor grace that we force the day upon others as a holiday if we, as Christians, fail to make use of the day as Christians should. The greatest need now is that Christians show the world their loyalty to Christ on the Lord's Day.

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OUR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND THEIR CHALLENGE TO THE LOCAL CHURCH

By Elder Vance G. Smith of Missouri

A complete resume of the subject would require a book-length thesis for it would involve a background study of all the educational facilities of the section of the country where we have churches and are contemplating establishing churches. Also it would require an exhaustive study of the intellectual status of the church membership. Then there would be needed a comparative study of the particular type of training that best fits for service in the church. The engendered ideals are as important as the mental discipline and the fund of knowledge. Hence this treatment must be sketchy and concise, omitting all background and comparative study.

Extent of Educational Needs

Often, all too often, the need for training is confined to the ministry. If there is sufficient education among this class of employed leaders, it is considered a fulfillment of all the necessities to successfully consummate the church program. Without for an instance minimizing the need of a specialized training among the ministers, there is need for emphasis to be laid on the educational standard of the congregational leadership for "Pastors may come and pastors may go but the officary goes on forever." The eldership, deaconship and trusteeship remain a part of every church over the ministry of all preachers. The auxiliary leaders remain for years as head of the departmental work. The raising of the level of educational training among these is as great as the need for trained servants in

the pulpit. Often an ignorant elder can tear down the spiritual life of the church faster than the best trained man can build it up. A pugnacious deacon can put more obstacles in the way of a progressive church program than can be overcome by the most optimistic pastor. The need for a trained leadership leads beyond the ministry even down into the pew.

Three types of official boards need training that can be provided at once. One is the board that knows not and knows of its disabilities. While of the best motives and finest spirit, it must, because of its limitations take the advice of the pastor on everything. While tractable it is wholly at the mercy and motivation of the trained or untrained leader that is their pastor. Progress is its desire but it knows not whence success lies. Such a board is in need of informational teaching whether in the Bible School, from the pulpit or in a special class. It should permit itself at least one hour of study per week in the New Testament church, its doctrine, ordinances, its own place in the local organization. The New Testament method of financing the church, its specific duties and the field in which it operates locally, in the district, the state, the nation and the world task of ministry that it might glorify the ministry whereunto they have been called. A definite challenge that comes to our national assembly is to constitute a simple but unique curriculum to give the necessary training to this type of ignorance. A course of study specially adapt-

ed to our needs would do much in forming a board in our church that officiate and is not a "rubber stamp" of the pastor.

The second type of official board is one that knows but knows not that it knows. It has talent, training of the secular sort and ability, but is sound asleep on the job. The snores of the members, of the auxiliaries are all that pierce the dismal fog of indifference. No cry from the church, the auxiliaries, the state or the world reach the complacent ears as the members drowse on the job. They have been "turned off by God" and must recommend themselves for reemployment by their fruits. A system of inspirational teaching and preaching would do much to inculcate that holy zeal, that divine passion in an indifferent board. A revival of spirituality would do more to invigorate than any amount of evangelistic effort to bring men to a table where the attendant are not preparing a feast for the soul. The challenge to the church is to heighten the spiritual tone. This does not mean emotionalize the feet or sentimentalize the hands and have a pandemonium of excess nervous energy. But to rationally approach the problem of enthusing permanently the men who are in the vanguard of a church's progress. Such a challenge could be answered in part by a brotherhood exchange of suggestions, plans and pulpits.

The third and most hopeless set of board members is one that knows not and knows not that it knows not. The time element and the position-holding are all that these men or the church can give for their place on the board. Hoary heads and gray beards are their sole recommendation to leadership. When the oaks of a thousand years growth obstruct the progress of a highway, they are moved or cut down. Is not

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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SUGGESTIVE HINTS FOR ELEMENTARY WORKERS

By Bessie E. Chandler,
Elementary Supt.

"The Kingdom of God needs not only teachers, preachers and missionaries to sow the seed of His word, but personal home workers alert to every opportunity at home, school or playground."

IX.

WORKERS' CONFERENCES

Man is realizing more and more that more can be accomplished through organized groups than through disorganized groups, for organization is a living thing and not a list of officers. There should then be an organization in the elementary department, which we call "Workers Conference". This conference must be more than an assembly at some definite time. There must be shared ideals, each person a part of the whole plan, understanding it and entering into it with their whole life.

Every teacher in the department becomes fifty per cent more effective in her work as a result of regular workers' conference. This conference should meet at least once each month regularly at some appointed time or place, the teachers and officers all present, and on time.

The program of this department conference should have at least three parts:

1. A devotional service including real and definite prayer for guidance and deepening of the spiritual lives of the teachers and officers.

2. A business session in which the needs of the department are considered; orders for supplies and equipment made out and the reports of enrollment and attendance.

3. A discussion of methods of work in which the order of the program will be considered, new songs learned and other items of regular program planned. The teaching methods will also be considered in this part of the program. Each teacher presenting in a general way her themes for the month and plans she has in mind.

- (a.) All problems relating to individual children should come at this time.

- (b.) A portion of this method period should be used for discussion of some educational book or topic pertaining to you work, which should be presented and discussed.

As a means of creating interest in the workers conference among your teachers a typed copy of the program should be given the departmental teachers and other invited teachers. The meetings must be worth while and profitable, with a little fun and social courtesy also which help to establish the right spirit.

We trust that every organized elementary worker will begin, if they have not a workers' conference, and organized it. It is only through a workers' conference that you can accomplish worth while, organized work.

MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH

By V. L. SMITH

NATIONAL C. E. CONVENTION

This assembly arose with a two-fold purpose in mind and these will form the sub heads of the article.

A National Body

Like the Church, W. M. S. and Bible School Conventions, this Convention is composed of representatives from the State C. E. Conventions and should be governed by those, who specifically come up to its requirements.

Its trend in this connection is bound to take on the complexion of the State's expressional meeting if it ever serves in this capacity as it should. By this I mean it must recruit its body from those actively engaged in C. E. work in the State Conventions; elect its officers from the ranks of those who are real Endeavorers in their local and state loyalties; assess the state organizations and make its program and future development depend on the state Convention of Endeavor workers.

A Youth Agency

Despite the disposition of the Convention to relegate the C. E. to a minor and non-time-consuming agency it happens that it is the only real youth agency of the Convention. It seeks to keep in touch with all Endeavor Societies even where there is not a state organization. It seeks to promote Young People's Conferences as the district leadership training unit for Youth. It tries to put on its program those who are leaders in youth and in whatever part of the youth movement our brotherhood represents. It seeks to use as officers those people either by age or interest who are of the younger group of Convention-

goers, and it seeks to have the program meet the needs of youth and youth leaders.

Handicaps

1. Lack of time to put on a program last year at the very last when everyone was "worn to a frazzle" the C. E. tried to have a session on Saturday evening. The only success was in the social period.

2. Lack of planning for the youth portion of the Convention. So far the number has never been great enough to make a showing that would convince Convention Leaders of the very need of the youth centered activities of the National assembly.

3. Lack of financial and personal support on the part of State C. E. Conventions.

4. Reluctance of the entire Conventional group to permit anything resembling simultaneous sessions, allied Conventions, separate groupings or fellow assemblies. The International Convention is composed of some seven Conventions. The National four with one of them completely eclipsed. The shortsightedness of these leaders will eventually alienate the youth group the Quo Vadis?

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the program of Christ of more value to the world than any highway? However training will move them as effectively as death or loss of position. Eho the venerable relic of yesterday that holds up our board be lacking in knowledge, there may awaken in them a willingness to be guided by the better thot on the board. Breadth of vision, scope of activities, adaptability of talents and consecration must be engendered. Men of God's Church in the devil's employ are carrying more churches to the hell of oblivion than anyother power in the world. Opinions are rated as knowledge. Prejudices are called ability and there is confusion. Such a collection of men, for they are no board in the true sense, need knowledge to open their eyes and inspiration to consecrate their hearts to the task. The challenge comes to the church to train a board for its task in the responsibility it bears as well as in methods of discharging it.

Intensive Training

While the church departments as such afford little chance for

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

By J. B. Lehman

A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF

The most outstanding infidelity we can be guilty of is to begin to think in the spirit of faction and schism. I know we often have to deal with men and women who try us greatly and even resort to crookedness, but Jesus knew we would have such to deal with when He commanded us to go and make disciples of all the nations. He knew we would have some raw material to deal with. He expected us to be good enough to deal with them without being ruined ourselves.

Now let us apply this to ourselves. The Disciples of Christ number not far from two millions of members. They have from three to five hundred churches among the Negroes. The leaders are seeking to build up a cooperation between them that will finally anneal them as one and will become a model for others to follow. But to succeed we must come in the spirit of Christ. We must not expect perfection in relations at once but we can expect perfection in purpose. This means that we must not cultivate the spirit of faction and strife, but we must sincerely seek for the better things. This we have not always done. It may be we are all guilty. We know some of us are guilty. When we came to the National Convention we tried to swing folks over against those who were sincere in their cooperation. We tried to do some things that we dared tell only to those that belonged to our faction. This defeated real success in any one year. So long as we did that we could not claim God's blessing. Like a stone tied to the feet of the swimmer we were held down. A house divided against itself cannot stand. It must fall. I may be heretical in my beliefs, but if I am factious in spirit I am much worse.

As for me myself, I have just one life to live and I have chosen to devote that to my best ability to the cause of helping the Negroes to find their place beside all other good people in the cause of human uplift. There would be nothing gained by me if I would ally myself with a faction. I have often opposed those whom I knew were factious and could not be trusted, but I have not hated them. I have earnestly longed for them to see the light and have prayed that they might be used in the kingdom. I have always worked with those whom I

thought I could work with, those whom I felt would reciprocate. I never wanted myself to be an object of division. Brethren, I wish we could all be like-minded. I have always sought those who could do the work, it mattered not whether they were from the S. C. I., the J. C. I. the P. C. I. or from some of the schools not our own.

Now brethren, there is no reason why we, the Disciples of Christ, should not go right to the fore front, except ourselves. If those white people, and they numbered hundreds of thousands, who want to fellowship the Negroes; and if those Negroes, and they number many, who want to find their place in the world's great work, all work together harmoniously there is no reason why they should not easily forge to the front in this great work. But God will say to us, "Never more" if we continue to think in factions. God will not bless any movement that has for its object the building of a clan. The Italian made the Catholic Church and tried to force all people into it but a smashup came and the world suffered. The Old English made the Episcopalians and tried to hold all the English, but it broke. The Germans made the Lutherans and tried to hold all Germans and a smash up came. Even our Negroes thought they could make an African church and hold all; but God's blessing is not on it and they are not going to succeed. Some of our own Disciple Negroes are dreaming of a Negro managed concern. It will not succeed. No church racially minded can succeed. The white Disciples must take the Negro in as a brother. The Negro Disciple must receive him as a brother. Those white people who gave themselves up to the cause of the Negro had much to endure and no compensation but the joy of seeing the work prosper. May God keep us from faction and vain glory. There is enough and much more, for each of us to do if we but prove ourselves worthy. We may feel God's blessing is on us when our fellowship gets to the place where there is not faction and schism; we may feel His blessing is on it when our missionary offering grow 'n amount; we may feel that His blessing is upon it when our people begin to send their children 'n great numbers to our schools. Brother, sister, if you have been one of those who has gone to the convention with a whisper to favorites to help in a selfish game, repent and reform.

Let us be one so God's blessing can be upon us.

NEW YORK—On the recommendation of Forrester B. Washington, Director of the Atlanta School of Social Work, the Travelers' Aid Society of this city has just appointed Mrs. Sara D. King as one of its paid workers at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, one of the largest stations in the world. Mrs. King graduated from the Atlanta School of Social Work in the class of 1927-28 and has been employed by the Brooklyn Urban League. She is the daughter of Joseph Watson, well-known citizen of Albany, Ga.

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training locally, the specialization and standardization in religious and missionary education as afforded by our national headquarters and special staff workers permit unusually fine opportunities for intensive training. The Bible School superintendent and the Christian Endeavor officer, the missionary leader, all find special training at their command. Schools of Methods, leadership training schools, institutes, Young Peoples' Conferences and missionary institutes and conferences are rapidly being permanently established throughout the country to better prepare leaders for our church schools and church auxiliary leaders. The challenge to our brotherhood in this relation is two-fold. One is to continue thru convention church, auxiliary and individually the subsidies needed to establish these agencies. States, thru their conventions as in Kentucky, Ohio, Texas, Piedmont and others, are putting actual money into this task and there is no other way but sacrifice of funds that training may be at our command. Missionary and religious education is a technique and locally to be effective it requires specialized education in applying this technique. Is the church prepared to pay for its leadership? The other side of this challenge is to partronize these agencies as they come to you. The finest curriculum is of no effect if there are no pupils to take it. The best conference falls flat if the people do not utilize it to instruct themselves in the methods of accomplishing the task.

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AS THE EDITOR SEES IT ARE THOSE WHO SERVE US "OUTSIDERS?"

We must cease thinking of our Brotherhood Agencies, such as our Schools, Church Paper, and Missionary enterprises or Institutions, as "Outsiders pressing upon the Church." They are creatures or "Children of the Church", established by the Church to produce Ministers, Field Workers, Officers and Consecrated Laymen for the Church. These Brotherhood Agencies "Are not of and for themselves", rather they are of and for the Church." Our Schools can by no means "Produce effectively for the Churches" until the Churches themselves fill to overflowing the classrooms of our schools from the choicest of its youth; our Schools should be immersed in the Spiritual power of the Church's prayers; they must feel about them the strong arms of the Church's financial support."

The time has fully come when the entire strength of the church must be put behind her Agencies, if they are to serve the best interests of our Churches. Few of us have a chance to do "The Big Things". None of us need neglect countless "Little Things" quite essential to the whole. Our Schools need our boys and girls; if you haven't children you can give your money for scholarship, buildings, and furnishings, and surely everyone

can ill afford to be uninformed about the facts of our Schools and help "Advertise" and "Boost" them.

In a few weeks our Schools will be eagerly awaiting the arrival of our best boys and girls, are we working, each one of us, for larger and better enrollment this fall in Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va., Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi? If we do not "Boost" and "Support" our schools we can scarcely expect others to do so.

'APPORTIONMENT FACTS FOR ALL

A common practice among many of our churches, who fail to put forth any effort to raise their apportionments and claims for world Missions, is finding frequent occasion for dissatisfaction about "Apportionments" when they themselves know they have not done their duty.

Doubtless some of our churches will appreciate this bit of information on "Apportionment Facts For All". Many have asked "How are apportionments made? What determines the share or amount each church should give?" Here is a very fine statement: "For the best information available we consider the number of members each church has; the financial conditions there prevailing; the record of what the Church has done or has not done over a period of years; our personal acquaintance with the field, and best of all, wherever possible, an expression is had from the local pastors, officials, and leaders as to the amount they feel would be right and just. Just as in the Local Church some members delight in paying nothing while others, because of interest and devotion, pay much; so in this respect some churches pay less than the average while others are happy to pay more according to their best ability.

The important thing is that every church should have some part in the great task of world mission, as a rule apportionments are intended to be small enough to be within the reach of the church but not so small as to be devoid of challenge to the Church; they are intended to be large enough to be representative of the best interest and loyalty of the Congregation and its ability to meet the needs of the work at large. On this basis we depend upon you, every individual member and local Congregation, between yourselves and God to decide what is right for you to do in regards to apportionments.

APPORTIONMENT AND QUOTAS

By MISS ALMA EVELYN MOORE

(Editor's Note: Reproduced from the January first issue of the Christian Plea by request.)

What does the word "apportionment" or "quota" mean? The amount of money each organization is expected to give each year is not an arbitrary sum, set without reason. It is true that usually apportionments are larger each year, but if we will but think of what the word "quota" or "apportionment" actually means, I am sure that larger quotas year by year will be accepted readily. An apportionment is only your portion of the whole work, which we are doing. Simply your share of the world-wide work that the church is doing through the United Society. These apportionments are judged, not only by local situations and by what has been given before, but also by the absolute needs of the work on the fields. If this apportionment is simply your share, your portion of the whole, can you not see what it means when the request is made to lessen or when it is not reached?

Each Mission field, or work has its own budget. This budget is cut to the very minimum that will actually carry on the work. This amount is then apportioned to the local churches and organizations. If you reach your apportionment you are bearing your share, or portion of the whole work. If you fail, unless some other church will pay your share, the work for which your money was apportioned must be closed or allowed to diminish.

Sometimes the request is made to do a piece of work outside the budget, for some work where one knows the need, also asking that this special work outside the budget shall count on an apportionment. All Special work on any Missionfield is entirely outside of this budget, and of course is over and above local apportionment. It is the actual running expense on the field that is budgeted by them and apportionments are from this budget only. These other needs of which the missionary speaks are not only above their budget, but are over and above apportionments.

Our women, through the years have founded many fine pieces of work on the mission field. We have sent out missionaries. We have prayed that the Lord would bless their work and wonderful results have come. The work is growing year by year. An enlarged apportionment simply means

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that the work on the field is growing and that we must bear our share of that increased work which has come because the Lord has added His blessing in answer to our prayers. What about your apportionment? Do you feel that you have made the increase year by year that has been equal to the blessings which you asked the Lord to give to the mission field?

Convention Season Is Here

The following Conventions have been held to date: Baltimore (early in July), Ill., July 17-19th; Kentucky July 24-28; Kansas, July 31-August 4th; Mo., August 6-11; Ohio, August 7-11; Piedmont, August 6-11; Oklahoma, August 13-18; Mississippi, August 13-18; Texas, August 14-17; Tenn., August 21-24; and then the great National Convention August 26-September 1st.

Every church should feel it a great privilege and an enjoyable duty to send several delegates to their respective State and National Conventions. The expense does not begin to compare to the benefit accrued therefrom, providing you send the best you have. We can ill afford to send some idle youngster or indifferent adult. Let us remember that there is much to be done and the matter of making a report to the Convention is but a part of the whole.

If the Convention is properly attended, on the part of delegates, it should mean intensive study, fine fellowship, hard, conscientious work as he or she senses the great need of ungarnered fields already white unto harvest. Usually there are problems to be solved, tasks to be performed, policies to be determined, programs to be shaped, information to be had, fellowship to be shared and burdens to be borne. Let us send our best, do our best and be our best selves for Christ during Convention week that others who see us may not curse the Church. As warning I should add: "Happy is the Convention goer who is blest with the sense of humor and possesses untiring patience; doomed is the Convention goer who is void of humor.

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Reports of the Editor will say the Christian Plea has had a good year, in all probability, it indicates the worst is now past and has become Christian Plea History. You will doubtlessly be

interested in the report that will appear later.

ONE-DAY CONVENTIONS OF UNITED SOCIETY

Begin October 14

(Reprinted)

The theme for the 212 One-Day Conventions of the United Christian Missionary Society, which begin October 14, is "Witnessing for Christ." The text is Acts 1:8. This is the seventh annual series of these gatherings.

The Brotherhood is looking forward to the Pentecost Convention at Washington, October 1930, and such terms as "Tarrying at Jerusalem" and "Witnessing for Christ" will take on new meanings in these meetings surcharged with the marvelous missionary passion and spiritual power which characterize the one-day conventions from coast to coast.

While these are primarily United Society conventions, representatives of state work, colleges and the Pension Fund are on the program. (Reprinted)

GREATEST YEAR OF NORMAL GIVING IN HISTORY OF UNITED SOCIETY

(Reprinted)

The report of the treasurer of the United Christian Missionary Society for the year ending June 30th shows a gain in receipts from promotional sources—churches, Bible schools, missionary societies, etc.—for the general fund of \$86,770.07 over the previous year. This is the best record for any year in the history of the Society except 1925 when a nation-wide drive was conducted to raise \$350,000 deficit. And receipts from promotional sources last year were within approximately \$1,900 of the receipts of that "deficit", or special campaign year. In other words the past year's receipts are the best under normal or regular promotion in the history of the Society, the total being \$1,609,535.36.

But while this is true the deficit of the Society's operating fund increased last year because the cost of carrying on the growing work has increased more than the receipts have increased. Two examples will illustrate: The United Society cares for more than twice as many in the six homes for

aged as were in these homes before the Society took over this work. In 1922 the ministerial roll of beneficiaries was 292 and the Society paid them \$79,720.68, which was a large gain over preceding years. In 1928 there were 381 on this roll receiving \$110,126.43. And so the work has grown all along, often much faster than receipts have increased. And that is what happened last year.

"CHRISTIAN EDUCATION"

By HUGH S. CALKINS

(Head of Bible Choir at Lincoln Inst.)

(Editor's Note: Sensing the great need of our Schools for a larger enrollment of our choicest youth and a more thorough knowledge, a deeper and keener sense of appreciation of the work our Schools are attempting to do in behalf our churches, we feel our Churches need to become better acquainted with our Schools, faculties, equipments, problems and needs.

Too few of us seem to realize how helpless and hopefully our Churches depend, even unknowingly, upon our Schools for efficient leaders.

Experience shows that the students of our Church School go out, and as has been well said, become the main stay of "The Home, the support of the Church, The Purifiers of Politics and the active friends of Education and benevolence. The Disciples may increase their forces for righteousness by helping to send out from our Church Colleges young men and women trained and thoroughly equipped for Christian Service." We have opened up this column on "Christian Education" with a hope that our parents might ultimately see the advantages of giving their Children a Christian Education. Prof. Calkins has kindly consented to contribute to this column for us.)

"Gawd Caint use Wat a man a'in got."

When God has use for a man He must take that man as He finds him. No good farmer tries to raise cotton on a wheat farm. Soil, Season, Climate and cultivation all have to be different. There are three qualifications which a man must possess to be used greatly of God. He must have a good body, good mind and good spirit.

A good, strong, and well proportioned body is a great gift. A poor

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ARKANSAS

By MARY V. MOORE
Route 2, Box 109, Scott, Arkansas

Dear Christian Friends of Arkansas,

I am wondering just how much consideration you are giving to the Missionary Society of your Church. Are you thoroughly informed of the plans made by the State Board of the Women's Department of the Arkansas Convention. If not we are very anxious to have you know just what is expected of each Society.

We are fast approaching the September Convention which is to be held at Russellville, Arkansas. We are exceedingly anxious that each society go over the top in that Convention. To help energize you in putting over the program, Sister S. L. Bostick, our district worker, has put on a little contest in which she offers a prize to the Society which has gained the largest membership during the year. In addition to this they are required to have had the most regular meetings.

Christian friends help us to make this an interesting affair. What Society is going to be like our Conference song "You are always Behind". Much depends on what you do and how you do it. If this year is to be a success each of us must do our best and help make it so.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMEN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF AR- KANSAS

By The President of the State Board
MRS. S. L. BOSTICK,
N. Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Editor:

I wish to say that we enjoy reading every line of the Christian Plea and hope to see it in every Christian home by December 1930. Let Arkansas lead in this matter with at least two hundred names by that time. I think we can do it if we can secure the co-operation of the Christian Plea when we report letters from the State, which we send in from time to time. And especially the names of those who give monies. We endeavor to do the best thing when we report - names and amounts given for we like for the folks to know that we are dealing right with everybody's money.

To our dear co-workers in the State this is to say to you and all of our

Churches that each one of us as members and every department of the Church begin now and take up our monies for representation fees for the National Convention in Wiston-Salem, N. C., August 26, 1929.

You have heard the warning of our National President, Elder Preston Taylor, about the importance of the Convention. Let every Department of the Church and every State heed the calling to send its representatives and delegates.

Personally I will say this about my society at Mt. Sinia. It must report to you so you may look for them. Though we are a small body and few in number we are loyal and faithful.

We have eleven societies in the State and we trust that every President will see that her work is put on the map at our National Convention. We have been urging this on every Society in the State.

It was a great treat to have Brother Moss and Miss Chandler drop in on the people at Cross Street Christian Church. Both of them brought real worth while messages. We hope to have them back with us soon and if possible in our State Convention. We enjoyed a pleasant visit from our good President, J. N. Ervin and wife, who ran over from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where President Ervin is regaining his strength. We were certainly delighted to have them.

The following are the names of those who pledged at our State Convention who have paid up to May 15:

Prof. W. W. Payton	\$5.00
Supt. G. B. Hervey	\$5.00
Sarah L. Bostick	\$3.25
Mary Moore	\$2.50
John McFarlen	\$2.00
Mrs. Joe Smith	\$1.00
Maha Moore	\$1.00
Mrs. Fuller	\$1.00
Leonard Martin	\$1.00
Total Paid	\$21.75

Balance due (by others who pledged) is \$19.25. Please let us have your names and a word from you as soon as possible so that I might be able to report it to the paper. Half of this offering goes to the United Christian Society and the remainder goes for our State Work.

OUR MISSIONARY SLOGAN By MRS. MARY E. THOMAS Of Louisville, Kentucky

(Delivered at the Kentucky State Convention July 24-28, 1929, Little Rock, Kentucky.)

Madame President, Officers and Members of the W. M. S., Ladies and Gentlemen:

Since I have been chosen to say something on "The Study of our Missionary Slogan", which is "Information, Inspiration and Realization", I will proceed by saying the first essential is to be well informed.

There are many ways to obtain the necessary information, by hearing Missionary Sermons, reading Missionary Literature and whenever possible hearing returned Missionaries.

In many of our churches our Ministers preach a Missionary Sermon, preceeding the monthly Missionary meeting, carrying out the theme of the lesson study. In this manner a large number of people are reached who neither read the literature nor are in position to obtain the data first hand from our Missionaries. We are fortunate in having in Kentucky a circulating library that deals with the many phases of Missionary life in foreign fields as does the World call, and last but not least, Missionaries on furlough who lecture at numbers of the churches and tell us of hardships they have undergone; the obstacles they have surmounted and following their narrative of pathos and humor heart breaks and happiness. We feel our hearts expanding and then as never before comes to us with redoubled force the command "Go Ye and we are inspired to go and carry the message ourselves or failing in that respect, we give largely of our means to send and support others on the Mission fields. We are inspired to talk Mission, Pray Mission and when we, as followers of Christ, are thus true to our trust then comes the glorious realization that we have been workers together with Christ, and our God will surely reign supreme, not only in America, but in the farthest islands of the sea.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Christian Index, official organ of the white Baptists of Georgia, and one of the South's leading religious journals, pays a high tribute in a recent issue to Dr. P. J. Bryant, former pastor of White Street Baptist Church, who passed away last month. The editorial was written by Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church and editor of the Index.

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OHIO STATE ITEMS

By R. E. PEARSON

The State Convention was good. Cleveland went beyond the expectation of possibly all delegates in the matter of caring for the Convention. She had planned to care for the delegates. Some churches fall down first in their plans. Then, other failures become the Natural order or sequence.

The Cleveland Church is blessed with fine lot of young people, who seem full of high intentions. The workshop or physical plant is super-excellent when compared with other such places of worship among Colored people. Brother Watson, has done great service already at Cleveland.

The signs are, the state is growing more Missionary at heart. We are learning to think more in terms of the world field, as regards our plans of Evangelistic work. Indeed, the field is the world.

Editor P. A. Gray, Mrs. Rosa Brown and Miss Chandler dropped in and contributed greatly to our fund of helpful talks upon live issues.

Eld. Geo. C. Campbell, who is the guiding hand of the church at Columbus, made a most glowing report of work done at that important point.

Whereas, we, who know of Brother Campbell's ability, should be glad to see him at the head of a larger membership, yet, it seems to us, the best Psychology is to place the strongest possible teacher with a leader of the weakest Church. Hence, the State and Brotherhood at large should look to Columbus and its struggling pastor and his few people with pride.

Brother Woody is holding the fort at Springfield. and the work seems safe in his hands.

Elder R. H. Davis, did not attend the State meeting. He was sick. He has done fine work in Cincinnati. The Church at Warren is planning to put on a little momentum after being checked by some little confusion. Both preachers involved there are good men and are willing to do the right, as they see it. Brother L. S. Bowles is pastor at Oxford. He did not attend the Convention. He had the misfortune of having two houses to burn down here near Lockland.

We feel proud of Lockland's Annual report this year. She paid up practically all assessments both State and National.

crooked body is a great gift also, but it puts one under a great strain to make good in a poor body. It can be done but it is more easily done in most instances with a good body. Any physical defect practically eliminates one from the attractive calling of teaching. School Boards and Superintendants will scarcely place a deformed teacher before the children in their class rooms. To do so has a bad psychological effect upon the pupil.

To be sure there are many kinds of work that men, with weak bodies, may do but almost all such work has to be done with much sacrifice of effort. David was "comely", aniel, "well favored", While Saul "stood head and shoulders afore all the multitude."

They who have good bodies, and well cared for, are fortunate indeed. The ground of all God's Physical Creation is a healthy, clean and well-proportioned person.

However, one cannot be greatly used of God to bless humanity if he is equipped only "with" Good Looks".

The Physical machine must be well managed. It must have mind and heart. We now wish to consider the mental equipment one needs in order to become a good servant of all.

The mind is received very much the same as was the body. It is given, and is determined partly, (many Scientists say wholly) by the body. No doubt it is also true that the mind may have a deal to do with the forming of the body. There are surely inherited traits of both mind and body. There is this great difference, however, the mind is more subject to one's own efforts at development than is the body. Most people can make for themselves a good mind.

Barring poor health or some nervous defect there seems to be no limit as to what the human mind may attain. So a good mind may be even a greater gift than a good body besides a good mind is much more a man's gift to himself. America is the Haven of General Education. The opportunities for mental discipline and culture in our Public Schools are many and varied. It is rare indeed where schooling is out of the reach of the average girl or boy, and those communities where such opportunities are rapidly becoming fewer and smaller.

Finally, it requires more than a perfect and well trained mind in a perfect body to enable one to serve God to the utmost. Indeed one may

have one or both of these fine gifts and still be a menace to society. Many Atheists have dull or indifferent minds, while some of our modern criminals are found to be graduates, or at least to have attended some of our institutions of high learning, and many noted criminals are very intelligent. God needs men and women of good bodies and of well trained minds, to be sure, but one cannot be greatly used of God unless his heart or spirit is right.

There is a great question as to how much is due to environment or training. It is very evident that our minds are more of our own personal training than are our bodies. Physically we resemble our parents; mentally we may resemble them less. It is probably true that in our attitudes toward society we resemble them least, and are more and more personally responsible for our loves and hatreds, of kindnesses and our meannesses. In other words we behave pretty much as we please. We may say, "He stole her heart", but, at any rate, "She gave him her hand". Whether a man is a sheep or a goat rests entirely with him in the last analysis.

Our schools are splendidly equipped to train the bodies of our children. So also are they even more perfectly equipped with trained teachers, with libraries and laboratories to train their minds. We wonder what they are doing to train their hearts. Some of our observations along this line may appear later if the readers are interested in this department of "Christian Education", We may even discuss some of the characteristics of a rightly trained heart, as well as some of the methods and opportunities for such training.

We conclude by calling attention to the fact that Samson was a well trained body; Solomon was a well trained mind; but it was David who was called "The man after my heart."

FIELD SECRETARY VISITS MEMPHIS

Mrs. Rosa Brown Grubb, Field Secretary of the National Convention of the Church of Christ spoke at the Christian Church, corner of Mississippi Boulevard and Stephen Place, Sunday, September 29th. She had a special message for women.

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An Educated Ministry

Next to the universal cry for a recedescence of spirituality among our youth is the demand for a system of training that will give a trained, consecrated ministry to the brotherhood. Out of this age-long demand was born the Christian Institutes, Southern Jarvis, Alabama, Piedmont, Central and with varying success they have accomplished their aim as long as the membership of our brotherhood remained Southern rural. But with the hegrira to the cities better equipped for administering elementary education to our youth, the magnetic power of these schools to our youth is lessening. Boys and

The need challenging our church in relation to our schools is to equip them with a strong Bible chair so strong in its teachings, so sound in its doctrine, so compelling in its idealism, so vigorous in its efforts and so standardized in its academic qualifications that at least five young men are entering the ministry or some school for higher divinity training. From the three schools that would mean a potential power of twenty men per year from our three schools and the Lincoln Bible Chair to take the place of those fallen heroes of yesterday and to crusade for Christ in the urban centers that are swallowing up our membership by the hundreds. What a challenge. Can it remain unanswered?

Another source of training and ministerial supply is our Christian Colleges, Hiram, Drake, Eureka, Cotner and Butler. At least two of these are equipped with divinity schools that can not only give the best theology but also has the old faith of the fathers that has so characterized our religion and brotherhood. I refer to Drake and Butler. Each of these offer a liberal education that is fully accredited and the school of religion offers the best our brotherhood has in the way of Christian training for our leaders. In Eureka we have a very fine course in Religious education. Not only is the training available but there are opportunities for scholarships that reduce to a minimum the cost of such education. There is no legitimate excuse for a young man who

wants to equip himself for real service in the Kingdom of God to fail to do so. In addition to the above Christian Colleges there are other opportunities for academic advancement in the chairs and facilities of such universities as Yale and Chicago. Ever so often the portals of Boston and Columbia swing open to some special training religious education for our leaders in that line. Oh, friends, what doth hinder us from being a Christian, increasing in wisdom among our leaders even as the great Teacher did when he was the great Learner? Could he have been the teacher he was if he had not taken the trouble to be the great Learner he proved to be? Can we as His followers do less in preparing our leadership? In present circumstances the supply is exceeding the demand. Pray ye that workers and learners may be sent to reap this great store of opportunity that lies white unto harvest. With these innumerable advantages on every hand, our girls will not go south to a school in doubtful standing educationally from a public school in full standing with the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. With the dawning interest in education and the urge to take higher education, the Christian Institute suffer still more in their anonymous position of depending on the individual scholarship of their graduates. The price of education precludes long trips without corresponding advantages. Our schools have turned out our leadership for this generation, but only Jarvis is preparing to turn out a leadership for the next.

In spite of the accreditization that might come, the secretary of education (Mr. Hugh S. Colkins) tells us that the Southern Christian Institute will never be recognized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The practice of turning good religiously minded individuals toward these schools is indeed a fine achievement but that is not giving value received for the amount spent there. Even in these, the urge to the ministry is not as great as will provide enough men for the task. Where is the active minister who has graduated from our schools in the last five years who is today placed in a strategic position in our active church life as a minister?

churches one and all, conventions, assemblies and every Christian organization ought to present the joy and service of the ministry to the youth that tomorrow's church may be a worthy successor of today's opportunities.

Even as of old the armies of the Lord were decimated by the Romans as living sacrifices to the wrath of heathen emperors so today the youth ought to be tithed for service in the present army of the Lord.

For The Present Leadership

An increasing realization of the needs for trained ministers has been born among the present leaders and the various opportunities ought to be grasped avidly. State schools, ministers' retreats, courses, seminars all are offering the present generation new ideas and fresh visions in the day's need. Not only is the training informational but also devotional and there is a consequent renewal of the spiritual vigor that the minister may be more truly the man of God. City ministers alliance, are also found a short two or three day return to the student attitude a very satisfying way to revitalize the spiritual and mental life of the leaders. Joint brotherhood seminars as the one held at Fisk and in which Eld. J. J. Green of Missouri conducted a lecture course, is one example of the opening chances for study offered our ministers. Ohio in its state institution offers the the ministers of Ohio a summer course, advantage of which has been taken by some of our brethren of Ohio. The challenge to our church in this relationship is to help establish and maintain and promulgate any and every chance that might come to the present pastor to better fit himself for today and its task. A trained ministry is today's need as well as tomorrow's demand.

Summarized our needs are for a trained congregational leadership, an intensified interest in special leadership agencies for auxiliary leaders. More educational training in demand and progress among our future leadership and a learning attitude on the part of our present ministers.

A challenge supreme is ours. What shall be our answer?