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No. 1

"When The Church Wakes Up"

"Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

In last issue we tried to plead for the Preachers. We would not forget the churches.

Organized Christianity, as we know it, comes in at least three sections, viz: the Preacher, the church officers and the congregation. Of course, the first two belong to the latter, as the engine and tender belong to the train, by permissible analogy.

No church can awake until its preacher arouses. Not only physically, but mentally, spiritually and socially awake.

We recal the saying of that left handed Methodist Evangelist of Cartersville, Ga., Sam P. Jones, (I heard him ten nights in Louisville).

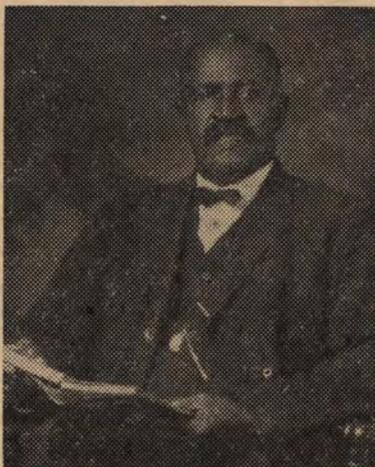
Mr. Jones was lecturing on "What the Negro will be when he wakes up."

One Colored Brother complained that Mr. Jones "Did not tell use what we would be." Mr. Jones artfully replied, "Why you ain't woke up yit." So we wonder if the Preacher is fully awake?

Section No. 2 would awake the official board. He, too, needs a manifold awakening and a good pair of bi-focal glasses.

Once I asked a friendly white Preacher — one G. W. Nutter, now of Louisville — how to wake up an official board? He replied, "Put snuff into your

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Dr. M. F. Robinson

The well known Dr. M. F. Robinson, "Dean of the Prophets," proud of his "F. F. V.— First Families of Virginia," his Websterian head, stentorian voice and 40 years pastorate in Louisville. Has aided all the younger ministers, now in "the sear and yellow leaf," still holding historic "Bachelor Dgree."

He says he's "not old, but just been here a long time." Now serving our church at Hagerstown, Maryland.

Truly, he will "come down like a ripe shock of corn." "Sound in Faith and Doctrine" would be an appropriate epitaph.

—C. H. D.

Eld. H. E. Fowler, of Covington, brings Kentucky to the front with fifteen new subscriptions.

"NAME THE CHILD"

We can sympathize with the "Broken hearted Dutcher" whose trouble was "I doesn't know my name."

"Running from a lion, a bear met him," said Amos the Prophet.

Have we not chased into other dangers when we left. Acts 11:26 "The disciples were called Christians" because some other communion assayed to wear that name?

Here in Lexington we have "First Church of Christ" and "Christ Church" and "Everybody's Church" and "Christian Church." This latter is often called "Disciples Church" and stranger, is it strange that we "Church of Christ." To a must bracket () something to explain our name — of our child?

Plea writers, who know that we have a (Colored) "Church of Christ," not of us, but "dead against us," we just as well conform to our original name "Christian" and leave the implications and deductions to the other fellow. No child names itself. It cannot.

It must wear its parents' name, of whom it was born.

No ecclesiastics can change the name which we understand that "the mouth of the Lord named" in Acts 11:26. Peter says "If any man suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God for that." C. H. D.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

SERMON BY LORENZY
J. EVANS

State Evangelist of Georgia

Text: "By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."

All our hopes for the future depend upon the things that we deeply believe. William Beebe in his book on the Bermudas, speaks of "The moulding power of the invisible." He is speaking of the cedars that grow on the islands, all bent to the northwest away from the wind. Back inland in the forest where they are protected they stand upright, but the nearer you come to the beach the more they are bent, until down at the shore where they feel the full force of the wind they lie almost flat, only lifted enough from the ground to escape the sand. One can tell by looking at them the direction of the prevailing winds. The wind unseen and yet powerful, is the moulding influence in their lives.

Our beliefs, hidden deep in our personalities and apparently so unimportant, are the factors that shape our lives. If a man could sincerely believe one way and yet continue to act another, it might not matter what one believed. But that cannot be. The Bible said long ago: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." He who walks in the "counsel of the ungodly" will soon be "standing in the way of sinners." Outward conduct is rooted in inward principle. A man cannot continue to act in ways that are right unless he

thinks in ways that are right.

Beliefs DO make a difference. Our creed, if it be true enough and if it be big enough, will be a source of intellectual peace. We have to think whether we want to or not. We are made that way and we cannot live in mental confusion and be at peace. These are questions that life continually pushes at us. We can forget them for a while but, eventually, they will come up again and they must be settled. At such hours we can understand the cry of faith. Strength and richness in life depends not upon how little but how much we believe in God. Science has given us materials to make life comfortable and prosperous. Only religious faith can give us power to make it wise and good and happy.

"He who has faith has everything and cannot lose anything." On the other hand, listen to one of the preachers of the church in the days when following Christ brought persecution. He was threatened by the emperor with banishment if he continued to be a Christian. "You cannot banish me," he said, "for the world is my father's house." "I will take your treasures." "That is impossible for my treasure is in heaven." "I will drive you away from men and you will have no friend left." "That you cannot do, for my life is hid with Christ in God."

A worthy creed will be a source of power. We have seen how it can undergird life with courage and hope. Around the land of Holland along the shore line high dikes are built to

keep the sea back. Much of the country is built below the level of the sea. It is fertile and prosperous and safe so long as the dikes hold. That is what faith does for us. And it does more than protect us. It stimulates life to strength and power. Said the Psalmist, "For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall." And said the prophet, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not grow faint." What we have enthusiasm and strength to do will depend in a large measure upon what we believe. Oh, church! May we at this hour of need increase our faith in God.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS
Forrest St. Christian Church

By Eld. J. O. Bowles, Minister
Enclosed find \$1.00 for the Plea. I am expecting to put at least five Pleas in the various families that belong to our church. I find that there is not a single family in the church that is reading any religious paper, yet the "Daily News" goes to every home, represented in the church.

Our church is waking up.

I was called here the fourth Sunday in April and found the church at a very low ebb, but by hard work, we were able to send three delegates to the State Convention and represent in a small financial way in each department. It has been 8 or 10 years since this church represented in convention. We found this church owing the

Church Extension Board over twenty-seven hundred dollars. By close managing, we cut it to only six hundred and plan to pay out in 1937. We have a small membership, but a very fine people to work with.

Mrs. M. H. Hadnott and her group raised largest amount in our drive. Recently we've had three funerals and five additions. We must preach the Gospel if we are to make disciples.

"Lift Him up and He will draw."

We are planning to run a soul saving meeting this spring with some of our gospel preaching.

We have enough money pledged to pay our church debt in 10 months. We have members who are paying \$4.00 per month to \$16 per month.

The writer had the sad privilege of funeralizing Attorney F. K. Evans, who was reported to be the wealthiest Negro in the City of Beaumont. He was strong in the faith. The larger religious bodies offered him a number of enticing things if he would only become one of them. This is Brother Evans' answer, not mine: "I would rather be one and be right than be with a million and be wrong." One man prosperity never did ruin. He never got too large for the church which Jesus shed His blood for.

Youth's Corner

Educational Evangelism

V. G. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.

In perusing the pages of the Christian Plea, a reader often finds sentences, paragraphs and articles bemoaning the falling off of vangelistic efforts in the Christian Churches today. The

ministers count as a great loss the evangelist who aroused the countryside with his sermons. Church leaders lose that peculiar thrill that attends a mass effort to garner souls from fields of sin. The church's efficiency is judged by the number of revivals it has sponsored and additions it can count numerically on the membership roster.

Young people are sometimes mistaken in taking this attitude. An observation or two may help them to see the picture as it is. Today is a day of specialization. To earn a competence a man must be able to do something very well. He must have trained for years to do this. A professor requires from two to four years post college training.

Being a Christian is today a profession. Unlike the man in the parable who went out to get workers for his vineyard, the man standing in the marketplace is no longer able to give adequate service in the vineyard. Leadership is not alone of the spirit, it is of the head, and hand. Without the spirit there can be no Christian leadership. Without the intellect there can be no Christian leadership.

Specialization has departmentalized the local church into almost alien and enemy camps. The church school worker does not attend the missionary meeting because he knows nothing about the missionary program. At present nearly every church needs a specialist in unified promotion who can work out a feasible basis for the giving of an all-around Christian personality to the individual.

Due to this specialization motif in the local church, it has shifted its evangelistic efforts to its educational pro-

gram. Certainly it will have more chance to get the sort of Christian it wants if it can start at the cradle roll age and bring up the child in the care and nurture of the church than from the renovated adult who has given his impressionable years to other activities.

Unhappily the church has not found a way to reach all the unregenerated adults. The door is open but there are other activities that can and do use more powerful methods to get the attention. High pressure advertising, door to door canvasses, newspaper ads, billboards, handbills, neon signs, etc., are not available for churches that wish the long-time respect of the community. Hence the preacher and the sinner rarely get together until the sinner is dying and thereby has little to offer but a soul warped and stained by a life of sin.

Educational evangelism is the church's answer to this condition. Daily vacation, church schools, organized elementary departments, special leadership training in children's methods for teachers, courses in junior church school classes and special periods of church school evangelism have all been successful where revivals "protracted meetings" and "tent" meetings have failed. Accepting Christ becomes a natural step in a long, never-ending course of training for Christian living rather than an emotional al tempest that tears and twists the life but does not increase the richness of the subsoil in which the Christian life is rooted.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness." Psa. 64:12.

With benedictions of the old faded year and fondest anticipations of this brand new year, The Plea Family extends hearty greetings to a great brotherhood whose ambition is to "seek the old paths and walk therein."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy with the "National Team" will conduct the one day convention in Lexington, Saturday, Jan. 9th, and all adjacent churches are expected to represent with workers of all departmental church service.

No charges are made for this service and no collection is taken for the team.

The scattering of our Kentucky ministry makes room for others unless the residue do like the little banty hens—

spread themselves. Since our July State Convention, Bro. S. C. Devine from Paducah and Bro. G. E. Letton from Mt. Sterling have crossed the Ohio River. Bro. R. F. Hays, of Lexington, has crossed the Mississippi River to Little Rock, Ark., and Brother W. D. Campbell from Midway has crossed Tennessee and landed in Port Gibson, Miss.

So they "go ye unto all the world," north, south and west, and may they prosper in the work wherewith they have been called.

Our young friend Bro. Eugene Mason, of S. C. I., spent Christmas at home, in Mt. Sterling, Ky., preaching Sunday there.

THE GAME IS ONLY HALF OVER

'Twas in the Rose Bowl of Pasadena, California, that a football game seemed lost and the team about ready to give up.

The brilliant Hinkle had told the coach "It is impossible." "But," said the coach, "you're going back out there and win this game, for, boys, you're the greatest team alive, and the game is only half over."

"Alright, coach, I'll do my best," said Hinkle — and he did. That faith which the coach had in his star halfback was fully justified when the team covered itself with the glory of the game won.

Christian friends, out there on the battlefield, playing hard the game of Life, you have had various brands of discouragement, but remember the game is only half over.

Courage, men! We're under the greatest Coach of all time, and we're going back out there, where defeat stares at us and victory lends itself only to the

superhuman. Yes, going back out there and win through faith and determination for the game is only half over.

"Be of good courage and play the man" and we shall win.

Eld. Howland Bonner,
2201 E. 82nd St.,
Cleveland, Ohio

NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Mrs. Wm. Alphin,
St. Louis, Mo.

I speak for the good of the work. As a National Convention, we are young. So far, we've labored to get numbers to attend and we wanted the convention located where most churches could be represented.

We need all the workers possible in our National Convention. It has grown, but not as large as we'd like.

Remember, we have just a few churches in the West, and to get even our officers to Los Angeles, Calif., would cost some six hundred dollars or more. Should not this money help us to get more workers on the field? Doesn't our Bible School need an elementary superintendent? I hope the executive committee will think of the money, young people and older ones who would like for our National Convention to be held where they can attend.

The convention is an encouragement to us each year to strive to do greater good for the church. We love our churches in California, but we are not strong enough to go. I pray an afterthought may bring a change.

I am yours for service.

Our old friend and loyal worker, Eld. Wm. Alphin, at St. Louis, is recovering from an illness. We truly hope he'll soon be fully restored, as we need his great service and wise counsel.—Editor.

Box 483
Shaw, Miss.
Dec. 23, 1936.

Dear Bro. Taylor:

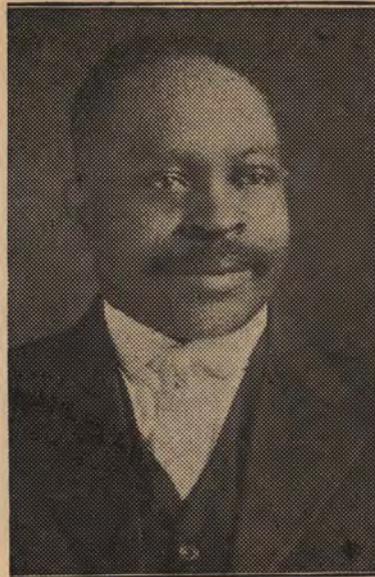
No doubt you will be surprised to receive a letter from a stranger, but I am forced to write you for this cause, I received by Christian Plea Monday and I read it and saw where you wrote an article concerning Eld. B. C. Calvert, that is the best article I saw concerning him since he has been dead.

I am picked off my feet to see such little has been said about a man like Eld. Calvert. I could not help from crying when I read your article because every word of it was true. We certainly will miss a man like him because he gave all of his time to the ministry. It seems like our brethren are glad he is gone; they won't say anything about the great work he has done. Had it been some other brother gone and left him behind he would have had every issue of the Plea filled.

I so often heard him speak of you. He pastored Shaw Christian Church sixteen years. We are few in number but he stuck by the church. I know the time when he was here and left with sixty-five cents, but he stuck by the work. We will never get another Calvert.

Now, Brother Taylor, what do you think it would cost to have his photo put in the paper? I have been looking to see it every time since he passed. It seems like Christian people do not make much over their big men like other denominations. Eld. Calvert is worthy of any thing any one might say about him.

I am sorry for his wife; she is much grieved over his death, then, too, her health is poor and she is having trouble with her eyes. If I were able I



The Late Eld. B. C. Calvert

"And their works do follow them."

By request of his many friends, again we give this view of the late ex-president of our National Convention. His unforgettable untimely passing at the Tulsa Convention brought shadows of sorrow and sympathy to a Brotherhood, many of whom had been signally moved by his effective ministry.

That he gave the "full measure of sacrifice" for the cause he loved so well none of us can doubt.

We hope to carry the visage of our New National President in our next issue.

would take care of her for the sake of the good work her husband did.

Now, pardon me for taking this authority in writing you, but as I said in the outset, you wrote such true sayings and the first of any note I have read since his death.

I am yours in Christ,
E. M. Tounsel,

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TRI-STATE ECHOES

Virginia, West Virginia, and
North Carolina

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way," Isa. 21:30. (By R. L. Peters, Field Secretary, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone 7863).

The twenty-one or more ministers who are connected with Tri-State Convention are at their post of duty. All 15 or more churches and missions going forward. Some important changes North Main St. Christian Church, Winston-Salem, off of the map. The trustees sold the church to Antioch Christian Church, a newly organized congregation with Rev. H. G. Flemmings, Pastor. The two congregations consolidated, with select men and women from each church to serve on all official boards of the church. The church has eleven or twelve hundred dollar debt on it, which they hope to pay off in 1937.

Midway Christian Church Tazewell, Va.

The 44th anniversary of Midway Church of Christ and the 24th anniversary of the Pastor, Rev. G. M. Dickerson, was celebrated one week, Dec. 2-9. Rev. R. L. Peters was guest speaker. Rev. Dickerson and family was highly praised by the church and people of Tazewell, both white and colored, for their service for over two decades.

The assistant Pastor of Bethany Church of Christ, Roanoke, Virginia, is holding things together, since the absence of Dr. Ira S. Ashe, who several weeks ago went to Georgetown, Ky., to take charge of a church at that place.

Spencer Memorial, the Jerusalem or headquarters, is progressing nicely, all machinery

working well. The Twin City Industrial Work Shop for the Blind, organized by the Christian Ministers Alliance of Winston-Salem, is opened and manufacturing brooms, mattresses, belts, etc. They do upholstering, chair caneing, etc. The State Commission for the Blind pays the teachers and \$9.00 per month to all blind persons who take the trade.

The following program will be rendered at Spencer Memorial Church Jan., 1937:

Special Conference of ministers and officers of Tri-State Christian Convention to be held at Spencer Memorial Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 8, 9, 10, 1937.

The object of this meeting is to spur the churches and auxiliaries to greater activity in building the work locally and in the state and in the nation.

Thursday night there will be a get-together meeting with greetings and a round table.

Friday and Saturday there will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions in which there will be discussions and definite programs of action will be outlined for the churches, bible school, missionary and Christian Societies, with special emphasis on financing the work. It is important that each member and district officer attend the Conference, since these great aims can not be accomplished without cooperation.

The following will be discussed:

First, Building the local work numerically, spiritually and financially.

Second, Building up the Tri-State area.

Third, Keeping the bible school, missionary and Christian Endeavor Societies alive and active.

Fourth, Cooperating with the national work.

Fifth, Selection of leadership.

Sixth, Treatment of leadership.

A special feature of the Conference will be a 15 minutes lecture daily at the hours of 11:30 and 2:30 by District Treasurer Elder G. M. Dickerson, Nor. Tazewell, Va.

Churches: Prof. J. H. Smith, pres.; Elder W. L. Scott, vice-pres.; Mrs. V. M. Dickerson, sec'y; Elder G. M. Dickerson, treas.; Elder R. L. Peters, field sec'y.

Bible School: Mr. Corey Wagner, pres.; Mr. S. . Peters, vice-pres.; Miss Alma Lowe, sec'y; Mrs. Fannie Watkins, treas.

Women's Missionary Society: Mrs. Lillie English, pres.; Mrs. Fannie L. Dickerson, vice-pres.; Mrs. Concerilla Lowe, sec'y; Mrs. V. Wagner, treas.

Christian Endeavor Society: Mr. R. L. Sencer, pres.; Miss Jessie Watkins, vice-pres.; Miss Anna McCall, sec'y; Mrs. McGee, treas.

Field Sec'y Elder R. L. Peters whose congregation is host to this conference urges full attendance and promises board and lodging free to all delegates.

P. S: Please read at all services during the day.

Wishing the Christian Plea and all readers of the Christian Plea everywhere a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WORKING WITH CHRIST THROUGH WORLD MISSION

(A paper read in the Arkansas State Convention, Wrightville, Ark.)

The supreme purpose of the Church is to carry the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world.

To understand better the significance of world mission let me call attention to the three Gospel verbs, namely: Come, tarry and go.

Come — that was Jesus' word to His disciples calling them away from their former activities to Him and a new life.

Having called His disciples to Him, Jesus' next word to them was Tarry for a season at His side.

The three years the disciples tarried in the company of Jesus He prepared them for their work.

To come to Jesus is not enough. To tarry with Him is not all. They are merely preparatory for actual service in His name.

The parting command of Jesus to His disciples was "go," make disciples of all nations, preach the Gospel to every creature.

These verbs are in the imperative mood, and are commands. They must be obeyed by loyal Christians everywhere.

We as disciples of Jesus Christ and all those who become His disciples must tarry to learn of Him then "go" tell others of the Saviour of the world.

Christ is the Redeemer of the whole world and it is impossible for us to think of Him as shutting up his salvation to a particular race or corner of the globe. Because he said in Matt. 28-18 "Go" ye and make disciples in all the nations.

And we should have that Christ-like spirit and say in our hearts and manifest it through our activities that I cannot live without Christ. I cannot bear to think of others living without Him. And I cannot be content to live in a world that is unChristlike.

I tell you, Christian friend, your love has a broken wing if

it cannot fly across the ocean. Christ said, "Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

It is this heroic sense that moves our foreign missionaries. They hear the command "go." They hear the command "preach." They do not feel that they must return home, but feel that they must preach the Gospel to the unsaved.

Friends, there will come a day when we will go out for the last time and at the end of the day report to our Captain who said "Go ye." Shall we be able to say, "Captain, your message was delivered"?

Mrs. Mahala Holden Moore,
2800 Willow St.,
N. L. R., Ark.

ECHOES FROM CARLISLE, KENTUCKY

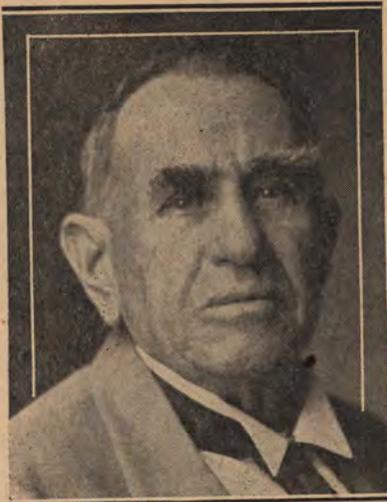
By H. T. Wilson, Minister
Running true to form, the good members and friends "stormed" our home with an abundant supply of groceries of every kind. Indeed, a winter's supply.

This is a way they have of making up for what they cannot always do in ready finance. The procession was led by Sister Arelia Hamilton, who stated "this is a token of love and appreciation of the splendid service you are rendering the church."

Carlisle church is returning as the Jews did to Jerusalem, singing "We're Marching to Zion." We have a splendid Bible School and growing under efficient leadership.

On Promotion Day four were promoted from Sister Everett's class to Sister Viola Johnson's class. She is assistant superintendent.

Rev. Bluster, of the C. M. E. Church, and his people were with us on Promotion Day and the church goes marching on.



J. B. L.

"And he went out, not knowing whither he went." Heb. 11:8.

"If there's anything that's due me,
Now's the time to slip it to me
For I cannot raise my tombstone,
When I'm dead.—Dunbar.

Plea readers will readily recognize the face of this noble pioneer, who gave forty years of sacrificial service to the Southern Christian Institute (now Mount Beulah College, Mississippi). Like Samson's foxes, his students have gone in every direction, and eternity will be too short to measure their influence for the good of our common cause. What a heritage!

With his equally faithful and worthy companion, he is reported slowly convalescing at their home, 2323 Clinton Ave., Jackson, Miss.

—C. H. D.

DANVILLE, KY.

By Frances Gartin

The Second Street Christian Church express their appreciation to Rev. J. E. Blair and his family in terms of gifts

Christmas morning. Brother and Sister J. F. Smith served the Blair family a Christmas breakfast, after which they led them into the Christmas tree and there made many donations to the children and wife.

The Sisters of the Womens Society and Loyal Workers presented to Mrs. Blair four dollars and five cents as an expression of love and sympathy for her as a wife and mother, plus many other things.

The Brethren of the church expressed their sincere appreciation and love to the Blair family by presenting them a nineteen pound turkey.

Elder Blair bows his head in humble gratitude to the members and friends of the Christian Church for their loyalty, chivalry and sincere love.

Jesus said, "he that gives to one of the least of my little ones verily shall not lose his reward." And that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

THAT CUT-RATE PRICE OF THE PLEA

At many suggestions we extend the Time Limit of Half Price — 50c per year — to ten days after you receive this copy. Any postmark inside this limit will be honored.

Departments and clubs, along with interested individuals have yet time to report and thus put us over the thousand mark. Tennessee is still leading, with Arkansas a close second and Georgia third, with N. C., Va. and Old Ky. trailing and some big states not heard from. In the next issue we shall report them state by state.

Fifty cents per year, cash, for old and new subscribers. Buy a bargain. It's indeed an opportunity for those who care.

"WHEN THE CHURCH WAKES UP"

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sermon." It works, but don't make it all snuff.

And what shall we do to wake up the church — the congregation? Who will tell us a remedy for the legion of omissions committed by this section of our train? Is the church awake to awfulness of sin and its powerful entrenchments? Does the church know how many of its own members champion the cause of wickedness?

Does the church love and teach, or simply scold and condemn its young people? Does the church provide a way for return of those who have "missed the way?"

Does the church see beyond its own local service? Does the church Peter-like, answer "not so, Lord," when told to help another Nation or Race? Is the church awake to any "Macedonian call" from anywhere?

Verily, are we asleep at the switch?

How long will we trot around in a narrowing circle?

When the church wakes up — fully wide awake — it will not be a question of money and means, but what to do with the unmeasured amounts God will pour out upon us. His challenge stands: "Try Me now, and I will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

When the church wakes up it will read and profit by religious literature. Too often our drowsiness is due to lack of information of the religious world about us. A grand surprise awaits the minister who asks his people just how many are

reading any religious papers. Alas! for children into whose home no religious paper comes. That "Reading makes a full man" was never truer than today.

Finally, when the church wakes up, it will wake up the world with gladness and singing grander than the "music of the spheres."

C. H. D.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

We announce the passing of our beloved Sister Almer Jones. She died Nov. 16. She leaves a faithful daughter in Memphis, Tenn., and field worker of Tennessee, Mrs. Arrelia Bracy. She leaves two sons, Clinton and John Henry. John Henry is the state president of Tennessee.

She was a true and loyal Christian, moved to Ossada, Okla., about 200 miles from her church at Cross street. She was surrounded with religious bodies, and her husband was of another church, but not one of these things moved her. She loved her church and proved it all along, sending her church dues regularly for all departments.

Funeral was conducted by Eld. M. M. Bostick, her pastor for several years. Their present Pastor, Eld. Hays gave some timely remarks. She leaves a host of friends, with the three children, to follow.

LITTLE ROCK PASTOR

By Mrs. S. L. Bostick
Arkansas

We wish to speak of our pastor, Eld. R. F. Hays, at the Cross Street Church, Little Rock. He is a very efficient minister, and is putting the program over. He is an able min-

ister and is the man for the place, and can do an outstanding piece of work in the city—he and his good wife, if the fellowship and cooperation will retain itself.

He is interested in getting subscribers for the Plea. If every minister would take a little time and go from home to home to get our church members to read their own paper, the church would be more intelligent with the church program, and would be able to support the church program.

May this be a successful New Year to all is my hope and prayer.

The Poets' Corner

HIS DREAM

Dust in the furrows where great empires passed!
With death for harvest, such as once they sought
At Armageddon; peaceful stands the grain,
And dust is in the furrows where they fought.

Bugles of Pharoah or the desert kings
Sound no reveille; shouldering his gun—
No British Tommy "Tipperary" sings;
'Tis silent on the hills—as at Verdun.

Dust in the furrows where great empires passed!
Might that was tragedy! Yet short miles away
Was dreamed a shining vision that will last,
The City of Man that knoweth no decay;
No marching troops, no threat of power or death,
Peace to all men — the dream of Nazareth.

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THE CHURCH AT GEORGETOWN

DIAGNOSIS, PROGNOSIS

An Open Letter To All Individuals and Church Organizations Who Are Interested In The Spiritually and Physically Sick Units

"They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick." Luke 5:31.

The Church at Georgetown, Kentucky (Chambers Avenue), is really sick, and has so been diagnosed and declared by some of the best spiritual physicians in the Brotherhood. And the healing ointment has been prescribed: "Eat Cake"! But, lo, there is no cake.

And may we hold this parable in mind when we read: That the doctor is not primarily interested in what sort of a man or woman the little sick child will grow up to be, as a human being, it needs be cured; and at least given a chance to become the man or the woman expected of it by its parents, its commonwealth, its nation.

Furthermore, and until it has reached the convalescence stage, it will do the child no good to remind it of the reason of yesterday, which caused the sickness of today.

More and more I am of the opinion that we, as a race, have been helped too much, without the necessary teaching of ultimate selfsupport and a vision of ourselves, some day, being in a position to aid others, as we have been aided. We



have been made professional beggars; asking assistance first from the higher-ups, then from one another, and finally from our very enemies. Even asking and receiving assistance from the forces of ignorance and the powers of darkness. We have borrowed from the strength of the strong without any hope or desire to pay them back, or in their absence to pay their posterity. We have enjoyed (thanks to ignorant "Preachers") too much of the tinkling cymbals of the Gospel Orchestra, without proper heed to the significance and leadership of kindly cornet which interprets the tempo and title of the music played.

Chambers Avenue (Second Christian Church) is no exception to the rule. And where shall we start? Why not at Georgetown?

It will take time, patience, and funds (the needed "cake") to not only save this beautiful

building to the Brotherhood, but also to build up a congregation in the new form, with a vision such as St. Paul had, as told to Agrippa: "I beheld a light" — and continuing — "I was not disobedient unto that light". (Vision).

Georgetown needs that light. It needs a proper vision. And in that light we need all the rays of the Rain-bow. Not alone the minister who has already cast his net into the deep and is determined to keep it there, pay or no pay, until the same Lord which bid him cast it shall likewise bid him to haul it in; Not alone his faithful and accomplished wife who has ever and will ever remain his well qualified help mate in the work of the Lord, even to sacrificing her present position as Nurse-supervisor of the Nursery schools at Roanoke, Virginia; Not alone the good people of the First Christian Church, Georgetown, who have already, in the faith, begun to pay each month the sum of \$25.00 towards the support of the minister; Not alone the many poor but newly awakened hearts within the congregation who have put their very life into the erection of the building, men and women alike, helping to buy brick and to lay them (alas, without the proper vision); But there are other colors necessary for this "rain-bow" cure, without the which our hopes are vain, our church is lost, our Sheep must

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

THE BUTLER COOPERATIVE HOUSE

By CHARLES HUGHES WEBB

It can be assumed quite definitely that interested people throughout the brotherhood are anxious to become more intimately acquainted with "The Butler Cooperative House," a project which has gained the attention and support of so many friends. First of all, you will probably want to know something of the identity of the young men who are so fortunate as to be the recipients of such support. There are six of us living harmoniously together. We are as follows: Cyril Robinson, a native of Jamaica, a graduate of Southern Christian Institute and Butler College, now doing graduate work at Butler. Mr. Robinson is our house president. Melvin Dickson of Crockett, Texas, and a graduate of Southern Christian Institute, is a senior at Butler, having done his junior work here last year. Charles Martin of Chicago, Illinois, a senior in Butler now, is also a graduate of Southern Christian Institute. Daniel Heath, a graduate of Jackson College, Jackson, Mississippi, is doing graduate work here. Jake Bridges and I (Charles Webb) hail from Oklahoma City and Muskogee, Oklahoma, respectively. We are graduates of Jarvis Christian College and are just breaking into our new school life as juniors in Butler.

We have affected a very unique organization for the systematic performance of the several indispensable duties of the home. I suppose the most



Prof. R. H. Peoples

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important of these duties is the cooking. This duty falls particularly to two of us, Charles Martin and me. The task of washing dishes and general cleaning falls to the other fellows. (The type and extent of our outside work largely determines the specification of our duties.) Nevertheless, we fellows are directly responsible for the keeping of our living quarters.

Our friends, many of whom we are not personally acquainted with, are supplying us with food and some clothing for which we are doubly appreciative and more than grateful.

Because of the thoughtfulness and kindness on the part of these sympathetic friends, these two items have not, as yet, become serious problems to us. I cannot pass on without making mention of our very generous presents of food for Thanksgiving dinner. The rural white churches in the vicinity of Indianapolis were so thoughtful of us that our thanks to God and man on that day must have very nearly reached its zenith. We feel ourselves quite incapable to fully express our sincere gratitude for the generosity of these friends. We are much grieved when we realize the possibility of a short-coming in this area, because we do want our many interested friends to know how very thankful we are, even when Thanksgiving Day has passed. Yes, we had a Thanksgiving dinner at our own home! The house cooks, with the very necessary assistance of our landlady, Mrs. Ruth Jones, prepared a most sumptuous meal. As yet, none of us have suffered any severe illness as a result of eating it! I think that I could not have enjoyed a more pleasant Thanksgiving.

My very candid, unreserved, frank opinion of this project is simply this. There is only one possible undesirable outgrowth and that is the faint chance of the fellows meeting the fate of the mythical female character who died as a result of her husband's kindness! With the exception of this faint possibility, our project is epoch-making in its nature.

Picture its beginning! Early in September, 1936, several

young men who were striving through great difficulty to make ministers and religious leaders of themselves entered the city of Indianapolis intent upon entering Butler College. With only a very few dollars in their pockets they were quite perplexed as to their next move. Some of them found themselves completely lost in this entirely new society and were thoroughly puzzled in their strange state of existence. Just as they were completely overcome with awe and amazement, and knew not what course to take, they were awakened by a steady and willing hand which relieved them of all their worries and responsibilities and lay before them a straight, smooth and directed course to pursue. They had but to be men and live. The guiding hand is a committee which has become a most essential part of our existence. It is composed of the following persons: Professor E. C. Cameron of Butler; Mr. W. M. Wicker of The United Christian Missionary Society; Rev. Baxter C. Duke, pastor of the Second Christian Church of Indianapolis; Mr. Cleo Blackburn, superintendent of Flanner House; and Rev. R. H. Peoples, national secretary of Negro churches, and a few other friends. We find in these men the warmest and most watchful of friends.

The Butler Cooperative House is made possible through the cooperation of the Department of Religious Education, the Department of Church Development and Evangelism and the Division of Foreign Missions of The United Christian Missionary Society. These organizations are putting over \$400.00 in the project. The white churches of Indianapolis gave the furniture for the house. The rural white church-

es of Indiana are supplying most of the staple foods, and the Negro churches are raising \$300.00. These groups are cooperating in making it possible for young Negro men and women of the Disciples Church to train for the ministry and for religious leaders. If you wish to share in the promotion of this very worthy cause, you may send your contribution to R. H. Peoples, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Be sure to label your gift as follows: "Contribution to the Butler Cooperative Project."

Life here at Butler is of course a bit different and it has taken some of us some time to get properly adjusted to our new school life. At present, however, we are fairly well adjusted and find ourselves working diligently in our efforts to "make the grade." Among the students at Butler we have all found quite desirable friends, and the members of the faculty spare no efforts in doing whatever they can to make our school life livable. We have organized a vocal quartet among the fellows and already we have obliged several congregations with renditions on programs. It is our hope that in the near future we will have advanced to a point where we can be of some real service to these audiences.

Despite the distracting influences, all of us are mindful of the fact that much is expected of us, that much depends upon our future action. This responsibility is sensed not only as a definite obligation to the church and to the world in which we live, but as an initial effort to establish a permanent dwelling for young men who may come this way tomorrow in an attempt to educate for Christian leadership. We realize that we are building a bridge that positively must

not be destroyed when our passage is effected. We are conscious that if we build a weak bridge it is very likely to crumble shortly, and if we build a substantial bridge it may be very serviceable to those who choose to follow. With this awareness we are putting our very hearts into every attempt to prove worthy of the many nice things our interested friends are doing for us.

ANNIVERSARY

The Sixteenth Anniversary services of the Cedar Avenue Christian Church, East 74th Street and Cedar Avenue and the Fifth Anniversary services of the present pastor, Dr. G. C. Campbell, will be observed from Feb. 1st to Feb. 7th, 1937. The following guest speakers, choirs and churches will take part on the program:

Monday, Feb. 1st—Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Night and the Fifth Anniversary of the present pastor. Guest speaker, Rev. C. H. Lucas, pastor Jones Chapel A. M. E. Church. Music by Jones Chapel A. M. E. Church Choir.

Tuesday, Feb. 2nd—Brotherhood Night. "All the men in all the work of the church." Guest speaker, Rev. D. W. Hill, pastor Second Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Music by the Second Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Choir.

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd — Church Night. "We Are Still Here, What of the Future?" Guest speaker, Rev. C. Lee Jefferson, pastor St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. Music by the St. Mark's Presbyterian Church Choir.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"INASMUCH"

Narly 100 workers of the Christian churches in the state were in Lexington Saturday and attended the one-day convention at the East Second St. Church, conducted by Mrs. Rosa Bracy, Rev. R. H. Peoples and Rev. David L. Watts. Delegates came from Mt. Sterling, Fairview, Aaron Run, North Middletown, Little Rock, Carlisle, Germantown, Covington, Paris, Georgetown, Midway, Nicholasville, Danville, Hustonville, Winchester, and other points.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the unified promotion and co-operative promotional agency of the Christian brotherhood. The causes spoken of co-operating in unified promotion were foreign, home and state missions, colleges, higher education, religi-

ous and social, the ministry, church extension and Christian unity.

Prof. Peoples will return to Kentucky to conduct a five day institute of religious education for all departments of the church.

Sisters Bertha Peaks, Sarah Harlan and O. B. Lewis led the Bible School and Conference Club in entertaining them at the "Y" where Mrs. Yancy lends every energy to accommodate.

The team — Prof. Peoples, Sister Bracy and Mr. David Watts, a late edition of David Livingston — a returned missionary from Africa, were all at their best. We shall chronicle results.

Prall Street Church entertained our State Board and 13 earnest men came to grips with church problems. The spirit was fine. Our new Georgetown man, Bro. Ira S. Ashe, was joined to the Board, and Vice-President Wm. Owens, of Nicholasville, became President.

Two fine articles, one from Washington, D. C., and one from Memphis, are among the good things too late for this number. Look for them next time.

At call of Sister Amy Bean Stockton, Supt. of Bible School at the old historic church of Mt. Sterling, Ky., where served so long the Taylors, Browns, and Lettons, we went Sunday to assist in Bible School Rally and "did it rain?"

But it didn't rain Mt. Sterling out. Those folk are waterproof — May their tribe increase.

Sister Stockton, loved and respected in her "own country" for her loyalty and work's sake, had organized against all barriers, and succeeded.

This Old Line Church has about "concluded" on whom they will call now for their min-

ister, with due respect to all applications. So you may "Write no more, John."

Bro. W. H. Dyson, one of the Elders there, writes "We have paid the last dollar on our parsonage and ready for Preacher."

While there we camped with Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hunter — our Willie Mae Brown — and our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Walker, all noted for genuine Mt. Sterling hospitality. We have many Plea readers there.

The Rainy Sunday should give the members, and not the Preacher the heartache.

Fornutately many church officers are seeing properly that a Pulpit, Bapistry, Big Bible and Parsonage suggest a Preacher. No longer must they stand between the church and the ministry, nor can the ministry "wedge in between" them and the church — but Preaching is God's method of "Saving those who believe." It's yet too early to state just which state is leading in our cut rate drive. A wire from Pres. Ervin, of Hawkins, Texas, states that the California people are "not prepared to entertain the National Convention" and that we are headed toward Dayton, Ohio, whose invitation stands. Bro. Wilbret may "try his hand," and shall we have "buckeyes" for bread?

More anon.

And for my New Year's prayer, I would quote this timely "Selected."

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest;
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
And sense to keep it at its best;
Give me a healthy mind, Good
Lord,
To keep the pure and good in
sight,
Which, seeing sin, is not ap-
palled,

But finds the way to set it right.
Give me a mind that is not
bored,
That does not whimper, whine
or sigh;
Don't let me worry overmuch
About that fussy thing called
"I."
Give me a sense of humour,
Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some happiness in life
And pass it on to other folk.

C. H. D.

ANNIVERSARY

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Thursday, Feb. 4th — Mis-
sionary Night. "The Whole
Church at the Whole Task."
Guest speaker, Rev. F. S.
Dowdy, pastor Miles Ave.
Christian Church. Music by
the Miles Avenue Christian
Church Choir.

Friday, Feb. 5th—Religious
Education and Young People's
Program. "Young People and
the Church." Guest speaker,
Mr. W. Elbert Starn, director
of religious education, Ohio
Christian Missionary Society.
Music by the Cedar Avenue
Christian Church Choir.

Sunday, Feb. 7th—9:45 a.
m. Sunday School. 11:00 a. m.
"Why are We Here?" Sermon
by the pastor. 6:30 p. m.
Christian Endeavor. 8:00 p.
m. "The Outlook for Union
Among Denominations." Ser-
mon by the pastor.

A cordial and most hearty
welcome is extended to every-
one to attend these services.
Silver offering each evening.

Official Board and Pastor of
the Cedar Avenue Christian
Church, E. 74th Street at Cedar
Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

President Ervin made a per-
sonal visit to California before
locating us at Dayton, Ohio.



Sister Annie Mae Taylor,
Superintendent of Nicholasville
Bible School (at "Old First")
and Reporter.

**OLD FIRST STILL IN LIVES
NICHOLASVILLE, KY.**

"Greetings."

As we stand at the threshold
of beginning again, we, the
members of "Old First," are
happy to say, that the new
year finds us, still marching
under the banner of Christ, fac-
ing our untried tomorrow, with
a sanguine outlook. Eld. W.
M. Owens, our efficient leader,
and wife came to us almost two
years ago and found the work
somewhat hampered, due to so
many changes. There were
several debts, but we have paid
all debts, and remodeled the
parsonage, and covered the hall
built by Rev. C. H. Dickerson.
Our Pastor and wife hold out-
standing records of service and
sacrificial kingdom building.

They served the Central
Christian Church in Louisville
for seventeen years, after which
they served Norwood Christian
Church, Dayton, Ohio, for six
and a half years.

Before coming to us he was
president of the Ohio State
Convention for four years. He
is now president of the Ky.
State Convention.

The Maple Street Christian
Church congratulates itself on
having such outstanding lead-
ers

Indeed we need Fishers of
Men. The fishermen who pur-
sue this noble calling, and fail
to catch fish, should observe
his bait or his net or his lake.

Our Christmas exercise was
an ideal Christmas program.
The Dramatic Club of the
church, organized by Mrs. Ow-
ens, gave a Chinese social rais-
ing finances for candies and
gifts for the children.

Our pastor and wife received
many presents, including a
large basket of eatables and
tokens of appreciation from the
church. Among those who led
in the tokens were Sisters Jen-
nie Carter, Golden Richardson,
Emma Jackson, Anna Mae
Taylor, Princess Hayden, Ce-
lestial Richardson, Brothers
John Gill, Frank Broadus, Ros-
co Dunn, Nelson Tansley, Wel-
don Smithers, and Sam War-
field.

Happy New Year to the
Brotherhood.

Sister Annie Mae Taylor,
Supt. of Bible School and
Reporter.

Are you reading the Plea?
If not, why not?

**BARNETT AT
WARREN, OHIO**

"Progress seen at Warren as
nine souls was added to the
church." Fulton Street Chris-
tian Church, Warren, Ohio.
Fulton T. Barnett, minister. I
was called to the work here
three months ago. The War-
ren church seems to have
boiled over with courage and

devotion. The good sisters suggested a financial drive. We also had a house to house canvass membership drive. We have a membership of seventy-five active. Also a splendid group of young people with organized Bible school and Christian Endeavor society under fine leadership. We have a church debt of five hundred dollars which we hope to pay in 1937. On the fourth Sunday in October was observed as fellowship day. Our good white brethren came to us in the afternoon. Music was furnished by their choir. Elder Turper brought the message. On the fourth Sunday in November we payed a return visit to the Central Christian church with a youth fellowship program, after which we spoke upon the theme "Vision on the House Top."

The month of December was our high spot. We called it evangelistic month. Tried to let evangelism find its way into our individual lives. Since that time four youths and five adults made the good confession, six of which were buried in Christ by baptism. We are happy to see this progress. On the first Sunday in January our annual reports were made. We raised an average of one hundred dollars per month for the past three months. We are praying that God will help us to let our light shine that men in this dark world may see our good work. I do believe we can accomplish a greater achievement of Kingdom building if we let the spirit of brotherhood more truly find its way into our hearts.

Old Kentucky is leading in our cut rate Plea drive, with Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Georgia and Kansas trailing in order mentioned.

OUR HEARTS NOT THERE

Why Not Think On These Things?

By Mrs. E. J. Jennings
President Shurch School
Convention, Mississippi.
To Plea Readers and Brotherhood at Large:

I note Mrs. Alphin's letter in last Plea asking reconsideration of place of National Convention, a thought which should be ours. I've only attended one of such cosventions, but am interested.

For years our church school has reportde at request. I've truly wished to attend these conventions and only due to its being many, many miles away, I with many others were unable to attend.

It's indeed "a long, long way to California" and "our hearts are not there." We should "Brighten the corner" where we are.

I fully agree with Mrs. Alphin that our convention should mean more than just meeting in some far away city.

We should seek to do some effective work in the states. Our appreciation goes out to our good ministers in California, but I am sure he realizes it's much easier for one to travel than for a host, especially where more good can be done. I really think this a serious question among our Brethren, especially with our executive heads.

Prosperous New Year to all.
Please find my subscription for another yar.

ROCKFORD REPORTS

The Second Christian Church at Rockford, Illinois, sends New Years greetings to all fellow churches, and makes the fol-

lowing report on our various activities.

A good crowd was in attendance at the Woman's Day Program Sunday, Decmber 20. Mrs. Ellis Gee, president, opened the program. Devotions were in charge of Mrs. P. L. Holt. Special numbers in form of a vocal solo and selected topics were rendered by Mrs. A. Kaumnqua, Mr. Lucian Carey, and Mr. Edmund Kaumnqua, respectively. Following the sermonette by the pastor, the regular routine of church service was held.

Sunday morning, December 27, marked the first opening of the Building Fund banks. The report was very encouraging. Rockford hopes to erect a new church some day. Mr. Lucian Carey is chairman in charge of this drive.

The Christian Endeavor is doing some very fine work. Our president, Miss Hattie Davis, with the assistance of Miss Mammie Robinson, is steadily improving in leadership. This is one organization of which we are especially proud.

The Sunday School hld its annual Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 27. Each child of the school took a part. At the close of the delightful program Santa presented everyone with fruit, nuts, and candy and other gifts. There was also a beautifully decorated Christmas tree for our enjoyment.

The Second Christian Church extends a cordial welcome to members of fellow churches who happen to visit in Rockford.

(This church should appreciate its town name combining Rock-efeller and Ford—Rock-Ford, and build a church house commensurate.—Editor.)

Are you reading the Plea? If not, why not?

PORT GIBSON, MISS.**The Work and Progress of
Mississippi**

Mrs. S. R. Walker, Reporter
Box 371

Elder W. D. Campbell, the lately called pastor of the Port Gibson Church, returned after a brief stay in Lexington, Kentucky, with his family to find not only 200 people to welcome him but an offering of the day to run to the tune of \$51.00.

The general public in Port Gibson seem to appreciate Bro. Campbell with his fine progressive ideas. Already he has planned for the month of January, a union program with the churches of Port Gibson to continue a week.

Committees are being appointed to take care of the people from the adjacent towns, and the "National Team."

For years, "Christian Chapel" has had the early sunrise Christmas services but there are hardly words adequate to express the joy which was gleaned the past Christmas morning. The church presented the pastor with numerous gifts and money.

The old year went out while the members of "Christian Chapel" were on their knees thanking God for blessing of the past and beseeching His grace for the success of the future.

Elder Campbell's sermon was most impressive. The subject, "Keep to the Right." Text, John 4:5. "How can we know the way?"

The service of the first Sunday in the year at "Christian Chapel" was witnessed by more than 250 persons. The pastor used "Perspective" as his subject. Text, Matt. 13:43. "Then the righteous shall shine as

bright as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father."

We are praying God that this fine work which is being done by the pastor will continue.

Elder I. C. Franklin, Mississippi's State President, was recalled to the Pine Grove church. He is doing creditable work there. The church and Sunday School are well organized and a newly organized Missionary Society.

Brother James Jenkins, a faithful member of the Pine Grove Church, passed December 10, 1936. He had served a number of years on the State Board. He was buried the second Sunday in December.

Mrs. Rosa Welsch, of Chicago, who has been working for several weeks at the S. C. C. I., came to Port Gibson, her former home, and gave a "Recital" for the benefit of the Bible School. It was a success as well as her other work. She came to her own and her own received her with joy. The weather was unfavorable, but the proceeds were favorable—\$32.45. It's just like Mrs. Welsch.

Mrs. Rosa Bracy spent a few days in Mississippi visiting several nearby churches. As always, she was such a help to us.

Mrs. Jane Chambers, a member for years of the Lorman, Mississippi, Christian Church, pastored by Elder I. C. Franklin, died in the month of December.

WATCH BOLL ST.

By Eld. R. L. Sercy

Boll St. is yet talking on New Life. We were able last year to keep our heads above the waves, yet we are not satisfied with well doing. The Lord blessed us with 49 new members the past 13 months, but

we have a set goal of 200 for this year, three of which we already have. By the help of God and the zeal that is being shown among us we feel assured of this number. Our slogan for this year is "To reach the unreached." Should we fail, there will come an unfeeling indifference, then chaos, unless by the vivifying power of the gospel there be created in us a moral fibre to endure. We have to lend our energy without pause. We are not afraid of crises, because the church has met crises before. We have learned that mechanical plans for church program will not do. Any church can become a sensation in the community if for one month each member would attend its services. It will restore normal sensation to paralyzed Christians. It will make possible the doings of anything in reason—Show me the man with the sun in his face, and the shadows dancing behind, who can meet with disasters, calmness, and grace, and never forget to be kind. Whether he is sovereign, merchant, or clerk, I have faith in that man who is in love with his work.

Yours for the work.

**BRIGHT OUTLOOK AT
MAYSLICK, KY.**

By A. D. Gault

We are traveling on the King's highway with Bro. G. L. Anders, S. S. Supt.; Miss Amelia Gault, Pres, Missionary Society, and Pastor D. L. Botts preaching good sermons and singing good songs. Our Missionary Society meets 2nd and 4th Sundays just after Sunday School. The good sisters plan to keep up the lights. As business "picks up," so should the Church pick up and keep in step with things and "go places."

OLD FATHER LOVE AGAIN

Wichita, Kansas — Christian Plea:

By help of the Master and Brotherhood I'm still here in Wichita wishing I could go and do as I once did. No words can tell the blessings, the help from Brother Smith gives and the good words each month, I wish the Brotherhood could know how my heart and just how grateful I am for what they have done for me and are still doing.

I'm still praying for preachers to come to Kansas who are not afraid of the "Work of the Spirit."

I am sending you a dozen, or more, subscriptions to the Plea. Wish it were more.

I pray the good work may go on and not only one thousand but ten thousand and on.

Your old friend,

R. L. LOVE.

ence Scholarships in the spending budget.

Evaluate past methods of raising the amount needed, discard the unsuccessful and poor ones. Estimate the amount each student should bring in and put these items in the raising budget or asking budget along with the amount the church is planning to give to this purpose. Be sure to ask for 5 more than is needed as some one effort may not produce the desired revenue. Catalogue these items Conference Scholarship Financial Plans.

Thus the church scatters Conference finances throughout the year. The students, past and prospective, are constantly reminded. The church is kept aware of Conference values. Plans are perfected with greater facility and less haste. And representation of the local church is assured.

But a bright tomorrow, with Happiness at the close of day.

Heading into tomorrows, we concede

That death does not end life; it may be the beginning.

Let us go forward, unafraid, since

Life and death are all the same. Selected.

With open arms Dayton, O., welcomes the coming of our National Convention in August, 1937.

THE CHURCH AT GEORGETOWN

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go back, (as it were a hog) to its mire of ignorance and distrust. Two other and most important "rays" are needed — The Division of Home Missions and the Board of Church Extension.

Perhaps to Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy credit is due for the first ray of hope. Mr. R. H. Peoples' recent visit here added another ray. The members have faith in them, in the First Christian Church, in me as their leader and minister, in God, and in YOU. We hold the needle, you have the serum. And, this is a case where an injection is really necessary before the full diagnosis is made. Unusual? Yes, but not without precedence.

Set plans and set methods are always best, except for the exceptions; and this is an exception. Jesus used, at times, unusual methods in healing, in teaching, in converting, in establishing. And, unto we who understand the more, He is our Light.

(To be continued)

Are you reading the Plea? If not, why not?

Youth's Corner

WAYS OF FINANCING CONFERENCE STUDENTS' EXPENSES

The Proper and Most Satisfactory Method. Young Peoples' Conference as a leadership training agency for active and potential local church leadership is a church matter and should be included in the church budget, raising and spending, just as the pastor's salary, the church school literature and the convention expenses.

Basing estimates on last year's fees and transportation expense, the actual amount per student can be obtained. Multiply this total by the number wanted in conference and put this item so named as Confer-

The Poets' Corner

LIFE

Do not fear to die, but to live. Dread only our own cowardice, selfishness and conceit, Which keeps us from livving today.

Death is only sleep; merely a change in life.

Life can not be stopped. Proof is all around us in every object;

In sky, rocks, birds and trees; Death is a sweet peace for those who have lived

Free from sin and conceit, for life goes on.

In spite of failures, sin, mistakes,

Nothing can stop life but ourselves.

Walk with God, that death may be no mystery,

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The Place Of Religious Education In The Church

By Prof. I. A. Gentry
Memphis, Tenn.

We believe in true religious education as opposed to the tendency of some leaders in recent years who would place the emphasis upon education rather than upon religion. The real need of modern times is that of bringing boys and girls to God through the process of right education. There is a process, a development, by which one grows religiously and spiritually. By going about it in the right way we can help to train and develop young people in their religious life. But to do this requires a very different method from that used in the public day school. All education is a preparation for life, but the usual public school has placed emphasis upon the conveying of information. The Sunday School should place its emphasis upon the development of the religious life.

The movement of so-called religious education, in the last few years, has felt too much the influence of the day school purpose of imparting information rather than the developing of spiritual growth, and there has been a tendency to forget or ignore the distinct mission of the Sunday School as a training ground for Christian development.

Education is something bigger than giving information. Religious education is far bigger still. In a great sense, it

has little to do with information. When Jesus chose his disciples to found the Christian church, he picked out fishermen and day laborers, because he saw in them the greatness of spiritual intuition and understanding.

We may call that understanding a sort of information, but it is something far more even than this. It is a knowledge of God, that comes from living as God would live if on earth. It is a practice in true Christian living.

The great tenet of Christianity is that it is for all, the learned and unlearned alike. The power of the church and the Sunday School in the past has lain in its great evangelistic spirit, its personal contacts, the inspired leadership of laymen and preachers. Whenever the church has put religion on a mere cultural and behavioristic basis, it has lost its power and become a weakling. The church is in danger today because of the prevalence of this attitude.

Philosophers admit that all they know may be understood by the unschooled, that the purpose of philosophy is to gather the experiences of ordinary individuals and reinterpret them in terms of some theory of truth. In the final analysis, they admit that fundamental truths, the realities of life, are open to all alike.

In our own experience have we not met men who seemed to have looked upon the face



Eld. Anthony W. Davis, A
Natural Born Evangelist

"In those days" — back in the Nineties — came A. W. Davis, preaching in the churches of Kentucky. He was our human phonograph, with voice as "sweet as an organ note."

He was indeed a builder of churches, his latest is the handsome structure at 8th and Everette Sts., Kansas City, Kans.

He and "Mandy" are "nested" now on N. 5th St., in that city.

of God and yet who have had little of culture or so-called education? And how often has a child in his nearness to God drawn adults to the better way!

(To be continued)

"Meet me in Dayton" is the new slogan. All Ohio will back Dayton.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

COVINGTON NOTES

By Pastor H. E. Fowler

Members of Covington Christian Church mourn with the family, the loss of a consistent Christian member, Sister Myrtle Parker, of Newport, Ky. Forty-two years of Christian service was terminated at her home Monday morning, February 1st. Her daughter, Sister Martha Miles, and granddaughter, Margaret Cottie, are regular in attendance at church and Bibleschool. She had been ill for several years. Some time ago she told her pastor, Rev. H. E. Fowler, she was ready to answer the call. Rev. Harvey Miller, a lifelong friend of the family, used as funeral text, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." She was dearly beloved by her many friends in Northern Kentucky. She first joined the church in Lawrenceburg, Ky., when 17, moving to this part of the state, she attended the Kenyon Ave., then coming to Covington Church under the late Rev. Richard Ewell.

The funeral of Mrs. Ludie Ma Thompson, member of our church in Millersburg, was preached January 28, at the Robbins St. Christian Church, the pastor officiating. Her father, Sam Baker, of Cincinnati, mother, Mrs. Anna Lily, of Newport, and aunt, Pearl Brown, of Covington, are members of our local church. Sister Lily recently had the church repainted inside. They come from old ilne Christian families of Bourbon county, Ky.

Coincidental

None of the active members of our church lost anything in the recent flood, only two families had to move. There was about 9 inches of water in the church. No damage resulted.

Sister Alice Washington, one of our best workers and supporters, is again on the sick list. However, she is recuperating.

Sister Sarah Ivilson, after several years' illness is still confined to her home.

Miss M. M. Robinson, one of our youth, is ill at her home.

Two of Deacon Wm. Robinson's sons are reported better.

Sister Octavia Daniels, who was recently injured in a fall from a local bus, is out again. Sister Martha Page, who likewise was injured in a fall that bruised an arm, is improving.

ADDRESS TO STATE MEETING AT WRIGHTVILLE, ARK.

By Mrs. S. L. BOSTICK

Eld. J. W. Forbs, Pastor

We are here to pay tribute to our Arkansas ministers.

First, the minister's sacrifice. How can he best edify the church? He must place his life on the altar — teaching Christianization to the world, hence a mediator between God and man. Can he preach unless sent?

I wonder if the members know the need of more laborers in this zone. Can the world be saved without the preacher? A thousand times no! He must preach the Gospel to all na-

tions, and he that preaches the gospel must live by the Gospel — says the Book.

In early times they walked from house to house, county to county, telling the story of Christ to the world.

How can one love God and withhold, when he sees his minister and God's church in need?

God loved and God gave. Should the minister be paid? The Bible says: "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

Remember the minister's work with the sick and wanderers, fallen and weak. He is God's laborer, peacemaker, builder and leader. Can he serve without pay? He is the first to tell you of salvation and the last man to tell the world of your life's work when you pass on.

The Book says the minister is to have double honors.

Professor Moss used to say you may give without loving but cannot love without giving.

No kind of weather is too bad for the minister if we would only be present on time.

I have some experience as a leader and missionary, and know some hardships.

If we all will be loyal to our leaders we will win in the final round up.

Dr. J. E. Walker reports a fat check from the Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention. Who is next?

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The Church At Georgetown

(Continued from last week)

But, back to the patient. The congregation at Georgetown, like many others elsewhere, has deceived itself for many years. It put its hope in the reporting of a large membership and failed. It put its hope in the finest church building, and failed. It put its hope in the reporting known silver tongued orators, and failed. It put its hope in its ability to beg funds with which to carry on its own business, and failed. It put its hope in doing much for itself and little for others, and failed. It put its hope in procuring a "preacher" at part-time wages instead of a "Pastor" at full wage, and failed. It attempted a missionary doctrine without a missionary spirit, and failed. It endeavored to exist by the might of self instead of by the love of Christ, and failed. And in its present almost dying condition (I testify truthfully) it sees the error of its ways and is truly repentant. And, it begs to live.

Let us prunt the branches down to where they will be of service to the Vine. Of the reported 100 members let us depend only upon the 40 (at the least) who are truly converted to the new vision. Not, if you please, by their financial strength but by the "My Spirit" which has been recently revived in them. In the meantime, let us give the withered branches a longer and more definite study (patience and brotherly kindness) with a hope of saving them too.

Now then, say forty whom I faithfully, in the Lord, vouch for; Is that a large enough "Macedonia" to come to? Behold, we pray.

In order to prick their pride and stop all talk about the old

furnace, what it cost and how it was put in by the wrong man, etc., etc., we have torn it out and junked it, and the small sum therefor has been applied to the present rally for a new and properly installed plant. And, it is working in results. "Burned the bridge" as, perhaps, Napoleon would have done. And while the pastor at present is the greatest sufferer, financially, because of their successful efforts towards the installation of a new furnace, it must not be charged to them that they intend to neglect him.

I have faith in the forty and hope for the sixty. Included in the rally items is a sum to bring the pastor's wife and one month's obligation (probably two) to the Church Extension Department. Help us if you can; by all means encourage us.

"Master, teach us to Pray"
—He has taught us. And will YOU, in the same spirit, "teach us to Walk"?

Ira S. Ashe, Minister.

Second Quarterly Meeting,
Kentucky State Missionary
Board,
January 15, 1937,
Lexington, Ky.,

Prall Street Christian Church
Editor Christian Plea:

Please publish by request of the State Board that all who wish to communicate with our state work as represented in our state board, may address Eld. W. M. Owens, acting president, Nicholasville, Ky.

D. I. REID, Recorder

Kentucky State Missionary Board met Friday, January 15, at Prall Street Christian Church, Lexington. Members present: Bros. W. M. Owens, D. I. Reid, C. H. Dickerson, T. R. Everett, J. A. Johnson, H.

T. Wilson, I. H. Moore, R. E. Pearson, J. E. Blair, evangelist, and I. S. Ash, pastor at Georgetown, who was elected to membership on the board.

Visitors were Ed Berry of Bourbon, Pete Murphy of Georgetown, and Bradley Gentry, of Lexington.

The Evangelist made a report of great success on the field in wide services rendered to many points; of revivals, accessions, organizational, installations, recommendations, ordinations, etc. Balance due at the end of five months was only \$21.

Secretary's report of churches responding to the quarterly missionary giving were Louisville Third \$2.40, and Hill St. \$3.30; Prall \$1.00; Winchester \$1.00; Hustonville \$1.25; Aaron Run \$1.00; North Middletown \$2.00; Little Rock \$5.02; Carlisle \$1.00; Germantown \$1.65; Georgetown 50c; Louisville Central \$1.00.

Resolution passed to endorse Prof. R. H. People's coming to the state later to conduct a five days institute for all departments of the church.

Churches reported without pastors: Midway, Lexington, Mt. Sterling, Danville, Millersburg and Paducah.

Meeting adjourned till April.

D. I. Reid, secretary,

W. M. Owens, president.

Put the Plea in your home.

Tithing Bulletins Offered

\$5 a week can be saved by any church that uses a bulletin each week. The Layman Company, 730 Rush Street, Chicago, offers this saving when using their bulletin. Two pages are printed with a Stewardship message, and two are left blank for local announcements. The company suggests that churches conduct a five weeks' course of tithe education by using its bulletins, offered at a nominal sum. It offers sample set containing 32 different tithing tracts at 20 cents. Please give your connection.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"AND THE RAIN DESCENDED AND THE FLOOD CAME"

We owe apology to our good Brother Ira S. Ashe, of Georgetown, Ky. His splendid but lengthy article was cut and his name omitted, being on the end which we give in this issue.

Being a newspaper man and broad gauge he will readily understand and forgive.

All people do not send money directly, correctly nor wholly. "In a few days" is a convenient but indeterminate term; a "cover all" showing signs of overwork and poor attention, and yet it indicates.

None of us can fail to appreciate that generous invitation of our old friend, Elder Moses Frederick Mitchel, who in compelling terms urged us to come to California with our National Convention next August.

Perhaps no less tribute is due those who so heroically voted to go, providing all things were permissible. Following advice, we urged comment pro and con, and now we're bound for Dayton, Ohio, not knowing what shall befall us there, but we do know that hearty invitations await us where the adding machines "cackle" and the active young minister can "Get there Eli," and the National Committee chant the chorus, "Come and go to that land where I'm bound."

Sister Maggie McClure, of Mt. Sterling, led any other Kentuckian in sending cash subscriptions to the Plea, during the Cut Rate Drive.

While not directly in the flooded zone, Lexington bears the burden of many prisoners and refugees and is heroically exercising her physical religion: "I was hungry and you fed me; naked and ye clothed me, inasmuch."

"Old Faithful," (Sister Bostick, of Ark) writes "Sister Alphin spoke my sentiments about our National Convention going to California. It is too far to walk." She further asks us "what is a vision? Do Christians have them?" The dictionary will answer the first question and I would answer the second, "Yes, yes, plenty of them if the lens is clear." "Ain't she thinkin'?"

We cannot make accurate monthly report till all those who handle "Bulk Copies" report. Those interested, please note.

Our good Dr. R. S. Fields, of Memphis, long time treasurer of our National Bible School Convention, was kind enough to send us an excellent paper used by one Prof. Gentry on the occasion of the "Moss Memorial Fund Program," observed recently by the Memphis Bible

School. This paper by Prof. Gentry is one elongated gem, with no place to cut in, or "cut out." It is "air tight" and will appear in three sections. The first section on our front page of this issue. Watch for the other two.

Our State Evangelist, J. E. Blair, begins pastorate at Mt. Sterling soon.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 12TH ST. CHURCH NEWS

By N. W. Magowan

What troubles we have seen about conflicts have passed—fightings within and fears without, since we wrote you last.

Twelfth Street is still here, doing business for the "King."

Wedding Bells

Christmas day at home of Mr. V. E. Bogan and wife, Mrs. Rosa Bogan, 1308 Wallach Place, N. W.—Mr. Fletcher Morton, a teacher of History in the Beth-eene-Cookman College of Daytona Beach, Florida, accepted Miss Martha R. Bogan, the older daughter of the Bogans, and a teacher in the graded schools of Washington, D. C., to be his wife, "until death do them part." Eld. J. F. Whitfield, of 12th St. Church, officiated. Present were the near kin and intimate friends. The setting for the occasion was superior to many. Mr. John E. Bowie was the groom's man and Miss Dorothy Bogan, sister of the bride, was the bride's maid. The bridal party was really a super-formal picture. Many hundreds of the invited guests passed the receiving line, rooms filled with presents and to the dining room. The bride and groom left for New York and Newport News, honeymooning. It was a "big nite" for the Bogans and Mortons. Long live the Mortons.

The Junior Choir of the 12th

St. Church, led by Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, sang Xmas carols over the radio. Beginning in the studio and continuing to the homes, words of congratulations were galore.

"Why the chimes ring at Xmas time," was the title of a drama sponsored by the 12th St. Choir, and directed by Miss Sara E. Magowan; delightfully rendered at 12th St. on Xmas-Sunday night.

Our Bible school of our church, under the direction of Bro. W. C. Bowie, had its annual Xmas tree, by all stars of the Bible school, aged from 6 to 8.

Our pastor conducted a New Years revival for his Bro. C. L. Whitfield in Baltimore, Md., with 19 additions.

Prof. R. H. Peoples, secretary of the Negro churches, made helpful visit in the East, accompanied by his wife. He visited Brooklyn, N. Y. church, Hagerstown, Mt. Olivet and 12th St. and was guest of our Dist. quarterly meeting at Mt. Olivet, Baltimore, Md. He is really a "live wire" in the church, really has the "goods" and knows how to deliver them. Give us more Peoples.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held in Halstead St. Church, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 14th. We expect Bro. Peoples and wife to be present.

Eld. John F. Whitfield, our present pastor, was unanimously recalled to the pastorate of 12th St. during 1937.

Mr. Jesse W. Magowan, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., a graduate of Hampton College, is in the city, taking a special course, in Howard University.

OUR COLUMBUS, OHIO, CHURCH

By Mrs. D. C. Fowler

Our church is still marching up the King's highway, busy in kingdom building.

We heartily join Dayton in welcoming the National Convention. Dayton has a warm hospitality and you have no need to hesitate to come in large numbers.

Our Church, led by Bro. and Sister Craggett, will observe Christian Endeavor Day. World Day of prayer with city wide fellowship of the city interdenominational missionary society. This is under the Missionary Society of the church.

March 5th to 7th we entertain our 3rd Youth Meet which is an inspiring conference for young people.

This is a gift from the Ohio Missionary Society with Mrs. Bertha F. Parks, Mr. Stearns and some of our national workers.

The women also will hold conference.

We are counting on the women of Ohio who are loyal and true.

NEW CASTLE, PA., AND CANTON, OHIO

By ELD. HOWLAND BONNER

Went over to New Castle, Pa. Jan. 3rd and found a great field that can be cultivated to produce a great harvest. The spirit is there. I did enjoy being with the good people there and I intend to divide time, talent and efforts with the New Castle and Canton churches this year. A great work can be done in these two fields. I want the prayers of the brotherhood that these efforts will be a success and constructive to the cause of Christ whom we are all striving to serve.

ELD. H. T. WILSON CALLED TO CARLISLE, KENTUCKY

His Home Church)

Dear Brethren:

We are yet alive to see each others faces, altho the faces are scarce. But while they are absent from us in this earthly home, they are present with our Father in that bright heavenly home. We have had Bro. H. T. Wilson with us and he has taken an active part in keeping us together. He has even played the part as janitor. So Sunday called him to be our Shepherd. Altho our flock is small a few old sheep are left to eat grass, and we are training the little lambs to nibble along. Our birthday rally directed by Sister Aurelia Hamilton, brought us \$25.65. The lambs played an important part. I feel we are gradually becoming loyal to the cause and marching on to victory.

Eld. Everett and wife presented the church a ton of coal, which we very much appreciate.

Mrs. Aurelia Hamilton,
Secy. High St. Christian
Church, 109 N. Locust St.

T. W. PRATT

3412 Thomas St., Dallas, Tex.

Greetings to Bible School. On November 24, 1936, Jarvis Christian College, at Hawkins, Texas, dedicated nearly \$75,000 worth of new buildings. The college now needs a large new bell. It will cost about \$50. Wont your Bible school send a donation of not less than \$1.00 as a Xmas present to President J. N. Ervin, Hawkins, Texas. Thanks and best wishes.

The East puts Halsey Street Church, New York, on the map.

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KANSAS CITY 8TH. ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By VELMA ALLEN

Dear Bro.:

So goes another year the 8th St. Christian Church just closed a fine successful years work. Our pastor and his good wife have worked hard to lead out this year as never before and our membership have worked along with them. Every department of our church is wide awake. We are now trying to place the Christian Plea in every home in the membership. During the International Convention we celebrated the 25 years that our pastor has given to the ministry; it indeed was an elaborate affair. We had a large number of friends present, white and colored, throughout the country as well as here in the city. The members of the church are due much credit for this affair which brought to them honor as well as our pastor, Elder L. H. Crawford, and his good wife. There were a number of out of town guests; namely Prof. Peoples, of Ind.; Prof. W. Jacob, of Miss.; Rev. J. Walker, of Tenn.; Elder S. S. Myers, of Mo.; Mrs. S. Smith, of Ill.; Mrs. L. Walton, of Ill.; Elder Raymond Walton, of Kansas, and also the ministers of the various churches all attended and gave praises to the great gospel sermon that our pastor preached ending his twenty-fifth year in the ministry.

We also just closed during the month of December our pastor's 11th anniversary, this indeed was a grand event. We had a splendid program during the week with the assistance of pastors, churches, and friends rallying to us to make this one of the greatest events of the whole eleven years that he has been with us. Then the ladies

prepared a fine luncheon, a suit and a number of other gifts and money. We rejoice in the fact that our pastor during his eleven years has paid us out of debt and has now installed a costly heating system for our comfort. We feel happy that the Lord has blessed us with this great leader, who has guided us to victory—our victory so dear. We can't tell the great things he has done for us, space will not permit us to do so. We do know some day his crown will be adorned with the stars of his good deeds.

THE NEW YEAR

By Mrs. Mollie Lasley
Flatwood, Ky.

As a new year begins, we consider what are the principles, policies, and rules of life and conduct to depend upon; things we know will not fail us during the year ahead.

No doubt most of us have new thoughts, new ideas, and new resolutions to be tried out. Some of which will work and some will not.

There are three things you can always depend upon and will not fail. These are the Bible, Christ and Prayer.

The Bible is a personal guidance both in thought and action. It is a light unto thy feet and an inspiration to thy soul.

Christ's greatest teachings will fit into your daily life and His example will act as a corrective for every weakness that you discover within yourself. Prayer is a key to heaven. It changes ones attitude to God, to his neighbor and himself. One can find inspiration, help and forgiveness through prayer.

Time has brought another book,
All fresh and clean and white,

Upon whose leaves from day to day
My record I shall write.

The volumes that have gone before
Lie on my shelf of years;
Besmeared and blotted, soiled
and torn,
And sadly stained with tears.

How can I live this year the best?
Tis very simply done—
Just make each day a better page,
Than the preceding one.

ELD. L. R. GARRISON RESIGNS

Fayette, Miss.

I greet the church schools for their past faithful work. There is so much in front of us, it almost hides our past.

After fifty-five years in Bible School work — from the catechism of "Who made you?" "God," and "Who is God?" "An uncreated spirit" — have filled all departments, taught ten years, Home Supt. 15 years, District Supt. 8 years, member of the Board 22 years, and State Supt. 15 years.

Thinking of the passing of so many of our worthy southern ministers Keys, Moss, Travillian, Brown, Turner, Calvert, and others, I felt like following Elijah into the cave to hide till I went to the school at Edwar, Miss — S. C. I. — and saw the host of young folk being trained and here the reports of Prof. Cowan — that Samuel — and Prof. Jacobs and the whole Christian faculty headed by Prof. Long, out there ready for the firing line. I came out of the cave refreshed and with renewed courage.

I am making this request: that those I have served give me an anniversary, each dis-

strict being represented, that a committee of arrangements and time and place be appointed.

And now as I have served so long on the church rating plan, I am pulling the bridle off. Turn me loose in the pasture to make it if I can. If each one will give one penny a year for the fifteen years, it will put one last "feed in the trough" but don't hit me with the bridle reins as you let me go.

Yours for the cause,
Eld. L. R. Garrison, State
Supt of Church Schools
of Mississippi.

P. S. If you could see our Mt. Beulah College at S. C. I. you would get a vision and inspiration that would do your soul good and last you a long time. May God help us to bless this worthy and sacrificing body of faculty and students.

MARTIN AT MUSKOGEE

By O. V. Hargrove

December was a busy month for us including a popularity contest, of which our Pastor was one of the contestants, and a splendid program and tree given by the elderly people, students of a W. P. A. school that is being held in our church.

Christmas day we had a 5:00 a. m. service. At eleven there was a union service at Central Baptist Church. Our Pastor, Elder Wm. Martin, delivered an excellent sermon, with 25 or more ministers present.

We had a fine program and tree by our bible school.

On Jan. 1, the Inter-denominational Ministers Alliance, together with other civic organizations of the city, had an Emancipation program and a dinner was given to about 150 old people, and had some money left to help them some during the winter months. We had a part in it. Our bible

school is doing fine. The third year intermediate class challenged the young people's class in a financial contest in the bible school.

Our Endeavor is moving forward. The Social Committee gave a successful social at the home of Bro. and Sister E. M. Barrett. Our Triangle Club is awake and promises to do better work this year, also our Young People's Circle.

Sister E. Bass is feeble, not able to attend service now. The church remembered her with a basket of groceries, also Bro. and Sister King. We also remembered our students away in school with \$1.00 Christmas gifts.

THE NEED OF THE SPIRIT OF EVANGELISM

By J. E. BLAIR
State Evangelist

The central fact of Christian preaching, was and is today the intelligence that the Savior had come into the world (Matt. 4:23; Romans 10:15); and the first Christian preachers who called their account of the person and mission of Christ by the term "euangelion" (good message) were called euangelistai "evangelist" (Eph. 4:11; Ac. 21:8).

In view of the fact that your humble servant has been serving in this capacity since the last convention, and having made a survey, of the need of the state work, I have come to this conclusion, that we need to return to the spirit of the great men who had the courage of their convictions so strong in their minds until they could not rest day or night because they realized the obligation of evangelizing the world devolved on them.

We need the spirit of evangelism in the local (Eldership)

but! Alas! they have it not, no church can rise above its leadership. I deeply regret to say, that some of our good Elders seem to think of the preachers in terms of one who is seeking to exploit the church, and it is their duty to stand between the church and the preacher. I pray that these great men will soon come to the realization, that no church can survive the present crisis without a preacher, because the allwise God, who gave His only son to die for the sins of a lost world ordained preaching to save the world (I Cor. 1:21), from these words how can we feel satisfied without preaching which pleased God, and again the great advocate of evangelism, ask the question, to the church at Rome, how can they hear without a preacher? Rom. 10:15. And how can they preach except they be sent? The question is the same today. How can we save the state of Ky. unless the churches wake-up to the great needs of preaching.

We have in the state at this time a great number of our churches without pastors, and a great number of them are not having any preaching hardly at all. What is the trouble? Shall we the sons and daughters of God by faith in Christ, cry out that it can not be done? It was my Lord and yours, who said that all things are possible to them that believe, do we have any faith to believe that Christ promised to be with you every day, in carrying out His great commission, to go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

It requires faith; a faith that will revolutionize life, and place our feet on a high and holy plane of living. Some of our largest churches are being held up on the highway of

evangelism, by the cry that we can not care for a minister of the Gospel. May I encourage those who are weak in faith by saying that we should remember the words of the Apostle Paul when he said by inspiration, that it is written, that the just shall live by faith, and not by sight.

We should sincerely consider the work in terms of both home and foreign missionary work. I had the pleasure of talking with an elder of the church in a certain town, who said that my objection to the missionary society is that they take all my money away, is it not true that the reason why our churches do not do a greater work for the Lord, is because of the fact that we have been unable to develop the spirit of missions in the minds of those who wear the garb of elders in our local churches?

What the church needs today is men who are filled with the spirit of the Christ who gave His life that through His blood we might have life eternal. I pray that we will soon lift up our heads to discourage the spirit of evangelism. In order to evangelize the world not only our home state, it requires spiritual zeal, sincere love for the brotherhood, co-operation, on the part of the elders and deacons, and the church will follow in the train of evangelism.

An old preacher once said that: He that saves souls is wise. This is a challenge to the church of today, to be wise in saving the world for Christ. We are not of those who retreat from the front of evangelism, but we shall work on until we hear the summons, well done good and faithful servant, come and receive the blessing prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Youth's Corner

Ways of Financing Conference Expenses

II The Auxillary Plan

Due to the heavy burdens plus the ineffective measures for raising money, the plan of Conference Scholarships in the church budget is not always feasible. However the same church may and often does have one or more live, energetic auxillaries.

The auxillary plan is very simple. If and when the church is unable to provide funds for leadership training in Young Peoples Conference, any one or more auxillaries can assume a definite responsibility for a sum to be added to the conference scholarship fund. The Christian Endeavor Society and the Church School usually benefit from a trained leadership among the young people. These two with the help of such others as are interested can build up a fund to be added to the individual efforts of the young people to fill the quota.

It is not unfair, I believe, to ask prospective students to raise individually half of the Conference fee or about \$3.50. A student who has attended once may be able in most cases to raise at least one-half of the total expense. An advanced student, third and fourth years, may well be expected to organize his efforts to raise all of the transportation and one-half of the conference fees, thus being assisted only to the amount of \$3.50 by the church. There are exceptions, of course, as the boy who has to work for his widowed mother or the person having a serious illness or a girl who has no income due to the depressed economics of

a broken home, ill parents, etc.

Not only will the auxillary be interested in Conference as a training agency, but will be more likely to want to use profitably the training it has participated in by promoting to leadership the Conference student.

REPORT OF ELD. EVERETT CARLISLE, KY.

We have been able to reach our appointments only once this year, and that on irregular days. While we found ready response, many faces were missed. I was in Middletown and Aron Run. We held service here in the home of our good Bro. C. H. Johnson as we feared the high water. We had a fine service. That princess of young women Miss Sallie Johnson, who serves so faithfully her afflicted mother, and her dad gave us a splendid dinner. She is a wonder.

We drove to Mt. Sterling and preached in a few rallies for the W. B. M. They realized a neat sum and all report a well pleased audience and committee. Eld. C. H. Johnson, Master Elmer Johnson of Millersburg, and one Bro. Geo. Rodgers of the Run, went with us. Bro. C. H. Johnson remained with them for night service.

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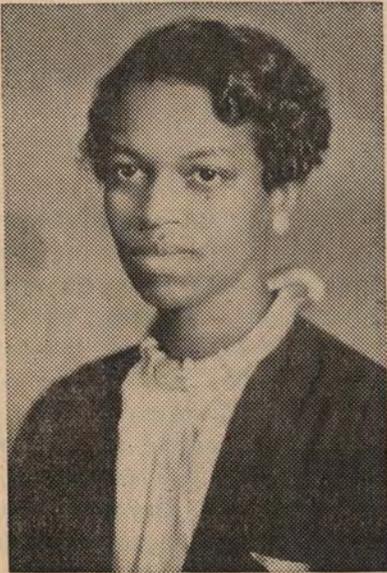
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Central Conference



(By Miss Edith Wilson, Ky. Bible School President, Secretary National Bible School Convention; refugee but not victim of the Louisville flood.

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Central Conference in Acrostics

C is for conferences.

E is for each year.

N is for no shirker.

T is for time.

R is for religious training.

A is for atmosphere—whole-some.

L is for location—Fee Memorial Institute — Nicholasville, Ky.

C is for classes — enjoyed by all.

O is for officers — elected by students.

N is for number wanted—77.

T is for faculty — efficient and willing.

E is for evening when ves-pers are held.

R is rising at 6:30 each morn.
E is for effort put forth by each person.

N is for napping from 1:30 to 2:30.

C is for Christ, Whose life pattern we are trying to follow.

E is for earnestness that pervades.

Our aims are higher than those of last year and, with the help of the states of Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Kentucky, these goals can be reached.

The writer would like to know how Ohio is progressing with its new conference program. Any assistance needed from this person will gladly be given. Ohio, in the event that you don't get your summer conference started, will you send your students to Central Conference, as you have done heretofore?

If Mr. J. H. Jones or Miss Deiveese, of Tennessee, should read this article, won't you get busy? For the past few years Tennessee has not had a student at conference. Tennessee, let's SEE what you will do for this year. Our friends' Bros. Hunt, Fields and Sister Taylor and others should get behind some person of conference age and send him or her to Central Conference.

Indiana is going to do five times more than last year. Illinois is to double her 1936 effort and KENTUCKY MUST do two and one-half times her 1936 record.

Looking forward to the largest conference of our brotherhood, I am,

Edith Wilson.

Sympathy Extended



Eld. W. M. Owens

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Greetings, Churches of Kentucky, from President Elder William Owens, Nicholasville.

Of the many churches in the flood area, some are churches of the Disciples of Christ; Some have been hard hit, no doubt, especially those of Paducah, Louisville, Covington, and the churches of Ohio.

We extend to those churches our heartfelt sympathy; and we commend the pastors and members of these for their courage and faith which bid them fight on and stand firm in this hour of trial. Our sympathy is not confined to this area, but to the entire Brotherhood who have in any way been sufferers.

Courage is indeed an attribute of true Christians, and by

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

TRUST — PSALMS 4:5

"Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord."

Man has always offered sacrifices — money, time, love, talent, even life, to fellowmen. God desires righteousness. My reasonable service is to present myself a living sacrifice holy and acceptable.

A few must suffer for the masses, "that works of God may be made manifest." Naaman the leper, Israel in the wilderness, man born blind, Christ on the Cross, Paul and Silas, or even our flood sufferers. Depression gone — we are leaving God. Religion as a depressed mind's child that when nourished with clear visioned trust in God becomes a soul's necessity. We have sinned against the church by our absence. Hell is banned against the church. Wickedness reigns in high places. It is not yet time to destroy the world. The Gospel has not been preached everywhere. Too many things have blurred our vision — the Sabbath has been desecrated: car riding, lotto and monopoly parties; theatre going; week-end trips. The preacher, a forgotten man, has pleaded for a hearing unmolested; the church has offered a warm welcome unrestrained; God has given His love, grace, mercy, without bounds; we have done so little, and received so much; the heathen has raged and we have imagined a vain thing; Earth's inhabitants are so corrupt that it has become likewise affected. God's world has become too small; like Napoleon, man

wants other worlds to conquer; he has become too self complacent. Too much trust has been placed in inventions and modern conveniences. God's store-house has been drawn on for self edification. "All we, like sheep, have gone astray."

God privileged man with two methods of escape — beast and boat. Richard III cried "A horse! a horse! my kingdom for a horse." From the Miami valley to the Gulf came the cry — a boat! a boat! Roads were blocked; tracks were inundated; second stories and even third were of no avail; planes were good only on land. Man-made lights failed; communications faltered; conveniences became mere occupants of room; families were separated; friends were helpless; possessions vanished; rich were leveled to the poor (lack of food, clothes, water); villages became desolate. God, from everlasting to everlasting, remains and the man whose trust is in Him is blessed.

May the fortunate form a chorus and exclaim in "concord" effort, with Job, "Though You slay me yet will I trust Thee."

Rev. Howard E. Fowler,
Pastor Christian Church,
Covington.

OUR ALARM CLOCK

Almost two thirds of the missionary year has gone. Two thirds of the expected and hoped for monies for the year's program support ought to be in; but how is it with each of our societies? With our good

intentions? And our New Year resolutions?

Religion is a wonderful power to talk about, but it has to be "worked" to be felt. Like "Portia's quality of mercy," it is indeed twice blest, blessing him that gives and him that receives."

There is no better way to "work it" than through the channels of our missionary organizations. Women of Kentucky Disciples, are we still asleep? Or, are we awake? Shall the last quarter find us trying to "catch up" to the first quarter? I do hope every church will have something to say about the last of March, of their success in sending at least a part of their aim, financially. Their year's aim spiritually and prayerfully. We have a story to tell to the nations, and the nations are depending on us for that story, so are our neighbors next door.

And what a happy time we will have repeating our experiences and results, at our next district meetings or our next Convention and through our "Plea." Will you be in that number with Danville and Midway and Louisville and Millersburg and Mayslick, Nicholasville and Others? The third quarterly report blanks are ready for you. Are you ready for them? May God bless you and help you to help Kentucky to "tell the story."

Sincerely,

E. Winifred Owens
Women's Missionary
State Cor. Sec.
220 E. Walnut St.,
Nicholasville, Ky.

ST. LOUIS IN 1937

Centennial closed out the old year in a creditable way, each department was able to enter 1937 with no outstanding debt. We have started with an earnest desire to end this year in much the same way.

The Church School understands more than ever that the future church has challenged her, hence, plans to stress Christian education to its uttermost. Four of the Church School leaders, Mrs. R. Logan, William J. Alphin, Fannie Williams, and Cheerful Wynn, are attending the Religious Education Training School at Union Ave. Christian School. The Church school was also able to secure small chairs for the elementary department.

The women have taken another step toward unified promotion. They have organized, under the leadership of Mrs. Oneida Reed, a Woman's Council, which is a unification of the Church Aid and Missionary Department.

The annual Lincoln-Douglass Banquet, sponsored by the deacons, promises to be a unique affair. All departments have a share in making this commendable for the deacons.

Miss Valeska Hart and her co-workers are planning a successful Christian Endeavor Day. Program for the day was: Miss Mary Willis, morning presider; Mr. Z. D. Lenoir, Professor of History, speaker; Dandall, elementary public school teacher, speaker; Miss Cheerful Wynn, evening presider — Playlet, "The Lady at the Window."

The young people were guests at the Union Ave. Christian Church Forum. They enjoyed an interesting discussion of Russian Literature before and after 1915, also, a very delightful tea.

The graduates for winter semester from Centennial were: Edna Bowers, Hubert Reynolds from Elementary School, Eddie Mae Davis and Nannie Yokely from High School and Valeska Hart from Stowe College.

Wm. Alphin, Pastor.
Cheerful Wynn, Reporter

Youth's Corner

WAYS OF FINANCING CONFERENCE EXPENSES

The Special Effort—Youth's Day

By V. G. Smith

While a church and its auxiliaries may be unable as organizations to actually contribute a stated amount to Conference Scholarship funds, sometimes they are willing to give way in the regular routine to permit the raising of funds for Conference experience.

A Youth Day is suggested as a fine use for such a period. Each Youths' Day program should be adapted to the particular habits of the churchgoers of the separate communities; i. e., some churches have their crowded sessions Sunday morning, others Sunday evening; some can successfully conduct an afternoon service. Some have operated successfully a church night program, omitting the preaching, others want a sermon. The Youth Group must adapt its program to the peculiar habits of the community.

Certain common things, however, ought to appear.

1. All activities in hands of young people, chair, master of ceremonies, special musical and literary numbers, ushers, deacons, etc.

2. A definite emphasis on

youth activities, its interests, its organizations, its needs.

3. A preacher who can appeal to and challenge youth, as well as make youth's problems real to maturity.

4. A planned program, operated on schedule, each participant prepared, each item in its place, each number with its appeal — an object lesson in what Conference stands for.

5. A worshipful worship program.

6. A day or service that is the product of youth efforts, not of adult ideas of what youth needs.

Such a Youth Day besides its inspirational and informational value, should produce funds for Conference scholarships.

THE FEET OF JUDAS

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
The dark and evil passions of his soul,
His secret plot and sordidness complete,
His hate, his purposing, Christ knew the whole,
And still in love he stooped and washed his feet.

Christ washed the feet of Judas!
And thus a girded servant, self-abased,
Taught that no wrong this side the gate of heaven
Was ever too great to wholly be effaced.
And though unasked, in spirit be forgiven.

And so if we have ever felt the wrong
Of trampled rights, of caste, it matters not,
Whate'er the soul has felt or suffered long,
Oh heart! this one thing should not be forgot:
Christ washed the feet of Judas.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"A setting sun should leave a track of GLORY in the skies"
—Dryden.

In the passing of Brother Grant K. Lewis, of Indianapolis, we lose another friend of our organized work.

His first appearance upon our horizon was in that brilliant Nashville address: "How a Man Feels in New Freedom of Faith," in our National Convention there in Bro. Taylor's time.

For many years we met him in the "Joint Exec.," where representatives of various interests were viewed from an many angles, and "how we did get tangled" sometimes.

But what a true friend of the Work he was, as shown in our "Larger City" Dependent Churches — Our schools — and what DIDN'T he do for Jarvis Christian College?

"At his best" in so many places: in committee room, on convention floor, drafting, reading and championing the "Report of the Recommendation Committee; at Washington, D. C., Cleveland, Cincinnati, Kansas City and the unforgettable Winston-Salem, N. C.

My choicest recollections are the day spent with him at his home in Indianapolis, the time he spent with me in our home here in Lexington and the cross country train ride that August Sunday morning returning from our Kansas City National; when a few hours out from St. Louis I felt a hand upon my shoulder and he slipped into my seat where reminiscences and dreams were counted and projected.

We saw him last in 1935 at Jackson, Miss., when he asked me to "sit in" on the committee relative to our National Field Workers and work. Brother Lewis was a mediator.

Abler tongues will tell of him but only we know what he was to us.

Bro. S. C. Divine gives a wonderful report of his good work as minister at Kenyan Avenue Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, since July, 1936.

Above all he reports progress, bright, and "Harmony in the camp."

His experience will be passed on to benefit others.

Prof. R. H. Peoples, our National Field Worker, will meet with our State Missionary Board at E. 2nd St., Lexington, Ky., Tuesday, March 30th—Ky. State Board note this date and come prepared.

The Plea was not in the flood but had the "flu."

After six years of Pastorate

and seven years absence from E. 2nd St. Church, Lexington, Ye Editor has been recalled to this service for a season, beginning the first Sunday in March.

At our Sunday morning service, March 14th, we wish to "call the roll" of the one hundred and seventy-odd persons who joined here during our former service. Hope they'll answer "Here."

Eld. R. F. Hayes and daughter, from Little Rock, Ark., spent two weeks in Lexington visiting old friends.

Eld. W. D. Campbell, our minister at Port Gibson, Miss., was at home in Lexington attending the funeral of his Elder Bro. Alexander, who was buried Feb. 12th. Services were conducted at the home of his father, Eld. Stafford Campbell, by C. H. Dickerson.

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And now comes Bro. Elmer Doolin with a fat check for the Plea from th Missouri Christian Missionary Convention. Of course others will follow Missouri as she followed Tennessee.

THE PLACE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH

By Prof. I. A. Gentry
Memphis, Tenn.

It is needless to point out the many, many times mere information of religious matters has proven a failure. Some of the greatest villains on earth have been learned in Biblical and secular matters. Even the Devil could quote Scripture, and he was quite convinced that there was a God. His knowledge of spiritual facts availed him little.

The object of the Sunday

School and of the church is that of making Christians. That is fundamental. The process is not that of instruction in an ordinary sense. Religious education is, or should be, leading people to gain spiritual experiences. It is more than that. It is leading them to love God, as well as to believe that there is a God. This is accomplished partly, perhaps, by imparting information, but more by far, by showing them how to come in contact with God.

Human knowledge may change, the form of spiritual experience may vary, even as the face of a friend may appear different, but God as our Father, will always be there as our companion, if we will it so. As a result, we may have faith in the future life with God. This is being educated religiously. Religious education is synonymous with the old term, "Christian nurture," a building up of Christian life spiritually and religiously, and it is what we need to get back to the Sunday School today.

The levels are lowered or lifted by the process of education. This is true of the individual, the family, or the nation. What is written into the program of education today will be manifest in the conduct of tomorrow. Neitzsche wrote into the German schools the doctrine of militarism. Frances Willard, ably supported by Helen Hood, placed Scriptural temperance teaching in the Sunday Schools and scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. It is not an accident, therefore, that in the very same era that Germany started the World War, the United States began the noble experiment of Prohibition.

One of the chief corner stones of our American democracy is religious liberty. The majority may determine every

question except that of religion. If we have only one citizen of any religious faith, our constitution guarantees to him the right to that faith. Everyone may worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. This has led to a complete separation of church and state, which very definitely affects our program of education. The state makes provisions for the education of the mind, and leaves the education of the heart to the church and its agencies devoted to developing the spiritual life. The state, with almost unlimited financial support, has built a system of public schools and state universities that challenges the admiration of the civilized world. It has produced and is producing a citizenry of amazing mental ability. Daily we are reminded of this fact by the achievements of this generation. This largely due to the American system of education for the intellect. Yet we have a crime wave that is a menace to civilization. An adequate spiritual motivation seems to be lacking.

THE WEST POINT, MISS., NEWS

By L. C. Quin, Jr.

District Superintendent

I am happy to say a word for the church school work in our district. Friday night, Feb. 12, marked the opening of a successful meeting throughout Sunday. It has been quite a while since we've had the Christian fellowship in such meetings and everyone seemed to have a new spirit for service. Eld. H. D. Griffins, our District Evangelist, who has brought inspiration and much needed information to the West Point District was an asset to the meeting.

We are striving to lift our

folk to a higher standard in service for Christ.

This can only be done through cooperative efforts.

I am so proud to learn from our good President, Bro. E. J. Jennings, that we can have and do have a Christian paper. I shall try to have it among more members of the District and city.

I am yours for the work.

"AND THE PASTOR AT DAYTON SAYS 'COME'"

Looking Forward

By Mrs. E. W. Wilbert
Dayton, Ohio

We, the members of the Norwood Christian Church, are looking forward to the greatest National Convention that we have ever had. Therefore we are looking for a large delegation to attend.

Plans are being made now that you might be cared for in grand style, so don't fail to come. The invitation is yours.

Being secretary of the Youth meet, let me urge all the young people to attend and as many adults as possible. It is held in Columbus, March 5th to 7th.

We are celebrating the 12th anniversary of our church. Beginning Feb. 23 through the 28th. A banquet on Friday, Feb. 26 closed out the celebration.

Rev. Eli W. Wilbert
Pastor.

Dayton is waiting — the delegates slating;

Dayton is calling to west and to east;

Wilbert's lamb's bleating and crowds ask for rating—

Onward! Make Dayton a spiritual feast.

C. H. D.

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THE MODEL ANNUAL BUSINESS REPORT OF OUR MEMPHIS, TENN., CHURCH, SENT IN BY DR. J. E. WALKER

Eld. B. T. Hunt, Pastor

Income

Church.....	\$2,126.08	
Bible School	190.21	
Christian Endeavor	34.59	
Sunshine Fund	41.28	
Women's Missionary Society	60.31	
TOTAL	\$2,452.47	\$2,452.47

Disbursements

Church	\$2,125.11	
Bible School	172.87	
Christian Endeavor	24.72	
Sunshine Fund	40.08	
Women's Missionary Society	57.36	
TOTAL	\$2,420.14	\$2,420.14

NET 32.33

Members added 1936-24.

MISSISSIPPI NEWS

District meeting for the Church Schools of District No. 2 held its meeting in January, 1937, with the program conducted by Prof. E. R. Trevillion. Eld. W. D. Campbell, the new pastor, full of enthusiasm, brought the welcome in behalf of the church, after which Miss Clymathas, the most brilliant little daughter of Brother and Sister R. D. King, gave the welcome in behalf of the Church School.

On Saturday afternoon Elder H. D. Triffin, pastor of Hermanville, pastor of 1st Christian Church, preached.

His text was John 15:4. The subject, "The Secret of a Fruitful Life." He has pastored in Washington, D. C., and came to us a few months ago. We ago. We are proud of him and Brothr Campbell and feel that they will be assets to the state at large.

As our ministerial forces have been constantly passing.

The Hermanville 1st Church plans to have a new building soon. It will be erected by Bro. J. A. Wilson, officer of that church.

The Jennings Brothers will give several days' donation to the church, which will mean much speed to the job.

E. Jennings, president State Church School Convntion, L. B. Brown, organizer Christian Endeavor, with Bro. J. A. Wilson, District Superintendent, and his wife, Mrs. B. E. Wilson, motored over to Big Zion Chapel Sunday, Feb. 8, where we enjoyed the services. Eld. H. D. Griffin preached to the congregation, also.

Mrs. Jennings is the president of her home church Missionary Society, and also a member of the State Board. She is indeed a worker.

Good reports from our old friend, F. D. Griffin, in Mississippi, and "my son," S. C. Devine, in Cincinnati, are among the numbers that must wait for next issue.

The Poets' Corner

THE ONE WHO JUST CAN'T TAKE IT'

By Mrs. E. C. Green
N. Middletown, Ky.

In speaking of what we call life,
Some say it is "what we make it;"
And the greatest failure in the strife,
Is the one that "just can't take it."

Life is a game that we all can play,
There are rules that will mar or make it;
A success, or failure day by day,
Therefore, one should learn to "take it."

Who it is, whenever you mention a rule,
And say it is wrong to break it,
Presumes you're considring him a fool,
It's the one that "just can't take it."

The truth's withheld from millions today;
There's good news but some won't break it;
Some ministers don't give the gospel full sway,
Because some people "just can't take it."

Th road to success is open to all,
But only a few will make it;
And the one that fails to "rise after a fall"
Is the man that "just can't take it."

Dayton is the hub — The Oceans, Gulf and Lakes are the Tire.

"QUESTING OF A PANACEA"

By MISS HELEN E. HENRY
Waco, Texas

Have we reached the bottom of the cycle in our Negro Christian churches? If so, are we facing forward? These two questions are paramount. Some times I feel that we have reached the bottom and that as a result we are facing forward again. And then when I look about me and view the conditions of our church as a whole I wonder. I feel that if we have reached the bottom, we are for the most part trying to

make it deeper so that we might go farther down instead of rising to the top again.

I was discussing the conditions of our church with my pastor comparatively with those of other churches, and he said we cannot get around the fact that these other churches have progressed. We stand and hammer on the fact that we are right and in many of our communities where we once had growing churches, save for a few untiring souls we are dead and the other churches are moving on. We can't get around the fact that something is wrong with us.

Jesus said: "I if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all me unto me." Oh for a little more faith in Him, oh for a little more courage to do the things he would have me do day by day, instead of grasping after high offices in the church, state work, or national brotherhood, for honor and a big name. Oh, for a little more power to preach the gospel to a perishing world without sugar-coating and compromising. Oh, for a little more willingness to suffer, endure and sacrifice for the cause of the kingdom.

Once I believe we were conscientious Christians, unmindful of serving for honor and a big name. I believe that some years back our churches were free from politics. Already some folk have begun to whisper around and ask who do you think should have such and such a place in our state and national work—is that the Master's method? When He sought out His disciples to carry on after Him? No, a million times no, not one time did He hover men about Him in that manner, he simply asked men to follow Him, busy men whom he felt would be willing to bear

hardships, suffering and even death without flinching. Some one remarked to me at our last national convention that so and so thinks they should have a certain office but so and so should have it because they have more prestige and more culture and more this and that. Is that what our brotherhood needs? I should think not, it needs prepared, clean, upright, honest men and women, sweet tempered, with the love of Christ and the grace of God ever over-flowing in their hearts, willing to go through all sorts of weather and besetments to bear the cross and to be beaten with many stripes from worldly foes and regardless as to what comes go as did Bro. Peter in (Acts 5:41) rejoicing that they are counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

Much of this goes for the rest of us who are not born to leadership but must keep the home fires burning. When we can bring ourselves to the point where we can live Christ-like lives, possessed with the love of Jesus and the grace of God instead of standing around in close corners saying I am going to vote for so and so, I don't like so and so, and letting those who seek office for prestige bribe us the old church I believe will march on, ever facing forward.

If I were a minister I don't believe I could accept every good thing while the mass of my membership can barely keep their heads above starvation. I know a certain minister in this city who gets \$200 every month. One of his poor laymen went down town and purchased a nice suit of clothes for his son when his own boys and girls could scarcely hide their nakedness. How utterly selfish this minister was to ac-

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cept knowing conditions. I went into a home of a member of another church who lay dying from an incurable disease, who did not have the common necessities of a sick room, there she lay upon a hard bed, no linen save an old faded spread. I carried to her a package containing these necessities given by a relative of mine who belongs to my church, while her pastor drew a large salary, had all of the comforts of life and rode around in a fine car and never even came by to see her because of the disease she had. Yet our ministers or some of them who promised to sacrifice and go through the fields if necessary and pluck and eat grain as did the Master and suffer want to live like these men. They always point them out.

We are often prone to say that we are living in a modern age, we can't do like the saints of our early church life. But the saints lived during the modern period of their age and they had comparatively speaking the same things to go up against. They chose to follow Jesus rather than be priest and fare easy, some of them gave up high places in life to spread the gospel, so as far as modernity is concerned they were faced with as many grave problems as are we. In this modern day of ours few are willing to give up any sort of position for the cause unless we see where the place relative to the kingdom offers us greater advantages to become big in the sight of mankind or more money. God does not need selfish men and women in His business.

I believe that there is just one person we should want to be great in the sight of and that is the heavenly father.

And I believe that our greatness in His sight is measured by our meakness, our humility, our willingness to suffer, love, share and sacrifice. Whether I hold the greatest responsible place in the brotherhood matters not. In His sight I am no greater than the janitor of my church if he or she possesses these qualities.

I believe that our churches which are failing and barely existing will be restored to their natural growth, when meekness, huimility and the willingness to suffer, love, share and sacrifice bgins with our pastors, departmental heads, both state and national, so strong that it will be felt in everybody. When we can lose sight of the sectarian world and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Surely there lies somewhere a cure for the waste and destruction in our church. Cannot you and I find the panacea? We can if we are willing to try, it all depends upon our meekness, our humility, our willingness to suffer, love, share and sacrifice. Together let us in this new year begin to face forward.

"My People!" And still they send 50 cents for one year's subscription. Thanks, many, but the "Cut Rate Drive" closed Jan. 15th, and 50 cents means six months now. N. B.

Flood sufferers and friends will not forget the church. It might have been worse.

Put the Plea in your home.

"Stewardship in the large, is Jesus Christ's philosophy of life. Something else may be religion, but not the religion of the New Testament. In the wide sweep of present world-

movement, stewardship is at the heart. Civilization is steward of the higher human values. The men who have are stewards in behalf of the men who have not. To have is to owe."

Are you reading the Plea? If not, why not?

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

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the prayers of the entire Brotherhood ascending in your behalf we feel that out of this chaos wll come a greater realization of the necessity of a closer stand for the true religion of our faith.

We hope the Brotherhood of Kentucky are planning to exhibit our true love for the Master's cause in making our coming State Convention the greatest in history. "The suffering of this present world are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." The sufferings of the flood ought not in any way retard our work; but we should work the more to advance the Master's Kingdom.

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Missionary Giving In Kentucky



Prof. D. I. Reid

Of Lexington, over 30 years secretary of the State Missionary Convention. He writes Lexington Herald news.

Editor Christian Plea:

Apportionments based on convention representation has been announced to the churches by the envelope system. This system was used some fifteen years ago, more or less, and proved to be successful. Brother F. T. Floyd was then state evangelist, or possibly it was Brother I. H. Moore. At that time the annual assessment was \$1.00 for the year, per member, equivalent to 8 and 1-3 cents a month. Since then the apportionment has been reduced to 5 cents per month or 60 cents a year.

Our Kentucky convention or-

ganized in May, 1873, had before it the prime objective of supporting a program of evangelizing in Kentucky. This was the task that was taken, and which our Kentucky convention has ever attempted to carry out. Whenever the time shall come that the original objective ceases to be the aim of our Kentucky convention, at that time new dates should be set up and new serial numbers begun. That means that instead of the 64th Kentucky Missionary convention, we begin anew as the 1st annual with a new purpose and system.

The assessment of 5 cents a month for state evangelism does not prevent foreign missionary workers from asking for 5 cents a month more. And if there are other missionary agencies let them ask to the limit of our ability to give. There can be no harm in that. But let us regard some system as to the importance of the various demands. Let us preserve first of all the work of the fathers, who attempted to build for self help. Who evidently had in mind a sacred regard for "Christian Liberty."

We use the words assessments and apportionments for want of better expression. For there is no taxation on those who do not feel the urge and call to do something to help others.

Kentucky convention can not expect contribution from those

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THE CHURCH AT TAYLOR, TEXAS



Mrs. Maude Davis

Minister of our church in Taylor, Texas.

Dear readers of the Plea:

I bring you a report of Murphy Street Christian Church at Taylor, Texas.

Eighteen months ago, I was asked to take the pastorate of this church which cradled and nurtured me.

Once one of the prides of Texas, in recent years has had its reverses. Migration and death have greatly diminished the roll.

For ten years it had done very little in a spiritual way and absolutely nothing in constructive work.

The building became badly impaired and the good work of that prince of preachers the late Elder M. T. Brown was in

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Dear co-worker the time is passing and so are we and the close of missionary year will soon dawn and will we have done our best to send the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth through our missionary giving. We are happy to say we have half our national apportionment and a third of our state apportionment and with the observance of Easter week of prayer we hope to go over the top. Plans have been made for services each night, closing with sunrise prayer meeting and sacrificial offering.

We are also praying that some one may come to Christ and that the church be spiritually strengthened. Our district meeting is history and the weather was very unfavorable. We drove to Springfield three car loads and had a fine meeting with church missionary societies and its department Bible School, Christian Endeavor Society. Making round reports and thereby raising largest amount of money. World day of prayer was fine to the local church, the fellowship with eleven different churches. Also the youth meet. The meeting was largely attended with sixty some delegates from over the state come and mostly were young people, attractive boys and girls, those who will soon take their place and become the future church. And are we looking forward to these fine young people putting over the program in a much larger and more effective way than we have for the fine training which they are receiving in the

meets and conferences as well.

We would that each state could have a youth meet to show our young people of some attractive things which the church has to offer. Truly it is a week-end of information, inspiration, a chance to talk and discuss the program of the church with those who soon shall be the present church. The faculty of the youth meet has much to their credit. Mrs. Bracy, our national field worker, Miss Bertha Parks, state secy. (for Ohio white churches) and a real friend to us and truly a Christian in deeds as well as words. Mrs. Hedges, a returned missionary from Africa, Mr. Sterns, Eld. Wilbert of Dayton church, Miss Nellie Clark, one of our own members and Eld. and Mrs. Craggett with the faithful local workers can be proud over the fine work of our youth meet.

As a great effort for youth Ohio Christian Missionary Society has for three years made the youth meet possible. May the Almighty further bless them.

A MESSAGE TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

By MRS. HENRY L. HEROD
Pres. Women's National Missionary Convention, Indianapolis, Ind.

Easter comes early this year and already we feel the spirit of spring in our hearts. Now is the time to be up and doing! Where could we make a better start than in the Missionary Society?

As we plan our Easter offering let us give serious thought

to its meaning, and its many implications. Jesus went to the cross because of His great love for all the peoples of the world. As we meditate on His devotion and loyalty and the sacrifice He so willingly made as an expression of that love, may our giving at this time show real gratitude. One of the best ways to manifest love is through sacrifice. May we have a real desire to deny ourselves in an effort to give to the world the Christian message. As missionary women we must have a share in giving not only the Christian message, but in sending the torch of education which will bring enlightenment and the knowledge of better living. Not all of us can go to the missionary fields, but all of us who are Christians can do our part at home, and that part depends on money—the money we give.

This is also a splendid time to check up on our achievements during the past nine months of the missionary year. We have now little more than three months to do many of the things that should have been done long ago. How prone we are to procrastinate; to feel that we still have ample time. Let us not put off raising our apportionment until June and then begin frantically trying to get it together. From this day on, let us double our efforts toward the realization of our goals.

It has been my privilege to visit a few of the missionary societies in Arkansas, Ohio and Tennessee, and everywhere I have gone I have been greatly encouraged by the courageous

spirit shown by our women. Not only are they striving to reach all aims which have been set, but they are endeavoring to raise some plus money, which is so necessary if we are to accomplish some of the things we have dreamed of. In that spirit, I am asking that as we approach Easter Sunday we shall be thinking together of world missions, of its imperativeness, and give.

**MISSIONARY GIVING
IN KENTUCKY**

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who have not been informed what it is all about. Supporting a state program of evangelism at present is the prime objective, whether or not, of every department of our state work.

This program has been greatly abused at times, and we have attempted to support other leaders of groups as organizers and presidents, etc., to the sad neglect of preaching to save the unsaved. However we should let and allow place for development, but never at the expense of basic aims.

One penny a Sunday will carry our state work; two pennies, our state and national; three pennies, state, national and foreign; four pennies, will take in assistance for the auxiliaries. All unable to set aside 5 cents a week are naturally exempt at least for the time being.

D. I. Reid, secretary,
W. M. Owens, president.

**YOUNG PEOPLES
WORK OF MISS.**

By MRS. H. D. GRIFFIN

Miss. State Secretary

I made two visits to Rose Hill Church and organized young people's society with nine members.

Eld. N. R. Travillian and the officers are squarely back of this good work.

Two visits to Tillman's Chapel and organized there with ten members and the good help of Pastor Isiah Simmons.

Visited Forrest Grove and Garden Station. Shall visit them again.

Found no mission work at Providence. Visited Indianola and Greenwood churches. Eld. H. D. Griffin, pastor at Indianola along with Dr. A. R. Walker and Prof. L. C. Williams, etc.

We need the cooperation and prayers of all the sisters in the state. We save ourselves by saving others.

All who cannot go can send. We hope all observe the worlds day of prayer.

Watch the Plea for National Program.

**THE CHURCH AT
TAYLOR, TEXAS**

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decay and nothing to entice one to lead this flock save the loyal spirit of a faithful few and a burning desire to work in a needy field.

When the missionary society which we organized sponsored a program with the A. M. E. pastor as guest speaker, we found no song books, no pulpit bible. Everything materially to humiliate and embarrass. Now conditions are quite different. The interior surpasses any Negro church building in this little city. This swaggering building was leveled, windows were put in and general repairs done, building insured against storm and fire, all new interior. Four dozen new hymnals were purchased. A twenty-five dollar pulpit bible, new covers and scarfs for pulpit tables, and piano, and a neon cross suspended.

All departments of church are on the firing line. The religious education is supervised by Mrs. Arah Evans Garrett, one of the city teachers. She efficiently directs her forces and reaches her goals with the help of a college bible school faculty.

Miss Evelyn Hatcher, a Jarvis graduate, is president of an alert Endeavor Society. Mrs. Susie Marshall leads the Aid Society. Mrs. W. F. Hatcher is the ambitious president of the missionary society. Miss Etta Mae Wright who is president of the youth's club sponsors very interesting educational programs, their theme was Negro Women Builders.

Bro. Baldrige Woods is chairman of the Prayer Circle. This club is very busy with their program during the Lenten season. As we approach the Cross of Calvary, we are canvassing the city of Taylor which will close with an all day prayer and meditation service on Good Friday.

We are so grateful to God that we have been able to expand the vision of this faithful few and deepen their determination to carry on in promoting Kingdom building, but we do strive to feed this flock by lifting up Jesus and the Book. We refrain from dogmas, fancies and modernistic trends and give them the unadulterated gospel.

We are going forward with our constructive program to paint the exterior of the building and repair the parsonage.

We are now being urged to come to the Rio Grande Valley of this vast state to "life up Jesus." This is a section where any kind of church is sparse. May God ever direct our path that we may serve where most needed.

Faithfully yours,
Mrs. Maude Davis.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and did run to bring His disciples word." Mat. 28:8.

Old Kentucky could use a few good hand-picked ministers who could readily fall in line with program of the state or help us form a better one.

Eld. Stafford Campbell, nearly forty years minister at Paris, Ky., is still going strong. We can say of him nearly all of what the "Little Giant" Steven A. Douglas said of Abraham Lincoln in that famous debate. That Abe was the "honestest, earnestest, ablest and ugliest man in the party." Most of this goes for Bro. Campbell. So between him and our youngest scion, Bro. Bradley Gentry, there is room for some half dozen more of good report.

Among the vacancies are:
Winchester, address Mr. C.

W. Clay, 9 Pearl St., Winchester, Ky.

Hustonville, address Mr. A. D. Anderson, Hustonville, Ky.

Midway, address Mr. Jas. Campbell, Midway, Ky.

Danville, address Mr. Charles Beard, 446 Russell St., Danville, Ky.

Milledgeville and Junction City, address Mr. J. W. Miller, Moreland, Ky.

In these churches are some of the finest people you ever met. Our Hustonville official board is made up of some of the best men in Lincoln county. All of them attend Sunday School regularly. Bro. Sam Yowel is Bible class teacher and chairman of official board.

Brother John D. Hutsell is chairman of the Winchester board.

Sister S. L. Bostick of Little Rock, Ark., announces the marriage Jan. 24th, 1937, of Miss Mae Ruth Hays to Mr. Ball. Eld. M. M. Bostick officiating.

Eld. Robert Jordan, once of California, has organized a splendid young church in Detroit, Mich. Eld. J. E. Blair has moved from Danville to Mt. Sterling, where he recently baptized six.

Ye Editor is again serving East 2nd St. here in Lexington for a season—till they can do better. Fourteen have been added since the first of the month.

Ky. is bridging the Christian Plea over this month, following Mo. and Tenn. Surely proud Kansas or big Texas should respond with other underwriters.

"Meet me at Dayotn" is the latest national slogan. The state says come, the church says come and "Whosoever will let him come."

Easter Certainty

By Mabel Niedmeyer

I do not know how Christ appeared to Mary on that day,

Or to the two who walked with him along Emmanus Way; But I have often talked with Him, and He has walked with me.

Forgive me, Lord, when I have been too occupied to see.

And may the heart of all our people ring true to the Easter bells and respond in a manner commensurate with all our wonderful benefits.

The Central Young Peoples Conference will sponsor another essay contest this year for its second meeting in Nicholasville, Ky.

SERMON

By BRO. EUGENE MASON
Edwards, Miss.

Sub.: "The world lies a cripple at the door of the Temple of the Future."

Text: "Then Peter said silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

The text gives a picture of Peter and John going to the temple at the ninth hour. Many people were going and at the gate lay this man, lame from his birth, and seeing Peter and John about to enter the temple he asked alms of them. As these two men were going into the gate this lame man naturally expected something of men especially as they professed to be followers of Christ. Even so are the people expecting something of you and of me, and to any one who dares to follow the Christ. But not in the spirit that this lame man was expecting. He expected silver or gold, and Peter said: "Silver and gold have I none but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

As we go into the temple of

the future, and see the world as it lies a cripple at the door of the temple of the future, and it is asking something of you and of me. What can we give?

The lame man was begging, crying for help. So is this crippled world. It is crying for better churches. In reading a magazine I learned that of 600 sermons published last year and only one was on hunger. 600 sermons published and none dealing with sickness in anyway. When there are millions of people who need to be ministered unto. 600 sermons and none dealing with sex adjustments, when this adjustment is needed in the lives and in the homes as well. 600 sermons published last year and only a few on peace.

Many others were preached that were compromising. Many times the preacher is unable to preach those true gospel sermons, because of economic reasons, and he thinks that he must compromise, and many do. If a church is large enough to call a pastor then it should support him. And he would not have to think of where his next meal is coming from. He need not try to be the pastor of four churches. What are we going to do about it?

The world is crying for peace. But it will never have peace as long as it still believes in the law of Moses "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." It shall never have peace as long as it continues to rearm. More progress is being made toward rearming than it has ever been known in history. We shall never have peace as long as the world loves war.

Christ must be enthroned in the hearts of men, then peace shall reign.

As we picture this world a cripple at the door of the temple of the future, we see a

problem. Where is the solution?

The world was not made in one day, it took time. Even so to solve this problem.

First let us accept the present conditions as they are, always seeking to change them.

Second, give example of patience under pressure. Not a finer example can be shown than in the persecutions of the early Christians, and in the life of Christ. We must therefore give this crippled world an example of patience under pressure.

Third, many people believe that true happiness consists in silver or gold as the lame man at the gate. But we can teach that true happiness consists not in what we possess, but what possesses us.

Fourth, to this part of the world that believes in giving praise to men who uplift life, according to their color, creed or social standing. We must prove as Christians, that Christ has broken down the middle wall of the partition and those who uplift life are not bond men, free men, Greek or Gentile, but men.

The world sings Carry Me Back to Old Virginia, not because a Negro wrote alone. The world sings Keleenka, not because it is a Gypsy folk song in Russia. The world sings Silent Night not because a German wrote it alone. Why? Because music knows no race, color or creed.

The world reads Dunbar, Shakespeare, Longfellow equally, why? Poetry knows no limit. The world praises Thomas Edison and Geo. W. Carver equally, why? Science knows no difference.

Watch the Plea for National Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

Recommendations of National Bible School Convention from Tulsa, Okla., Aug., 1936:

1. That the recommendations of 1935 be received and followed out.
2. That the youth movement be sponsored throughout the brotherhood by our national field secretary.
3. That the S. S. department raise \$5,000 for the P. H. Moss Memorial Fund, payable semi-annually and annually.
4. That our president be the delegate to attend the International Convention; his expenses are not to exceed ten dollars.
5. That the honor shield award be continued.

Recommendations of 1935:

1. That there be one joint recommendation committee for the whole of all departments of the convention and that the constitution and by-laws provide for the number and members of the committee.
2. That the state presidents search their states for competent workers and encourage them to attend state and national conventions and bring demonstrations of work done.
3. That the program committee work out a correlated program.
4. That each state president make two complete surveys of the state work to encourage and build up the local work.
5. That report cards be sent out each quarter to gain information concerning the local work.
6. That the national president be advanced an amount for correspondence work.
7. That each state represent with five (5 dollars and each local school with two (2) dollars.

8. That the name of the department be changed from Bible School to Church School.

9. That each officer make an itemized report of all receipts and expenditures.

Officers for 1936-1937:

President, Eld. S. S. Myers, Kansas City, Mo.; First V.-Pres., Miss J. Howard, Oklahoma; Sec. V.-Pres., Eld. Eli Wilbert, Dayton, Ohio; Rec. Secy., Miss E. Wilson, Louisville, Ky.; Cor. Secy., Eld. R. Walton, Chicago, Ill.; Treas., Dr. R. S. Fields, Memphis, Tenn.

"THIS ONE THING WE DO"

To the President and Officers of the Christian Endeavor Society: Greetings.

We all love the Christian Plea because its object is to serve the cause of New Testament Christianity in the interest of the Christian Churches of America. The editor of The Plea wishes to see the Plea serve the best interests of our local churches as they in turn serve their particular communities.

The Christian Plea is the mouth-piece of the Negro Disciples, so every true Disciple must and will stand behind it to boost it and promote it. We are, therefore, appealing to and asking the young people to join in a Brotherhood campaign to boost the Christian Plea in a special way.

Will you have your Christian Endeavor Society to secure from the treasury or lift an offering of \$2 and send to the editor, C. H. Dickerson, 340 Ohio St., Lexington, Kentucky, on or before the third Sunday in April, 1937.

Yours for a Greater Plea,
C. W. Arnold, President,
National C. E. Convention.

APPEAL TO S. S. WORKERS

Every organization is made up of component units. This is as true of the State Bible School work as of our state or national government. The state work is divided into districts and in order for the state to maintain its standards and discharge its various financial obligations, every district must be alive and alert to its particular task, that particularly of aiding in the maintenance of our Young People's Conference and the upkeep of the general state work. District II decided that they would hold only two meetings this year. The last meeting was held in Midway, Ky., in November and while it was an unqualified success from the standpoint of spiritual inspiration, so many of our Bible schools failed to send representatives or to report with finances. At that meeting we asked each Bible School to report at our next meeting with \$5 aside from the regulate delegate and enrollment fee which is \$3. We outlined a plan for a "Calendar Rally," but each school is requested to raise the money by any method best adapted to its local situation.

It is absolutely essential that each school live up to its obligation to the district in order that this great work of our state can go on.

The Danville Bible School is planning to entertain the next district meeting about the first of May and we are expecting Stanford, Morehead, Georgetown, Hustonville, Nicholasville, Junction City, Lexington E. Second, Lexington Prall St., Midway and Danville to come bringing in the sheaves.

Viola E. Smith,
President, District II.

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JONES ST. CHURCH BLUEFIELD, W. VA.

By R. E. CARTER, Minister

We are "marching" and this month brings us one fourth of the way on this twelve month's journey, with the Lenten season, passion week, and Easter Sunday. We recall with fair reason to lament the passing of Sisters Emma Banks and Etha Christian, mother and sister of Bro. J. E. Banks and Sister Roberta Costia.

Sister Banks passed Feb. 1st, after spending more than fifty years in the cause of Christ, being among the founders of the Tazewell, Va., church and also the Jones St. Church, of which she was an active member until the end.

Sister Costia had been a loyal member from early youth until the end came on Feb. 13. There is no flock howsoever tender,

But one dead lamb is there—
There is no fireside howsoever defended,

But has one vacant chair.
"Jesus while our hearts are bleeding

O'er the spoils that death has won.

We would say at this solemn moment

Calmly say, 'Thy will be done.'

"God knows the way, He holds the key.

He guides us with unerring hand,

Sometime with tearless eyes we will

Yes, there, up there, will understand."

Since childhood, we remember the loyal service of Sister Emma Banks.

She was a preachers wife and always rang true. And so passes another old landmark.

—Editor.

Youth's Corner

By V. G. SMITH

Atlanta, Ga.

Ways of Financing Conference Expenses

IV The Special Effort, Tag Day

For awhile Tag Days appeared about as often as wash days, but because of its popularity, it hibernated and is seldom used.

The term is self explanatory and the operation so universally known little if any explanation is needed. An attractive tag may be printed but would be more valuable if made by some artistically inclined member of the youth group. These could be sold by the Church School group, remembering that while young people can cover more ground, children can sell more tags in almost any given area due to the reluctance of adults to turn down a child. Primary and juniors make good salesmen. A party could be promised the winning church school class or department in the elementary division to stimulate sales.

Personally, I do not believe advisable the selling of tags by the Conference students as they are the beneficiaries. But this is only a personal opinion. Organization of efforts and preparation of rewards as well as production of tags if home drawn will tax this group.

One hint, have a tag day with emphasis on the day, not tag week or tag month. Organize well, start early, advertise widely and complete the money raising with the day.

Lost, strayed or stolen one Mr. Jas. Dickerson of Box 3, Wilberforce, Ohio. Finder claim reward.

MIDMAY, KENTUCKY

ELLENE M. JACKSON, Rep.

A drama portraying the Negro's interpretation of Negro Spirituals was presented at the A. M. E. Church on Wednesday evening by Bro. R. L. Saunders for the benefit of the three colored church of the city. A capacity audience witnessed the performance.

A program of activities for the month of Feb. was instituted and conducted by Bro. R. L. Saunders. Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14, Mr. P. D. Alexander, a student of Kentucky State College at Frankfort, spoke to an appreciative audience at the Christian church. His subject dealt with the progress of the Negro.

During a period of the morning service Sister Katharine Johnson discussed a phase of Africa and its people as studied by the missionary societies, illustrating with a poster in the form of an outline map of Africa. It proved quite interesting and instructive.

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, Rev. Lynem of the A. M. E. church, preached at our church and his choir furnished the music in the interest of the Missionary Society. The points stressed in his sermon were: courage, tact, love and faith.

Bro. Albert Douglas II, made brief, but interesting remarks.

The president, Miss Evelyn Thomas and the secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Printers received the birthday offering, assisted by the ever-faithful Bro. Geo. Guy of the Methodist Church. Sister Ellena Webster who had charge of this program, offered a fervent prayer for the missionary gift.

We note an increase in the Bible School attendance which encourages our able superintendent, Miss Rosairene John-

son to press forward. We should realize that each department is a part of the church, and not one separate, distinct organization. When we can both spiritually and financially, we shall see the church expand.

PLACE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN CHURCH

(Concluded from last issue)

By PROF. I. A. GENTRY

The leader of church schools, especially, need to have a clear vision of their task and its objectives. Their work is not something that may be done; it is a work that must be done. They need also to have a keen sense of their responsibility. If they fail, civilization fails. These leaders also need to be set free from any bondage to local, denominational, or institutional interests. By this we do not mean the slightest disloyalty to these organizations, but rather to manifest to them the highest loyalty by enlisting them in a community-wide movement to secure universal Christian education. To accomplish such a gigantic and vital a work they must steadfastly seek to secure every element of support and every condition of education that will guarantee success to their labors.

Among these may be mentioned: First, an expanded program. This will require more time than the one-hour Sunday session, which does not afford adequate opportunity to teach all the truth needed to equip people for complete living. This is not a subordination of the Sunday School idea but rather an enlargement of the Sunday School idea.

Second, an adequate and well trained leadership.

Third, public support must

be secured. It would be impossible for any many in any community in America to rear a family of children without intellectual education and avoid criticism. Public opinion has determined and does determine that ignorance is a menace to a democracy, and therefore has determined to remove it. Yet a man can rear a family without giving to them the advantages of christian training, and nobody interferes. This attitude of public opinion must be changed. Spiritual illiteracy is as dangerous to a democracy as intellectual illiteracy. Leadership, time, and public support for religious education must be secured or the crop of clever crooks will increase until the very foundations of society will be shaken and civilization itself will collapse.

Our National President J. N. Ervin, of Hawkins, Tex., is calling a conference and Program Committee to meet in St. Louis, Mo., March 31st.

A MIND TO WORK

By R. L. SERCY
Dallas, Texas

So we built the walls, then we joined together even to the half for the people had a mind to work. Neh. 4:6. The one thing our people need is the spirit of working. Any work is easily done when the people have a mind to do it. With a willing mind the job is about half done. The one thing that marked the progress of our good leader here in the text, is that not only did the leader have the spirit but his followers had a mind to do the things told them; therefore the walls were finished. Here we find unity; the word "We" tells us that they were united.

This is the mind of Christ. He said as long as I am in the world I am the light of the world, I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day. He realized that the sun of righteousness would soon go down; therefore He madh hay while the sun was shining. Rev. 14:13 tells us that the people who die in the Lord will be blessed, the spirit says they shall rest from their labors and their works shall follow them. We should not try to work like hypocrits for they think they are to be heard of much speaking, but they have their reward. If we fail to work in this world, it will be too late when we depart this life. The book tells us to do everything our hands find to do for there is no work or device in the grave.

The word work comes from the same root as does the word poem; which means to do or make. When one is working he is doing something and at the same time he is writing a poem. Life indeed is a poem and every man is a poet.

Verse

You are writing a poem my friend today, in the things you think and do and say;
You are making each verse out of the things you see, making it joyous, glad or free;
Your will is the pen, your life is the wage, your character is paper, your soul is the page.

Work Makes Character

Labor is the molder of character and the maker of life. The Kingdom of Heaven is the realization of workers. Happy is the man who is in love with his work. It has become for him meat and drink. It acts as his conscience; it dictates when he shall eat and how he shall live; it reorganizes his life; it unifies his character; it intergrates his personality; it

makes dynamic his soul; it penetrates his heart and puts his body in action. Having a mind to work is man's greatest opportunity. To do real work one must forget yesterday and count today as our day. Real work will give one the experience of the sunshine, rain, heart aches and pains; but why stop? The reward is on the other end.

This is the gospel of labor;

Ring it ye bells of the kirk—
The Lord of Love came down from above to live with the men who work.

This is the rose he has planted.

Here in the thorn crushed soil—

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest. But the blessing of earth is toil.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you, that his ways may be known upon the earth among all nations through Jesus Christ our Lord, (Amen). Will see you all at Dayton.

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PORT GIBSON, MISS., NEWS



ELDER W. D. CAMPBELL

Ole Kentucky's latest contribution to Mississippi. His father, grandfather and uncle were Christian preachers. He is success-pastor at Port Gibson, Miss.

Christian Chapel is wide awake with Eld. W. D. Campbell leading to victory.

"The Month's Drive" will close May 4. We are now in a popularity contest between the ten clubs of the church with each club working earnestly to have its leader crowned "Miss Christian Chapel" on March 28, Easter Sunday.

The financial report for January was \$117.53; for February, \$89.99. You must be up and doing under Elder Campbell, he says he carries no sleepers. Watch for the report after the drive closes.

"Vesper Service" on fourth Sunday, conducted by Missionary Society, with Mr. H. H. Chrisler, editor of the town paper, as speaker, had a large audience.

The pastor preached a series of sermons at the "Vesper Hour." The title "What Easter Should Mean to Us."

For Easter Week of Prayer Services he had a sermonette each night and closed Easter morning with "Candle Light Sunrise Service."

Some visiting speakers of the "Vesper Hour": Prof. L. M. Parker, principal of Claiborne

County Training School; Prof. ————Gooden, assistant principal; Dr. Shipp, practicing physician; Prof. E. R. Trevillian, Superintendent of our Bible School, Mr. H. H. Chrisler, editor, and Mrs. Session Moorehead, Welfare Worker.

Elder Campbell preached at Lorman, Miss., on the first Sunday afternoon and at the Baptist church Sunday night. Both services well attended.

Elder J. C. Franklin is improving. His many loyal members and friends have continually prayed for his recovery.

NEWS ARTICLE

The National Negro Health Week was observed at Jarvis Christian College and Community, April 4 through 11. This is an annual affair. Each day a Physician, Dentist, or Pharmacist will deliver a health talk on various diseases. These lectures were given at eleven A. M.

Sunday, April 4, Dr. W. C. Burnett, Physician of Athens, Texas, spoke on The Value of a Systematic Health Education.

Monday, general clean-up day for the community.

Tuesday, Mrs. G. Blakemore Williams, Pharmacist of Tyler, Texas, spoke on Drugs and Their Rational Use.

Wednesday, Dr. M. O. Rouse, Specialist in Gastro-Intestinal Diseases, Dallas, Texas, spoke.

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

"CONFERENCITIS"

By Z. M. Peoples

Today there are over 5,000 young people in the United States suffering severely with that summer disease known as "Conferncitis." It is very contagious, attacks many Christian youth who have been exposed to the germs. Fortunately for young people and thrives only in Churches where the Gospel of Christ is LIVED.

When it had its inception into the Disciples Church about a quarter of a century ago, it thrived chiefly among young people. Occasionally an adult was stricken. Whenever this happened, however, the attack was more severe and the effects were more far-reaching. Although the young people are more susceptible, it has taken its toll of adults. In fact, in recent years the adults are becoming just as susceptible as the young. Unlike other diseases, "Conferencitis" affets the patient in a most unusual way. He seeks no cure for it; h enjoys being afflicted with it; and he delights in being a carrier of the germ.

The symptoms are very difficult to detect because germs work slowly and produce a very gradual reaction. The first noticeable effect is an itching of the conscience accompanied by a strong desire to hear the Conference program explained in its fullest sense. This is followed by an awareness on the part of the patient of his lack of knowledge regarding himself and his relationship to his fellowman. At this point the patient develops a slight temperature (fever) which makes

him eager to learn more and he rejoices in this revelation. The temperature increases daily as more knowledge is acquired and his heart-beat quickens to the lure of the Conference program until it throws the patient into a "fit" of passion for going to the Conference - Nearest - Him. By this time the disease has reached its highest point of development and the patient assumes a very talkative attitude. He becomes a perfect chatter-box, the theme of his every conversation being "Conference." His temperature now remains fairly constant and he is a "carrier" of the "Conferencitis" germ, spreading it among other young people who do not know about Conference and its value as a religious institution. He resolves, then, to become a "full-fledged" Conference-ite so that he can give the best that is in him in the service of his local church.

Last summer there were 118 Negro young people afflicted with this disease, and about 60 Negro adults. Were you in that number? If not, we hope you will be the next patient, because we know that immunity to "Conferencitis" is possible only in prsons who are immune to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The South Side Christian Church of Chicago has three young women who have been stricken with "Conferencitic." They are Misses Flowers, Campbell, and LaTouche. These young people have spread the disease to fourteen others who are now suffering severely with it. They have organized themselves into a "Conference Club" for the purpose of rais-

ing money to defray their expenses to Conference in July, and to promote the spirit of Conference in their local church. And what marvelous results they are getting!! They all say they are going to Conference in July if they have to "thumb" their way there and back. But they won't have to do that, because they are working like bees raising money for their transportation and tuition. You, too, will do the same when you get "Conferencitis."

EASTER AT BOLL STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH Dallas, Texas

By Mrs. Bessie B. Garner

Easter week of prayer was observed under the auspices of the Missionary Society, after a week of inspiration we were in a good spirit for Easter. We had sunrise service sponsored by the Bible School, Miss S. P. Walker, Supt., after which we servd free breakfast.

At the usual hour, 11 a. m., we had a wonderful sermon delivered by our most worthy pastor, Rev. R. L. Sercy. Subject, Seeking Jesus.

At 4 o'clock the Missionary Society had a program, arranged by the chairman of our program committee, Mrs. E. B. Colman. Mrs. Lizzie Woodard made a talk on our missionary theme: Moving Forward Toward God; then a general discussion, subject, Should we send missionaries to the foreign field and why? Here we gained food for thoughts from the exchange of ideas. Mrs. E. G. Titus of the Romine Christian Church brought an inspir-

ing message, which was responded to by Mrs. Ada Thomas. Our missionary collection was \$5.60. Closing remarks by Pastor R. L. Sercy.

At 6 o'clock the Christian Endeavor, full of enthusiasm had a wonderful lesson, the spirit was very high. Following this we had devotional service then we were in position to receive the message by our pastor. Subject: "It is just like I told you." It was ours to feast while he talked out of his heart to us. We have taken on new life while our pastor has been with us. The senior choir was at its best; the Lord blessed us with two additions, Mrs. Mattie Carpenter and Mr. Earl Rindwood.

We are thankful to the master for giving us a successful Easter.

Now the God of consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus; that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Rom. 15:5-6.

Yours for the work.

EASTER IN MIDWAY, KY.

By MISS E. M. JACKSON

The rays of East dawn come to bring the light no power can darken. It is the Easter light which shines today with all the glory of that morn, when Christ arose, the victor o'er the tomb, to live for aye.

The pre-Easter prayer services were held at the church under the auspice of the local missionary society. The leaders of the services, Sisters Elena Webster, the president, Cora Printers, Evelyn Thomas, Katharine Johnson and Sarah Johnson, ably conducted the program as outlined by the United Christian Missionary Society.

A sunrise prayer service at 5 o'clock Easter morning ushered in the religious festival. Visiting members from the Methodist and Baptist churches of the city worshipped with us in the good old-fashioned way. We were lifted up spiritually and had a glorious time singing, praying, speaking and shouting for our risen King.

Rev. Ed Borads, a local minister of the city, delivered, very fittingly, the Easter message at the morning hour of worship Easter Sunday. The Easter program given by the Sunday School was a success.

Miss Nettie B. Printers, a loyal church worker, is on the sick list. We solicit your prayers, with ours, that she may recover speedily.

Miss Rose Marie Johnson and Mr. Richard Williams, members of our church, are able to mingle with us again after having been ill for several weeks.

GERMANTOWN, KY.

District 3 at Covington was attended by a large delegation from Germantown.

The following week we observed Easter week of prayer led by our good president, Mrs. Mollie Commodore. Easter morning we had sunrise prayer meeting and breakfast served by the Women's Missionary Society. After that the regular church school program.

Our pastor, Eld. D. L. Botts, brought us a good sermon in the morning.

Afternoon Easter program was sponsored by the young people and afterwards an egg hunt.

Sunday night our pastor brought another great sermon.

We had a large attendance all the day.

William E. Johnson,
Reporter

NEWS ARTICLE

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Thursday, Dr. R. E. Christian, Physician of Kilgore, Texas, spoke on Prevention of Communicable Diseases.

Friday, Dr. J. Brown, Dentist, of Longview, Texas, spoke on Dental Hygiene.

Saturday, Martin L. Edwards, M. D., Resident Physician and Surgeon, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, spoke on Health Conditions of Wood County School Children.

Sunday, April 11, Dr. G. D. Orange, Physician of Terrell, Texas, spoke on The Control of Tuberculosis Among Negroes.

On Wednesday, April 7, a Medical and Dental Clinic was held in which physical examinations and diagnoses were made and treatment given; also examinations and extractions of teeth, and removal of tonsils. In the evening The East Texas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association held a meeting.

A registration fee of \$0.50 is all that is required to help defray some of the expense for medical agents.

At least two thousand pamphlets on various diseases furnished by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company were distributed to the homes of the community.

For three consecutive years Jarvis Christian College has won a gold-seal certificate in the National Health Campaign and is now eligible for a National Health Week Trophy.

J. N. Ervin, President
Jarvis Christian College
Hawkins, Texas.
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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"Always laugh when you can. It's a cheap medicine."

SHALL PREACHERS USE MANUSCRIPTS?

Among the two, three or four kinds of preaching is good preaching.

This depends upon preparation, presentation and much upon the audience, whether receptive, rejective or otherwise.

Some use manuscripts so gracefully that you scarcely notice it, while others pause to "spell it out" in disgust.

Still others need no crutch and can give all eye alchemy to his hearers.

Against the manuscript may be said the free handed speaker has free use of eye and gesture which are helpful to both speaker and hearer, but he must know his matter and not "ramble."

While FOR the manuscript

may be said: It is the "Blessed assurance that makes assurance doubly sure" against lapses of memory, inordinate, irresponsive and even unfriendly audiences.

It also may be preserved and repeated at various times and places with slight revision.

But with, or without it, it the speaker master his subject—read every possible version, summon every permissible illustration and whether from firstly to fifthly or both or neither, let this mind be in you: "that no man is master of the road until he can walk it without his crutches," as one is often forced to do and examples of which are not wanting.

But SHALL WE OR NOT? Do YOU or not? and why- how?

Please answer.

If you would write plainer and shorter, we would all live longer—"Boil it down."

Young Alphin of St. Louis made a fine report of his handling copies of the Plea. "Go thou and do likewise."

If other young ministers will use the tact of Bro. S. C. Devine, of Cincinnati, they, too, will find pleasure and not pain in the "New Field."

After all "ADJUSTMENT" is the big word in pastoral success.

These "Youths' Corner" articles by Bro. V. G. Smith, of Atlanta, are gems to be preserved, as well as for immediate use. He writes with a master hand and conferencites do well to heed his advice.

Bro. J. H. Harrison, of Oxford, who is making good in his manifold duties there, has been recently reviewing some Kentucky churches.

East Second St. Church here is staging a "Seven Kounty

Kontest" for the first Sunday in May.

Mrs. Preston Taylor sends a personal donation of five dollars to the Christian Plea. Thanks much. Are there other such personalities?

FOURTH DISTRICT BIBLE SCHOOL CONVENTION

Easter Sunday this district had its closing session of the year. After business completed Mr. Richard Saunders, Midway, made an excellent address. His subject "Bridging the Gap for Youth in Religion." Some ways of bridging the gap were a well planned church program, leadership of adults (rather than directing), practical teaching of the Scriptures and a feeling of the Divine Presence.

Mr. Saunders is state president of the C. E., an aspirant for the ministry and will graduate from K. S. I. C. in June. All honor to him.

The meeting was held in Louisville at Third Christian Church. Lawrenceburg will soon fall in line and support this district.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mr. A. D. Cooper; vice-pres., Mr. W. H. Jordan; secretary, Miss M. Rose Henderson; asst. secy., Mrs. M. Lewis; treas., Mr. W. H. Cooper; supervisor, Miss Agnes Moore.

The executive board consists of the officers, the superintendents of the schools, the pastors and an appointed member.

At least six young people from this area will attend the Conference in Nicholasville on June 28-July 4.

E. Wilson, Reporter

Fifty cents brings the Plea six months.

ATTENTION KY. YOUNG PEOPLE OF CON- FERENCE AGE

The Bible School department of Ky. is sponsoring another essay contest. The winners will be rewarded by receiving conference finance. The first prize is seven dollars, regular conference fee; second prize is three dollars, registration fee.

Have YOU been to conference? Then I know that you are anxious to return. Would YOU who have never been, like to attend conference? I am sure that the expense seems large or perhaps you have no method of getting it. Then why don't you try your hand at winning in this contest?

The subject is "Youth's Necessity of Stewardship." The rules are as follows:

1. The essay is to contain no more than 250 words.
2. It is to be written on theme sized paper in ink—use only one side of paper.
3. Write your name and address on an extra sheet of paper.
4. Send essay to Miss E. Wilson, 2216 W. Chest., Louisville, Ky. It should bear postmark of May 20—the date of closing of this contest. Any theme bearing postmark of a later date will be too late.

After all essays have been received they will be numbered and sent to the judging committee. This committee will send the numbers of the winning essays to Miss E. Wilson, who will send the names corresponding to the numbers to the editor of the Plea for publication. The winners will be notified by mail.

A week at conference is worth an effort in this contest. Much more interest should be shown this year than last.

Every one remember the dates for conference—June 28-July 4. It will again be held at Nicholasville in Fee Memorial Institute. For information, please write me.

The cry from now until June 28 is for conferees! conferees and more conferees!

PARSONS, KANSAS

The work in Parsons is still going with leaps and bounds. The pastor, Elder Raymond R. Walton, is sparing no efforts to succeed in Kingdom building. On the 19th of March the church had its second annual banquet which was twice as big an affair as last year. The union pre-Easter service held at this wide awake church proved to be so interesting, inspiring and spiritual that the ministerial alliance asked to continue it another week.

The Bible School program under the direction of Miss Virgie Edwards, the supt., was a grand success and the school awes much to Miss Viola Smith of Kentucky for her Easter program which our school used. Sister Ella Lawson and Lucy Bridgewater have been sick but with the heralding of spring they have recuperated. Since our pastor has been with us we have kept up current expenses and pay off several long standing bills. We have just one big bill now and he has plans to pay it. We are still in the line of march going up the King's highway. The church looks forward to having the pastor's bride of several months with us real soon and prays that she will enjoy working in our vineyard.

Rosa Porter,
Church Clerk

Now is the time to prepare for convention.

Editor of the Christian Plea:

The future of any educational institution depends very largely upon its alumnae. Realizing this, as president of the Jarvis Christian College Alumnae and ex-student Association, I am making a strenuous effort to rally the support of the entire membership of the graduates and ex-students to the support of their Alma Mater, which is serving such a noble cause for Negroes in East Texas and in the United States.

Certainly it is true that every graduate and ex-student should, in these trying times, come to the aid of this institution. It should be dearest to their hearts and uppermost in their minds.

Within the past two years, Jarvis has made one of the most outstanding moves toward higher education of any school of its type in Texas. Though it suffered a fire hazard, it went forward. It put on one of the greatest building campaigns of its history.

Indeed, with these great burdens confronting him, President J. N. Erwin needs and desires every effort that we may put forth to aid him. We feel that we ought to come to the rescue in some way, of our president, who, through his persistent and untiring efforts, and noble Christian character and devotion, has carried on for the past twenty-five years. He has built in what was once a dense wilderness, one of the greatest institutions for Negroes in the Southwest.

The Alumnae and Ex-Student Association has pledged itself to finance the expenses of one of the ten cottages for young men, which was built after the great fire. The cost of this cottage was approximately five hundred dollars. We have already reached the halfway mark

on this amount. We are now making every possible effort to complete this by June 1st, 1937. Therefore, we call on you, as members of the Alumnae and Ex-Student Association, to come to our aid. We believe that this can be done, it should be done and furthermore, it will be done. Therefore, we would appreciate any contribution from any member and would also be pleased to make contact with any member who has not been in contact with the association for same time. Please give us this privilege by writing to the corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. E. Ervin, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

It is our sincere hope to have a great meeting at the annual commencement at Jarvis this year. It is my prayer and hope, that every member will avail him or herself of the opportunity of being present and having a hand in organizing plans for the making of a bigger and better Jarvis.

E. W. RAND,
President Jarvis Christian
College Alumnae and Ex-
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DALLAS, TEXAS

The pulpit of the Boll St. Christian Church is vacant. The elders of this church desire to fill this vacancy immediately.

Please publish this in the Christian Plea.

Yours in Christian fellowship
Elder J. L. Patton, Elder T. W. Pratt.

Deacon Kyle Blair, sec. of the official board. Address all communications to the following: Prof. T. W. Pratt, 3612 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas; Elder J. L. Patton, 2700 Flora St., Dallas, Texas.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Spring is here both officially and actually. The songs of our feathered friends; the waxen-white flower of the dogwood and the rich lavender bloom of the red-bud give color to the green background covering our woods, while flower gardens with roses and other fragrant buds too numerous to mention add their fragrance and beauty to Nature's annual reminder that "there is no death."

In the school gardens and on the farm, Professors Frost and Jacobs are plowing and planting. Late and frequent spring rains are retarding their work but the skill and experience of these agricultural experts assure us of a reasonable supply of produce for next season's needs.

The wizard of Tuskegee, Dr. G. W. Carver, comes to Jackson April twelfth at the invitation of the state commissioner of agriculture for an hour's lecture before the Mississippi Farm Chemurgic Conference. He is one of several scientists scheduled to address this gathering, but judging from the glowing tributes paid him by local papers, Dr. Carver's presence and his address will be the chief attraction of the sessions. A delegation from S. C. I. will be among those holding reservations for his address.

Like a long-distance runner, we are now drawing on our reserves to complete the last quarter, the home-stretch of the current school year. Commencement is the next outstanding event. The date is May 25th and our friends, far and near, are cordially invited to be present to witness the graduation of the largest junior college class in our history. Five

of the nine men in the graduating class are definitely committed to the ministry. While none of these should be expected to begin a career without further preparation, it is consoling to know that he have brought them thus far on their way. Several other members of the class will become teachers in public schools of this and other states. In this capacity, they will become ambassadors of the Christ as they teach the lessons of health, industry, and citizenship.

Our student-president paid us a flying visit last week-end. The atmosphere of Vanderbilt University appears to agree with him mentally and physically. President Long will complete requirements for the Master of Arts degree in June.

We join the chorus of welcome that the Port Gibson Church continues to sing to Rev. W. D. Campbell. He fills a long standing need for new blood in our state, for we are suffering from "stagnitis" in evangelism, in stewardship, and in inspiration. It is our wish that he will tarry many, many years and that his work will be as inspiring and as permanent as that of his progenitor, the one and only, Stafford Campbell.

Ministers and church secretaries please notice. Robert Jordan, 9557 Delmar Street, Detroit, Mich., would like to have the names and addresses of church members who have moved or who contemplate moving to Detroit. Mr. Jordan's postal did not indicate his official capacity with the newly organized church in that city, but his request is that of an interested and active member. This plea for information should not go unanswered.

For the second consecutive year, our basketball team was

forced to play "second fiddle" to the team from Alcorn College. Coached by Prof. James Ratten, the team met Alcorn in the finals after eliminating Mississippi Industrial College 46-32, and Tougaloo College by a 28-25 score. The team did nobly but lost the coveted championship to Alcorn 36-23.

Ranking students for the second quarter of the college year are freshmen Tamar McClain of Kentucky, Chester Marcus of Mississippi, and Robert Reid of Alabama; and sophomores William James and Dorothy Jordan of Mississippi, and Douglass Bowman of Maryland.

Again, the invitation to the Commencement festivities which begin May 21st and end May 25th.

J. M. Cowan
March 25, 1937

East 2nd St. Church, Lexington, has on a Seven County contest: Fayette, Bourbon, Montgomery, Clark, Lincoln, Jessamine and Woodford, all represented.

ROCKFORD, ROCKING AWAY

The Second Christian Church at Rockford, Illinois, is doing its share to carry on the work of the Master.

We observed Easter Week of Prayer with services on Monday night led by Mrs. George Robinson, on Wednesday night led by Mrs. Lavinia Cothran, on Thursday night by the elders, Mr. Isaac Williamson, Mr. Ples Holt, Mr. Edward Cary and Mr. Lucian Cary, on Friday night by Mr. Bernice James and Sunday morning by Mrs. Ellis Gee. Rev. Ford, pastor of the Lincoln Park Church of Christ, was the speaker on Wednesday night and Rev. Shaw of the Central Christian Church delivered the sermon for Thurs-

day night's communion service. Following these came the sunrise prayer meeting at six o'clock and the Sunday school departments' annual Easter program at eleven o'clock. It was a beautiful Easter Sunday with many in attendance.

The Misses Vonda and Hattie Davis attended the Easter Sunrise breakfast and program of the Winnebago County Christian Endeavor Union at the Central Christian Church. They report a splendid meeting. The Second Christian Church is the only colored church in Rockford in the Christian Endeavor Union at the present time.

On March 21 our Christian Endeavor had as their guests the members of the Christian Endeavor Union. Miss Mamie Robinson led this very spirited and interesting meeting.

We closed the month of March with a "Missionary Foods Tables" dinner on the thirty-first. Entertainment for the diners was furnished by the ladies quartet, of the Booker Washington Community Center Chorus. Our pastors' wife, Mrs. Cynthia Martin, is a member of this quartet.

The building fund committee under the leadership of Mr. Lucian Cary is working very hard to carry out plans for erection of new church. We ask your prayers in this undertaking.

We report the loss of a Mr. Booker James who passed March 26 at Municipal Sanatorium. He united with the Christian Church under the pastorate of Rev. C. W. Arnold. The funeral service by Rev. A. L. Martin. Booker will always be remembered by the Second Christian Church as having one of the most beautiful bass voices we ever heard.

Some Easter sermons came too late and too long. Sorry.

Youth's Corner

WAYS OF WINNING CONFERENCE EXPENSES

By V. G. SMITH

V

(The Special Effort—Features)

In passing, the Conference Scholarship can do much to measure the individual young person's interest and loyalty in the church. A standard of attainment set by the church and accepted by the youth group before recommendations to conference will be made by the church, can well be the educational side of a financial effort. Better still a one hundred per cent perfect standard with each individual young person striving to make as high a grade as possible and the "passing mark" set at a figure of 60% or 70% may pull up the whole average of the youth group in loyalty and effort.

By features as money raisers, this column is referring to certain group efforts of climatic nature that can be the product of the youth group or any organization in the church.

An indoor circus with general admission for which various acts are staged for all, side-shows, refreshments, such as pop-corn, lemonade, etc., to be sold, a fishing pond, bowling or throwing at rag dolls, etc., with prices ranging from 10c each down, would bring in a lot if a large enough crowd is obtained or if carried on two nights.

In the cities some theatres grant half the regular admission price on non-busy days to an organization that will sell advance tickets for that day. This is especially profitable if the movie is a good one with some Negro actor or actress

featured as "Sanders of the River" or "Emperor Jones."

A lawn fete if well advertised and novelties introduced would net a fair sum in the spring.

A motorcade to a picnic ground with a price for transportation and a saucer of ice cream furnished has been found profitable on a hot summer day night.

There are many others but this will give an idea of special features to raise conference expenses.

Remember the Church Workers Institute at Georgetown, Ky., June 21st to 26th.

LITTLE ROCK, KY.

By ELD. I. H. MOORE

Claim is made that the first Christian congregation in Ky. (colored) was organized here by Bro. Buckner. I've spent one year with this loyal people and the work begun by our old beloved Samuel Buckner—the grandfather of Prof. E. B. Toles — many, many years ago. He committed "These things to faithful men who were able to teach others also."

We have witnessed the passing of a great host since Bro-Buckner passed on.

Those recently passing are Deacon Cruso Anderson, Sister Bristo and the mother of Deacon Prewit Smith, also Sister Katie Green and Bro. Sam Hughes.

Wedding bells rang for the following: Henry Brooks to a lady from Mt. Sterling; Nathan Brooks to Miss Amelia Bell Butler; Wm. Buford Hall to Miss Estella Cunningham; Esley Green to Miss Alma Smith; Hanford January to Mrs. Bessie Green.

Through the winter Midweek Prayer Service and Week Day Bible Class have been kept up

and we're to again send young people to Y. P. Conference at Nicholasville. Mrs. Prewit Smith and Mrs. Stella Hall have kept the Progressive and Ladies Improvement Clubs active. We will build a parsonage.

MT. STERLING, KY., NOTES

By Mrs. Isabell Morton

The arrival of our new pastor and family March 15 found a large group of members at the parsonage with provisions and welcome.

The week of Installation Services included sermons by all other pastors in town and welcome on behalf of our church by Bro. W. H. Dyson.

The various organizations and auxiliaries of the church extended hearty welcome interspersed with excellent musical numbers. Ministers brought their choirs and people and Pastor Blair's face beamed as he responded to such healthy welcomes from so many angles.

Brother Brooks, minister of the white church, gave us a splendid sermon Sunday afternoon.

We observed pre-Easter week of prayer, visited the shut-ins and had splendid sunrise prayer service Sunday morning in charge of W. M. S. The day yielded ten additions to the church.

The S. S. with Mrs. A. V. Stockton, Supt., gave a nice program Sunday afternoon. Monday night the church gave the pastor and his wife an old fashioned Kentucky "storming."

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SOME NEEDS OF THE BROTHERHOOD

By BRO. A. D. GAULT
Mayslick, Ky.

We need more Christian living after we confess Christ, and a church in "Every City." I recently passed through Richmond and remembered that we once held state conventions there, but no church now.

We need more brotherly love among our ministers and less strife in our ministers and officers' conferences. We see the rain falling on other folks' house and don't see it falling upon ours.

And this goes for members and officers as well. And then we need more unity in the different organizations in the church. Pres. Roosevelt spoke of plowing the field with 3 horses. Our field uses 4 horses, the church, the womens' work, the Bible School and Endeavor and they need to all pull together.

We need more Wednesday nights at prayer meeting and less Friday night dancing. We need more men taking communion on Sunday and less taking the bottle.

We need men with strong minds, great hearts and ready hands.

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For Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Ohio

Special to the Churches:

At Georgetown, Ky., June 21, a five days' church workers' institute will be conducted, under the auspices of the Department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society and the Kentucky State Missionary Convention. Prof. R. H. Peoples, national secretary, will be in charge. Kentucky state board, W. M. Owens, president, will co-operate; I. S. Ashe, pastor, will be host. The promoters are hoping to make this occasion the greatest homecoming and general spiritual rally for the church in years.

The purpose of the institute will be to provide an opportunity for special courses in church programs under capable teachers, and conference on church problems.

Among the courses to be offered are "Pastoral Preaching," "Life and Teaching of Jesus," "Church Administration," "Program of Local Church," "Teaching Children in the Church," "Missions the Task of the Church."

All may attend who would take an active part in the leadership of the church. Bring Bible, pencil, notebook, recreational clothes and shoes; and above all, a ready mind for work.

The fee for the week will be \$4.50. Write now for reservation; and in order that the promotion committee may build a

great and sufficient program for your comfort as well as for your edification, entertainment and spiritual needs.

Yours for Greatest Success

Committee—D. I. Reid, I. S. Ashe, W. M. Owens, C. H. Dickerson, J. E. Blair, T. R. Everett, H. T. Wilson, C. H. Johnson, I. H. Moore, F. T. Floyd, R. E. Pearson, E. H. Allen, J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick, Miss Viola Smith, Miss Edith Wilson, E. W. Meek, D. Botts, H. E. Fowler and S. A. Campbell. R. H. Peoples, general director.

YOUNG PEOPLES CONFERENCES AND NEW CHURCH WORKERS INSTITUTES

By PROF. R. H. PEOPLES
(Field Secretary)

Beside our four Young Peoples' Conferences: Southwest, May 31st to June 6th, tentative; Midwest, June 14th-20th; Central, June 28th to July 4th; Piedmont-Chesapeake, August 9-15, we're putting forth special efforts this year to launch two new church-workers' institutes.

The one held last year at Jarvis, Tex., will again convene in connection with our Y. P. Conference, but entirely separate.

A new church-workers' institute will be started in Georgetown, Ky., to be held June 21st to 27th. We met with the Kentucky State Board recently and made wonderful plans and are inviting all ministers and church workers of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Tennessee to plan to attend this Georgetown,

Ky., Church-workers Institute June 21-27.

We also plan to have a church-workers' institute in Winston-Salem, N. C., with that Prince of Preachers, R. L. Peters, and that vicinity and we hope all ministers and church workers from adjoining states will attend. Tentative dates, July 26-August 1st.

Down in Georgia we'll have a combination church-workers institute and Y. P. Conference for both adults and young people. Place, Oconee, Ga. Date, July 19-25.

Now plan to attend either one of these institutes or Young Peoples' Conferences if you are young enough; or both if you can afford it.

We're looking for and depending upon YOU.

NOTICE: TO PROSPECTIVE CONFERENCE FRESHMEN

What and Why Summer Conferences

By Z. M. PEOPLES

I have been asked by young people I have tried to interest in Conference these questions: Why the Young Peoples' Summer Conferences? What is the purpose of a Young Peoples' Conference? One must of necessity take into consideration the origin of the Conference idea which dates back a quarter of a century ago, when the adult leaders of the church faced the problem of inadequate leadership, yea, consecrated, but unprepared leadership. A check-

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

FROM OLD MISSOURI

E. K. BURTON, President

Now that the state convention has changed its meeting place, all may know we are going to the city of St. Louis and are asking all churches to get ready.

It will convene from July the twenty-eighth to August first. Programs will be out early this year so you will know just what to do. Missouri must wake up. We have been asleep too long. The devil is busy at work while we sleep. God is not pleased and we are not treating him right. Count your many blessings, name them one by one.

Many people say they haven't any money for church. Why not pay God some of the money you owe him? As far as I know weach church in Missouri is having services. Four of the churches are having full time, others part time, but many are straying away from the fold. We need a good old-fashion meeting along with good praying, and a whole lot of good living among us to bring them back to the fold. Each member must feel it a duty to go out and help. Many members are becoming worldly-minded, worshipping God with their lips.

Missouri must stand forth as a state this year. Let us show the rest what Missouri really can do for the Cause of the Master. So let us work in unity and co-operation this year. Looking to meet you all in St. Louis with all your state apportionments paid up. Be up and doing, and God will help and bless you.

HIGH LIGHTS OF JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE HAWKINS, TEX.

March brought to us, here at Jarvis Christian College quite a store of good things. On the 18th, an Educational Meeting for all public schaal teachers of Wood county was held on the campus. It was directed by Mrs. N. V. Berry, one of our former teachers, who is now the Jean's Supervisor of Wood county. This was first meeting of its kind held on our campus and we hope it becomes an annua affair.

Some outstanding features were addresses by some educational leaders of the State and exhibits from schools of the county. Mrs. L. Madge Smith, of Indianapolis, the National World Call secretary, made her first viist to Jarvis Christian College. She was accompanied by friends from Longview, Tex.

On the 21st, the all school chorus rendered a Cantata, "Easter Glory," to an appreciative audience. Many visitors were present, some of whom were: Prof. M. B. Davis, Principal of the Jacksonville High School, Prof. Clark, of Golden, with several of his pupils and friends and Mr. O. E. O'Brien, the banker of Big Sandy Texas.

Easter Sunday was also an outstanding day at Jarvis, beginning with a Sunrise Service. There followed the Bible school, an Easter Sermon by Rev. E. J. Dickson, the head of the Religious Education Department, an Easter Egg Hunt and Christian Endeavor. There were several visitors on the campus, some

of whom were: Mrs. O. E. Turner, a teacher in the city system of Dallas, Mrs. Allie Sumter of Gainsville, Mr. Thomas Nix, a former student of Jarvis, who is now a student of Bishop College, Miss Lurlean Turne, a student of Bishop College and Mrs. Oattie Crutchers. We thoroughly enjoyed these visitors and extend to them a hearty invitation to return.

April bids fair to rival March in her tstore of good things for us. The 2nd was really a red letter day for Jarvis, for aside from the Interscholastic Meet, the Jarvis College Octette, directed by Miss Odessa Stewart, teacher of voice, participated in the program over the air, sponsored by Dr. F. Rivers Barnwell, director of Negro Health Education in Texas, for the purpose of beginning the program and activities for National Negro Health Week.

There must have been an answering thrill in the hearts of all alumni members of Jarvis as they listened to the beautiful number, "Chillun Come on Home," that was dedicated to all the alumni of Jarvis College. There must have been a peculiar kind of pride, too, in their hearts as they listened to all numbers so beautifully rendered by those singers and realized that they were a part of us.

MID-WEST CONFERENCE

E. K. BURTON, President

Young people of Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma! What are you doing for Conference this year? Are you getting

ready to meet in Kansas City? You who have been to Conference know what it means to a young life—this one week with God. We hope you can get many more to go this year, as we need more young people. No church really knows what it is missing when they do not have a young person to attend Conference. If they only attend once they will want to go again. Church, if you have young persons who want to go, do all in your power to send them. You will be repaid a hundred fold. They should come back full of service and willing to work in the program of the church. I have tried to contact all of the churches in Missouri, and I hope my helpers in Kansas and Oklahoma will do likewise. Let us have a big Conference this year. So meet us, young people, in Kansas City.

COVINGTON DIST. MEETING

All schools in District 3 were represented in Covington Mar. 20th and the W. M. S. as well. Pastor Fowler and his good people gave splendid entertainment.

The program was rich from the opening Devotion by Rev. L. D. Points, of Germantown, to the closing address on "Usefulness" by Pastor Fowler.

Among the subjects discussed were "Making Friends for our Work," "United Effort," "What the Supt. Means to the School," "Needs of the Church and Race."

Miss Ellen Henderson had charge of the Women's Program, while Miss Wilson, State S. S. President, gave special message and suggestions.

J. A. Johnson, Dist. Pres.
A. D. Gault, Sec.

Not only must we tell the young people, but must let them tell us—sometimes.

OHIO FINDS NEW BIBLE SCHOOL

By F. T. Barnett, Cleveland, O.

I was at Canton on Sunday morning and was very happy to put the finishing touch on a very fine group of young people who are doing a wonderful piece of Bible School work. We organized with two departments at which attendance was 27. Brother John Compton, a very fine young man, who has charge of the group and is the son of one of the pioneers, has been ordained and called to the pastorate. The state organizers of our women's work will be in Canton this week to organize the Missionary Society in connection with our white church there, one of the largest in the brotherhood, who has promised to help them.

VOICES FROM OUT OF THE PAST

By Mrs. Emma Cason Green
N. Middletown, Ky.

Above the "turmoil and distress" of the recent flood, came the voice of the Creator of all mankind. "Be still, and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10. In this period of "modern progress" it seems that the masses have forgotten God. It is almost as it was in the period of the patriarchs—the world is so full of sin that God is displeased.

Abraham could not find fifty nor, even ten, righteous persons in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and it seems that righteousness can not be found in the lives of the masses today. Notwithstanding, God has reserved unto Himself a number that has not bowed to Baal the knee.

There are "lonely saints" to-

day sadly looking on a sinful world and exclaiming, "the church has lost its power." The trouble is we are working on the wrong side of the job. We are placing too much emphasis on the material side of life when the scriptures tell us to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

The masses were looking forward to the president of the United States to restore "prosperity." It is not within his power. He said (while speaking over a nationwide hookup) "My fellow citizens, my best wish for you is that your 'material prosperity' and your 'physical health' may be in just proportion to your spiritual well-being." What about the spiritual side of our lives?

Hear the voice of the psalmist when he said, I will go in the strength of the Lord God, I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of thine only." He also said Trust in the Lord and do good and thou shalt dwell in the land, and, verily thou shalt be fed. 'Pa. 32:3.

We can have victory over the sins in our personal lives if we are willing to obey God.

Hear the voice of the Apostles when they answered and said, "We ought to obey God rather than man." Acts 5:29.

Then, and not until then, can we gain the victory.

Church Administration, Pastoral Preaching and the How and What of Missions will be stressed at the Georgetown Workers Institute.

For our National Convention in August, Dayton, Ohio, is shouting through the megaphone "This way please!"

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

EAST SECOND STREET, LEX- INGTON, HAS COUNTY CONTEST

The captains of our "Seven
County Contest," first Sunday
in May are as follow:

Fayette county, Brother Char-
lie Turner.

Bourbon county, Sister B. B.
Hutsell.

Montgomery county, Brother
Jasper Smith.

Clark county, Brother James
McKee.

Lincoln county, Sister Lutitia
Trumbo.

Jessamine county, Sister K.
H. Dickerson.

Woodford county, Sister Lou-
ise Riffe.

Each captain chooses his own
lieutenant, or helper, and the
residents and ex-residents of
these counties and their friends
are invited to be with us at 2:30
o'clock the first Sunday in May.

The program will consist of
a brief number from each coun-
ty.

Of course, other counties will
be represented.

The many friends of Eld.
Stafford Campbell, of Lexing-
ton, minister of Paris church,
who was run down by an auto-
mobile some weeks ago, will be
glad to know that he is much
better and hopes to be out of
the hospital soon.

Sister S. L. Bostwick, of Lit-
tle Rock, Ark., is loud in praise
of the generous ministers,
members and friends who so
kindly remembered Eld. M. M.
Bostick in his recent affliction,
and says, "Surely in the Lambs
Book of Life, their names are
written there." Cross St., Plum-
mersville, Russellville, Oak
Grove, Wrightville and Elders
Moore, Mason and others. Eld.
E. B. Toles is carrying on nice-
ly at Prall St., Lexington—
keeping the Faith.

Notice—You Convention Pro-
gram Makers: Conventions do
not make men; men make con-
ventions, and this goes for
churches and preachers. We
shall be glad to publish the date
and data of any of our conven-
tions.

Every church should be rep-
resented in every department at
its State convention.

The day of the slacker is past.
"Ole Kentucky" Convention
will meet in Covington in July.
When and where does yours
meet?

KINGDOM BUILDING

By Miss Mable Lewis
Louisville, Ky.

We are apt to think of King-
dom Building in the modified
conception of the people as we
often think of the other parts
of the Bible.

Christ proved that he cared

nothing for the things the peo-
ple in those days valued so high-
ly, an earthly Kingdom, but that
He was concerned with the
building of a Kingdom in the
heart of men. Do we ever stop
to consider this Kingdom? Or
are we not mostly concerned
with an outward show of Chris-
tianity. Aren't we prone at
times to judge a good Christian
by his attendance at church and
by his contribution to the
to the church in the form of ma-
terial things?

How many of us have seen
this method used to gain popu-
larity?

Is this the building of the
Kingdom for which we pray
when we say "Thy Kingdom
come, Thy will be done?"

In thinking of building a
Kingdom our minds naturally
turn to material. In building
these large governmental build-
ings they use the best material
for they realize these buildings
are for generations to follow.

A story is told of an old man,
who came to a chasm, vast, deep
and wide. He, himself, was able
to cross over without any dan-
ger, but turned to build a bridge.
While building, a fellow pil-
grim said, "Old man, why build
this bridge at eventide, you may
never again come this way."
The old man said, "There fol-
lows behind me a youth who
may not be able to cross. Good
friend, I am building this bridge
for him." We look upon our
world of young people as the
very best material to be used
in the great task of Kingdom
building. Sometimes we won-
der what the future will be. Do
we stop to think of the vastness
of the way over which we have
come, and over which they yet
have to travel? Are we turn-
ing as the old man, and build-
ing bridges that they may cross
safely on the other side?

There have been some bridges

built for us, such as the removal of slavery, building of our schools and a better opportunity to do the things God intended us to do.

All of these bridges have brought us thus far on our way. Then there are some bridges we may build. We have and are taking advantage of our opportunities. "Good friend, I say build bridges for GREATER opportunities; build a bridge that will stretch over prejudices and do not neglect to build a bridge that will span the gap between our social and religious life." This bridge is much needed, young people. Today there is no correlation between what a man must do on Sunday and how he will spend the rest of the week. As Christians it is our duty to bring these two phases of life together.

We are not enjoying the abundant life which Christ came to bring to all of us when this gap is widening every day. Not until this bridge is completed will be able to say our task has been completed in helping to answer our own prayer when we pray "Thy Kingdom come."

With the home doing what it can with the cooperation of the school and church much can be accomplished.

A comparison is made of the teacher and the mason, each is building every day some great temple, each works with care, soon the mason's temple stands out beautifully before the eyes of the people, but the teacher's temple can not be seen so readily for it is the immortal soul of some child.

What part are you playing in temple or Kingdom building?

Let us do our work so well,

Both the unseen and the seen,
Make the house, where God's
may dwell

Beautiful, entire, and clean.

NOTICE: TO PROSPECTIVE CONFERENCE FRESHMEN (Continued from Page 1)

up on the total church program revealed that far too little time was being given to the teaching program of the church—too little time in the training of efficient leaders.

A recent check-up reveals that the average Bible School student spends about thirty minutes per Sunday in actual study of the Bible—about one day per year. That same student spends about 180 days in one grade of the Public School. On that basis, it would take that student 180 years to finish the first grade in a Bible School course. Do we wonder, then, why our children know so little about the Bible?

Now, the leaders of twenty-five years ago sensed this very grave situation and set themselves to the task of eliminating it. It was here that the idea of Young Peoples' Summer Conferences was born. Realizing that most of the students had to comply with the requisites of the Public Schools during the regular school terms, it was feasible to conduct the Conference in Summer in order to reach the greatest number of students. We can see, then, that the answer to question number one, is to make it possible for the young people to have more time to actually study the Bible and all other things that are being taught in the Sunday Schools, Leadership Training Schools, Vacation Church Schools, etc.

The Young Peoples' Summer Conference has for its purpose five main objectives as follows:

1. To make opportunity for young people to experience a Way of Life that will help them grow in Christian Personality.

2. To make opportunity for young people to share in a cre-

ative program which enlarges their vision and helps them to discover and develop their in-born capacities.

3. To motivate young people to live Every Day of the Year the experiences of the Conference.

4. To enrich the life of the Local Church through the students who prepare themselves to render a better service.

5. To change society by directing it toward the establishing of the Kingdom of God on earth.

In order to realize these objectives Conference teaches by practice the Jesus Way of Life. "It is not an experiment; it is an experience" of growth and training in the lives of all who attend.

These Conferences are one of the avenues through which young people may be trained in order to become the kind of leader the church is looking for. The entire curriculum is so constructed that it administers to the four-fold needs of the student in order that he may emerge with a well-rounded personality and take his rightful place in his church and community. The things we do in Conference are the things that we must do each day of the year. We live with our friends in our social activities; we commune with nature as we play in our recreational activities; and we dwell with God in our worship.

The daily schedule from the beginning to the end of the Conference week affords an opportunity for vital experiences that help the student in meeting and solving the problems in his daily conduct and disposition. It affords a rich fellowship of contacts with the best Christian personalities and choice young people of the local churches represented. The stu-

dent is made to discover himself and his relationship to God and to his fellowman. Indeed, it is a week of ideal living, thinking and sharing guided by the spirit of Jesus who came that we might have the "more abundant life."

Knowing that you, like all other young people, want a chance for self-realization; an opportunity for a career; and a part in shaping the affairs of the world today, we urge you to attend the Conference nearest you this Summer and begin preparation to become that much-needed, efficient leader for whom the church is calling.

—Z. M. PEOPLES.

12th CHURCH NEWS

N. W. MAGOWAN
Washington, D. C.

The Gold MeDal Declamatory Contest, sponsored by the Ladies' Aid Society and Men's Club of the church, was an extraordinary entertainment. Miss Florence Parker of 12th Street church, won the Gold Medal. Admission fees, \$107.00.

Mrs. Martha Bogan Morton spent Easter vacation with her husband, Mr. Fletcher Morton, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Mr. William Robinson and family returned from an Easter vacation, visiting relatives and friends in Richmond, Va., much refreshed.

Paul B. Magowan and John E. Bowie and wives are very pleasantly domiciled in Capital View, Washington, D. C., at 105 50th St., N. E.

The Woman's Missionary Society conducted an interesting week of prayer, closing Easter Sunday in a sunrise prayer ser-

vice, conducted by Mrs. N. W. Magowan. Subject: "The Seven Last Words of Jesus. Mrs. Oletha Blayton, president; Mrs. M. S. Whitfield, secretary.

The young people of 12th street are making elaborate preparations to attend the young peoples' conference.

Elder Whitfield is still carrying on in a spiritual way. Eight have been added to the church recently. The church is having a spiritual awakening.

Our quarterly district meeting will be at 12th Street Church Sunday, May 9th, 1937. We look for an interesting meeting. All are invited.

Mrs. Dora Boykin of 1308 Walloch Place, is home again, after an extended visit with relatives and friends in Norfolk, Va.

Our pastor was again at his best Easter Sunday morning. His sermon was a rare treat for the spiritually minded and wholesome food for the thoughtful.

Our church enjoyed a rare treat on April 2nd. We were well entertained by a group of small children, ages five to ten, in a play entitled, "It Can Happen Anywhere," in four acts, and was written and produced by Mrs. Ethel Adams, one of our members.

Mr. V. E. Bogan and family spent Easter vacation in New York visiting relatives and friends.

One of our true and tried elders is making improvement on his mouth and face. Some have suggested that he is getting ready to change his way of liv-

ing. Now this is just a cap—if it doesn't fit you, don't wear it.

Brother J. B. Williams, one of our most faithful members, has been restored to health again and was at services Sunday.

STOP! LOOK! READ!

Dear Fellow Conferees:

I am writing to reach all the members and make them feel the conference as I do. If I were asked, What kind of conference would this conference be if everybody in this conference were just like me? I could readily answer: One of the best I have ever attended. What is your answer? If it is good or bad, let us save it for our meeting in Nicholasville.

The various clubs of Mt. Sterling are working toward our motto: "For 1937 we are to be one of expected 77," are you? I imagine I hear everyone saying, "Yes." Fine conferees, let us give Mr. and Mrs. Byrd an attendance 100 per cent.

Let us realize the great advantage of training our minds, thus awakening and quickening the sense of responsibility in maintaining, in this summer conference, the development of religious instinct.

Hoping to hear from you through The Christian Plea.

Let us pray, conferees—there is so much for us to be thankful for, and above all let us cooperate with our advisors and make this conference a big success.

Your President,
VERNICE CHENAULT,
K. S. I. C.
Frankfort, Ky.

The Sunday night service must come back.—"Carthage must be destroyed."—Cato.

ADVANCING THE KINGDOM THROUGH UNITED EFFORTS

By Miss Ruby Inez Green

"Advancing the Kingdom through United Efforts." United is a small word derived from Unit, which means one. The 17th chapter of John has the prayer of Jesus as He "lifted up his eyes to Heaven and said, "Father the hour is come." There are two mountain peaks in this prayer. One of them is "Father I will that they whom Thou hast given me, be with me when I am." The other peak is "That they all may be one". Let's repeat "That they all may be one." All shall be united. But who are God's children? The children of God. Your child will look like you, act like you, talk like you, walk like you, obey you, take your name and finally inherit your fate. This is also the happy lot of God's children. We heirs of God. Here Jesus prays for unity. Christian union. Now to have Christian union, you need Christians.

The weakness of the workers, their poverty and fewness make the task look almost impossible and indeed so. But for the blessed assurance, "I am with you always, even to the end of the world. The children are sent to Sunday School early, being trained in Bible study, shortly they join the church.

Sometimes parents say, "you are too young to understand," sometimes members of the church, officers, will say, "only children join." But they are seeking for knowledge. When Peter preached his first sermon at Pentacost he did not understand until ten years afterward. Acts 10:34.

Accept the child, and put it to work. See what the efforts will be. Sunday School and Christian Endeavor train the

child. The Missionary Society also has its part, all working together, and you will not lose that child.

You can be a church worker and not a christian, but you are not in union with God. But first be a Christian, then you won't hinder the church, but help "Advance the Kingdom through United Efforts."

Watch the progress of the new church projects in Detroit, Mich., and Canton, Ohio.

THE IDEAL CHURCH OFFICER

By Prof. D. I. Reid
Lexington, Ky.

The deacon must be grave;
He must not be double tongued;

Not be given to much wine;
Not be greedy of filthy lucre;
Hold the faith in a pure conscience;

He must be the husband of only one wife;
He must rule his home and children well;

He must first be proved.
Being found blameless, ordain him, and let him use the office.

The deacon's wife must be grave;

She must not be a slanderer;
She must be sober;

She must be faithful in all things;

An elder must be blameless; (above reproach)

He must be the husband of one wife;

Vigilant; sober; of good behavior;

Given to hospitality; able to teach;

He must not be given to wine;

Not be a striker;
Not be greedy of filthy lucre;

Must be patient;

Must not be a brawler;

Must not be covetous;

He must not be a novice;

He must rule his house and children;

He must have a good report of them without.

These requirements are necessary for the qualification of minister, preacher, deacon, evangelist, bishop, elder or by whatever name the church official may be called.

When a machine fails, we at once begin to look for some of neglect, omission, substitumechanical flaw, or some formation or carelessness on the part of the human element. So is it in the spiritual realm. Our problems, our failures reflect our geager faith in God's way, and man's determined effort to construct a way of his own by which to do God's business, in His church.

The church from the beginning has ever been a school of learning. The scriptures rad: "He opened his mouth and taught them." The mission of Christ was largely a teaching mission. The Master had the power to develop a passion for learning in his auditors. And today the leading evangelists, ministers and preachers are those who are able to hold attention through and by the grip of instruction.

The modern preacher majors on his dramatic presentation of some common place subject that has little or no instructive value. There is a world of information that the people are hungry to receive. Paul gave Timothy the secret of success

The question is who is the when he wrote him to "study." greater, and to whom should the church listen in preference in controversy. The matter of subordination is best understood in one's relative ability, spiritual endowment and spiritual power. Peter and Paul were relatively great in faith

and aptitude to serve. The minister takes precedent only by reason of broader training and efficiency for the problems of the work of the church.

The Holy Spirit through the Apostles made selection of, laid hands upon and ordained as deacons men full of the holy spirit. These men were amply supplied with knowledge and learning in the great cause. "My words are spirits" to be full of the Word, is to be full of the spirit. Guidance by the Word is guidance of the spirit.

The relationship of the minister, elder and deacon to the church in an official capacity, as an officer of the church is the real vital concern in this discussion at this time. The matters of policy, program, procedure, opinion, direction and business are the things the latter day deacon, elder and preacher is called upon to settle with. In this aspect the officer becomes a substitute doing business for those he represents. Equal way and the people as to He represents God in a spirit-temporal needs.

Paul said: "I magnify mine office!" He speaks of the office of the bishop and deacon. All have not the same office, etc.

And as the years go by we are more and more convinced that the victory of our cause will be the victory of leadership. The officary in our churches but reflect as an echo the spirit of their selection and approval, and the minister who caused hands to be laid on them.

1. All preachers belong to church. 2. Leadership training should not overlook church officials. 3. Majority vote uninformed means nothing for settling questions of polity in church affairs. 4. Preachers should not trap unsuspecting church people to exploit them.

Every preacher should act in an official capacity at least in the church of his membership, and support the pastor of that congregation and program of his church. To realize the brotherhood and fellowship proclaimed of the church the ministers have all these things in common with the church.

Several churches, in various states, are asking us to recommend ministers and "Meeting Holders."

The Poets' Corner

TO THE FOUNDERS

Our lips cannot express complete,

For words to tell it still are sought;

The joy that we perceive today,
From blessings that your work
has brought.

Our voices in gratitude we raise,

As songs of joy to you we sing;
Our hearts with eminent delight,
are filled,

As grateful thanks to you we bring.

No stately church house have you built,

No fame nor glory did you seek;

Yet, we've a home, Oh; praise the King.

A place where we can shout and sing.

To them that are yet with us here,

Who think their work was all in vain;

We know you've done a weighty task,

And your thoughtful dreams will reach your aim.

To some who have gone on before,

We say rest on, your race is won;

And as we smile upon your deeds,

We see your work was nobly done.

So as our Master smiles above,
Because His tasks you did not shirk;

He'll say to those who labored hard,

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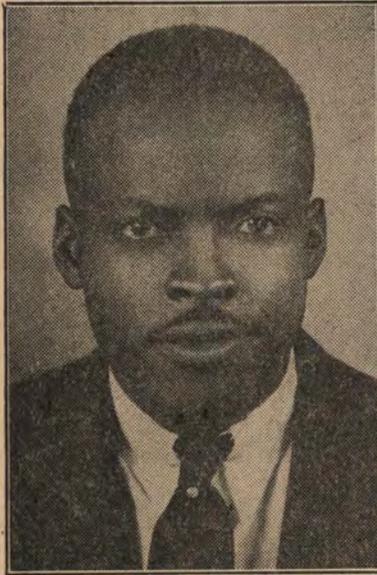
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**BOLL ST. CHRISTIAN
CHURCH,**

Dallas, Tex.



Elder R. L. Sercy—the hustling minister of Boll Street church, Dallas, Texas. His goal is “One Hundred New Members This Year.” He is a friend and worker for the Christian Plea.

Dear Editor: Allow us to announce that the Lord is blessing us wonderfully. For the last five weeks he has blessed us with 15 additions who came forth confessing their hope in him. This gives us a total of 34 for the last 6 months. We do feel that with the interest shown on the part of our visitors and the good members each Lord's day, that we will be able to reach our goal, which is 100 new members for this year; we feel that the Lord will give us the desire of our hearts.

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GREAT MEETING IN DISTRICT 6

“TO THE BROTHERHOOD.”

By Pastor E. W. Wilbert.
DAYTON BROADCASTS—

I am sure everybody knows the time for the National Convention is drawing near. The Norwood Ave. Church knows it. Therefore we are hard at work here making preparation for a large delegation. We assure you plenty to eat, and a nice place to sleep. One other thing you will have here in our City while attending the convention, plenty of “ice cold water.” We are preparing for delegates from the four parts of the earth: Our slogan here is “The best hospitality to delegates of the National Convention.” The other churches of the city are looking forward to your coming, please don't disappoint them. Let every convention lover make this his daily cry: “On to Dayton.”

CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning
of the bar,
When I put out to sea.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness
of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne
of time and place,
The floods may hear me far,
I hope to see my pilot face to
face.
When I have crossed the bar.
—Addie Lee.

Port Gibson, Miss.

By Prof. J. E. Bean

The District Meeting of the Bible schools and Woman's Missionary Societies of District No. 6 held a glorious meeting at North Middletown, Ky., in April.

Saturday morning the meeting was snapped into order by its capable President, Miss Mary M. Butler. Devotion by Elder I. H. Moore, appointment of committees, introduction of visitors and rendition of interesting program.

Present were seven ministers: Elders T. R. Everett, the local pastor, J. E. Blair, I. H. Moore, C. C. Johnson, R. Richardson, J. Deucis and Prof. J. E. Bean, making their contributions. A volume of inspiration, information and encouragement came by the presence of two State officials, Miss Edith Wilson, President of State Bible School Convention, and Vice-President Bro. A. D. Gault.

Outstanding was the address by Miss Wilson Sunday afternoon. Brim full of information concerning activities and set-up of Young People's Conference, she gave many reasons why young people should attend and how they might earn scholarships. The masterly message of District President, Miss Mary M. Butler, demonstrated by chart her objectives in this growing work. The reaction was a resolution that No. 6 District must again

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

THE VOICE OF MISSISSIPPI, IN JACKSON.

By Mrs. James I. Rundles.

The North Jackson Christian Church is growing stronger and stronger under the leadership of Elder B. L. Jacobs, our pastor, who is entering his tenth year with us. We are trying to do our part in Kingdom building. Every member seems to have taken a new start since the wonderful pre-Easter and sunrise prayer services.

Our Missionary Society is wide awake. We are divided into circles; each circle is doing its bit in trying to spread the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. We use as our literature the World Call and the Packets.

Our Christian Endeavor is moving forward with Miss Ruth Tucker, our efficient young president, who does all she can to keep the young folks awake spiritually.

Our Bible school led by Bro. Abe Elmore as superintendent, is steadily growing. Winning the children of the community around the church.

The Club captains are sponsoring a rally on the fourth Sunday. The club raising the most money will be served by other clubs. The financial side of our church is growing through the work of the clubs.

Again we want to say we are grateful to our pastor who has labored with us for nearly ten years. Going through sunshine and rain visiting the sick, administering to the poor, doing the work of a good shepherd.

We are going to try to put the "Plea" in every members

home. God bless the "Plea Family," and may we all be one as Jesus has prayed for us to be.

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er you arrive on the grounds. For further information write Mr. D. I. Reed, Chairman of Committee on Promotion, 705 Mill Street, Lexington, Kentucky, or R. H. Peoples, National Director, Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana.

HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

The Department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society and the Kentucky State Missionary Convention.

The Bourbon County Training High School Commencement will be held at Little Rock, May 27th, at 8 p. m. A number of eighth grade and several High School students are ready.

Commencement address by Elder C. H. Dickerson, Editor Christian Plea, and Pastor E. 2nd St. Christian church, Lexington.

J. E. Bean, Principal, Route 3, Paris, Ky.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our commencement season dates from May 21 through May 25. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, May 21—Closing Exercises of Jarvis Elementary school, 8 p. m.

Sunday, May 23—Baccalaureate Sermon.

Monday, May 24 — Annual Musical, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, May 25—Meeting of Texas Board of Trustees, 10 a. m.

Tuesday, May 25 — Alumni Meeting.

Tuesday, May 25 — Commencement Exercises.

GREAT MEETING**IN DISTRICT 6**

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take the lead and have a larger number of representation at the conference than any other district. So here's the challenge.

The meeting was a great success spiritually, numerically and financially. At meal hours recreation activities led by Misses Norma Gaitskill and Isabell Butler were varied, amusing and enjoyed.

Miss Nannie Butler, a Conference graduate, presided at Youths' Perior Sunday afternoon. The numbers were very interesting and appropriate. A fitting climax to the meeting. Everybody enjoyed the hospitality of the Pastor, Bro. Everett and his good members at North Middletown, praying God's richest benedictions may dwell with them.

Mt. Sterling gets next meeting 13, with Elder J. E. Blair and people with the High St. Christian Church, a monster meeting. A cordial invitation to all. District workers of State Slogan: "Be On to Mt. Sterling"; 77 for the Conference at Nicholasville. Having accomplished these, we may well look forward to the State Convention at Covington, where Elder H. E. Howard E. Fowler and his members await us.

BOLL STREET**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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raised by the Boll St. Church for the last five weeks was \$234.65.

We had indeed a grand time on Mothers day. The Grand united order of Odd Fellows had their Thanksgiving serfice at our Church, May 9, Our pastor will deliver the sermon. We are also having a big time for

BULLETIN NO. 2.

First Regional Church Workers' Institute; for Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana and Illinois.

Special to the Plea

At Georgetown, Ky., June 21, a five days' church workers' institute will be conducted, under the department of Religious Education of the U. C. M. S., and the Kentucky convention. Prof. R. H. Peoples, national secretary, will be in charge. All should attend who are interested in the welfare of humanity and through the medium of Christianity and the church.

In the minutes of the convention at Louisville, 1932, appear two clippings from the Standard under the captions, "Cry for Better Religion for Colored People"; and the respond, "It's High Time We Were Doing Something About This."

Our plea in the article appearing: "Our racial cry is for a better religion for our modern day. To meet fully the challenge of modern educational standards, a better interpretation of religion must be had. With diploma in hand, our youth, too, must be met with a religious philosophy not unlike the proven sciences. Knowledge itself is an element of Christianity easily classed along with faith and the other virtues. The whole Negro church today is being assailed by secular enlightenment and university training. In a dearth like this, there is "corn in Egypt"

the men on the forth Sunday. A program is now being prepared for the benefit of our people.

Pastor Sercy went to Bishop College to attend the institute.

spiritual corn in the Restoration stand of the Church of Christ. Twelve millions of Negroes in America would be lifted by a better religion. Good citizenship is involved, inter-racial interest, the welfare of the nation and the peace and welfare of the world.

Hence it goes without saying we need a leadership training school for the ministry, for the eldership, for the deacons and for all positions of responsibility in the church which are known to the New Testament plan. The Negro church is asking for a revival. It is in fact a Macedonian call."

The Standard Editor said: "It is nothing less than scandalous that the white brethren have so neglected the well being of all the Negro churches. Of course there have been some orphanages and some schools that train the Negroes to farm and to enter trades, but there is not a single institution that genuinely gives itself to the production of properly trained preachers of the gospel. Their leaders are struggling along with great handicaps, and those who are really doctrinated are alarmed at the fact that, at the very time when their race is best prepared to receive a sane message of New Testament evangelism, no provision is made to give their men the training needed.

It is time for the white brethren to share this alarm. They must be aroused to do something definite to train the Negro preachers."

Since this above writing five years ago, the U. C. M. S. has given for the Negro

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

Look for Program of our National convention in next issue of The Plea. August is the month, Dayton, Ohio, the place and Legion is the people.

Every church in every state will go on record at the Dayton National.

A line would look good from the following ex-Kentuckians: Dr. Conrad, Elders G. E. Letton, Wm. Martin, Dr. G. C. Campbell and Dear Old Dr. Montague, Frederick Robertson.

Elder Wm. Owens, of Nicholasville, Ky.; State President, is conducting a two weeks' meeting for our Bro. (in the flesh), Elder G. M. Dickerson at North Tazewell, Va.

The Georgetown "Workers Institute" in June will fair well in hands of Elder I. S. Ashe June 21. Don't miss it.

Our East Second St. church in Lexington reached the goal in the seven county contest. Every county reported. We will take a group to the Nicholasville Rally second Sunday in June.

With Sadness we note the passing of our late Bro. J. B. Parsons — once minister in Lexington, Ky., and Dayton, Ohio. He died in Missouri.

What's in a Name has driven our friend, C. B. Titus to dig up more snakes than he can kill."

This Oklahoma genius sails out to deep water then apparently starts rowing with one oar, thus describing a circle. We will review him in a later number—meanwhile let none of us resort to the folly of "naming ourselves."

AN OPEN LETTER TO OHIO CHURCH SCHOOLS.

Dear Superintendent: As I was elected State President of the Bible School Department this year, succeeding Attorney Locker, may I have your cooperation? It is cooperation by which we measure our success. Truly these are challenging days and we must face them with unwaivering efforts if tomorrow is to be better than to day.

Our goal this year is \$200. How shall we meet it? Let us construct a bigger and better District Meeting in connection with the Woman's Missionary Society. Let us make an early start to raise our apportionment! There will be a State Banner available to be awarded to the school reporting the highest average, and all schools will have the same opportunity to obtain it. Make your school the banner school!

Let us make a special contribution to the Sarah Wilson Scholarship fund! Let us send

somebody's son to a source of religious education for preparation to take up where others have left off! Let us lift up our voices and sing, "Faith of Our Fathers Living Still!" Let us build bigger and better schools in the State of Ohio. All this can be accomplished if we reach the goal for which we strive.

We shall try to visit your school as soon as possible. Make your work interesting now, and you will have a good report for the convention!

Very truly yours,

F. T. BARNETT,

State President of Bible School
Cleveland, Ohio.

LOYAL LONDON LIVING

By Mrs. Wm. Walker

Just a line to the Christian family:

In the beautiful mountain section of Ole Kentucky, we, a small band of Christians, are carrying on.

Elder William Walker, our pastor, is pushing the work along. Our church stands on the Dixie highway—"Where the races of men go by."

Our Sunday School was blessed by the visit of our state president and vice-president, Miss Wilson and Mr. Gault. They left many great thoughts of helpfulness.

Then came Elder Owen, president of the church convention with a short, but glorious meeting and five additions. Soul stirring sermons greatly revived the church. He also organized a Missionary Society.

We hope to have him back with us soon.

Elder John Goins and Sister Christine Burgin, church clerk, are on our sick list. We pray for their recovery.

Wishing success to every christian worker everywhere.

BULLETIN NO. 2

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churches Prof. R. H. Peoples, who is now serving as national secretary for the study of the needs and methods for making provisions as referred to above.

The meeting announced for Georgetown, June 21, is the first of the kind in the series looking forward to the establishment of better facility for strengthening the Negro pulpit. It need not be repeated that the minister occupies as the chief shepherd of the flock, and as such should be able to command the respect of all.

The program at Georgetown will include the best university faculty help. Bring Bible, note book and pencil. The fee will be \$4.50 for the week. Write Rev. I. S. Ashe, Georgetown, Ky., for reservation. We invite an expression from the brotherhood prior to this effort giving your attitude and reaction for this program that is now being offered.

D. I. REID,
Secretary Ky. Convention.

THE CHEERFUL WIN AND ARE WON WEDDING BELLS.

Why shouldn't the cheerful win all the Fins in the Matrimonial Sea. Why shouldn't the All Fins (Alphins) respond to cheerfulness?

Well, both have won and both now are cheerful. She a college graduate, having done her apprentice work and eligible to school work in St. Louis, active in local and state church work and a stomp down good newspaper correspondent, add to this the grace of a healthy Christian life and you have a feint picture of Mrs. Cheerful Wynn Alphin.

And he is the brilliant son of Elder and Mrs. Wm. Al-

phine, of St. Louis, Mr. William Alphin, Jr., a graduate of Drake University; majored in mathematics, taught three years in Virginia and is in line for work in the best high schools in the state.

He is secretary of the State convention and she is state President of the Young Peoples Christian Endeavor.

Many happy returns this Preacher's son and his amiable bride.

C. H. D.

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy has been touring Arkansas and those good people are giving her the time of her life.

MT. STERLING, KY., NOTES

Death visited our church often last month.

Bro. Clarence Rash, Sis. Mallissia Howel, Bro. Albert Tipton, and Sis. Minnie Smith all passed away. The latter died in Lexington and was brought here for burial.

If hope were banished what then would be left

To console us as the years speed on?

Hope is candle light revealing the path,

That our weary steps may not falter;

Guiding us safely on, till at last

We find where it burns on God's altar.

Brother Blair is preaching splendid sermons and many are being added to the church.

There was a large attendance at Bible school last Sunday, and a larger number Mother's Day.

The Woman's Missionary Society had a splendid program April 26th: Church Baby Contest and midget wedding—a full house and \$50.00 was realized. Mrs. W. E. Hunter and Isabell Morton had charge of the program.

—Reporter, Isabell Morton

CHURCH LEADERSHIP IN TEXAS AND ELSEWHERE.

By E. W. Rand, Pres. District 2-A of Texas.

With a visit at any time in most of the Texas churches of the Disciples of Christ it can readily be seen that they are suffering very badly because of lack of progressive leadership.

When I say progressive leadership I have in mind that type of leadership which was so nobly exhibited by Jesus Christ during his Ministry here on earth, that type of leadership that will stimulate the entire congregation to a sense of duty and responsibility. Our work in the state is suffering very much from this fact. In my visit from church to church in east Texas I am finding this to be one great cause of the lagging on the part of many churches. The people who make up the church body mean well and will do well, I sincerely believe, but because of the lack of energetic and sympathetic leadership, they are simply drifting along with the tide.

It does seem to me that in this age our leaders should be awakening to a sense of their duty and coming forth with a progressive and constructive program, a program that will lead every worker in the body to go forward, however small and insignificant he or she may be, a program that is not centered on any one thing except the principles upon which Jesus Christ built his church.

Today we are suffering for a program of sacrificial service. It is sad to say, but is true that we fall far short of the ideals as established by Jesus Christ, when it comes to sacrificing. We are too

self-centered. If we can get what belongs to us we are very much satisfied and we pass on not seeming to care what happens to our fellow brother. My friends the time has come as never before when we must concern ourselves with our fellow brother. If we as christian leaders fail to take up the burden of assisting the fallen, who is going to do it?

The Disciples of Christ of America foster a program that is world wide. Very sadly but true, my friends, I know many churches in which the world-wide program of the Disciples of Christ never appears. It is not allowed there as presented by the brotherhood. The only program that is fostered there is a program of "Self." When the need to carry on the program of "Self" is supplied, the work is all done. I say this dear friends, to arouse you to the fact that we are in dire need of church leaders in Texas. Leaders who will, instead of fostering a program of "Self," will champion the cause of Christ and in so doing will champion the causes of humanity. It is my candid opinion that until the selfish program as stated above is supplanted with a program championing Jesus Christ and the causes of humanity, we will still lag in our work toward establishing the Kingdom of God on earth and in the hearts of men.

We have too long gone on with what we call a christian, sympathetic and praying heart—overlooking many of the blunders of our leadership, hoping truly that some day in the near future a new spirit will evolve, within which, we will find a leadership superb. This is not true. It does not happen that way. Things do not come to men for the mere waiting with patience and by

having faith, for the scriptures plainly state that, "Faith without works is dead." Therefore, the time has come when we must arise and go forth to champion the cause and challenge our leaders for a program centered around Jesus and His way of life, an aggressive program which stimulates every life it touches and causes it to open up from the narrow, self-centered attitude, to an attitude of unselfish and sacrificial service that will permeate the hearts of men and women and perpetuate the life and principles of Jesus to such an extent that the gospel of Jesus Christ may be carried into all parts of the world, that His commandment to His Disciples may be carried out, to, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

SOLDIER TITHES BONUS

A member of one of our mission churches in the far west is a war veteran and a steward. Unless prevented by sickness, he is always at every service, and gives freely of his time. He is especially conscientious about his income, and is always sure that a tenth of it goes to the Lord's work.

When this veteran drew his soldier's bonus, he came to his pastor saying, "I want to be fair with the Lord on that bonus. I am going to see that he gets one-tenth of it. I am not going to cash any of the certificates, until I have to for myself, but I will cash the Lord's part just as soon as I can."

SERMON FOR PUBLICATION

Thieves in the Church

By Lorenzo J. Evans Of Georgia

Will a man rob God?—Malachi 3:8.

It is a rhetorical question which closes the final prophecy of the Old Testament. Will a man rob God? And for a terrible dramatic answer comes the gospel record of God's own son. Go to Calvary and see! They robbed Him of His liberty; they robbed Him of His sandals; of the shirt off his back; they hanged Him high between thieves, and robbed Him of His life. Yes, men will rob God. They will steal from their own mothers, they will steal from orphans; they will steal from widows; they will rob their brothers; and they will rob God.

My Master was the friend of publicans and sinners. He lover wrong-doers and felt sorry for them. He even loved Judas, the thief who stole from the poor fund, who betrayed Him for thirty pieces of silver. But one time I saw him in a whirlwind of passion—when He found thieves in the temple. With a whip of cords He threshed them out, knocking over their changing tables, and saying to them:—"Out, be gone! My Father's house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Yes, I am sure He would be very stern, very severe with the thieves, the prowlers in His sanctuary even today. But He would not forget that each one is a living soul. Two thieves hung along side our Lord. One was coarse, hard-boiled, brutal, blasphemous, filthy, unrepentant. The other, you remember, had something down inside him—a real

man who finally cried out, Lord remember me!

Many of our children have no bringing up in the rules of the game of religion, have no religious education. They go to public schools and even to college where they learn to sneer at the Mosaic law and the Christian code, wher they will be taught that they are not to blame for anything they do, where they will learn there is no morality, no ethical code and perhaps even no property rights. We need to realize afresh that religion and religious authority furnishes the one great dynamic for right conduct, that the laws of God in the moral field are as sternly immutable as the laws in the physical field.

In vain we call old nations fudge

And bend out conscience to our dealing,

The Ten Commandments will not budge

And stealing will continue stealing!

And our youth must learn that the way of the transgressor is hard. I can testify that the criminal, no matter how hardened, is to be pitied. It is better to be stolen from than to be a thief; better to be robbed than to be a robber.

And so today, I call you to play for those unfortunate brothers whose souls are cursed with the crime of sacrilege and robbery. And now let us be fair with the facts. There are thieves in this church of the Almighty God's even today. There are people in the church who would not think of stealing a purse, but who would steal something much more valuable. They are stealing from the church of Jesus Christ and sapping the very life out of their own souls.

The Poets' Corner

GIVING LIFE'S BEST

A life full of laughter and loyal endeavor,

That banishes darkness and brightens the day,

That ushers in brotherhood-- ties men together--

And touches the care-worn on life's rugged way.

A life that brings sunshine through cloudy weather,

That sings through the storm and looks forth to the light,

In the midst of depression, heart light as a feather,

That seeks to dispel all the fears that afright.

A life that lifts burdens from shoulders, that droop,

And hails the tired toiler-- a trust-worthy man--

That extends a glad hand, in the midst of the group,

Though the critics may rave and censure the plan.

A life that's lived well doth unceasingly serve,

Planned on a pattern that fits every man's need,

And, losing itself, it holds naught in reserve,

Helps weaklings of earth, when the strong have the lead.

In the likeness of life with the life of our Lord,

Who gave up for others His life on the cross,

And, by that very action, a victory scored--

The marks on the ledger show profit not loss.

—J. Frank Green

The successful pastor learns to get along with or without the choir.

DISTRICT 6

President Message by Miss M. M. Butler.

The hour has come for the so-called president messages, are usually beautiful words, unable to deliver such, I offer encouragement, appreciation, and a few thoughts to ponder.

I am indeed glad so many are present—may your faith increase — your enthusiasm has greatly encouraged me to work on until the war is over; I believe that District 6 will forever live in our hearts a beacon light to the state. Thus we march on with the banner, four meetings this year, which call for support of every worker in the local schools.

Have you really thought of the slogan of the one day convention, Oh Lord, send us a revival—and let that revival begin in me. Has such a movement begun in your town? If we who attended the Convention caught the meaning we could do much in moving others. Yes, on to the duties that so often await them.

When we as christian workers learn to sacrifice time and money as other groups do, we will grow in our work and each of the meeting places will be filled with hungry souls. Locally speaking we share our time and money so sparingly that our school

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stands in need of both the presence of pupils and the finances to carry out its program—thus our district work slips back, and our state work falls short, so, it goes without saying that our national work will lag. Wake up! District 6, and until every district rallies our state will never reach the goal God sets for it.

I reminded you of our district's obligations, young people, conference fee, state convention fee, beside our local requirements, so far, you have responded well. My plea is still send delegate and money or mail your fee to the secretary. This would count as a financial and a spiritual union.

May I again remind you of conference! Let our goal be as many as we can send—making at least an average of three to every school, and the larger schools sending five. Let each conferee use his opportunity—"A chance to reach the unreached."

Go and tell your program to every one, become as enthusiastic as the football yell leader and the so-called christian and the unreached will come. Watch the Plea, and work, work, work!

Please read the chart; it is made to give the church a knowledge of the schools' program, a chance to serve is the idea, and in the "wanted slot" some one is always needed. On it is my prayer, "Open mine eyes that I may see the work that God has for me." There is work for us all, pray that we may find it and work till the day is done. Let us again pray as did the poet, "Forgive me, Lord, and try me one more time."

Again may I thank you for your cooperation. May we

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT II

By Miss Viola Smith

Saturday, May 1st, dawned bright and clear, but the clouds loomed large as ten o'clock came, and ten-thirty and not a delegate had arrived for the district meeting, scheduled for Danville, Ky., on that date, but hope was reborn when the Midway delegation arrived, then the Lexington delegation and then others from Houstonville, Nicholasville, Junction City, plus the good people of Danville who helped swell the number.

The meeting was a record-breaking one in many respects; first, there were more schools represented than there have been in any meeting for the past two years; second, the financial representation was much better; third, there wasn't a single minister in the meeting.

We would have been a little discouraged at the failure of our ministers to cooperate with us had the meeting not gone over so gloriously.

The theme, "Here Am I," was followed out all day in our worship programs and discussions and many helpful and inspiring ideas were brought out.

The same officers were re-elected for the following year, which either proves that their work has been satisfactory or that they are being given another chance.

The schools reporting with delegates and finance were as follows:

Lexington E. Second, \$8.00; Danville, \$8.00; Houstonville, \$5.00; Midway, \$3.00; Junc-

meet 100 per cent in our June meeting—the re-election of officers meeting.

tion City, \$1.00; Nicholasville, \$1.00.

We commend those schools which reported and especially those who came up to the quota asked for and we shall not despair but believe that soon Georgetown, Morehead, Stanford and Lexington Prall Street will answer as did Samuel, "Here Am I."

Our next meeting will be in Junction City about the 1st of October, and we all know how royally they always receive us.

CHINESE SON BECOMES CHRISTIAN

Years ago when Dr. Elliott I. Osgood was in China as one of our missionaries, he knew a fine Chinese gentleman, a warm friend of the Chuchow church, though not a Christian. Now Dr. Osgood is living at Hiram, Ohio, and serving as pastor of the Char-don, Ohio, church.

The son of this Chinese gentleman came to America to study. He paid a visit to Dr. Osgood, and was baptized at a Sunday morning service in Chadron. He has now returned to China where he is a professor in one of China's Christian universities.

The young people will meet with Cross St. Church, Little Rock, Ark., May 28th to 30th. Eld. R. F. Harp, pastor; Mrs. S. L. Bostick, chairman of State W. S. Board, N. Little Rock.

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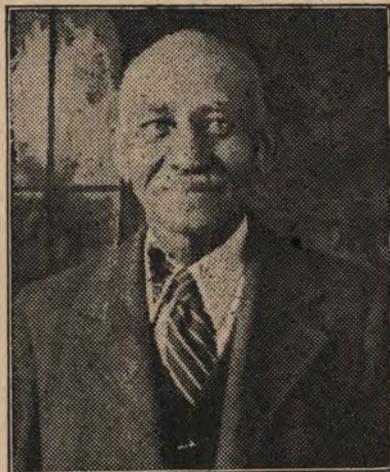
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Eld. M. F. Frazier is another pioneer who is still pioneering.

ELD. M. F. FRAZIER

By L. L. DICKERSON

Eld. Martin F. Frazier, pastor of the Wehrman Ave. Christian Church, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, celebrated his fiftieth year in the ministry and twenty-fifth year as pastor of Wehrman Ave. Church, where a large group of members and friends paid glowing tribute to his long faithful and efficient service in the ministry. The church presented he and Mrs. Frazier a purse of some one hundred dollars.

Eld. Frazier was born in Winchester, Ky., attended the Winchester public schools and New Castle College. His first pastorate was at Step Stone, Ky. He also pastored at Richmond, Ky., Lockland, Oxford, College Hill and Cincinnati (Kenyon Ave.).

His ministerial career has been one of loyalty, devotion, courage and achievement. A

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BULLETIN No. 3

At Georgetown, Ky., the week of June 21, a five days "church workers institute" will be conducted under the department of Religious Education of the UCMS and the Kentucky convention, affiliated with the adjoining states of Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Prof. R. H. Peoples will be in charge. Kentucky State Board March 31, met and endorsed the plan and pledged unanimous support. Prof. Peoples was present, and it is presumed that all state workers are thoroughly informed of the purpose and main objective in introducing this new unit extending the educational and recreational program of church life.

Five years ago a request was published couched as follows: "We need a leadership training school for the ministry, for the eldership, for the deacons and for all positions of responsibility in the church which are known to the New Testament plan."

The history of Kentucky convention organized in 1873 has been featured with similar requests. A Bible school for the making of preachers at Louisville followed. Bros. Diskerson, Pearson, Floyd, Johnson, Allen, Wilson, (six votes) remain to defend the record of the contribution the spirit of that effort made in support of the Kentucky church and its border states, and at a distance.

Later a request was made for a school for girls. Not to make

preachers of them but that they should be trained to cooperate with the ministry, build together with the ministry in sympathy and understanding and sacrifice—as wives, teachers, organizers and worthy in council. A trained pastor and a trained wife gives the appearance of completeness for church leadership.

The history of church problems is the history of inefficiency. The history of church struggle, worry and trouble, is the history of inability to lead. We are speaking from the viewpoint of the layman; we are permitted to speak from the viewpoint of a pastor and teacher. But truth is truth until crushed, however presented. TRUTH once was crucified, but it came back.

The genius of our plea is "obedience" in all things as the simple requirement of the spirit of true religion. And though there be among us those who preach, confess and declare "none obey" let them be prepared in the end to defend their disobedience as they face the judgment bar.

This writing is given in support of the need of a school for the training of leaders in the work of the church and strengthening of the pulpits. It is important that we all speak the same thing. However there are never more than two things to be said, and one of them is the right thing.

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

"HERE AM I"

By MISS VIOLA SMITH
Danville, Ky.

What a wealth of meaning in these three words. Every man or woman who has given his life to any service has unconsciously uttered these words, just as Samuel did when he received the call. When we come into the church and when we acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, then we are really saying "Here am I."

The Disciples who left their nets and followed Jesus willingly were saying this, just as truly as little Samuel. The man or woman who today devotes his life to the service of kingdom building and who gives of his time and talent to the cause of the Master has truly grasped the real meaning of these three words, Here am I.

But somewhere down the ages since the time of Samuel, since the time of the Disciples, those words have seemingly lost their power to impel men to action. What is it that we need?

We need more Christian workers who will awaken to a sense of their duty, particularly as regards our Bible schools and missionary organizations.

Many church officers answer readily "Here am I" when the call comes to take the offering or to pass the communion, but someone must answer "absent" for them when the Bible school is in session or when missionary night arrives. The same is true. Many of the missionary ladies answer "Here am I"

on missionary meeting night but must be counted as absentees in B. S. or regular Sunday service.

What we need is more well rounded Christians, who will realize that in order to have a successful church all units thereof must be alive and vigorous.

We need in addition leaders who answer "Here am I" in institutes of this type. Leaders whose minds are open and progressive and who avail themselves of every opportunity to train and better fit themselves for their tasks. Consecration and devoutness are excellent qualities but those qualities must be accompanied by information and enthusiasm for all things which will help their organizations.

We need parents who will say "Here am I" with their children when the Bible school doors open on Sunday morning. Parents who will lead the way.

We need Bible school workers who will respond to workers' conferences and other agencies which aid in planning a well rounded program for our Bible schools. Today we live in a truly complicated age. For many, life is richer and fuller than in ages past, but Wordsworth so truly expresses the state of affairs in his "Intimations to Immortality" when he says "The world is too much with us late and soon, getting and spending we lay waste our powers." This is a true description of the state of affairs in our day. The world has not taken the place of the church. I would not be one of those pessimistic individuals who

would wail and lament the loss of power of the church or to prophesy its ultimate downfall, but I do say that the church must wake up and its religious leaders must be on the alert, because the world offers so many attractions, so many fascinating, glittering things to which the human element in man responds so readily and it is quite easy to say "Here am I."

Our churches have rested far too long on the achievements they have won. Our leaders stress too much creed and not enough Christianity, too much doctrine and not enough doing. In order to convince the world that the thing we're offering is the real genuine worthwhile thing and that to answer "Here am I" to the call of Christ does give abundant joys and promise of a life hereafter we must show works worthy of our names. No one wants to be a part of a dead or half dead institution. In order to convince others, we ourselves must be thoroughly consecrated and we must as the disciples and as Samuel leave all and follow Him. As we say "Here am I."

MRS. SARAH BOSTICK CELEBRATES 45 YEARS OF SERVICE IN M. E.

By ROSA BROWN BRACY

On Sunday afternoon, May 16th, 1937, many friends of Mrs. Sarah L. Bostick came to the Mt. Sinia Christian Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas, to lay at her feet "flowers" in appreciation for her 45 years of service as a missionary leader of the Disciples of Christ in the

State of Arkansas.

As the speakers, representing the Church of Christ from throughout the state and from the various communions of her community and from the various walks of life gave testimony of her good works and stalwart Christian character, all present sensed the radiance of her beautiful life. And all—acclaimed as one voice: It is good to be here.

At her side was Brother Bostick, who through these forty-five years has been her husband and co-worker in all things pertaining to the building of the Kingdom of God on earth. They have been wonderful examples of co-laborers and partnership, and help-mates.

Not only has Bro. and Sister Bostick given freely of themselves and their substance to more fully establish churches in the state of Arkansas, but they have also been reliable strengths in the establishing of the National Convention and in fostering the program of Disciples of Christ around the world.

Even before the National Convention was organized Mrs. Bostick was president of the National Woman's Conference of the Churches of Christ which met annually at the S. C. I.

Mrs. Bostick has been through the years a great friend of young people. It was her personal interest in me and her great fervor and zeal for the missionary cause which challenged me to my life's task, as she came year after year to the Worker's Conference at S. C. I. while I was a student there. No greater joy have I ever experienced than to bring greetings on this her 45th anniversary.

Long live Sister Bostick.

FIRST OKLAHOMA NEGRO YOUTH MEET

The Osage Avenue Christian Church of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, was (in the words of the host-pastor) the "birthplace of the First Negro Youth Meet in Oklahoma" on May 7th and 8th. The Rev. L. M. Jones, formerly of Oklahoma City is the pastor in Okmulgee. The theme used for the meet was "Here Am I."

Mrs. C. W. Arnold of Tulsa, served as director with the assistance of a most competent faculty composed of Mr. M. L. Norment, State Director of Religious Education for Oklahoma; Miss Agnes Henderson, State Youth Advisor for the Missionary Dept. of Oklahoma; Rev. Wm. Martin, pastor of the Second Christian Church of Muskogee, Okla.; and Dr. Donald Baker, missionary from Africa. The Rev. C. W. Arnold, minister at Tulsa and State Director of Young Peoples' Summer Conference for Oklahoma, was also present. Mr. S. Q. Parker an official in the host-church and Vice-President of the State Christian Endeavor Dept., was on the job in his most efficient manner.

The total enrollment numbered 26; with 11 adults, 13 young people and 2 children. The two discussion topics were: Personal Religious Living and Appreciation and Use of the Bible which were led by Mrs. Arnold and Rev. Martin respectively.

On Friday evening at the first session a large audience was present. The Rev. E. A. Powell, pastor of the First Christian Church of Okmulgee and a large number of his members were in attendance to hear Dr. Baker in a very fascinating message on Africa.

The young people led and

conducted the worship services in a splendid way as some present had had conference experience.

The host church was most gracious and cordial in their entertainment and the kind hospitality of the homes was greatly appreciated.

The closing period of the meet was held on the shores of beautiful Lake Okmulgee, the recreation was followed by the vespers and a message on the subject: "Becoming a Man," by Mr. M. L. Norment. The young people returned to their home acclaiming the meet indeed an event of no mean value.

OVERCOMING FEAR

"I do not know where the expression "scared to death" originated, but it might quite well have been here in our section of Congo for in this region (Belgian Congo) one may see it enacted in reality. I have had occasion to attend three cases where, all my incredulity and scepticism to the contrary notwithstanding, I was forced to accede that death resulted from absolutely nothing but fear. As a contributory cause of the actual physical ailments of the Congolese, not to mention the mental suffering, its influence cannot be overestimated.

"The conquest of fear! One gains a modicum of satisfaction in his weary hours out here in no small measure from the thought that, through education and the teaching of the religion of Him whose love overcame fear, we may have been not too bad soldiers in that conquest."

Taken from a letter by one of our missionary doctors in Africa.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PASSING MEN

Men may come and men may go, but the church, like Tennyson's brook, runs on forever.

But the direction things go and the rate of progress is often changed by the passing of men.

I am thinking of three of our national figures who have passed on, whose mantles have fallen upon our shoulders along with what their lives meant to the Christian Plea.

Possibly on any list of our benevolent men Bro. Preston Taylor's name would be at the head. You know, he had peculiar endowments. His fine, tender, but powerful voice rang out in sympathy and help to all our needs.

He had the strength of ten and was fully sold to cooperative work. He "cared for"

more deficits than the world ever knew of. Closely following this Elijah was indeed his Elisha, and we saw his mantle fall upon the broad shoulders of our own Bro. H. L. Herod.

We need not mention the greatness of soul and culture which he brought to "the throne." His tact and contact brought rich returns. He knew all the "ropes" and gave full measure of devotion to the cause of our "Zion," even making the supreme sacrifice. And as the vessel sailed—on which he was to go—he murmured "They're all gone," and he too "Slept with the fathers."

Who is it coming up from the deep South, Pastor-Evangelist, humorous, but desperately in earnest and devoted? This is B. C. Calvert with the gavel in his hand. Also an editor of a state paper.

His time was too short to define, but like his predecessors made definite influential contributions to the interests of the Christian Plea.

We cannot forget how well these men wrought in their day. God has given us others, perhaps equally great, but "as usual," we'll reserve their flowers until they (or we) pass on.

Noble heritage left us, nor shall we break faith with those who pass on.

Truly they sleep, but "Their spirits are with us today."

ACCIDENT FACTS

In November, 1935, Dr. The-ron Weddell Kilmer, police surgeon of Hempstead, L. I., announced that drunken driving had increased by 45 per cent since the end of prohibition, and that the "intoxicated motorist is the greatest danger on the highway today."

BOLL ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH, DALLAS, TEX.

(The whirlwind Evangelist is still in town)

We, the members and friends of the Boll St. Christian Church do again present Rev. R. L. Sercy, who has reconsidered and consented to abide in Dallas after having a wonderful meeting together with the officers and members of the church. He decides to abide in Dallas until the spirit of God says enough done in Dallas Co.

He is yet saying as heretofore, by the help of God watch Boll St. go. Sunday seemed to have been a day of awakening; the spirt was very high. The pastors subject for the morning service was, "Together," we had one to come forward. For the night he used for a subject "Nothing But Love," we had three more to come forth which made 4 additions for the day. We are very thankful to God for these and do continue to ask your prayers that we succeed in reaching the unreached. Our collection was \$40.

We are having a meeting on Wednesday night at which time Pastor Sercy will bring what is known as a new deal program to the church. He feels that every member in the church can have a job thus putting the whole church at the task.

Rev. Sercy is vice president of the Interdenominational Alliance of Dallas, and chairman of the Educational Comm. of same.

His statement to the brotherhood:

Don't forget Dayton. If each one would try to bring another one, just how many people would we have at the National Convention this year? If we would only awake out of our sleep, the Lord would give us strength; then great things

could be done. Listen to him in Isa. 41:18 I will open a river in high places, a fountain in the valley, make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land a spring. Let us try him this year. Ps. 37:4-6 Delight thy self in Jehovah and he will give thee the desires of thy heart. Commit thy way unto Him, trust in Him and He shall bring it to pass. He will make the righteousness go forth as light and thy justice as the noon day. Now may the Lord bless us and cause each one to bring some one else into the perfect unity of Christ Jesus.

We will meet you in Dayton.

REV. R. L. SERCY

WORK AND PROGRESS OF MISSISSIPPI

Christian Chapel marches on. The report for March was \$147.25. The total for the four and one-half months was \$497.21.

Mr. Booth, executive secretary of Board of Extension of Disciples of Christ and his wife paid Christian Chapel a visit May 3, and recommended a loan of \$1,500 on the remodeling program which Christian Chapel now has on.

There is to be built in addition to the remodeling of the church and parsonage a "Community Center." There is a great need in Port Gibson for "social activities," virtue of the fact the places of amusements are limited. Through the natural interest of the people Christian Chapel hopes to build substantially the Kingdom of God in the lives of the populace there.

Elder Campbell is asking that every church in the brotherhood send a donation to Christian Chapel before the second Sunday in August, on which day he and the members

hope by the grace of God to open the doors of the new edifice and parsonage. This day will be styled as "Home Coming Day," to all who have lived in the city of Port Gibson, Miss.

Following this day the State Convention will meet here in Christian Chapel for its "Golden Anniversary," (year of jubilee). We're hoping those Disciples of Christ who read this article will take under consideration that this is not only a "Macedonian Call," but the plea of the Christian Church being unity, we should unite and help one another to climb.

Listed are the members who paid \$5 or more in the "Drive": Elder W. D. Campbell \$7, Lottie Campbell \$5, Simpson Jennings \$5.65, Sarah Jennings \$5.25, Ida Harris \$5, Will Cullens, \$5, Estella Nash \$5, Vina Regans \$5, Bessie Thomas \$5.25, Riley Thomas \$6.50, R. D. King \$5.25, N. B. King \$5.25, Mary Washington \$5.70, M. J. Brown \$5.50, Jeanette Lee \$5.25, L. A. Scott \$5.50, S. R. Henry \$5.71, John Henry \$5.54, Harriet Simms \$5.01, Winnie Mae Watts \$5.56; Louvenia Toliver \$5, Tansy Watts \$6.50, Charlotte Trevillian \$7.30, S. R. Shaifer \$7.50, Mabel Shaifer \$7.50, Bertha Gibson \$5, Tom Gibson \$5.75.

Elder Peoples was here and attended the quarterly of District One and was successful in getting a number to attend the Laboratory School at S. C. I.

Mrs. Peoples came to Port Gibson immediately after the school to teach the teachers the course in order to have a Vacation School here in the summer.

The quarterly meeting in District Two, May 15, 16, 17. It was well attended. Among some things of interest in the meeting was the missionary

program, which was outstanding in information and inspiration. Mrs. H. E. Jennings conducted a "model devotional program" and Elder W. D. Campbell preached a real missionary sermon.

Elder Franklin, state president, announced that Elder H. D. Griffin would serve as State Evangelist until the convention.

SEES WHITE MAN FIRST

The day of miracles is not past. While our station doctor at Wema, Africa, was on furlough, the work was carried on by the nurse. She, of course, could not perform the operations necessary, so it was with great joy that the state doctor was welcomed for a visit.

An eye specialist, this doctor startled the entire countryside by removing cataracts and giving sight to many who had never expected to see again. One old man, as the cataract came off his eye, cried, "I can see! I can see! I can see a white man!"

This was the first white man he had ever seen, and he had given him back his sight. Later the old man came back from his village, a journey of several days, to bring the doctor a gift—a chicken. With him were five of his friends who sought help.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST GRADUATE STUDENTS

Disciples of Christ have at present about one hundred and fifty graduate students studying in seminaries. The largest number is at the Divinity School, Yale University, where there are thirty-three of our students registered.

THE AIM OF KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION OF 1937

By RICHARD L. SAUNDERS

President Ky. Y. P. S. C. E.

For the past five years the Christian Endeavor Convention of Kentucky has centered its programs around certain aims, in an attempt to better suit the needs of the youths. To a very great extent it has accomplished some of the aims, and likewise it has failed to some extent.

The aim of the 1937 Christian Endeavor Convention of Ky. is twofold: achievement through cooperation, and the achievement and history of the Negro Christian Churches are the aims. A question may be asked why discuss the age old subject "Cooperation"? The greatest evil or hinderance to the Negro race as well as to the Negro Christian Churches is the lack of cooperation in reality. The members, officials and preachers herald it from the four sides of the church, but they fail to sit at one common table and employ cooperation in active pursuit.

I'm sorry to say, but in literature, history and editorials we find less about the Negro Christian Churches than any other. In the outstanding treatise of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, "The Negro Churches," we find no mention of the Christian Churches. In the leading Negro newspaper seldom do we see any reference to the "Sect." The Christian Church who's original purpose was the unification of all sects seems to be forgotten. For the facts mentioned above it is our aim to set aside one day in our State Convention to discuss and history and achievements of the Negro

Christian Churches in order that a cultural appreciation may be born within our ranks. Brothers, this may seem radical to you, but inasmuch as our Savior Jesus Christ sold the religious ideals of Christianity to the ancient civilization, the Christian Church as a mechanism for Christ must continue to sell his ideals and ideas through publication and other forms of communication.

It is my aim as a graduate in Social Science to write a historical and sociological treatise on the Negro Christian Churches in America and if your church has its history written or if any of you have any information on the church in your locality please mail it to the author of this article.

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Enclosed find an order for 1 years subscription to your paper. Our men's Bible class has a budget of \$1,000, the state is divided into 5 districts and each to pay \$200. And each church will pay so much. Our men's classes are raising this money for our evangelistic work in the state. I will let you know what success we have when the convention meets in July. I will send you a card. Yours for service, Robert L. Wilson, 911 So. Naches Ave.

IN MEMORIAM

To One Who Has Manned the
Ship of Life—

To Elder B. C. Calvert, who so beautifully lived before, and among us we offer the fitting words of the immortal poet, Alfred Tennyson, as a solace to the ones who have loved and known him:

HELPING THE LOCAL CHURCH

So multitudinous are the functions of home missions, it is difficult to realize all that it involves. A part of its work, and one that is coming into increasing prominence, is that of church development, or service to the local church.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the home base needs strengthening, that local churches need counsel and supervision as they face the complex problems of the day. In cooperation with the various state missionary societies the division of home missions of the United Christian Missionary Society is offering an increasing amount of assistance to local churches everywhere which desire to receive such help.

Closely related to this church development is Evangelism. Home missions is not only responsible for servicing the church in the homeland, it is also responsible for helping the church to grow. In cooperation with other agencies, such as the National Evangelistic Association, it projects brotherhood-wide programs of evangelism, seeks to stimulate interest in the church, creates and makes available evangelistic literature, and offers counsel to local churches.

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To the Disciples
Greetings:

The National Convention of the Church and the auxiliaries for 1937 will meet in Dayton, Ohio, worshipping with Brother Eli W. Wilbert and congregation. Brother Wilbert met us in council on April 12, 1937 in St. Louis and assured us that the convention would be generously entertained. On April 13th, the Program Committee completed its work and left the program in the hands of Rev. W. M. Martin, of Muskogee, Oklahoma and Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, secretary, St. Louis, Missouri, to prepare for printing. Let this be our slogan: "On to Dayton" August 24-29, 1937. You will hear more from our corresponding secretary.

J. N. ERVIN, President.

SOME FEATURES OF MEETING IN DISTRICT 6

Training Period, by Eld. I. H. Moore.

Dividing Financial Duties Among B. S. Teachers.

The New Testament, a Missionary Book.

Our Missionary Problems.

The Three O's in Missions—Obligations, Opportunities and Objectives.

Youth and Stewardship.

Facing Life with Christ.

Helping Young People Be Christians.

Things That Prevent or Hinder Spiritual Growth.

Growing Up in All Things Unto Him.

Sermon by Eld. J. E. Blair.

With that live wire, Miss Butler, leading No. 6 and Miss Smith equally charged, leading No. 2, the other districts must wake up!

RESOLVED

Somebody made the following resolutions:

Resolved: That I will make a practice of going to church regularly every Sunday, and let my unflinching attendance become a constant stimulus to the minister and the choir, a source of inspiration to other worshippers, and a helpful influence to the youth of the community.

Resolved: That I will go to church on time, arrive a few minutes before the beginning of the service and silently bow in prayer to ask the divine blessing upon the services of the day, and upon all who gather anywhere for the worship of Almighty God.

Resolved: That I will not be afraid to follow the usher to one of the front pews, and so encourage the congregation to sit nearer the pulpit and thus make it easier for the minister to preach.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OHIO CHURCH SCHOOLS

Dear Superintendent:

As I was elected State President of the Bible School Department this year, succeeding Attorney Locker, may I have your cooperation? It is cooperation by which we measure our success. Truly these are challenging days and we must face them with unwavering efforts if tomorrow is to be better than today.

Our goal this year is two hundred dollars. How shall we meet it? Let us construct a bigger and better District Meeting in connection with the Woman's Missionary Society. Let us make an early start to raise our apportionment! There will be a State Banner available to be awarded to the school reporting the highest average,

and all schools will have the same opportunity to obtain it. Make your school the banner school!

Let us make a special contribution to the Sarah Wilson Scholarship fund! Let us send somebody's son to a source of religious education to take up where others have left off! Let us lift up our voices and sing, "Faith of Our Fathers Living Still!" Let us build bigger and better schools in the State of Ohio. All this can be accomplished if we reach the goal for which we strive.

We shall try to visit your school as soon as possible. Make your work interesting now, and you will have a good report for the convention!

Very Truly yours,

F. T. Barnett,

State Pres. of Bible School
Cleveland, Ohio.

OLD HOME TOWN IN ADAIR COUNTY

By ELD. C. H. JOHNSON

The second Sunday in April we had fine service at Flatwood morning and night. Afternoon we were with the good people at Dudley's Chapel, on the third Sunday at Columbia. We are putting in new pews, getting ready for our convention rally and fall meeting. Preached for Rev. Cranston, M. E. Church, Sunday afternoon. Will ordain Eld. Sam Smith as minister in the Christian Church on the third Sunday in June. Coming from the Do Right church we have added to the church at Flatwood three young men. They are proving to be helpful to the elder, Bro. P. T. Walkup. We are putting out our state missionary envelopes. Hope to make a good report.

Meet us at Covington and then at Dayton.

MAYSLICK NOTES

By A. D. GAULT

Vice-President of State S. S. Convention

Though the winter was wet and uninviting, our church has been busy this convention year. Bro. Botts is preaching good sermons. Mrs. Anna Belle Johnson gave a S. S. program "The Historical Facts of the Bible," helping pay on church carpet and coal.

Our Family Rally was a success. Bro. Botts has been recalled a second year as our minister. He's a good minister and knows his business from the other fellow's. Our district is planning a great program for our Carlisle meeting June 26th and 27th.

Kentucky annual convention meets at Covington on the banks of the Ohio River July 20-24, 1937.

Brothers and Covington are getting ready.

Dropping weights and moving forward is the theme of Institute of District 3 for Bible School and W. M. at Carlisle, Ky., June 26 and 27.

ARTIS WALKER, STATE SINGING EVANGELIST, OHIO

Program (1) Musical Recitals; (2) Stereopticon Work, Pictures with singing.

A. The Old Rugged Cross with singing.

B. Twenty Third Psalm, with talk of each verse.

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That banishes darkness and brightens the day,
That ushers in brotherhood—ties men together—
And touches the care-worn on life's rugged way.

A life that brings sunshine through cloudy weather,
That sings through the storm and looks forth to the light,
In the midst of depression, heart light as a feather,
That seeks to dispel all the fears that afright.

A life that lifts burdens from shoulders that droop,
And hails the tired toiler—a trust-worthy man—
That extends a glad hand, in the midst of the group,
Though the critics may rave and censure the plan.

A life that's lived well doth unceasingly serve,
Planned on a pattern that fits every man's need,
And, losing itself, it holds naught in reserve,
Helps weaklings of earth, when the strong have the lead.

In the likeness of life with the life of our Lord,
Who gave up for others His life on the cross,
And, by that very action, a victory scored—
The marks on the ledger show profit not loss.

J. Frank Green.

Mr. J. A. Johnson and Miss Ellen Henderson are presidents.

ELD. M. F. FRAZIER

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great preacher of the Gospel, an ardent contender for "the faith." And even though the Wehrman Ave. Church boasts of no large membership, it is one of the best in the state. Their loyalty and devotion to the cause and to their pastor has won for them the respect and admiration of all who know of their works. Many souls have been led to Christ and baptized by this grand old veteran of the cross.

The Wehrman Ave. congregation has a splendid building and the church is free of debt. Eld. Frazier's wife has been at his side during all of these fifty years, and her devotion and consecration to God, home and husband is worthy of universal acclaim. He also has a daughter, Mrs. Parks, who is a teacher in the Cincinnati public schools and organist of the Wehrman Ave. Church.

Ole Kentucky has scored again. May God add His richest blessings to these well spent lives, and may they be blessed with more years of faithful service.

BULLETIN NO. 3

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We invite the brotherhood, readers of the Plea to give this movement serious thought, and if there is a better way than training the ministry for leadership speak now.

D. I. REID,
Secretary Ky.
Convention.

The fine reports of the Owens-Dickerson meeting in Va. and the Peters-Hays meeting in Little Rock, Ark., came too late for this issue and will appear in the next.

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MORE REFLECTIONS FROM S. C. I.

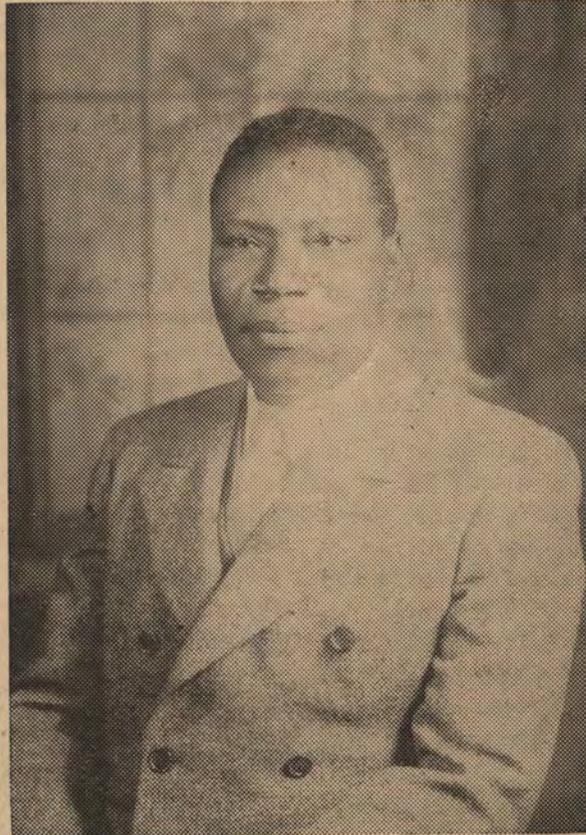
By Prof. J. M. Cowan.

The bare statement that S. C. I. recently closed one of its most successful school years is strong enough to stand alone. Yet like the preacher who has been out to dinner and returns to tell his wife that he had a good dinner, the story is not complete until he has made her taste every dish and has told her the oft-repeated story, "after all, you're the best cook in the country."

Operating on a "starvation budget," due to forces beyond the control of the institute or the the society underwriting it, the President and Treasurer were forced to combine strict economy and skillful management to operate within this limited budget and avoid an operating deficit. Our financial burdens would be lessened considerably if along with the numerous students who must work their way our preaching brethren and friends would also send us some who can pay their way. We solicit your support in this respect.

Quite frequently the President, or the Dean, or a single outstanding professor remain in the eyes of the public so constantly that the work of the less-known members of the faculty is overlooked. For fear that our public may not know those who also serve, I shall introduce the following persons with whom it has been our pleasure to work with over a period extending from a year to years: L. E. Cousins, Bible

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The Rev. Robert E. Latouche, minister South Side Christian Church, Chicago, who sent six students to the Central Young People's Conference, now in session at Nicholasville, Ky. He is another example of thrift and business life. His splendid home and address is 5406 S. Michigan St., Chicago, Ill.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O God of freedom, under Thy guiding hand our pilgrim fathers crossed the sea. We rejoice that in Thy spirit they founded upon this continent a nation dedicated to liberty, equality, and the brotherhood of man. We thank Thee for their spirit of adventure in a new world, and for their daring experiment in the untried ways of government by the people.

Give to us, we pray, the spirit

of the fathers as we, too, face a new world. Give us their faith and courage to launch out upon political and economic experiment, adopting such new forms as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes for which our country came to birth.

Deliver us, O God, not alone from the ancient tyranny of kings, but from new autocracies in modern life. Help us rather to extend the frontiers of freedom for the common man, fulfilling in economic and indus-

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

MORE REFLECTIONS FROM S. C. I.

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and history; Hazel Bacon, home economics; Kate Louise Cowdery, education and English; Hazel McClain, fine arts; Mrs. L. E. Cousins, music; Hazel Mahoney, Spanish and English; James Ratten, science and director of athletics; Mary E. Bassett, librarian; Homer Thomas, manual training; Mrs. Allena Barnes, principal of the elementary school, and Mrs. James Hatten, instructor in the intermediate grades. While the above-named persons were making their contributions in the classrooms, T. B. Frost and B. L. Jacobs were busy in garden and field making two blades grow where one grew before; Miss Evans supervising the laundry; Mrs. Hobart and Miss Wright preparing the food, while the matrons, Miss Anderson and Mrs. Cowan, attended to the dormitories. At the office Mrs. Long assumed the burdens of her absent husband, while Naomi Legier, the campus "shock absorber," kept books and answered questions. Such is the roster of those whose devotion and efficiency and co-operation made the past year one of rich experiences for their fellow-workers and for their disciples—the students.

Then, the student body as a whole was one of the finest I have ever known. This was particularly true of the upper-classmen, many of whom completed their residence here and are now ready for wider horizons. The graduating class of eighteen was made up of young people who were leaders in camp organizations, members

of the choir, skilled workmen in the manual arts and "live-wires" in every sense of the word. At present they are scattered from the Great Lakes to the Gulf, and from Missouri to Maryland. A total of two hundred and twenty-two enrolled in all departments. No one save another teacher can fully appreciate what it means to share the confidence and intellectual fellowship of youth such as we serve here where life for the Negro is "no bed of roses."

The following items seem to me to have been the outstanding events of the year so I pass them on to you.

The splendid work of Rosa Page Welch who directed our department of music during the absence of Mrs. Cousins. Mrs. Welch climaxed her stay with a brilliant song recital; a Christmas gift to faculty and students.

Integration of our teacher-training program with the immediate needs of the rural schools of the State.

The visit of the Claiborne County sage, L. R. Garrison.

The ordination of five members of the graduating class to the Christian ministry; Jesse Hawkins, Missouri; Douglass Bowman, Maryland; Clifford Spears, Arkansas; George Lakes and William James, Mississippi.

The sessions of the Laboratory School of Religious Education, directed by Florence P. Carmichael and R. H. Peoples and attended by representatives from local and state churches.

The timely and inspiring commencement addresses given by women, a novel experience for most of us. The baccalaureate sermon by Dale Ellis of

the United Society, and the commencement address by Fannie C. Williams, educator of New Orleans, La.

The return of President Long with a long-pursued M. A. from Vanderbilt University.

LIKE PRIEST—LIKE PEOPLE

Among the membership of his church are some of the best and most influential people of Little Rock.

The evangelist was assigned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McGee, 1305 W. 31st St., for his two weeks stay in Little Rock. The very best of hospitality was shown him in this home.

The following persons had the evangelist to take meals in their home: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dean, R. L. Cole, Ben Livingston, Julius Mitchell, K. D. Cole, Eugene Rutledge, Elder and Mrs. M. M. Bostick and Mrs. Jannie Smith.

He was guest on visit to Hot Spring of Loyal Workers Club and of Mr. and Mrs. John McGee.

The evangelist on his return to Winston-Salem stopped over in Memphis and Knoxville, Tenn., Thursday and Friday nights, delivering good-will messages to the Churches of Christ in the above-mentioned cities.

TRI-STATE ECHOES

By R. L. Peters, Field Secretary. Winston-Salem, N. C. Dial: 7863.

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way." Isa. 30-21.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN WINSTON-SALEM

SPENCER MEMORIAL—R. L. Peters, minister.

Still on the upward trend. Splendid attendance. New members being added occasionally, by baptism and otherwise. Offerings little above the average. Bible School much alive.

A Church Workers Institute for Churches of Christ connected with Piedmont and Tri-State Christian Conventions, July 26 to August 1, 1937.

The dozen or more churches throughout the Tri-States making progress. The annual convention will be held with First Church of Christ, Concord, N. C., August 5-8, 1937.

TO THE DISCIPLES—GREETINGS

The annual session of our National Convention for 1937 will assemble with the church at Dayton, Ohio, Rev Eli W. Wilbert, pastor, on August 24-29, inclusive. You may expect to see the program in the Christian Plea very soon. It is hoped that each local church in the brotherhood as well as every State Convention will make a full report at the National Convention.

Brother Wilbert and his good people are making ample preparation to care for a large delegation. Come prepared to assist in making the convention one of the best spiritually and financially. Dayton is easily accessible to most of our churches and we can come seeking victory through Christian loyalty. The work demands our earnest attention. Let us pray that no tragedy will mar the ongoing of our Christian cause. May God help us to approach

all our problems with submission to Him. Begin planning now for the convention.

For the good of the work in all departments of the church, we are urging that all claims due the United Society be paid before June 30 so that our national field workers and the work in general may not suffer for lack of funds.

Yours for the work.

J. N. ERVIN,

President, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

R. H. Davis, Corresponding Secretary, 4423 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

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trial democracy our sacred traditions of government by the people. Lead us into the cooperative commonwealth of God.

May we also go forward in the spirit of divine adventure into the new world of international relations. Through cooperative institutions of world conference, court, and league, may we play our part in international law and order to establish justice among the nations, assure peace and tranquility in all the world, and promote the general welfare of mankind.

Help each one of us, O God, as Christian citizens to vote as we pray, judging parties and programs not with regard to our own interests, but by the measure of their purpose to advance the interests of those less privileged than ourselves.

God of our fathers, be with us yet. Help us in the continued genius of our nation ever to pioneer in the cause of human freedom and the brotherhood of man.

*From Prayers for Self and Society by James Myers, Industrial Secretary.

ATTENTION, S. S. WORKERS!

Convention time is here and still there is much left undone. As national correspondent for the Department of Religious Education I am taking this means to notify all the Bible Schools of the brotherhood and especially those that I've been unable to contact by mail that each school is expected to send a representation fee of two dollars (\$2.00) to the Treasurer.

It is hoped that each school will be loyal and help carry on this great program of national interest. What a glorious convention it will be if each school pays its part and does all it can to send one or more delegates. Make your check or money-order to Dr. R. Sidney Fields, the Treasurer, and mail to the Secretary, R. R. Walton, 2317 Morgan Avenue, Parsons, Kansas.

PARSONS, KANSAS

We have just received the cancelled fourth note, held as mortgage against our church, and are now paying off the fifth and final note. We are indeed thankful to the white ministers of the Southeastern District of Kansas for their loyal support and especially do we express our gratitude to Rev. M. Lee Avery, pastor of the First Church here in Parsons. He has left no stone unturned in helping us in every way possible. Through his untiring efforts we have preached and sung in some seven or more sister churches and engagements are still coming in. We ask the prayers of the brotherhood that we shall be able to continue.

RAYMOND R. WALTON,
Minister.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

Some Kentucky convention speakers may find themselves yanked from their favorite steeds at Covington.

The general trend of advice led the Program Committee to assign other subjects for treatment. You may "fetch" your "hobby horse" along, as you may find space to "trot him out," but a new "mount" is the best blessing that can come to any of us. "Time marches on." Please prepare to "pull where hooked."

The Christian Plea has many "cuts" which have appeared in our columns. Those sent us will be returned upon receipt of ten cents postage. Others, which we had made from your photo, will be sent to you upon receipt of one dollar. You'll need them, you know; we may not.

We're mindful of all those

who are sending in payment for subscription and would remind those who think that the Plea, like Tennyson's Brook, will "run on and on forever."

Since our National Convention has lived without publication of minutes and on time circulated program for a number of years, what may we not do with these deficits supplied.

Local churches must respond financially that these obligations may be met. "You can't run a boat without water."

"Through Loyalty to Victory" is the theme of our Dayton National Convention. "On to Dayton, Aug. 24-29, 1937."

Mr. J. N. Ervin who is at once President of Jarvis Christian College, at Hawkins, Tex., and President of our National Convention, spent the night with us June 23rd. He was just in from Dayton, Ohio, where he investigated pre-convention conditions and reports "all is well," and orders the troops to charge "desperately" upon Dayton Aug. 24-29. Add to this the fervent welcome from Bro. Eli Wilbert, pastor in charge, and meet us there.

The Georgetown, Ky., Workers Institute held by Prof. Peoples and faculty the last week in June majored in quality rather than quantity.

Prof. Geo. V. Moore of Lexington and Mr. G. S. Tinsley, minister at Georgetown, rendered great service as instructors in their "fields." "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that."

The Central Conference began June 28th with the full faculty of ten and fifty-three students on the beautiful Fee Memorial Campus, at Nicholasville, Ky. Rev. and Mrs. Byrd had things in good order. Prof. Peoples, Mr. V. G. Smith, that dean of the playgrounds; the

versatile Miss Hazel Harker (a returned missionary from Tokio, Japan) and some worthy locals make up a brilliant faculty, while the veritable Mr. R. H. Davis of Indiana Avenue Church, Chicago, brings healthy vesper messages each evening.

All Kentucky goes into convention at Covington July 21-25. Pastor Fowler says Covington will be ready. So might it be.

Fine meeting here at Midway Church, Tazewell, Va. Elder William Owens of Kentucky did the peraching well.

He is a fine yoke fellow and made a lasting impression on my people for good. His sermons were well delivered. Among his best was: "Seven Steps in Peter's Downfall."

There were 13 additions all told and the church revived. We enjoyed him in our home.

The meeting closed in "high," which means that we neither "stalled" nor "broke down." Other good will result. The meeting was much too short.

G. M. DICKERSON.

A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

On Wednesday, May 19th, the Cross Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark., began a two weeks revival. R. L. Peters, Winston-Salem, N. C., was "guest speaker" and R. F. Hayes, minister.

The meeting grew in number and in interest from start to finish. The last night climaxed all previous services. Results: Sermons, 15; No. Accessions, 16. The largest number by primary obedience.

R. F. Hayes is a fine pastor and a good mixer. He has won the confidence and respect of the best people of both races in Little Rock.

NICHOLASVILLE, KY. NOTES

By Pastor Wm. Owens

Visited Old Virginia, the home of the famous Dicker-sons, the poets, preachers, the scholars and teachers and men of genuine hospitality and good fellowship.

I've had companionship with Brothers William and C. H. and now two glorious weeks in the home of that poet and son of thunder, Elder George Dickerson, in Tazwell, Va., also met the elder brother who lives nearby.

The Tazwell Church, under the leadership of Brother George is inspiration. We were royally received and the good folks came out every night in large numbers and there was added to the church "such as should be saved," 13 souls. The parsonage family are a most interesting group and know how to make a stranger feel at home. Long life to all of them! Amen and amen.

Returning home I found my good people deep in their plans for an anniversary banquet in honor of the pastor's second year of service, and on Friday night, June 10, we went away beyond expectation at the banquet.

Flowers, speeches, decorations, supper and all and the pastor's wife was not forgotten. Long live "Old First"! And then Sunday all day was "rally day," again under the captaincy of my right-hand partner, Elder J. S. Conway, we put the programs over. Elder C. H. Dickerson came over from Lexington in the afternoon, bringing "all Lexington" and preached as never before and sang as of old with his choir till the whole church joined in saying "it is good to be here." We raised \$127 at this rally with more to come.

The churches of Kentucky are working this summer with the Young Peoples Conference at Nicholasville, the Church Workers Conference at Georgetown, both in June, and the State Convention at Covington, July 21-25, and National Convention in Dayton, Ohio, in August. We surely need to get busy. One week spent in London, six added and fellowship sweet. Two days in Millersburg and four added.

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

By Elder S. Kenney, State President, 207 Elmo St., Johnson City, Tenn.

The East Tennessee District Convention met with the Christian Church, at Rogersville, Tenn., April 3rd to 5th, 1937. This meeting was a success and we have every reason to feel encouraged under the leadership of our President, Elder D. W. Bradley, and trust that every church will enter wholeheartedly into the task and carry out the recommendation unanimously adopted in this meeting. The State Convention will meet with the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, at Memphis, Tenn., on July 15th to 18th. The minimum financial report from each church to the State Convention will be \$10.00. Bible School \$10.00. Missionary Society \$8.00, and the Christian Endeavor Society \$8.00. Since Memphis is feeding free, we are asking each delegate to donate \$1.00 to the church. Please arrive in Memphis for the morning session at 9:30 A. M. July 15th.

Our church in Cleveland is moving nicely, led by Dr. G. Calvin Campbell. I was there in March and Dr Campbell is one of the noblest pastors of the brotherhood. During the

two weeks revival there I enjoyed one of the best fellowship meetings of my pastoral life with Dr. Campbell and his good wife. He is a man among men. He has made a record which can't be excelled by many. He has taught the people of his city the difference between conduct and character, as it relates to the Christian life. He has the personality of the Christ, and the ability of a St. Paul. May the Lord bless this great man and may he live long to preach the word of life to those lost in sin. The meeting closed with 11 added to the church. I still believe the word that the "Lord added to the church such as should be saved."

Kentucky missionary women are hurrying toward their goals. With Mt. Sterling leading the way as of old, surely June 30 will find us unashamed. Whatever you have in your treasury, empty up; please empty up!

Districts No. 2, 3, 4 and 6 have made a record this year so far as the meetings are concerned, but reports of activities and gains in members and monies are still not so encouraging. May we still hope to hear the increase of forward movement before the convention.

MRS. E. WINIFRED OWENS,
State Corresponding Secretary.

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MURPHY ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAYLOR, TEXAS

Sunday, May 31, the Murphy Street Christian Church was hostess to the Holland and Davilla Churches (neighboring towns) in a fellowship open-air meeting. We met in cars and trucks at the bridge of the beautiful San Gabriel River.

About one mile from the bridge, a caravan of cars and trucks sped into a vast pecan grove on the banks of the San Gabriel. Under a spreading pecan tree, about six feet in diameter, the Bible School assembled and circled. All nature seemed to join in the "congregational singing" as we sat observing the handiwork of our Creator, in the tiniest leaf and sprig.

About twenty yards from us down the steep shore of San Gabriel, we could see the placid blue waters of this "old river" in which four girls and I were baptized in childhood. One other and I are the only survivors of that group. As I gazed upon the historic water I thought of Ennison's poem, "River." Men may come and men may go, but I go on forever. This river served as Murphy Street's baptisery for years and its waters are yet inviting.

It is a wonderful thing to get out in the open to worship, where nature is so marvelous that communion with God is obvious to the most indifferent. The service of May 31, 1937, shall not soon be forgotten by the smallest child.

The model Bible School was supervised by Mrs. Arah Evans Garrett. Brother W. F. Hatcher, Sr., taught the adult class in a most interesting manner. Brother Hatcher is the Senior Elder of the church in Taylor, Texas, and has been schooled in the University of Experience

and is very proficient in the task of adult Bible Instructor.

Mrs. Verlie Poole of Davilla took a large group of intermediate girls about one hundred years under another huge pecan tree, and it seemed that they were on the mountain top. Brother Frank Venable, the Elder of the Holland Church, took a large group of boys and went the opposite direction under another gigantic pecan tree and they seemed to feast on the manna. Mrs. Ilah Wright of Taylor took a mixed group of primary children to a patch of clusters of wild flowers, under the shade of a pecan tree. What a time those children had learning about the re-making of Jacob!

After thirty minutes all re-assembled under the canopy of the huge pecan tree where W. F. Hatcher, Jr. of Taylor and a graduate of Jarvis, beautifully gave the lesson review and application. Offering six dollars.

After a brief interval the devotional service was led by Brother Adams of Holland. Brother Samuel Sansom of Davilla, who is president of the central board and principal of the Davilla High School, gave a burning message, emphasizing Texas' part in missions.

At 2 o'clock an old-fashioned basket dinner, consisting of every imaginable meat, pickles, cake, pie, vegetables, salads and punch was enjoyed. Threatening clouds dispersed the group earlier than we anticipated, but Brother Sansom took time to tell us we shall have another in July with Davilla as hostess.

Sunday, May 16, your humble servant preached the baccalaureate sermon of the Attucks High School to an appreciative audience. Our programs are now circulated for the feast of the seasons at Murphy Street,

July 17. We plan a gala evening for the affair.

Yours in the bond of Christ,
MRS. MAUDE DAVIS.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR REV. GRANT K. LEWIS

Saturday, March 20, 1937,
Jarvis Christian College.

"Mr. Grant K. Lewis is dead" was the startling news announced to the faculty and student body of Jarvis Christian College, Friday, March 19, 1937. Immediately a mantle of deep gloom overspread the campus and the heart of each one was bowed in poignant grief. No one need to ask the reason why.

As a most dependable friend, a sincere, devoted and untiring worker in every movement pertaining to the highest welfare of Christian education, he still lingers in precious memory for numerous manifestations of noble martyrdom and Christian statesmanship. Death has silenced his vigorous speech but the endearing activities and abiding influences of enriching life cannot be hushed. Today, he stands before us, as ever, a brave and tender man in every storm of life as an oak and a rock, but in the sunshine as a vine and a flower. He loved the beautiful everywhere and found a satisfying companionship with all heroic souls.

The predominant sentiment of this philanthropic soul, from first to last, was an earnest yearning for the redemption of mankind from the evils of worldly sufferings. With him this was a primary and all-controlling passion. Throughout the tenure of his life as Secretary of Education our institutions received his loyal support, his unflagging interest and his indiscriminate regard. Burning with a zeal for

spiritual advancement, prosperity and ineffaceable glory in Christian character his ministry was inspirational and ennobling.

In these times of a changing world and shifting attitudes such a man was demanded, and such in the Providence of God was given us. But he is gone. May we ever cherish his memory in hallowed contemplation and strive to deserve as far as mortals can the continued care of Divine Providence trusting that in future exigencies He will not fail to provide us other leaderships of such remarkable safety.

PROGRAM

Prelude—"Flee As a Bird to Your Mountain," Miss O. S. Stewart.

Music—"Nearer My God to Thee," Congregation.

Invocation.

Scripture Lesson—master of Ceremonies.

Reading of a Poem—Miss Mabel Washington.

Music—"Lead Kindly Light," Congregation.

A Tribute—Prof. C. H. Ugams.

Special Music—"Going Home," the Octette.

Address—"As a Friend," Prof. C. C. Mosley.

Paper—"An Inspiration," Miss V. O. Carney.

Music—"Jesus, Lover of My Soul," Congregation.

Paper—"As I Knew Him," Miss L. B. Smith.

As our State Convention is near I am anxious that each missionary society in Ohio will plan to represent the children's organization in our State. A prize will be given the boy and girl for the best work done in class. A meeting on our scrapbook, the same to be on exhibit at Cleveland, during our annual convention. Already the

REPORT OF PROF. R. H. PEOPLES, NATIONAL SECY. OF NEGRO CHURCHES

For 1936-37

Our first task after the National Convention was to meet committee that made plans for the setting-up of the Butler Co-operative House. The purpose of this house is to make it possible for our ministerial students attending Butler College to room and board at a minimum cost as they train for religious leadership. This meeting proved to be a grand success, for we have been able to help six young men to locate in a comfortable home with plenty food and a chance to go to school the full nine months, and not one of them has been asked to pay more than \$54.00. It was a venture of faith, but with the help of God and our friends we have managed to complete the school year without any indebtedness.

We had hoped to spend the remainder of the month of September vacationing in sunny California but on arriving in Los Angeles we found so much to be done that we laid aside our plans for a restful vacation, rolled up our sleeves, and went to work. As a result of these labors, which have continued through the year, we have been able to establish a very fine church which promises to be the finest institutional church in the brotherhood. Within two prizes have been selected. We hope this will be a bit of encouragement to our children. We are happy to have them as part of our missionary organization. I am still at your service to visit and organize if I can be of help. Yours in His service,

MRS. D. C. FOWLER,
Children's Worker, 1180 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio.

months (from February 28 to April 28) beginning without a single member it has grown to ninety-three members.

During the last week in September we served as members of the Young People's Committee planning the graded lessons for older young people. To this body we presented some of the problems our young people are facing, and on which they should have study helps.

On October 1, 1936 we moved from St. Louis to Indianapolis establishing our headquarters and office in the Missions Building. Next, we went to Kansas City to the International Convention. The three things that we accomplished at this convention, besides enjoying the many helpful and inspiring addresses, were: (1) attended the Joint Executive Committee meeting; (2) planned with Miss Carmichael and Mr. and Mrs. John Long for a laboratory training school to be held at Southern Christian Institute; and (3) made plans for the organization of the Avalon Christian Church in Los Angeles. These plans were discussed in conference with the following: The State Committee on Negro Work of Southern California, Mr. John H. Booth of the Board of Church Extension; and with Mr. Willard M. Wickizer of the Division of Home Missions. From Kansas City we made a hurried trip by Jarvis College and Southern Christian Institute enroute to Georgia to be in the State Convention.

In February we attended a meeting of the International Council of Religious Education in Chicago. We had the happy privilege of hearing Dr. Stanley E. Jones bring a very fine message in which he reemphasized the necessity of the re-

religious educator having something in his own bosom (a passion) and a life to share with others. On our return trip to Indianapolis from this meeting we went by way of Eureka College to visit the four young ladies who are receiving help from the scholarship fund. They were very glad to have us visit and discuss with them some of their problems and some of the happy experiences they are having. We went from Eureka to Indianapolis where we stayed until February 12th, when we left for Los Angeles to establish the new church. We stopped at St. Louis and had a conference with Miss Carmichael and Mr. Parry perfecting our plans for the laboratory school to be held at Southern Christian Institute. Our pass took us over the Southern route so we stopped at Jarvis College and had a conference with President Ervin about our National Convention program. Out of this conference grew the plan for calling together a number of our leaders from various sections of the brotherhood to discuss and make plans for improving our convention and the local churches as well.

We arrived in Los Angeles the morning of February 20th and went to work immediately. The story of how we went about setting up the Avalon Christian church is too long to be told here. It has been written in a leaflet, but suffice it to say that on Sunday, February 28, at 3 p. m. we began what promises to be one of our finest churches. We remained in Los Angeles the first two weeks of March helping to get the church organized. Then we came home and went to Dayton, Ohio, where we held a

pre-Easter revival. We closed on Easter Sunday. The attendance was good and everybody worked, especially those who took part on the Evangelistic Committee. Our best night was Thursday night when we had our "Upper Room Service," which was very impressive. We closed the meeting with three additions—two for baptism.

Following this meeting in Dayton we went to Lexington, Ky., to attend the State Board meeting. While at this meeting definite plans were made for holding a Church Worker's Institute at Georgetown, Ky. These plans included a consideration of: courses to be offered; who should be asked to serve on the faculty, and the cost of entertainment. We made an earnest appeal to this board that special care be exercised in the choice of a new evangelist. We suggested that they seek out and employ a man who, because of his ability and experience, could conduct institutes and young people's conferences along with his evangelistic work. We also asked them to consider the possibility of allowing their evangelist to give part time in weaker states.

While in Lexington we went down to Nicholasville and had a conference with Rev. Byrd about the grounds and buildings to be used for the Central Young People's Conference. From Lexington we went via Louisville to Indianapolis, stopped over in Louisville a few hours and had a conference with Miss Edith Wilson, director of Central Conference, about the date of the conference and faculty members to be used there.

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The Poets' Corner

WHEN YOU PRAY SAY "OUR FATHER" NOT MINE OR THINE

But when ye pray, say **our**—not
mine or thine:
Our debts, **our** debtors and
our daily bread!
Before the thronged cathedral's
gracious shrine,
Or in thy closet's solitude in-
stead,
Whoe'er thou art, where'er
thou liftest prayer,
However humble, or how
great thou be,
Say **our**, thy brother man in-
cluding there,
And more and more it may
be thou shalt see
Upon life's loom how thread to
thread is bound;
None for himself, but man
and fellow man,
Or far or near, meet on one
common ground,
Sons of one Father since the
world began.
So shall God's kingdom come in
might and power,
When all can pray, not mine
or thine, but **our**.
—Frances Crosby Hamlet

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WILL A MAN ROB GOD? MALACHI 3:8—THIEVES IN THE CHURCH

By LORENZO EVANS

Avarice—the love of money is the root of all the evil. Money is a good thing, a necessary thing, but I want to make three observations about it.

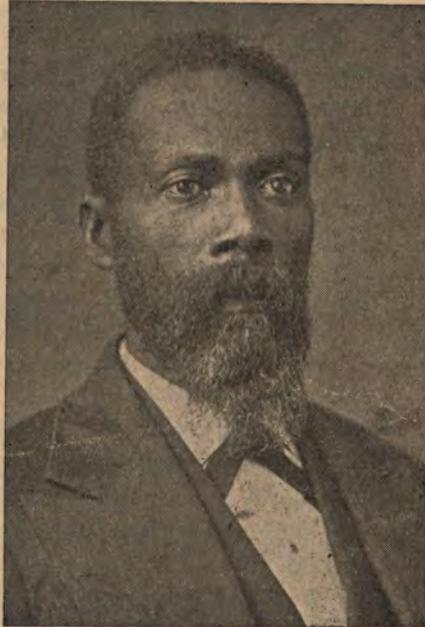
First, there are better things than money. Good health, a sympathetic heart and a clear conscience.

And here is the second thing. Money is a stewardship. It isn't ours. God lets us use it. It is not ours but his. And the Christian who loves God and loves his church and who has all the money for himself who doesn't treat it as a stewardship, who spends it on theaters and dinners and entertainments and gives a pittance on the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ is robbing God, is stealing from his church.

And the third observation is this. You cannot keep it forever. Lay up for yourselves treasures, says our Lord, not upon earth. "Where moth and rust corrupt and thieves break through and steal, but in Heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and thieves do not break through and steal." You cannot lay up stocks in Heaven, but you can lay up generosity and mercy.

One day a rich man of a miserly disposition visited a Rabbi who took him by the hand and led him to a window. "Look out there," he said. The rich man looked out into the streets. "What do you see?" "I see men and women and little children." Again the Rabbi took him to the

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ELDER MALCUM AYERS

A Pioneer of Pioneers

Especially will Kansas and Kentucky recall the valiant service of this Old Patriarch, whose fruitful mantle fell upon so many shoulders. He was "Faithful Unto Death."



JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, HAWKINS, TEXAS

The door of opportunity always stands ajar, and blest is the man who has the power to recognize the treasure which lies behind that door.

The Jarvis student body and faculty had the opportunity to hear in an educational conference entertained by Jarvis College on March 18, Drs. Gordon Worley and D. B. Taylor of the State Department of Education speak upon vital education problems of today. Other speakers on the program were Dean Red of Texas College, Mr. Dickson, Deputy Superintendent of Tyler, Texas, and Mr. C. O. Blalock, County Superintendent of Wood County.

The attendance consisted largely of Wood County teachers and patrons and members of the Live at Home Clubs. In order that the laity might become acquainted with the activities of the clubs, there was

an exhibition displaying canned meats, vegetables, pies, cakes, chickens and growing vegetables.

Mrs. N. V. Berry, former teacher of Jarvis Home Economic Department and now Jeans teacher of Wood County was mistress of ceremonies.

On April 2, the Tri-County Scholastic League held its annual meeting on the Jarvis campus. There were over 500 visitors present. Many consisted of children participating in the various contests. This meeting had a single purpose but a two-fold effect, for not only was it educational, but as a side issue, it furnished recreation and entertainment. Hot fish sandwiches were sold by the Jarvis church and visiting schools. The fish had been cooked in deep fat in big black pots in regular out-of-door camp or picnic fashion. All of this gave

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

FROM THE OIL CAPITOL, TULSA.

C. W. ARNOLD, Minister

(With Apologies to the Arnolds
—Editor)

Here's oil from the lamps in
Tulsa!

The pastor and his wife observed their second anniversary as minister with the Pine St. Church of Tulsa. The celebration consisted of a week of services conducted by various of the local pastors and their congregations and closed with an afternoon service conducted by the City Mission Board of the Christian churches of Tulsa.

The church school had a very fine Easter program and reached the goals which had been set by the Education Committee. A splendid offering was raised and sent to the U. C. M. S. The Women's Missionary Society also made a generous contribution in their offering in the Easter week of prayer observance.

The church just closed a deal which netted the cash sum of \$50.00 which has been applied on the church indebtedness. All of the members are very proud of the step forward which the official board endorsed and adopted in a recent meeting in which it was agreed that the church would assume its regular share of the minister's pension each month and send its regular payments to the pension of the Disciples of Christ.

Mrs. Maxine Semones presented certificates of credit to five persons in the church who had earned them in a recent leadership training class which she had conducted for a period of five weeks. Mrs. Semones is a member of the First Christian

Church of the city and is a member of the National Council of Religious Education.

Four young people have been selected to attend a Midyear Youth Conference at Okmulgee, Okla. This is the first conference of its kind to be held in Oklahoma. Every effort has been put forth to make it an overwhelming success.

MRS. Z. B. HUNTER,
Reporter.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PROF. R. H. PEOPLES (Continued From Last Issue)

In November we motored from Indianapolis to Baltimore to be in the District Convention of the New York, Maryland and District of Columbia area. After the meeting (which was well attended) we spent several days with the churches of Baltimore. Then enroute to New York City we stopped in Philadelphia a few hours—long enough to look up some of our members who are scattered over the city and asked them to get the group together for a meeting the next week. We found a very fertile field in Greater New York with several hundred disciples from the Carolinas and Virginia. Besides the Brooklyn church, which Rev. Watson pastored, there are three or four storefront churches. The great desire on the part of all these groups is to have a respectable place of worship. On our return we stopped over in Philadelphia and had a very fine prayer meeting with the small group that Elder Wicker had gotten together. Following the prayer meeting we made definite plans for the reorganization of the church there and

asked Brother S. H. Smith of Baltimore to go over and try to put new life into the work. Brother Smith consented to go, but we have had no communication with them since.

From Philadelphia we went to Washington, D. C., where we met with the District Board and made definite plans for twenty-five young people of that area to attend the Young People's Conference at Martinsville, Virginia. We also spent a couple of days with the Washington church, preaching for them on Sunday morning. The same Sunday night was spent with Brother M. F. Robinson and his church at Hagerstown, Md. Brother Robinson still carries on even though he has served sixty years or more. Our next stop was with the Columbus church of which Brother Craggett is pastor. We had a very wholesome fellowship with the small group present. From Columbus we proceeded to Indianapolis where we spent a couple of days at the office. Going to Chicago from there, we preached a sermon for the young people, and worked out with the finance committee of the Indiana Avenue Church a budget for 1937. We also made plans for conducting an every-member canvas, this canvas to be launched the first Sunday in January. We contacted a very talented young man, Mr. Charles Saulter, introduced him to the church board and suggested that they use him in the department of religious education. The board accepted his leadership and within the first four months the church school enrollment was doubled.

Leaving Chicago we went to

Cleveland and spent three days with the church there. Then our trail led to Los Angeles again where we spent two weeks trying to work out a solution to the intricate problem which we found out there. All of our attempts to unify and consolidate the three groups failed, and we were therefore forced to make plans to start a new church independent of all the groups. We made plans to organize a new church some time in February. On our return trip from Los Angeles we stopped with Brother S. S. Meyers in Kansas City. He is doing an excellent piece of work with the Woodlawn Avenue Church. They have outgrown their present church home and have completed plans for the purchase of a new one in a very desirable location.

January was one-day convention month which was a great experience for us. Our program was very practical this year and our team worked together so beautifully in putting it over. We traveled nearly five thousand miles, holding twelve conventions in ten States.

TO THE KENTUCKY BROTHERHOOD

Greetings! Now that we have just a few days before we meet in convention in Covington, our friend, Brother Fowler, and people say, "Come for all things are now ready." We hope every church in Kentucky and the Brotherhood will send the five dollars apportionment for the National Convention through your State President.

Please come to do business for the King and leave all grievances at home.

Yours for service,

WILLIAM OWENS,
President, Ky. State Convention

WILL A MAN ROB GOD? MALACHI 3:8—THIEVES IN THE CHURCH

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mirror. "What do you see now?" "I see myself." "Behold, the window there is glass and in the mirror there is glass. But the glass of the mirror is covered with silver, and no sooner is silver added than you cease to see others and see only yourself."

And so back we come to our text. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, "Wherever have we robbed thee?" In the tithes and offerings. Stop stealing. Start giving. It's not enough not to lie. Speak positive truth. Not enough not to worship false Gods. Worship the true God. Not enough not to steal from the church. Give to the church. Not enough not to rob God. Bring God your offering. "Bring ye all thy tithes into the storehouse and prove me, saith the Lord, if I will not open the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Oh church of the Living God, will you continue to rob God?

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, HAWKINS, TEXAS

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local color to the affair which made the day a pleasant one in an informal way.

The day's activities were climaxed in the evening when the winners of the contests entertained in a program which exhibited the progress as well as prowess of the youthful participants.

Jarvis made many new friends because of this event.

The first six weeks honor roll of the second semester shows

eight names. Of the eight honor students, we have representatives from three States, Texas taking the lead. They are as follows: Foster Craggett, Columbus, Ohio; Perle Peoples, Indianapolis, Indiana; Lorraine Williams, Lodi, Texas; Thelma Rand, Lodi, Texas; Frank Rand, Lodi, Texas; General B. Oliver, Atlanta, Texas; Ora Lee Parker, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and Dorothy Sansom, Kilgore, Texas.

TRIBUTE TO ELDER R. L. BROCK

By ELD. T. R. MOORE, Pastor

Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding

Over the spoil that God has won.

We would at this solemn moment

Calmly say, "Thy will be done."

God knows the way He holds the key

He guides us with unerring hands,

Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see

Yes, He up there will understand.

He was born in Alabama in 1862. Coming to Arkansas he married Miss Ella Tunstall, who after 26 years was called hence. He later married Mrs. Amanda Conley, who survives him.

He was an active church worker and never became discouraged, but rather encouraged the weak.

His is another pure voice added to chorus invisible. The survivors include a wife, three sons and four daughters.

It is not death to die

To leave this weary road

To join the brotherhood on high

And be at Home with God.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"MANY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO AND KNOWLEDGE SHALL BE INCREASED"—

DAN. 12:4

Among the oversights of last issue was the omission from the faculty of the Central Y. P. Conference at Nicholasville, Ky., the names of the Director, Miss Edith Wilson; Mrs. Peoples, Miss Butler of North Middletown, Ky., and Miss Emma Lee Lewis of Lexington.

The forty-three girls and ten boys made things interesting under the splendid supervision of the faculty. We spent three days with them, as we did at the Georgetown Workers Institute where Brother and Sister Ashe were the generous host.

Too much cannot be said of the native ability and genius of this man Ashe, our minister at Georgetown, Ky. Indeed, as Bobbie Burns would say, "God has stuck him into that place"

and he fittingly puts the finishing touch on the abundant labors of former State leaders, and here again Sister Rosa Brown Bracy comes in for her meed of praise for national negotiation.

Perhaps technical organization is his "Long Suit." It fits him well.

The roar of the trains and the hum of the motor may be heard as the "grasshoppers" from all the State head directly toward Covington for our annual State Convention. Some significant things will happen there "If Nothing Happens." July 21-25 is the date.

As goes the State so goes the national which is ever epoch-making. Texas and Oklahoma promise some things spectacular along with Tennessee, a leader in Christian Plea subscriptions.

Arkansas and Missouri are vieing with Kansas and Mississippi and Alabama, while Georgia is coming up to shake hands with Indiana and Illinois.

The East can be depended upon, the Big Chief from Washington has passed the word along. The Whitfields, Taylors, Peters and Dickersons along with historic Dr. M. F. Robinson, who writes "If Life Lasts." Picture these and our Far West contingents who will come (with Mohammet) to the mountain. You may count on Ole' Kentucky which has just "one river to cross."

Of course all Ohio will be there as host. Those Buckeyes are bidding us now "Thrice Welcome."

Among the features of our national must be the "combing of the woods" to find good young men for our schools and the ministry—"How can they preach except they be sent."

Prof. Peoples is setting the pace in providing a way for

them. Let's come praying that ways may open up for the training and support of our ministry. The need is distressing.

The Christian Plea will welcome those "Pretty Soons" and "Before Longs" coming across before, or at the conventions. Remember the Plea must go forward.

It is difficult to make the people see that our space is so limited that we cannot carry obituaries, unless they are the essence of brevity. We gladly carry all "Notices" and whatever wording our space will allow.

Rev. Artis Walker of Ohio is pleasingly filling singing engagements with good houses in Kentucky. His program will please and help your people.

Every minister with a church and every church with a minister is still the slogan of Ole Kentucky.

A FAMILY IN INDIA

It was during the famine days of the 1890's in India that a tiny lad was saved from starvation by our missionaries. Today he is pastor of one of our churches and a strong and reliable leader.

A daughter, before her recent marriage, was a successful teacher in the Junior High School. The eldest son is also a teacher, and one son is in college. Three other children are yet in grade school. Their mother is a lovely character, and her children bear testimony to her training and good example. She, too, came from the horde of famine sufferers.

THE NEW CHARM

One of our missionaries was visiting the Christian villages in the back country about Monieka, Africa. At the village of Injolo he found eight waiting to be baptized.

A CLASS POEM

By G. E. LAKES, Edwards, Miss.

William James is from Meadville,
He is small, but hard to chill.
So we could call him "Duke of Kent"
For he is our President.

Dorothy Jordan is from Mound Bayou.
She is kept busy nearly every hour,
Either study, work or at play,
To keep in practice every day.

Aurelia M. Jamison is from Vicksburg.
She will always have a "grudge"
And sometimes turn "blue"
If she finds nothing to do.

George Lakes is from Port Gibson,
He is always ready for fun,
In his work and in class,
But he is serious enough to pass.

Louie McLaurin is from Braxton.
Of noble fellows he is one
And there is little he wouldn't do
To help to satisfy you.

Hilda Powell is from Willows,
In statue she is very low,
But in work she tries to show
That she is not very slow.

Clifford Spears is from Arkansas.
He can picture things you never saw.
In anything he has a part
He takes it seriously to heart.

Evelyn Thomas is from Jackson.
She is a lovely and jolly one,
She always wears a smile
That greets you for many miles.

Robert Vaughns is from Vicksburg.
He is somewhat like a bird.
You will find him here and there,
And soon you'll say he's everywhere.

Georgia Watkins is from Hermanville.
She always shows her will
In playing or in working
This she proves by never shirking.

The class of '37 is a worthy class,
Without tokens of silver or brass.
Others may say we are just eight and eleven,
But we say we are the class of '37.

Sunday, July 11th, brought a telegram of the passing of Eld. William Alphin, our minister at St. Louis, Mo. He died Sunday morning.

We knew him as an earnest, faithful and useful minister, loyal to the church and all its organizations and interests. We pass on.

No doubt an extended account of his life and passing will appear in next issue. Meantime the brotherhood joins in sincere sympathy for the family.

Eld. William Owens and our Millersburg church went over the hundred-dollar mark the first Sunday in July, while Eld. Blair at Mt. Sterling reached two hundred and sixty.

Our church here in Lexington has decided that we shall tarry with them another year. We will try. Does the convention want to come to Lexington next year?

Were expecting word from heads of all departments of our National convention in the next issue of the Plea. "Speak up, Ike"!

MISSION ITEMS

Both boys and girls of our Japanese Christian Institute, Los Angeles, Cal., have their clubs. The suggested Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. programs are followed, and boys and girls alike attend the religious conferences. Now the young people of our group are rapidly becoming leaders among the Japanese Christians of California. The young lady who is now serving as Assistant Y. W. C. A. Secretary is one of our group. Two of the young ladies are advising clubs in the community. Within the Institute eight of eleven groups are under the leadership of our own group.

Another young lady, who has for several years helped with clubs, is now taking her Master's Degree from the University of Southern California and through the Y. W. C. A. is gathering and editing materials for club programs. The young man who directs boys' work for the Japanese Y. M. C. A. is one of our boys.

CARLISLE, KY., HIGHLY ENTERTAINS DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Bible School and W. M. S. again conducted a successful two-day institute. Elder H. T. Wilson is minister there.

State Sunday School President Miss Wilson and National Field Worker Prof. Peoples had splendid parts in the program. Mrs. Emily Roberson acted as President of the women's work.

Elder T. R. Everett brought a fine sermon. Mrs. Peoples spoke on "The Training of Youth." Secretary Gault and that "Kentucky Wonder," Prof. J. E. Bean, were heard in addresses.

Mrs. Aurelia Hamilton is Superintendent of the lively Bible School.

J. A. JOHNSON, President.

A. D. GAULT, Secretary.

HONORS AT JARVIS

J. N. Ervin, President of our Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins, Texas, has been selected as President of the National Convention of Negro Churches. This is a distinct honor to President Ervin, and his friends rejoice that it has been conferred upon him.

When the Hon. B. B. Gist, Attorney for the County in which Jarvis Christian College is located, made the commencement address this year he stated that in his four years as Prosecuting Attorney for Wood County he had never had a student or former student of Jarvis as a defendant before his court. Also this year Dr. M. L. Edwards, School Physician, was awarded a plaque for winning the Community Health Record for three years in succession. During this past year one hundred and sixteen gift boxes were received at Jarvis, ranging from small parcels to a large box of books for the library.

Beginning with the fall term this year, Jarvis has been given full and unqualified Junior College rating by the State Board of Education.

ECHOES FROM MISSISSIPPI

MRS. JAMES I. RUNDLES

We are still about our Father's business at the North Jackson Christian Church. The second Sunday in June was a glorious day from the beginning to the end. Here and there in our Bible School one could see happy little new faces eager to learn of Him who said "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me."

Our pastor having been away for two Sundays came back full of inspiration and information. The Holy Spirit dwelled richly in our midst, making all glad that they came into the House of the Lord.

We did not forget that the second Sunday was also Children's Day for our little folks rendered a wonderful program during the Christian Endeavor period. Sunday night the Missionary Circle No. 2, with Mrs. Jesse M. Wilson as leader, brought the perfect day to an end with a rally, raising twenty dollars for the close of our missionary year. On the fourth Sunday our pastor asked us to keep the good work going so we raised seventeen dollars on that day.

We are making plans for our State Sunday School Convention which will convene with us the third week in July. We are extending a special invitation to other State Sunday School workers and to our national workers. We know that you can bring us something good and new. Come and help us. We are planning to make your visit with us a pleasure. We hope that all of our "Pleas" family are well and that the circle will grow larger and larger. God be merciful unto us and bless us.

THE POSITION AND PLEA OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"Be of good courage, and let us play the part of men for our people, and for our city, and for our GOD, and the LORD will do what seemeth good." (II. Saml. 10-12).

1. In faith, unity; in opinion, liberty; and in all things, love.

2. Christ is our only creed. (Matt. 16:16).

3. Obedience is our only test of fellowship. (John 14:15; Heb. 5:9; Rev. 22:14).

4. The Bible is our only guide. The Bible will make a man all God would have him be—no more, no less. (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

5. We ask you to obey the Bible commands—no more, no

less. They will make you a Christian—no more, no less.

6. Where the Bible speaks—we speak, where the Bible is silent we are silent.

7. We believe the Bible to be inspired.

8. We believe in God the Father.

9. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son.

10. We believe in the Holy Spirit and the indwelling presence in the Christian.

11. We believe God gives his spirit to the obedient.—(Acts 5:32).

12. WE BELIEVE IN A RETURN TO THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH, ITS DOCTRINES, ORDINANCES AND FRUITS.

13. We call ourselves Disciples of Christ or Christians. (Acts 11:26).

14. Our Plea, then, is for men to unite in the name of Jesus Christ and take to the dying world his Gospel in fulfillment of his final commission. (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16).

CORNELIUS W. ARNOLD,
Pastor, Tulsa, Okla.

SUMMER TIME IS CONFERENCE TIME

A week at conference is a week of planned and balanced Christian living. The day begins with each one spending a few moments alone for meditation and worship. Then come setting-up exercises and breakfast.

The rest of the morning is given to study and discussion groups, with a recess period and a general assembly or chapel. The studies center around such subjects as "Life Evaluation," "The Life and Teachings of Jesus," "Youth at Worship," "Teaching Children in the Local Church," "Making My Community Christian," "Christianity and Social Issues," "A Mis-

sionary Education Program for Young People" and "Helping Face the Liquor Issue." These are only a few of the thirty-one subjects making up the formal conference curriculum, set up on a four-year basis.

The afternoons are given over to rest and relaxation, recreation and play, swimming if facilities are available, stimulating conversations, leisure activities and interest groups. In the late afternoon or early evening a worshipful and inspiring vesper service is held, usually at some beautiful spot in the open. After vespers an hour is spent in pleasant and wholesome social life activity. To close the day, small intimate groups gather for a moment of devotion.

Ninety conferences are scheduled for the United States alone, besides those in Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, China, the Philippine Islands and India.

DAILY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

Daily vacation church school helps the children to understand the life and teachings of Jesus, and to grow in love and loyalty to his cause. The more consecrated study gives opportunity for better understanding of the facts and background of Jesus' life and the spirit of his ministry. Growing, developing personalities achieve an understanding of and loyalty to the church.

This summer daily vacation church schools are being held in our churches from coast to coast. The United Christian Missionary Society has been very active for a number of years in promoting these schools. It cooperates in the preparation of suitable help as to the ways of successfully promoting and conducting them.

A PLAY IN AFRICA

The people of Africa are very dramatic, and this love of picturing situations has been carried over in their teaching. They especially love to dramatize the Bible stories and religious experiences, always with African background and action.

Those of our church at Monieka, Belgian Congo, recently presented a play in which they presented the effect of the Gospel message brought by a boy returning to his home village after years in a mission school. He insisted on caring for the abandoned orphan son of a woman who had been killed for bewitching the lad's own father. By doing this he interfered with the witch-doctor's scheme to despatch another woman on a similar charge, and consequently caused a division among the village people. Those who favored his attitude of disregard for awesome taboos of the witch doctor and respect for even humble people, helped him to put over a program which led the witch doctor himself, in the last scene, to declare his own desire to follow Jesus' way. He threw down all his charms and asked to be taught.

BECOMES REMINISCENT

D. I. Reid, Elder, Secretary of the Kentucky Convention, has served thirty years without missing a session. He says in part:

"I started with Dr. M. F. Robinson as President of the State Missionary Board. Then the President of the convention was not necessarily the President of the Board. The executive members would later meet and organize the State Board.

"Dr. M. F. Robinson was retired as President of the Board. He no more sought the Presi-

dency of the convention. The term of the President was shortened to two years. The history of the convention since has been the history of Presidents — Graham, Campbell, Brown, Jackson, Dickerson, Everett, Letton and Owens.

"As Secretary, we have urged the importance of supporting a Corresponding Secretary. Note the type of assistance the Recording Secretary gave Brother F. T. Floyd while he was on the field. He came to the Mt. Sterling Convention in '26 with the proud report, as on record. Brother Floyd told this convention what assistance the Secretary had been to his work. Let us profit by this."

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS IN CHINA

So popular have become the evangelistic meetings of our South Gate Church at Nanking, China, that no place in the mission is large enough to hold those who wish to attend. Then it was discovered that by cutting a door into one of the ground floors of the Indiana Woman's Building, a suitable meeting room could be provided.

When it came time for the first meeting, a sign was hung at the doorway. An hour before time to begin, the place was crowded with people, many not able to get into the room at all. The members themselves took an active part in the meetings. As a result, more than ninety inquirers' cards were signed.

LEADERS AMONG JAPANESE-AMERICANS

Leaders of our young people in our home mission institutions have quickly sensed the desire of youth to organize into groups for their every activity, and are expertly guiding them in such a way that their lives will be finer.

YOUTH'S NECESSITY FOR STEWARDSHIP

By "JOHN DOE"

Upon entering the subject "Youth's Necessity for Stewardship" we must first find the real meaning of the title. When we say "Youth's Necessity" do we mean it is necessary for youth to become stewards or managers? Yes, that is what we should mean.

The youth should prepare to be stewards. And there are more youths becoming stewards every day. Our foreparents have become stewards and taught our parents to take their places, therefore it is necessary for us to study and look forward to filling our parents' places. In looking into the future we must plan for someone to be the managers. We cannot keep up the good work without being managed. Someone has got to lead the rest. As it is said, "As long as there is a leader there will be followers."

As long as the disciples went about doing good they were under the divine leadership of Christ.

If it were not for the managers of the many artists and actors they would not be. We must, therefore, have someone to manage the work of the church. The church is under the management of the Elders. The majority of the Elders are men of the middle age. The younger men and boys should prepare to take their places.

Our parents took up where their parents left off, and after our parents have become unable to maintain the work of the church we should be ready to take up where they leave off.

We can look at the many ministers. The majority of them are reaching the middle age. Why then don't more of our boys prepare to take their places.

A MOUNTAIN MOTHER'S SONS

A "little old lady" in the mountains of Kentucky recently passed away. She lived just a few miles from Hazel Green Academy, our school for the boys and girls of that region.

The Superintendent of City Schools in one of Kentucky's largest cities is her son. The principal of the high school of the same city is another, and the minister of one of our fine churches in Ohio is a third. All of these sons were at one time scholarship students at Hazel Green Academy. For a time one was a teacher in the school. The minister's son presided at the mother's grave.

MITCHEM OF WHITE SWAN

Mitchem Tulee is one of the boys of our Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Wash., and gives real promise of future leadership. He is the best student of all the boys and girls of the mission. If he doesn't know something he asks and he retains what he learns. Although the older boys are the officers in the 4-H Club, no one takes more part and interest than Mitchem. He knows how to do things correctly, and if he doesn't know, he wants to learn. He is active in play and enters all games and athletic activities. Usually a boy or

girl is at the mission for two years before he accepts Christ, but Mitchem was there only one year before he asked to be a Christian.

"Whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage."—Acts 28:15.

Paul took courage and thanked God when he saw his friends come to meet him. How often we do the same today. We are lost in discouragement; sorrow strikes at us; life seems confused or futile. Suddenly we meet a friend, we see the look of understanding in his eye, we feel the grasp of his hand, hear assurance in his voice and we, too, "thank God and take courage."

Never has the world been so oppressed with uncertainty and fear. Never was a friend so needed. Let us each be ready to be a friend to those in need. Let us have faith in our friends that they may give us strength and courage, but above all let us not lose sight of the fact that the greatest friend in time of stress is God. If we would trust Him more and not depend so much on material and temporal things, we would find an inexhaustible supply of courage within ourselves. We would meet each day with the sense of joy and comfort, that He would show us the way. He can not keep sorrow from us. We develop only through suffering, but He can give us the strength and wisdom with which to meet the tests life sends us.

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To Readers of the Christian Plea:

You are cordially invited to be present at our Jubilee Convention, August 12, 13, 14 and 15, held at Port Gibson, Miss., with the Christian Chapel congregation, of which Elder W. D. Campbell is pastor.

We hope to have the biggest and best convention ever held in the State. We are thankful to God for having spared a few of the old pioneers who organized the convention. They will tell of the history as they remember it.

For fifty years we have kept alive in the hearts of men the organization of the Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention. It has not always been a smooth path, but with conflicts and adversities, with joy and prosperity, this, of course, is in every worthy cause.

We are expecting Mrs. Rosa Bracy, her father, Elder K. R. Brown, was one of the organizers of the convention, Dr. J. E. Walker, whose parents were charter members, will be present. Prof. R. H. Peoples, Secretary of Religious Education, will be with us, also Bro. the white convention, will appear. G. M. Perry, State Secretary of the program. President John Ong, Dean Cowan and as many of the faculty as can will be present.

Come and hear our Secretary, Bro. L. C. Williams, who has a written record of our convention for a period of thirty-five



Prof. I. C. Franklin, Dean of the Southland. He grew up with the work and still grows with it. President of Mississippi State Convention, with home at Port Gibson.

years. And Elder J. G. Keyes, one of the organizers, Elder John Lomax, one of the pioneer preachers and charter member of the convention.

We are asking all of our churches to be 100 per cent in their financial report, by reporting one dollar for each member they have on roll.

Our missionary sisters are planning to have a great program. Miss S. R. Shaifer will preside over the missionary

program, while Elder L. R. Garrison will tell of the Church School. All who know Elder Garrison know that he is a ready and witty speaker.

There are a few who were present when we decided to celebrate our Jubilee Convention who will not be with us. We wish that they were present in the persons of Elder K. R. Brown and Elder B. C. Calvert, but Him who we serve knew
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AMONG THE BRETHREN

THE 1937 KENTUCKY CONVENTION

By R. E. Pearson, Cor. Sec.

The personnel shows marked improvement in manner and method. The moral is excellent. This is as it ought to be. Why maintain our schools if the coming generations can't show advancement over the fathers. But, whereas, the present programs are showing greater intelligence in the matter of general execution, yet there is felt a sense of pain by those who remain over, having participated in the conventions of yester years, over the lack of Gospel preaching.

The Kentucky Christian Church was born as a result of evangelistic effort. This fever must be kept to the forefront in our conventions by plenty of Gospel preaching.

As to entertainment, the little Covington church came near outdoing herself in the matter of feeding and housing. Some large congregations have not done as well.

The Rev. Mr. Fowler, pastor, was busy looking to the comfort of delegates. He had some strong allies in John Conway, one of the officers, and a few fine women. Fowler bids fair to become one of our strongest preachers. We have the making of a great church in Covington, provided the members can dwell harmoniously together.

Brother I. H. Moore was elected State Evangelist. He will begin in August. Having had evangelistic experience the State expects great things of him. He has behind him a fine State Board. Go to it, Bro. Moore!



E. H. Fowler, the brilliant young minister who entertained the Kentucky Convention at Covington. He has been called to Lea Avenue Church at Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. William Owens remains State President. The Women's Department retains its former President, in Sister Jonnie Kirkpatrick, who presides with tact and ease. She has a fine body of women in her cabinet. Mrs. H. L. Herod, National President for the Woman's Missionary Society, was the guest of honor and made a wonderful speech and impression. Come again, Sister Herod.

Miss E. M. Wilson is retained as President of State Sunday School work and shows fitness in many ways. She presides gracefully with the interest and feelings of each delegate foremost in mind.

Bro. Richard Saunders of Midway headed the Y. P. S. C. E. This department, as a convention, is yet young and is

striving for a place in the sun, and it is difficult to find one more competent to handle this institution in its youth than Bro. Saunders.

There are several vacant pulpits in Kentucky and we have several preachers without pastorates. This ought not to be so. Bro. Evangelist will see after this matter. The Editor of the Plea will hold these facts before the Kentucky people until every pastor has a church and every church a pastor and all the churches respond monthly to the State Missionray call.

Also among especial mention we should report a new recruit in Kentucky, the pastor at Paducah, Bro. Poston. He came from far-away Paducah to enroll as a Kentucky pastor at Paducah. He is well educated and of a genteel spirit. Taking Paducah, just as she is emerging from that dreadful flood, he entertains great hopes for the future of our church in Southwestern Kentucky and the church just across the river in Illinois.

R. E. PEARSON,
Corresponding Secretary

Baltimore District Convention finishes pledge of twenty-five dollars to the Christian Plea by check from Mr. Edgar Stevenson, Treasurer. Thanks lots. "Go Thou and Do Likewise."

In his convention message the President writes "with authority and not as a scribe, the Plea Must 'Go and Grow and Glow' and you must help to make it so."

THE THINGS I AM THINKING

These are they who come up through hard trials and great tribulations and wash their robes in the blood of the lamb and made them white.

The National Convention and the brotherhood has suffered a great loss in the passing of this great hero, Bro. William Alphin.

With the passing of our President, B. C. Calvert, we looked toward Dayton to our next National Convention and now comes news of the passing of this Godly man. We immediately caught the train to St. Louis to bring comfort to the bereaved family and represented the National Convention at the funeral.

On Wednesday we paid tribute to him who had labored righteously for ten years at the Centennial Church with Prof. J. J. Green master of ceremonies.

Among those associated on the program were Revs. R. H. Davis of Chicago, Peter Washington of St. Louis, who delivered the eulogy; Jackson, Lee, Abbott, Burton and Crawford.

Centennial choir gave the music.

Next day at Woodland Avenue Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo., we paid the final tribute to him who served this church eight years. Rev. S. S. Myers, master of ceremonies. Music by Woodland Avenue choir. Speakers Rev. A. W. Davis, P. A. Grey, Prof. Cox, Mrs. A. C. Franklin, Rev. J. D. Holmes, Prof. F. A. Scott and L. H. Crawford.

Brother Alphin had preached to a ripe age. He was one of the strongest promoters along with his wonderful wife in



Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, talented musician and vocalist, devoted to the "Conferences," for which she is eminently fitted. She is Director of Music at our Dayton National Convention.

building Jarvis College. We knew him as a great pastor at Emporia, Kans., Kansas City, Kans., Parson, Kans., Dallas, Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, Austin, Texas, and Waco, Texas. Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo. As an evangelist thousands of souls have been added to the church throughout his evangelistic meetings. A number of buildings stand to his credit. As a general secretary many were restored to the old faith and many put in order. He served as President of Texas and Missouri Conventions, drafted the constitution of our National Convention in 1930 and lived to revise it in our convention at Jackson, Miss., 1935.

Among those who have crossed in our national work are Dr. Preston Taylor. W. H. Dickson, K. R. Brown, Monroe

Jackson, Henry L. Herod, Dr. Hankle, Patrick Moss, William W. M. Brown, B. U. Evans, B. C. Calvert and W. and M. Alphin.

"These all died in the faith." Can we who are left meet the challenge by carrying on through loyalty to victory?

Yours for a larger service,
L. H. CRAWFORD,
Kansas City, Mo.

MISSOURI CONVENTION

The State has lost a mighty soldier in the person of Elder W. M. Alphin. This man, like Solomon, had his words of wisdom and loved to impart to others the love of Jesus Christ. I knew Elder Alphin a number of years. He followed the Jesus plan, doing good wherever he could. A mighty leader has stocked his arms to study war no more. In the pulpit for God he fought sin.

We will miss, as we arrive in St. Louis July 28th for our State Convention, that welcome he had in store for us. His lips are still but his work will follow him. Some one must take up the cross and carry on where he has laid down to rest from all his labor.

He came to St. Louis a few years ago and found the Centennial struggling under a debt. He helped them pay the debt and then God said, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou has been faithful over a few things I will give you many." We as a State know he has been faithful to his task and we love Centennial for keeping him there until death called him away.

We wish other churches would show that same love for their aged minister who have given all their life for them.

E. K. BURTON.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

KENTUCKY CONVENTION MEASURES UP

Fears were had that Covington with its brilliant young minister, H. E. Fowler, and his aide, J. J. Conway, still worshipping in the basement, could adequately care for the State Convention.

Three words tell the story, "THEY DID IT."

Never did a few workers serve more faithfully. One recalls the Master's assuring command "Give ye them to eat * * *" "And they sat down, men, women and children and ate as much as they would."

The attendance was largest since the depression. Fellowship was fine, the weather ideal and "Ole Man River, the Ohio," was on his good behavior.

The little mountain town, London, reported the most



"Ye Editor" and the Boss, 340 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.

"correct" Bible School and carried home the banner, while Danville, who usually takes it, ran a close second. The young Miss Wilson and the Sunday School Board guide with a steady hand. They know the work and love it.

Full credit is given Sister Kirkpatrick and her corps of women workers.

The always welcome and all-knowing Sister Rosa Bracy spent a few busy hours with us.

Long remembered will be the soulful address given by Sister H. L. Herod, who was received so joyfully. Then came to us that poetic truism,

"Mortals among themselves by turns do live
And life's bright torch to the next runner give."

The Christian Endeavor carries on, led by our gallant young degreed Richard L. Saunders. He is "leading them forth."

The convention was indeed generous toward the Christian Plea. Three departments sponsoring one issue each, \$25.00. What State will follow suit?

The only shadow cast was the ever-present vacant pulpit

and the vacant preacher, each complaining of the other.

Both might profit by this little jingle:

"Everything comes to those who wait,

But here's a rule that's a sticker,

Whoever "goes after" what he wants

Will get it all the quicker."

Little change was made in officials. All had wrought well.

That choir from Dayton, Ohio, peeked in upon us. And didn't they sing?

What kind of robes did that choir wear?

Long black robes!

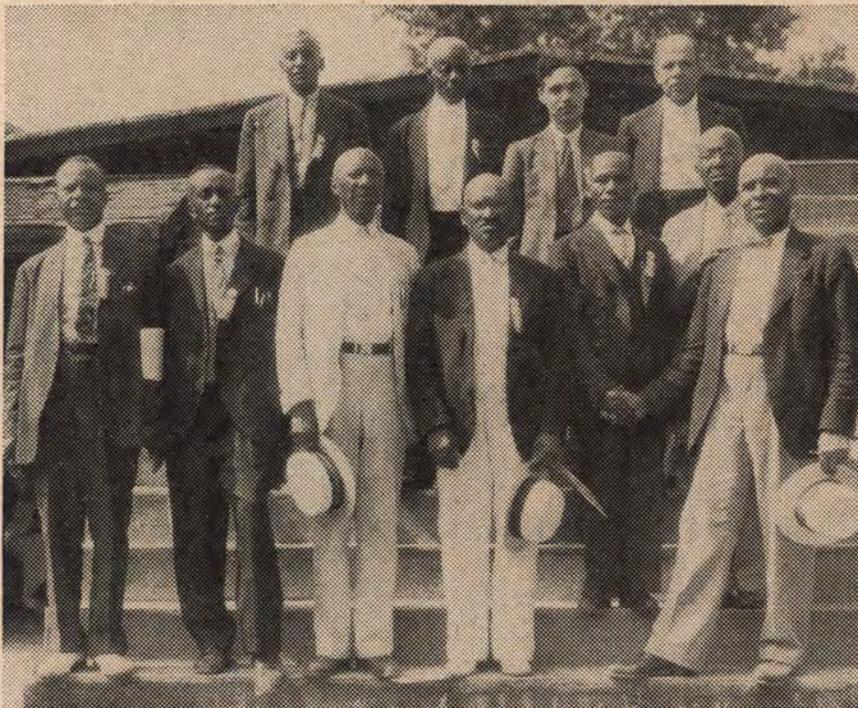
That made them sail so high in the air.

Long black robes!

The preaching was of a high type, running true to form. Besides our Kentucky brethren, Brother Devine of Ohio brought us a great message.

Considering four invitations, the convention voted to tent with Lexington in July, 1938, and to Lexington they come.

Our "Little Giant," I. H. Moore was elected State Evangelist and goes forthwith.



A part of the Kentucky State Board which also underwrites one issue of the Christian Plea.

BIBLE SCHOOL OF KY.

Greetings:

Our convention has just closed and the enthusiasm and inspiration gained with which to carry forth the work in the coming year. The same officers were re-elected and Bro. C. H. Johnson, the veteran Bible School man, was added to the Executive Board.

The following schools paid their State apportionment in full: Danville, Hustonville, Fairview, London, Roaring Springs and Mayfield. Hats off to these schools. May other schools do likewise next year.

London, Danville and Hustonville vied for the State banner. Hustonville sent in its report after the banner had been awarded. Be a little earlier in seeing that your report gets in, Sister Ripton. Danville, all eyes have been watching you for many years. Your report and London's tied in each respect. The London school had an increased enrollment and

paid its apportionment and 50 per cent more of it; therefore London received the banner. Next year Danville may reclaim the banner. All praise to London, Danville and Hustonville, the three highest rated schools in the State. The Superintendents of these schools are Bro. C. H. Smith, Sister S. Ripton and Sister L. G. Smith, respectively. Would that all schools had such officers.

Fairview will come in as a good contestant if it pays its national apportionment of two dollars. We are expecting it and the other three schools to fill out blanks for the Honor Shield of the National Convention. Wouldn't it be grand if one of these schools received the shield? We are pulling for it.

To the other schools of Kentucky we say press on, be diligent, continue steadfastly. Place the points of merit on your wall and earnestly work

toward them. A visit will be made to each school and adjustments made where necessary. We are greatly appreciative for your co-operation and will look forward to the same kind this next year. Feel free to write concerning your school and its affairs.

MISS EDITH WILSON,
President Kentucky Bible
School Convention.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION AT NORWOOD AVENUE CHRIS- TIAN CHURCH

Norwood and Sprague Avenues,
Dayton, Ohio.

Pastor ELI W. WILBERT

August 24, Tuesday evening,
8:00 o'clock—Local program
under the auspices of the Nor-
wood Christian Church, Elder
Eli Wilbert presiding.

Response—Prof. T. W. Pratt,
Dallas, Texas.

Appointment of committees.
Presidents of departments.

Announcements.

Benediction.

Informal Reception.

J. N. Ervin, President.

L. H. Crawford, Vice Presi-
dent.

Woman's Missionary Conven-
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dent.

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erson, Kentucky.

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Page Welch, Chicago, and Mrs.
Alessa Stewart Bowen of Jarvis
College.

Dr. J. E. Walker, Treasurer.



Mrs. N. V. Berry of Jarvis, Texas, and Wood County teacher, Superintendent of Jeans Fund. She also "tickles the ivory keys" and was the "Convention Bride."

All devotions led by Dr. George Calvin Campbell of Ohio.

Beside the Manifold Presidings, Reports, Addresses, Symposiums and Discussions the program calls for sermons by W. D. Campbell, R. W. Watson, Mrs. Maude Davis, B. T. Hunt, Emmet Dixon, J. M. Cowan, I. S. Asche, H. E. Fowler and President Ervin.

All index fingers point to a large and representative gathering. The fervent South, the wooly West, the sedate North and the conservative East are already vieing with the center and each other for the honor of "bringing home" the National Convention for 1938.

If the local churches fail to respond to State and National "Wherewith Shall It Be Salted."

Another good church in Missouri is calling for a good minister for full-time service.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rockford, Illinois

On June 26 the Christian Endeavor of the Second Christian Church at Rockford, Illinois, presented Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, mezzo-soprano of Chicago, in recital. The artist rendered a delightful and varied program to a very appreciative audience. We hope to present her again in the future.

Credit for success goes to Miss Mamie Robinson, Mrs. Cynthia Martin and Mr. George Richardson.

Proceeds from the recital were used to send our delegate to the Young Peoples Conference at Nicholasville, Kentucky. Miss Annette Tucker, who returned from the conference with much enthusiasm and a whole-hearted desire to return next year.

On June 27 the Women's Missionary Society held a candlelight service to close their year's work. The service which was written and directed by Mrs. A. L. Martin, had as its theme, "The Light of the World." Those taking part were Mrs. Ellis Gee, president of the society, Mrs. Lavinia Cothran, Mrs. Bernice James, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Lucian Cary and Miss Ruth Robinson. The service was enjoyed by all.

Our church closed its year's work with all departments doing its share.

MRS. BERNICE JAMES.

Please announce through the "Plea" that the pulpit of the Maple St. Christian Church, at Lockland, Ohio, is vacant.

Correspondence may be had with the undersigned church clerk.

C. E. ARMSTRONG,
421 Pendery Ave.,
Wyoming, Ohio.



Mammoth State makes mammoth men, for instance, That Pratt of Texas.

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF GEORGIA HOLD SUMMER SCHOOL

For the first time in history the Christian Churches of Georgia held a summer school, July 20th through July 25th, with the Bethesda Christian Church. This school was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Peoples. The program was planned for ministers, officers, members, young people and children. They brought to our people of Georgia some very great lessons. Our school was a success especially being the first of this kind in the State among our churches. We are looking forward to having a greater school session for our churches next year.

LORENZO J. EVANS,
State Evangelist.

James Harrison of Oxford, Brother M. F. Frazier of Walnut Hills Church were among the Ohio ministers who visited the Kentucky Convention.

At Dayton we measure lances with defeatest tide.



RECEIVES BACHELOR DEGREE

E. W. Rand, a former student of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, who resided in Lodi, Texas, received his Bachelor's Degree on May 28, 1937, from Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. He completed his junior college work at Jarvis in 1933 and has been teaching since that time. His name has appeared on the "Honor Roll" every year since he entered his secondary school work. In his freshman year at Prairieview College he won first honor out of 351 classmates. During the school year 1936 and 1937, while at Bishop College, he was one of the two in the college of approximately 600 students making six A's. He is a member of the Christian Church of Lodi, Texas, and a deacon in that church. He also has charge of one of the District of Texas. He is now President of the Jarvis Christian College Alumnae and ex-Student Association and is making preparation to enter Butler University of Indianapolis, Ind., in September, 1937, where he has been granted a scholarship covering all tuition in the College of Re-

ligion. He expects to receive his Master Degree from this institution.

234 Hernando Street,
Memphis, Tennessee.

July 1, 1937.

Dear Brethren:

I am sure you have a letter by this time from President Ervin and Sceretary Davis urging our attendance to the National Convention in Dayton, Ohio.

It is very important that we attend the convention in large numbers if we wish to maintain the high standard of the convention. Next in importance to our attendance is our financial status.

We are requesting and urging each church to send \$5.00 through its District or State Convention to support the National Convention. We can not do the work that has been outlined unless we have the money.

The officers of the District and State Convention should see to it that \$5.00 is reported and sent to the treasurer before the convention. If this is not done we are expecting a full financial report from every church in the State at the National Convention.

You should rally to the support of President Ervin who is giving much time and thought to the development of our church.

Let us hope and pray that we will have victory through Christian loyalty.

Sincerely yours,
J. E. WALKER, M. D.,
Treasurer.

Elder H. C. Poston and delegate from far-off Paducah brought good reports from the west end to the Kentucky Convention.



Sister Rosa Brown Bracy, true to the slogan, "Information Begets Inspiration." She still carries on, circulating Missionary Literature, Lecturing the Women (and Men) on the Needs and Plans of the Missionary Enterprise. She is a storehouse of information.

Among other significant expressions Rev. R. H. Davis of Chicago, writes under date of July 13 these indications of progress:

"Baptized 8 more last Sunday. Total baptized since March, 1937, 26. Total added since January 1, 1937, 83. Age extremes—the youngest candidate 7, the oldest 69. Potential delegates in preparation to storm Dayton on August 24 number 15 to date from Indiana Avenue.

"Oil the ropes. They must not break. We need all the true and tried warriors of past battles at Dayton. Yours for abundant success."

R. H. DAVIS.



THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

There were 18 churches, 50 cities and 4 States represented by the 52 students at the Central Conference, held in Nicholasville, Ky., the first week in July. They organized as follows:

Mildred La Touche, President; Howard Mitchell, Vice

President; Lucille Campbell, Secretary; District Chairmen, Riley Moore, Howard Mitchell, Anetta Tucker, Josephine Hawkins, Carolton Finch, Charles Bramlet, Annette Jordan and Velesto Hicks.

Not less than 100 is the goal for next year and right now is the time to begin preparation.

SOWING AND REAPING By Father Love of Wichita, Kans.

Forty years ago I came from the Louisville Bible School in Kentucky. I came as a lamb among wolves to sow the seed of the sixty-six books that had been taught me.

I was taught when to sow and what kind to sow and for thirty-two years I've sowed in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Texas.

I'm not ashamed of the seed I've sown. Of course, some seed fell upon stony ground.

While prostrate, I read of the hard fight against the Antis in East Texas. I sowed good seed there, and oh how I wish I could go to the rescue where labors H. M. Johnson, W. M. Moreland, R. H. Henry, B. B. Wells, G. N. Taylor, J. W. Daniel and H. G. Garrison.

I can rejoice in the good seed that came up in Dallas and Lodi. I can only pray and say "Fight on Children."

I get a small check each

month, for which I thank God and the great brotherhood.

To all the Brethren I would say, "Sow the good seed." It will rise up and bless you.

The good people of Prall St. Church, Lexington, gave to Elder E. B. Toles, minister (also a teacher in the Paris High School), a twelfth anniversary reception which warmed all hearts.

PORT GIBSON, MISS.

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best, hence took them to be with Him.

We are hoping a large delegation from Mississippi will attend our National Convention at Dayton, Ohio.

Our next biggest convention will be our Centennial, which will be held fifty years from now. I hope it will be possible for me to send you a program with Elder I. C. Franklin on it to deliver the welcome address.

Sincerely yours,

I. C. FRANKLIN, President.

ATTENTION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Convention time is here and all fingers point to Dayton, but let us not forget to bring in the palm of our hands \$2.00 from each school that the work might go on. I have tried to contact all the schools but for those that I have missed please accept this notification. Checks and money-orders are to be made to Dr. R. Sydney Fields, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn., the treasurer. It is hoped that each school will send a delegate. Remember each school is responsible for the success of the convention.

ELDER S. S. MYERS,
President.

EDITH WILSON,
Secretary.

R. R. WALTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

DR. R. S. FIELDS,
Treasurer.

Wouldn't it be fine if all the churches in all the States would fully meet the requirements of our National Convention.

Ministers and churches must not forsake the Pension Fund. "A Penny Laid By for a Rainy Day Is a Motto for Every Man."

Other better looking "mugs" came too late for this number. Look for them on a later train.

Send delegates? Yes, and don't forget to send your preacher, with the "Spijulix" in his hand to Dayton.

Ohio says come, Dayton says come and Brother Wilbert says "Whosoever will, let him come" to our National Convention, August 24-29.

Elder I. H. Moore starts on the evangelist field for all departments of Kentucky State work.

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My Task As A Member Of The Y. P. C. E.

MRS. MABLE LEWIS,
Hill St., Louisville, Ky.

As a member of any organization we should first be a regular attendant. This is stewardship of time. Most of us have failed to realize that God gives us six days and he only asks us to commune together with Him one day. So when we fail to give our time we are robbing Him and ourselves of a great blessing.

There is also the task of putting over the program. If we are interested in our society we should see that our worship services are well prepared and of a nature that all our members and visitors, as well, will have been brought into closer touch with the master.

Our songs, prayers and talks should be in harmony with each other. We often hear leaders speaking of carrying sleepers; this is because we don't give them enough medicine to keep them awake. Some people need stronger doses than others. We should so arrange our program as to give all enough to set their hearts and minds right with God.

Then our program material. It is hard to carry on a society without the proper material. See that our society has this kind of material. After obtaining the material, use it. Some schools after getting their literature fail to use it, with the idea that the subjects were too far above the thoughts of the children. This can be

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YOUTH'S SHARE IN BUILDING THE BROTHERHOOD

MISS CERISE WELCH

Youth today faces a world that is infinitely more difficult than that faced by the youth of any period in all history, for it is a world of distrust, disappointment and calamity. Notwithstanding the fact that God has ever co-operation with man as a partner in every work of building, both materially and spiritually, whenever man has failed to recognize the divine power his efforts have been absolutely in vain.

In the year 1881 in the Wiliston Church of Portland, Oregon, the pastor was considering the problem of how he might make his young people more useful in the service of God, more efficient in church work and thus establish them in the faith and practice of the Gospel. He assembled the youth and organized a society. He named the society "Christian Endeavor. A modest name that did not promise too much in the beginning, a broad and brotherly name that might be accepted by all who mean to work earnestly for the Master. Other youths soon joined in this great enterprise and today the society of "Christian Endeavor" is universal.

The Church is the offspring of God and can only survive by fulfilling its mission which is the manifestation of God and the unifying of mankind into one brotherhood. The thought

of Christian brotherhood must become as permanently established in our minds as the fact about Jesus Christ. Youth today looking at the world and its challenge sees that there must be no wastage of spiritual, physical, intellectual or social power.

There seems to be an inescapable responsibility upon youth to find better foundation stones on which to build the reign of peace on which must be established the civilization of tomorrow.

The future is to be the scene of combat where the youth of the brotherhood will pit its character against the needs and problems of the World. The result of our service will depend upon the kind of approach we make to the situation. The things we take pride in make us. No one is ever spurred on to any great achievement by a thing of which he is ashamed.

We are proud of our youth and our abundant opportunities for service. We must develop a keen sense of values and learn how to "put first things first." We must learn the fine art of drawing a line between the human values and the material values.

We must become so devoted to the task of building the brotherhood that we will not be daunted by the obstacles and difficult things that we must face. Jesus in sending out his disciples on a missionary tour

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

MESSAGE FROM THE OXFORD CONFERENCE TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

The delegates to the World Conference on Church, Community and State, assembled at Oxford, England, from July 12 to 26, 1937, send at the close of their deliberation, the following message to the Churches of Christ throughout the world:

In the name of Christ, greetings.

We meet at a time when mankind is oppressed with perplexity and fear. Men are burdened with evils almost insupportable and with problems apparently insoluble. Even in countries which at peace, unemployment and malnutrition sap men's strength of body, mind and spirit. In other countries war does its "devil's work," and threatens to overwhelm us all in its limitless catastrophe.

Yet we do not take up our task as bewildered citizens of our several nations, asking if anywhere there is a clue to our problems; we take it up as Christians, to whom is committed "the word of reconciliation," that "God was in Christ reconciling the World unto Himself."

The first duty of the Church and its greatest service to the World is that it be in very deed the Church—confessing the true faith, committed to the fulfillment of the will of Christ, its only Lord, and united in Him in a fellowship of love and service.

We do not call the World to be like ourselves, for we are already too like the World. Only as we ourselves repent,

both as individuals and as corporate bodies, can the Church call men to repentance. The call to ourselves and to the World is to Christ.

WHAT HAS IT MEANT?

HOWLAND E. BONNER,
Mt. Beulah College.

The Church is the final institution on earth to have its integrity questioned. More than 1,900 long years during the reign of Christianity the World has given its moral, spiritual and financial support. But today there are those who would make it a social institution.

Has it been exploited and misunderstood and betrayed by its own supporters and members. The question now arises, "Where Shall It End?"

I for one, believe that every word Jesus spoke during his ministry were true. I believe that every principal that he brought to the World is good and beneficial to humanity. I believe that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God and that he was and is the Savior of the World. Yet I do believe that he has been betrayed and sold out by some who profess to believe in him. I believe as the great Apostle Paul did, that no foundation can any man lay than that which is laid in Christ Jesus. I believe that the Church of Christ will ever live, yet I believe under the present leadership it will have its tribulations. I believe that in the heart and lives of many good Christians today Christ still lives.

Hence much depends upon what one believes in a day like this.

MINISTERS INTERDENOMINATIONAL ALLIANCE, BALTIMORE, MD.

Baltimore, Md.,
848 Edmonson Ave.,
Sept. 2, 1937.

To the National Convention of the Christian Church of America.

Dear Friends and Brothers:

The Interdenominational Ministers Alliance of Baltimore extends to you a cordial welcome to meet in the city of Baltimore in your twenty-first annual meeting, 1938.

We are sure that your wholesome influence brought with your presence would be uplifting and inspiring. We promise that whatever lies in our power as an alliance to make your stay both a pleasure and a profit will be gladly done.

Thanking you in advance for the favor of your presence with us, we are yours

Sincerely,

E. W. WHITE,

President, Ministers Interdenominational Alliance

W. H. TAYLOR,

Vice President, Ministers Interdenominational Alliance

WARD D. YERBY,

Secretary, M. I. A.

Men and brethren, what shall we do?—Editor

MAKING A LOCAL CHURCH THROUGH WORSHIP

As Christians we know there cannot be any service to the Church without worship.

Through worship we make up the foundation of the church. "For upon this rock I build my Church and the gates of hell

can't prevail against it." It is the same way with worship. If we build a sound wall of worship around our Church it can't fail.

With the ancient Greeks and the Jews singing of hymns was part of the worship. For psalms are the words of Hebrew songs.

Prayer is a petition offered to a divinity. The scriptures tactily assume that prayer was offered to God from the beginning of the World for we read that "men began to call upon the name of the Lord."

When we come to the New Testament times we meet with synagogues established as places for the public worship of God, and for reading His word. Christ taught that prayer should be offered to God in his name in order to insure an answer.

We should have "Morning Watch" each morning after rising to give God praise for the night and day. This would help out our Church worship.

Things we should do for worship service are:

A—Have the worship service to meet the occasion.

B—Be quiet and have the program printed.

C—Take up no offering and have no announcements.

D—Have soft music and singing, etc.

And in conclusion, Christian friends, I will say again build up a sound wall of worship around your church and let the church march on to glory.

CLEEDUS M. WILSON
Vandalia, Mo.

Three Ohio preachers come to Ole Kentucky, Brother L. L. Dickerson takes Covington, Brother James Harrison takes Midway and Brother Artis Walker, the singer, is tenting on the grounds for permanent location. All good timber.

WHAT DID JESUS MEAN BY "TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK?"

MARGARET LETCHER,

I find that there is one author that indicates the practical way of applying the teaching of Jesus on "Turning the Other Cheek."

Mr. Jones points out to us that the application of this principle respects the personality of another in that it links the passive resistance of evil and the active love of the enemy.

Matthew, chapter 5, gives special consideration to the teaching of Jesus regarding retaliation and the love of one's enemies—Ver. 38-42.

We have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth—this Jesus calls attention to a Jewish law, but I say unto you, whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law and take away thy coat let him have the cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. Finally be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another—love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous, not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing but contrawise blessings — knowing that ye are thereunto called that ye should inherit a blessing.

One condition of companionship with Jesus is that we shall meet the searching test of living among our fellow men as those who know and love Jesus. It is comparatively easy to live among those we love and respect, but the test comes when we are badly treated, our actions misinterpreted, our mo-

tives called in question. Jesus gives no law but suggests a spirit that conquers. Are we willing to give it a trial? We admit our mistakes. We are challenged by the teaching of Jesus, and by the simplicity of overcoming hate and evil in the World. As Christians we should go forward to try the way of love—the Jesus way.

THE PRESTON TAYLOR MEMORIAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

Office 1702 Madison Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

September 2, 1937.

To the Executive Board of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ of America.
Greetings:

In honor of the late Preston Taylor, first president of our National Convention, the Preston Taylor Memorial Christian Conention of Maryland invites the National Convention to Baltimore to hold their 1938 session.

We are sending you invitations from Hon. Harry W. Nice, Governor; Hon. Howard W. Jackson, Mayor; Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance; Business Men's League, and the Voters League of Maryland.

We are now making preparations to adequately care for the convention. You need not hesitate. We await your reply.

Your friend,
BALTIMORE TAYLOR

LIQUOR IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED

In 1933, five per cent of the drivers and six per cent of the pedestrians injured had been drinking. In 1934, the percentages were six per cent and eight per cent; in 1935, seven per cent and nine per cent. Beware!

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

SOME NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Dayton was indeed ready for Convention.

No better dining room service was ever seen than at Dayton.

Elder Eli Wilbert knows just how to feed the multitude. "Plenty" was the watchword and the boys "ate nobly".

President Ervin is the equal of "Smiling Ed McConald" who he "smiles a smile".

Vice President Crawford, the "Kansas Midget," makes a splendid Judicial Committee.

Sister Herod and Sister Sadie Shifer are safely guarding the Women's Society.

You wont need your 'specks' to see the new President of the S. S. Convention. He is plenty congenial—Mr. Walton.

Brother Daniel, of Washing-

ton, D. C., succeeds to Presidency of Christian Endeavor.

The Ministers Wives Council have become a feature of the convention, with Mrs. E. A. Daniels, of Oklahoma, President. They rehearsed the Dickersons' wedding of thirty-seven years ago.

Dayton gave us the picnic of our lives Saturday afternoon. Those beans and weiners never run out.

Like Noah's Dove, the National Convention has found no room for the sole of her feet and is still up in the air.

Elder N. H. Johnson will see to it that Texas stays on the map. His territorial possessions are large.

The Christian Plea wishes admittance to every home in the Brotherhood.

Fifteen States were represented in the call meeting, Tuesday, the first day, when 165 registered delegates sat down at once to heavy-laden tables in the splendid basement of the Church.

Pastor Eli Wilbert—in shirt sleeves—was indeed chief among the headwaiters and amongst all of it till the last breakfast Monday morning.

We cannot name the faithful cooks, waiters and helpers, all of whom wore a "Made-to-Order" smile and carried a joyous hand of service.

Both of our Chicago Churches, Boll St. Church, Dallas, Texas, and Jarvis College, Texas, each sent the three dollars love gift to the Christian Plea. Others who didn't get the word in time will forward theirs to us and so get on the "Honor Roll".

Mr. Willard Wickizer, Superintendent of Home Department, and representing the Joint Executive Committee, is fitting succinctly into the shoes—easy walkers—of his predecessor. With the rest of the commit-

tee he is deeply interested in our common program.

Our Jarvis, Texas, College and Mt. Beulah College, Miss., are friendly vieing with each other as to which can do the most in sending forth fully equipped young people to the work.

Butler College, of Indianapolis, is showing abundant favors along this same line, as a flash from those brilliant Butlerites testifies.

Mr. C. O. Hawley gave another inspiring message trying to get the whole church under the whole task.

His personality and manner of address are captivating.

Others of his tribe were no less interesting and helpful.

Dr. George C. Campbell, minister of our Church at Cleveland, Ohio, conducted the devotions each day.

For depth, breadth and sincerity he runs a full length ahead of the hounds. His real ability has never been appreciated. When that long-haired lion roars things tremble about him. He presents "The Un-defeatable God."

Didn't that bunch "sing all over God's Heaven" and the Mt. Beulah College banquet was another topnotcher.

Age and youth mingled at the ministers' wives banquet, over one hundred being present. Crawford led the march.

We are genuinely proud of our crop of fine young people who come so readily to the Convention—make way for youth.

The Plea congratulates itself upon its fine treatment at the National.

Elder R. L. Peters, the Dean of the Southland, will hold some meetings before returning to Winston-Salem, N. C.

MY TASK AS A MEMBER OF THE Y. P. C. E.

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remedied by having the leader condense the subject to be understood by the youngest child.

Another way to interest others in our program is to use that child who seems to be neglected; find something for him to do. If there is someone in your society who cannot sing or speak have them read something or do some other task. We can always use the least and most humble in our schools. I attribute my success as a leader in my work to my first experiences in the Endeavor. Our leader always found something for us to do, thus arousing our interest and causing us to see the necessity of giving our lives to the services of the Master.

The last thought is that of finance or stewardship of means.

Since our Endeavor comes at the end of the day we feel that we can just give it the leavings. This should not be so. The same financial support should be shown the Endeavor as the Sunday School and Church.

So often when I am not able to make donations to my Church I put on a financial program. Many of us have not gotten to the place where we can lay aside a certain amount to be divided between the various auxiliaries of the Church.

If our leader sponsors a program let us as members support it, drawing with us the support of others in our community. Sometimes at our programs we have far more visitors than members, which shows the lack of co-operation on the parts of our members.

I sum up by saying my (our) task as members of the Endeavor is first give ourselves through regular attendance,

give of our talent and last our means.

If we do this our Christian Endeavor Societies will go, glow and grow, and you will help to make it so.

YOUTH'S SHARE IN BUILDING THE BROTHERHOOD

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said, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore as wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

We must launch out into the depths of difficult tasks and experience the wonderful growth and development that comes through the meeting of difficult opportunities and using them for the good of all.

Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it;

Plan more work than you can do, then do it.

Hitch your wagon onto a star, Keep your seat and there you are.

The youth today must dedicate themselves to the eradication of politics and jealousies among the leaders within our particular church as well as between the leaders of our church and other churches.

May the fruits of our labors be such as to have the World look upon us as a stepping stone.

CHURCH WOMEN TO MEET IN INTER-RACIAL CONFERENCE

By KATHERINE GARDNER

New York.—The fruit of the past year's study of "A Preface to Racial Understanding," is to be gathered in two regional conferences of church women on "The Next Chapter in Racial Understanding" this autumn, one in the East at Asbury Park, New Jersey, October 14-15, and one in the Midwest at Evanston,

Illinois, November 29-30. Local groups are making themselves responsible for arrangements—the New Jersey Inter-Racial Committee of Church Women and the Woman's Department of the Chicago Church Federation, but the conferences also have the wide sponsoring of the Church Women's Committee of the Department of Race Relations, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Council of Women for Home Missions, and the National Council of Federated Church Women.

These conferences anticipate a follow-up in more than name.

The sponsoring personnel of the meetings is significant. Twenty denominations and community Churches as well as the three interdenominational organizations are represented on the committees. The general chairman is Mrs. Emory Ross, long-time missionary in Africa; one vice-chairman, Mrs. D. D. Forsyth, represents the Council of Women for Home Missions, the other, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, the National Council of Federated Church Women; the secretary, Miss Katherine Gardner, comes from the Federal Council of Churches.

These two regional conferences are looked to as a way of unifying the thinking and activity of church women in the field of race relations that will result in a more effective approach to community situations and programs, and it is hoped they will lead to a use of the conference in other areas of the country.

For information or to register, write to the conference secretary, Miss Katherine Gardner, the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

FOR LABOR**JAMES MYERS**

O God, Thou art Thyself the Master Workman, skilled Creator. Hast Thou not also revealed Thyself to us in Jesus the carpenter, whose roughened hands bear eternal testimony to the dignity of toil?

We sense Thy presence in the labor movement, in the upward surge of the masses, who with the awakened self-respect of children of God, have through the centuries cast off the shackles of slavery and serfdom, and stand now gazing toward the dawn of a greater freedom.

We praise Thee for those brave spirits who have led the way; who have dared to risk even their children's bread in organized endeavor to improve the lot of all; who for their unselfish devotion have been condemned as outcasts of society; suffered contumely; endured prison; sacrificed their lives as martyrs to the cause.

Help thou the labor movement of our day to be worthy of its heritage. Unite in high purpose the workers in the factory and on the farm. Preserve them from temptation to selfish complacency in partial gains for any favored craft or race or nation. Guard their leaders from lust for personal power. Guide them in the service of the common good.

Help the workers of all lands to stand shoulder to shoulder for justice and peace among the nations. Save them from contamination with the sin of selfish nationalism. Keep them from supporting national armaments under the false illusion of providing work or special privilege for themselves, while they betray the workers of the world for a mass of pottage.

Grant to labor the wisdom to seek a World of peace and

plenty by means of organization and the ballot, keeping their movement free from hate and violence, building into the co-operative commonwealth those spiritual values which alone can make it endure.

Bring, at last, all workers by hand or brain into world-wide brotherhood; into closer fellowship with Thee, O God, the Father of us all.

It was a happy day for Jarvis Christian College and all her friends throughout our brotherhood when on the opening of school, September 14th, a senior college was established with the beginning of third year college work. Jarvis leaders have long prayed for this day and their prayers, together with the activity of President J. N. Ervin and his board of trustees and the approval of the board of trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society have been answered.

In connection with this event and making it possible is the enlightened attitude of the county board of education of Wood County. The county officials feel that the Negro citizens should have the advantages of a public school education and so this year are financing the Jarvis elementary and high school. These schools will be held as usual on the Jarvis campus. Many of the students will room and board there as usual and they will all be subject to Jarvis' Christian teaching and culture. The budget fund formerly used to maintain these lower schools is now released for more advanced work and it is this money which is being used to establish the senior college, together with the tuition of students enrolling in it. Therefore, no increased appropria-

tion has been made for Jarvis College and there is no money except that made available by the county grant of public tax money for the elementary and high school. Plans are already made for the fourth year of college work next year.

The great value of this advance in educational opportunity for Negro students is the increased leadership for our Negro churches. Mr. Ervin reported at the last convention that 300 Negro churches have no pastors. The primary purpose of Jarvis will be to inspire and hold and train young men and women who shall give new leadership and new life to our brotherhood growth and activity. Eventually, an especially endowed department of religion should be established in this school.

The complete college course makes possible a definite complete training within our own brotherhood and lifts the effectiveness of the work of not only Jarvis but also Southern Christian Institute. This latter school offers a high grade of junior college work with full preparation for senior work. Its graduates being grounded in like precepts and purposes, will be able to pass directly from one school to the other with very little break in the continuity of their education; perhaps even at an advantage in that they will have had the influence of two Christian environments and faculties instead of one.

The success of this new work depends upon the support our Christian Negro brotherhood gives it. There come interest, enthusiasm, financial giving and boys and girls. Parents backing Jarvis in these ways will make Jarvis the great school it must become.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS MISS MANERVA WHITE, Church Clerk, Columbia, Ky.

We, the members of the Second Christian Church at Columbia, feel very grateful to the Bible School State Board for the donation it made our Church through our Bible School.

We feel sure Miss Edith Wilson, Elder C. H. Dickerson and our pastor, Elder C. H. Johnson, did some vouching for us. We take this opportunity to thank the entire State force.

WHAT MAKES HAPPINESS IN THE HOME?

By MILDRED WELSH
of Missouri

The question has already been answered for us. God in the home makes it a place where love abides, and out of that grow all the elements of a comfortable, beautiful and wholesome home. Let us discover some of these elements and make applications in our own lives.

Friendship — every home should be as a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. Into it should flock friends and friendship bringing the light of the world, the stimulus and the modifying power of contact with various natures, the fresh flowers of feeling gathered from wide fields. Out of it should flow benign charities, pleasant amenities and all those influences which are the natural offspring of a high and harmonious home life.

Thoughts and Actions—If we would have a true home and a happy one we must guard well our thoughts and actions. A single bitter word may disturb the home for a whole day, but, like unexpected flowers which spring up along our path full of freshness, fragrance and beauty, so do kind words and

gentle acts and sweet disposition make glad the home where peace and blessing dwell. No matter how humble the abode if it be thus garnished with grace and sweetened by kindness and smiles the heart will turn lovingly towards it from all the tumults of the world, and home, "be it ever so humble" will be the dearest spot under the sun.

Peacefulness — There is no happiness in life, and no misery like that growing out of the disposition which consecrates or desecrates the home. "He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace at home." Home should be made so truly home and peaceful that the weary, tempted heart could turn towards it and receive light and strength. It should be the sacred refuge of our lives, whether rich or poor.

Helpfulness—One of the elements essential in making home happy is helpfulness. Every member in the home should have its definite responsibility in an effort to lighten the tasks of our parents. There can be no happier reflection than that derived from the thought of having contributed to the comfort and happiness of our parents.

Respect—We should have respect in the home. Speak of and to our parents and the members of our family with respect—even to the youngest. Kind words are the bright flowers of earthly existence; use them and especially around the fire-side circle.

In China Church of Disciples of Christ, through the United Christian Missionary Society, have the Christian Hospital at Hofei, the Christian Hospital at Nantungchow, and the University of Nanking Hospital, a Hofei, the Christian Hospital a union institution.

"CHRIST FOR THE CRISIS"

"Christ for the Crisis" was the theme and motto of the 36th International Convention of Christian Endeavor, held at Grand Rapids, Mich., July 8-13. The program included educational features, open forums, devotional periods and practical methods for carrying on a society program, recreational and social events. Dr. Daniel Poling, President of the World Christian Endeavor, and Admiral Richard Byrd were among the speakers.

Myron T. Hopper of the United Christian Missionary Society represented Disciples of Christ. Mr. Hopper is Director of Young People's Work, and contributed much to the educational program as leader of special conferences in the Intermediate Division on the following subjects: "Better Devotional Meetings" and "Getting Results from Organization." In the Young People's Division Mr. Hopper led conferences on "A New Nation and "Christ Meeting the World's Needs."

At Ciudad Garcia, far back in one of the rural communities of Mexico, Miss Florine Cantrell is doing a real pioneer work. To go to Ciudad Garcia one must take a train from the city of Aguascalientes and ride for three hours to Zacatecas. Then by bus one goes for thirty miles to Ciudad Garcia. Then by donkey or a wagon one travels for fifteen miles to Nogales Ranch.

The rural Mexican is so eager to find Christ, to adjust himself to society in a Christian way, that he offers his home as an institution through which to work. What could be more effective as Miss Cantrell and her helpers visit in these homes?

Ignorance of missionary conditions is appalling. Mr. Average Christian must be led to take a personal interest in the missionary program. At present he doesn't care the snap of his finger about it. Whose fault is it?

With John Oxenham let us say,

"Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,

Whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me."

MEMORY

When I was small street-lighters came

With magic wands that made
The corner lamps walk down
the street

In sudden bright parade.
And all the folks with homing
hearts,

And boys and dogs and tramps
Were gayer when the dusk hung
out

Its row of yellow lamps,
Tonight my path runs dark and
long

Beneath close-crowded
trees . . .

Oh, lift your wand again, dear
God,

And light a lantern, please!

Our State Evangelist, I. H. Moore, is in a meeting with those good people at Hustonville, Ky., where they have renewed the church house inside and out. They close Sunday, the 12th, with another big basket meeting. Noble people, these, and need a good pastor. I once served them.

That ever alert and painstaking Prof. James H. Thomas, of the Martinsville, Va., school, was much in evidence at Dayton. He classes among those who know and knows that he knows. He introduced a fine specimen of the Thompson family from Bluefield, W. Va.

MEASURING SUCCESS

Too often we ask for immediate results, especially in educational fields. Some observers believe we should wait an entire generation before measuring the success of a plan or system. Writes Dr. Alexis Carrel in "Man, the Unknown," "It is only after a lapse of thirty or forty years that the values of an educational method can be estimated."

THREE SHIPS SAILING

"I saw three ships come sailing
in,

So fair at close of day
Stewardship and Fellowship
And Worship led the way.

And what rare gifts were in
them,

Beneath the sunlight sifting,
The sacrificial gifts and prayers
For living, loving, lifting."

AFRICAN PREACHER

Bokese Paul, native pastor of our Church at Mondombe, Africa, has been decorated with a bronze medal by the Territorial Administrator of the Mondombe Region, an area of 100,000 population. This was a recognition by the Governor of Belgian Congo of Bokese Paul's twenty years of faithful service to the mission, and was indirectly an acknowledgement to the progress of the Congo colony.

Both President Ervin, of Jarvis, Texas, and Dean Cowan, of Mt. Beulah College, Miss., along with their interesting families, gave a good account of themselves and their work at our Dayton National. They brought to us an array of consecrated talent of which we were not aware. Let's remember these schools.

JARVIS TAKES ANOTHER FORWARD STEP

To the Friends of Jarvis Christian College, Greetings:

Through arrangements made with the Home Department of the United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Indiana, the Local Trustee Board of Texas and the College Examiner's Office, Department of Education, Austin, Texas, plans have been perfected to begin senior work in the college this Fall.

The total cost for one year's schooling at Jarvis including room, board, tuition and general fees amounts to only \$168.

In the plan for operation, great stress will be placed upon the fundamentals for ministerial training as well as the highest literary attainment. A very splendid faculty has been selected.

School opens on Tuesday, September 14, 1937. Write for information.

J. N. ERVIN,
President, Jarvis Christian
College, Hawkins, Texas.

TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED MOTHER

Yet there is room, room for our
feet.

Upon the narrow road.
Yet there is room on Zion's
Street,
So Golden and so broad.

Yet there is room, Heaven is
not full,

The Door stands open free.
Jesus is kind and merciful,
Yet there is room for me.

Yet there is room, none may
depart,

Unwelcomed, unforgiven.
While there is room in Jesus'
heart

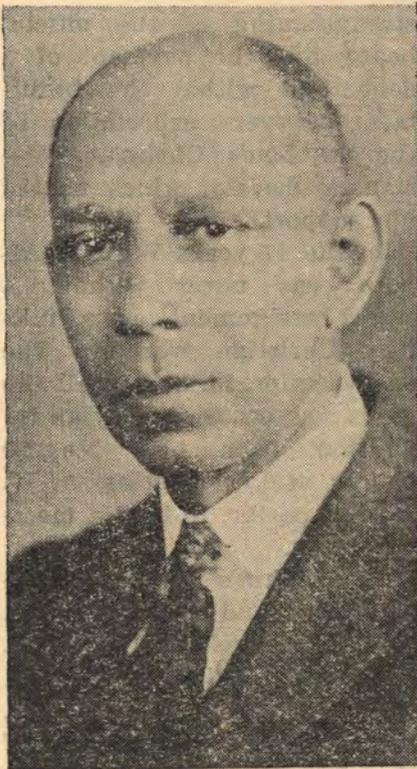
Yes, there is room in Heaven.
MISS JENNIE MITCHELL,
Port Gibson, Miss.

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The late Eld. William Alphin. He "Fought the good fight. He finished the course. He kept the faith."

WILLIAM J. ALPHIN

(From the Christian Evangelist)

William J. Alphin died in St. Louis, Mo., on July 10, in the seventy-second year of his age, the forty-seventh in his Christian ministry, and the ninth of his pastorate of Centennial Church.

The funeral service in the church was in charge of J. J. Green, a predecessor in the Centennial pastorate. The sermon-tribute was delivered by R. C. Washington, East St. Louis, Ill. Other fellow Negro

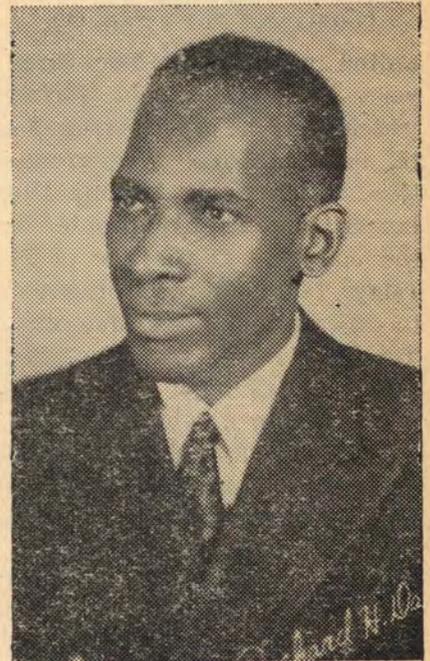
ministers who participated were: Richard Davis, Chicago; B. F. Abbott, representing the M. E. Church; Milton Thompson, the Interdenominational Alliance; and S. H. Crawford, of the National Convention of Negro Disciples. Lee W. Grant spoke in behalf of the St. Louis Christian Missionary Society, and E. F. Harris, of the Christian Ministers' Association. Valeska Hart read the biographical sketch. The music was in charge of the church choir. The members of the official board served as a guard of honor. A number of members of our other churches were present.

Second Funeral

A second memorial service was held at Woodland Avenue Church, Kansas City, Mo., preceding burial in Highland Cemetery; S. S. Myers, pastor, was in charge. Others who participated were P. A. Gray, pastor at Atchison, Kan.; A. W. Davis and S. H. Crawford, pastors at Kansas City, Kan. D. A. Holmes spoke in behalf of the International Alliance. H. L. Cox, S. A. Scott, and C. A. Franklin paid tribute. Both these services were precisely as Mr. Alphin had requested. His wife and one son William are the surviving members of the family.

William J. Alphin was born Aug. 25, 1865, in Haywood County, Tenn. At the age of 18 he became a member of the Christian Church. Soon thereafter his father, a Methodist, and his mother, a Baptist,

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REV. RICHARD H. DAVIS

Brilliant pastor of Indiana Ave. Christian Church of Chicago, Ill., and corr. sec. of our National Convention. Aggressive and determined, he reported over eighty additions since Jan. 37 and fully "expects" to land over 100 by Christmas of this year. He has a future. Look out for him.

STATE BOARD MEETING

Ky. State Missionary Board will meet in Lexington—East 2nd St. Church, at 10 o'clock a. m., Oct. 1st, 1937. First Friday in Oct.

Each church will, at least, pay expenses of its pastor to the board and as much as possible on quarterly dues.—Wm. Owens, Pres. P. S. Come directly to the church.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

WILLIAM J. ALPHINE

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united with him. For three years he taught school, during which time he was instrumental in organizing a congregation which soon became the largest among his people in the county. At the age of 24 (May, 1889) he was ordained to the ministry at Memphis, Tenn., where he was attending LeMoyne College. In 1890, when within a few months of graduation, circumstances made it necessary for him to seek employment, he accepted the call of the Negro congregation at Emporia, Kan. The 47 years that followed were almost equally apportioned, in point of years, to Kansas, Texas, and Missouri; and almost equally divided in each state between the pastorates and service in the field.

In Kansas he was for some years with the congregation at Emporia, Kan. In the field he served under the auspices of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, during the days of the presidency of Mrs. Helen E. Moses. The congregations at Parsons and Lawrence are monuments to his memory. He also served at Kansas City, Kan. A large place in the organization of the state convention of the Negro Disciples of Kansas is also to his credit.

The labors of this well-equipped and faithful Christian in Texas began with a pastorate at Dallas. His next field of labor was with the church at Waco, during the outset of which, in 1906, he

was united in marriage with Mary A. Jamison, who was then teaching school in Topeka, Kan. This union added strength and vision to his ministry to the day of his death.

It was during the nine years at Waco that he gave wisdom, vision, and effort to the founding of Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins, Tex., an institution planned and promoted by the Board of Negro Education and Evangelization of the American Christian Missionary Society, whose active agents in the undertaking were W. H. Dickinson, president of the board, and C. C. Smith, executive secretary. This great work, which continues under the presidency of J. N. Ervin, was made possible by the gift of land and money by Major and Mrs. Jarvis.

After the Waco pastorate, Mr. Alphin became state evangelist, under the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. During the ensuing eight years, notable among his achievements were the organization of the congregation at Fort Worth. At Austin and Houston he held tent meetings and congregations were organized. In 1916 he accepted the call of Woodland Avenue Church, Kansas City, Mo. In 1924, he entered the national field under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society and wrought a good work far and wide.

The pastorate of this faithful minister began at Centennial Church, St. Louis, in 1928. It witnessed gains in every

way, notable in the training of the young people, the strengthening of the official board, and the payment of a debt, and withal the fulfillment of every expectation of the St. Louis Christian Missionary Society, which shared his support.

In the 47 years William Alphin was never without a stated assignment as a full-time Christian worker. The one vacation he had in all the years was occasioned by an invitation from the Negro church at Los Angeles, A. W. Jacobs, pastor, to hold a meeting there.

Mr. Alphin's genius for organization and that of Preston Taylor, Nashville, Tenn.; H. L. Herod, Indianapolis, Ind.; and P. H. Moss, Kansas City, Kan., coordinated with that of the American Christian Missionary Society in bringing into being the national convention of the Negro churches of the Disciples of Christ.

For eight years he served on a joint committee of this national convention and the United Christian Missionary Society, and for much of the time was the corresponding secretary.

BARCLAY MEADOR

St. Louis, Mo.

Our East End Club is placing a new furnace in church, while the West End Club (Willing Workers) puts in winter coal, and the Loyal Workers care for old debts, as we make ready for Ky. State Convention next year. All trotting on nicely.—C. H. D.

THE COLUMBUS CONVENTION

All Disciples should be interested in the International Convention. It is a gathering of members of the churches to which the agencies make reports. In these meetings the business of the church is discussed and acted upon. The needs of the world are presented as they relate to the task of the church. There are messages which inspire and challenge.

While the convention makes a real contribution to those who attend, it is an important factor in the life of the Brotherhood. Inasmuch as there is no ecclesiastical machinery which binds us together, it is essential to our unity. From the very beginning of our movement the convention has been the unifying agency, first of small sections, and then of the whole Brotherhood. It is there that we discuss our common problems, talk about our common tasks, and become acquainted with each other.

The Columbus Convention should be one of our best. It is within easy reach of a large per cent. of our people. A host of Disciples are within one day's journey by train or auto from Columbus. Columbus is an ideal convention city. The convention hall is about the right size for one of our gatherings, and is close to the leading hotels. The Deshler-Wallick, a magnificent hotel, is to be the headquarters for all the organizations, and that will give a sense of unity. Because there are not so many sight-seeing inducements the convention will be the main interest, as it should be, and those who go will attend the

sessions and will have time to rest and visit.

A strong program has been prepared on "Building the Church to Rebuild the World." Almost every phase of modern life which challenges the church will be discussed. In selecting the speakers the program committee endeavored to have all types of leadership in the church represented, but the deciding factor was the ability of the speaker to discuss the subject assigned. Among the speakers are prominent ministers and educators and writers from our own ranks. Several of the younger ministers will appear on the program, and the laity will be well represented by both men and women. In addition to these there will be some speakers of international prominence from other communions. It is doubtful whether we have had a stronger program than the one that has been prepared for Columbus.

Much interest is being manifested and it is believed that we will have the largest registration we have had since the Washington Convention in 1930. The churches of Columbus and Franklin County are planning to register seven hundred fifty delegates before the convention starts. The churches of Ohio and adjoining states are planning a pre-convention campaign of registration. The goal set for Ken-

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REPORT MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

"It is the purpose of the department of Missionary Organizations to develop Christian men, women, young people and children who shall have a deep intelligent interest in world missions and a

desire to participate regularly and wholeheartedly in the support of the missionary enterprise. To achieve this purpose the staff of the department works through graded missionary organizations for all ages and through other departments and organizations in the local church."

Statistical Statement

Missionary organizations on June 30, 1937, gave to world missions through the general fund of The United Christian Missionary Society, \$381,796.-96. The organizations affiliated with the National Convention and auxiliary to The United Christian Missionary Society gave through its 96 adult organizations, four Circles, five Triangle Clubs, and ten Junior Societies, \$2,025.95. We regret that we did not reach the goal as set—but rejoice greatly that we did exceed the gift of last year. Attached is a statistical statement, planned to give a complete picture of missionary organizations and achievements.

Young People's Meets

This year there was held for young people, four young people's meets, at Columbus, Ohio, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Port Gibson, Mississippi. The result was 136 young people went back into their several communities with a keener appreciation of the church as a medium of service.

Plans are made for eight young people's meets with a 200 per cent. increase in attendance in 1937-38.

Keen interest was demonstrated by the members of both races in the study of the "American Negro." Numerous contacts were made as a re-

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

A Noble Roman

We are glad to publish this wordy poem "Soon Never More," by my old friend and teacher Prof. O. Singleton.

He was one of the two great teachers whose life and contact sent out from the never-to-be forgotten Louisville Christian Bible School E. Joseph Myers, Pearson, Dickerson, Wilson, Floyd, Montgomery, Watson, Mitchel, Thompson, Daniels, Hyatt, Allen Moore, Thurman, Burns, Jack, McKee, Brayboys, McMickens, Simmons, Johnson and other young preachers "Whose names are in the Book of Life."

Shocking that Prof. Singleton, so desperately prosaic should burst into poetry so long and well.

But old "Father Time" "Plucks a Prose and Plants a

Poem," as the soul ripens and shadow falls Eastward.

In this his "sear and yellow leaf," well might he exclaim "Soon Never More."

C. H. D.

REPORT MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

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result of this study which resulted in finer attitudes and better racial understanding.

Mission Study and Materials

The records show only 11 mission study groups as such. There is evidence however of a growing desire for more knowledge through the wide distribution of literature. The increased use of program packets and missionary books, also the growing list of subscribers to World Call and Christian Plea.

Conventions

During the year, seven state conventions have been attended, namely, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Texas, Missouri and Mississippi. In these conventions addresses were made, conferences were held with groups and individuals. Responsibility of committee work was shared. Explanation and suggested procedure of programs for presentation study and service were given for each age group within the church.

The department participated in the one day conventions for 1936-37. The program was carried into 11 states through 14 conventions, 2,117 persons were reached representing 87 churches. The spiritual hunger of the people was evidence, and their desire for fuller cooperation in carrying forward the program of the church was manifest.

We are deeply grateful for the fine cooperation and fel-

lowship of state, district and local leaders whose untiring efforts have made possible new heights in the observance of World Day of Prayer, Woman's Day, Easter Week of Prayer programs and financial achievements.

The missionary societies which reached their goals set for the year ending June 30, 1937, are as follows:

Town, state, amount: Montgomery, Ala., \$25; Little Rock, Cross St., Arks., \$42.50; Baltimore, Mt. Olivet, Md., \$52.50; Chicago, Indiana Ave., Ill., \$75; Chicago, Indiana Ave., Ill., Y. M. M. S., \$56; Chicago, South Side, Ill., \$50; Rockford, \$25; Mt. Sterling, Ky., \$50; Port Gibson, Miss., \$50; Mound Bayou, Miss., \$51.60; Edwards, Miss., S. C. I., \$100; Fulton, Mo., \$25; Cleveland, Ohio, \$25; Columbus, Ohio, \$50; Muskogee, Okla., \$26.50; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, \$30; Martinsville, Va., \$50; Roanoke, Va., \$50; Memphis, Tenn., \$53.50; Ft. Worth, E. Annie, Texas, \$50; Reidsville, N. C., \$28.

The following societies are on the honor roll for the year ending June 30, 1937:

Baltimore, Md., Mt. Olivet Church; Chicago, Ill., Indiana Ave.; Mt. Sterling, Ky.; Edwards, Miss., Southern Christian Institute; Columbus, O.; Monroe Avenue Church; Muskogee, Oklahoma; Memphis, Tenn.

The society on the honor roll which gave the largest amount above its quota for missions for the year is the Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill., Missionary Society. It, therefore, receives the loving cup to be held until June 30, 1938.

Immediately following Easter a letter was sent out to a number of individuals requesting that they make a contri-

bution of \$10 which would make them members of a \$10 league for the year ending June 30, 1937. Those who responded and who are now listed as the League of Ten Dollar Givers are as follows:

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, \$10; Mrs. H. L. Herod, \$10; Mrs. Preston Taylor, \$10; Mrs. Cynthia Martin, \$10; Mrs. J. N. Ervin, \$10; Mrs. Nancy V. Berry, \$10; Miss Rosa V. Brown, \$10; The Oklahoma City Church, \$10, by Mrs. G. G. Coleman; Mrs. S. L. Bostick, \$6.30; Mrs. Aurelia Bracy, \$3.

It is our hope that this year we may be able to enroll at least 100 women as members of the League of Ten Dollar Givers.

ROSA BROWN WRACY
General Field Secretary,
Missionary Organizations

SERMON

Subject: "Why Find Fault?"
"Stop Your Grumbling."

By R. L. Peters, National Evangelist, Winston Salem, N. C.

Text: "Why doth ye yet find fault? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus? Romans 9:19-20."

Introductory

To the Churches of Christ everywhere: I come to you as an Ambassador of Christ. I represent the Courts of Heaven. I am in the world, but I am not of the world. My citizenship is on high. I speak with authority. You are Disciples of Christ—students of the Bible. You can't afford to be pessimistic for the Bible is not a pessimistic book.

Pessimistics: Fault finders

and grumblers make very poor progress. That's why the children of Israel spent forty years in the wilderness when they should have made the journey in forty days.

It's easy to criticize but hard to be exact. Dead fish can float down stream, but it takes live fish to go up stream. The Prophets were optimistic. The Apostles were optimistic. There were croakers and pessimistics in the days of the Prophets; but they saw hope coming in the form of a man. Read Isaiah 40th chapter.

True Progress Under the Gospel

There are people who say that the world is getting worse. The world is on the down grade. The movements are all backward movements. Some think it will continue to grow bad until it plunges into destruction at the coming of Christ. The Bible paints dark pictures of the world. Why? Because it's an honest book. Its history is true facts. Its biography is true to life and its commands are true to our nature. But its truths always comes in pairs. If it points out the trouble, it gives the remedy.

Two fallacies about the world getting better: (a) It is descriptive and not comparative. If you read the newspaper and all that's happening you would think that the world is getting worse. That's looking at the world as it is. (b) It forgets history. We are too near the world to judge it. The true way to judge the world is to compare its past and present. We are only in the morning of existence. We are only in the dawning of light and progress.

The Gospel is yet to fill the earth with its message. From

where the rising sun salutes the day until He lays His head upon the rocking deep. There are eddies and currents in the river, but its main stream flows onward. We judge the course of the river not by its eddies, but by its main current, and the goal of humanity, not by its slips and falls, but by its steps forward. What the Governor of the Feast said about Jesus. Thou hast saved the best wine to the last. It is true of our world.

The material progress. (a) Cutting wheat with a hand hook. (b) The cradle. (c) Mower and reaper. Go back a century and you have the ground slide. The ox cart. Then the wagon. Horse and buggy. Go back thirty-five years and you have no automobiles. Twenty-five years no airplane. Go back fifty years and there were no telephone, no electric light. Go back sixty-five years there were no photographs. Seventy-five years no sewing machine. Eighty-five years no telegraphs. One hundred and ten years no railroads. One hundred and fifty years no steam engines. Two hundred or so years no post offices. We live in the golden age of invention and mastery of nature.

Steam, electricity and gasoline have given us, feet, hands and wings that enables us to skip over land and sea and to take to the air like birds. Surely God is bringing the nations together if they will use the power to save and not to destroy. God is keeping the best wine to the last. Stop your grumbling. Go back far enough, our great-great-great-grand fathers lived in caves, ate acorns. Were nudists. Clothed themselves with skins of wild beasts. No one will

deny that the world is getting better. "Forward" is God's orders.

Matt. 28:19-20. Mark 16:15-16. Luke 24:25 etc.

Mental progress. A hundred sciences and discoveries since the beginning of learning. Prophecy being fulfilled "Many shall run to and fro" and knowledge shall be increased. Knowledge is not now the privilege of the few. Cheap books, newspapers, common schools just as free as air.

The people are reading as never before. Longer lives. Fifty once old, but now average gone to seventy. China without the Gospel has made no progress. How many Lincolns. How many Edisons. How many Longfellows. How many Fred Douglas's. How many Booker T. Washington's. How many Paul L. Dunbar's have they? Rome in all of her glory didn't have asylums or a hospital. Look at the ethical and social progress. In the past hundred years a railroad map of the continent.

Climax. The world is getting better. Why find fault? Stop grumbling. Quit knocking and boost, and live. Where is slavery? Where is polygamy? Where is dueling? Where is denominationalism? The time will be the fulfillment of Isaiah 35:8-10. The through train is on the main line. Backed up by what? Education yes. Money, yes. From whence cometh all of this? "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Jas. 1:17."

But above all backed up by the power of God, hear the word "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith Jehovah of host."

SOON NEVERMORE

A Poem by Rev. O. Singleton,
B. L.

Gen. Supt. Nat. Home Founding Society, Irvington, Kentucky.

Soon nevermore shall I cease,
my knocking on your door,
And call upon you never,
nevermore

But shall my toils and labors
cease,

And go where reigns eternal
life and peace.

Soon, nevermore, shall I, your
doorbell ring

Or beg to let the picaninnies
sing,

But to my heavenly father tell,
Yes, tell Him why it was not
done so well.

Why, the work He gavest me to
do,

Was always on the verge of
falling through,

Why, His little lambs were oft
so poorly fed,

And why there never were no
better beds.

Soon, I shall go, nor matters it
how soon,

Soon I shall go, and make for
others room,

Who more endowed, will con-
vince and too convict,

And garner in, where often I
got licked.

Soon, nevermore at the church
door, shall I stand,

Meek and low, holding hat in
hand,

Sighing, praying, waiting, hop-
ing,

Looking for a little token.

Soon, nevermore shall I, till
late into the night,

After a most strenuous day,
still go on with the fight

To conquer fear and banish
doubt,

And win a friend for the
little ones left out.

Soon, nevermore shall I your
face behold,

And be inspired by the clasp
of a friendly hold,

And read the sign that thou are
with us still,

A loyal friend who shall and
always will,

Who shall and will to us an
inspiration be,

A friend in whom, we can the
Savior see,

A true and steadfast hope when
night is drear,

Who always to our griefs and
woes doth lend a listening ear.

Soon nevermore shall I my
story tell,

Or wait in vain for the sound
of my door bell,

For the postman bearing letters
from afar,

To relieve the pains of a
bruised and aching heart.

Soon, nevermore shall I lie
awake at night,

Tossing, tumbling, waiting
for day light,

Wondering where, next, to
turn my wandering steps,

And leave a message, they
soon will not forget.

Soon, nevermore, shall up and
down I go,

Through rain and heat and
piercing wind and snow,

Beseeking here, entreating
there,

Finding only few, yes just a
few who care.

Soon, nevermore, shall I these
hills and rocks behold,

Or through the fields or quiet
woodland stroll,

Nor watch the cattle grazing
in the distance far,

Or gaze at dusk, upon the
evening star.

Soon nevermore, shall at the
close of day,

I hear the songs of children
far away,
Or hear with joy, them as they
laugh and play,
Nor stand together, once
again to pray.
Soon, evermore, my work on
earth shall cease,
And I shall go where reigns
eternal peace,
And join the throng long since
gone before
And better there, my blessed
Savior know.

No robe or crown there shall
I seek
Nor shall I care to walk those
golden streets.
There, I shall only wish to seek
and know
More perfectly, the way my
Lord would have me go.

THROUGH LOYALTY TO VIC- TORY THROUGH YOUTH MEETINGS

MRS. PEARL CRAGGETT,
Columbus, Ohio.

Loyalty to the task in that
we treasure our heritage, seek-
ing to preserve the best that
has been passed on to us
throughout the years.

Loyalty today when life is so
difficult to live. When men and
women's minds are so confused
and perplexed by our economic
chaos and wars are threatening
to destroy the Church and the
best that is in us. Loyalty to
tomorrow for the future of the
Christian Movement for Young
People, our children, so that
they instead of building on
human suffering may build upon
human happiness and under-
standing.

Young people often see much
cause to be dissatisfied. They
see a world that is terribly sick
in which the older generation
has not done very well.

They see visions of a better

day; they dream dreams of
what might be.

When we approach middle
age we tend to lose our faith
in ideals, in the dreams that
illuminated our earlier days.

We think of young people as
being fanciful, impractical. We
wont to innumerable men who
had great dreams but who died
without seeing those dreams
realized. Yes the individual
may die, but the great dream
lives on and will enlist those of
coming generations. Nothing
great was ever done in this
world that was not first a
dream in some one's heart.
Every great bridge, or ocean
liner, or humanitarian move-
ment, was first an idea. Ideals
still count and life can never
become great without them.
Men still make war but Isiah's
dream of peace still lives. The
world is still in the making, and
we need to keep the clear
visions and lofty dreams of
youth.

New life and power would
flow through the Church and
our lives if we would cultivate
the habit of expecting great
things to happen. Great things
happen on the day of Pentecost
because the people were to-
gether in one place, in the
mood of expectance. We make
excuses for ourselves saying
we are not very strong or able
to do things for our young
people and by the very thought
we think we limit our own use-
fulness. When the dream of a
youth meeting came to me my
thought was we are a small
group. We are not able. Then
this thought came to us.

"Knock and it shall be open
unto you. Life consists largely
in forcing open doors that are
shut. Most men and women
who accomplish anything
worthwhile have had to knock
and keep on knocking.

There is no challenge in an
open door that any one could

walk through, but there is a big
challenge in doors that are
shut.

The Lachine Rapids in the
St. Lawrence River were a bar-
rier to the French explorers,
but men kept on seeing a way
through and years later a canal
was built allowing the traffic
to flow where formerly the bar-
riers had stopped it. The same
principle holds in the spiritual
life. We should try and we
must to open doors for our
young people. They have been
turned out of our colleges into
a world that seemed to have no
place for them. I mean the
Church has no place. The
world has opened the night
clubs, the ill-fame house, the
saloons and let me stop here
and say that these places are
almost closed to our young
people because our mothers and
fathers and our leaders have
crowded them out.

Character is formed by the
very-day living of our every-
day lives. What we shall be
next year, or ten years hence,
is no secret. It can be ac-
curately predicted on the basis
of the direction in which we
are moving now. The outcome
is merely a matter of time. A
nation's greatest asset is found
in the character of its citizens.
Wordsworth has said, "We Live
by Admiration, Hope and
Love." We grow to be like the
thing we admire and our hopes
actually do bring about the
things in which we believe.
How important it is then that
we give our attention to those
things that make for growth in
nobility and strength of char-
acter the things to which we
habitually give attention will
determine the direction of our
growth. That is why we should
be concerned about our young
people. Sponsor youth meet-
ings, youth camps, older adults
camps and institutes. I am
glad to say that some States

have caught the vision of putting into their State and local programs youth meetings and world fellowship meetings.

There were held this year fifty-five white and eleven Negro meetings and three were held in the good old State of Ohio and with the Monroe Avenue Church of Christ. You ask what is taught through these meetings. Youth are taught how to build a better world, how to live together. They are taught the true spirit of missions. How to deepen our spiritual life through worship. Our mission study is dramatized through the eye by making the things that live and grow in the forest and on the farms and by eating the food that is eaten by the people we are studying. When the vision of our opportunity was open for Monroe Avenue to have a youth meeting through our white State Board the Church was loyal to the extent that they opened their homes and gave their services, also giving \$9 in money. We closed the meeting with thirty-three in attendance and \$35 to turn over to the local Church. Our own State saw the program as put on through the youth meeting and the inspiration gained in their young people who attended the meeting, indorsed it and made it a part of their State program. Our second year with the co-operation of State in attendance our enrollment was forty-six. A gift from the local Church of \$20. We returned to the Church \$26. Our last meeting had an attendance of sixty-six, paid for homes, hired a cook and turned over \$25 to the local Church. One local newspaper gave the Church \$10 for sponsoring such an educational program. The Church and State has been loyal to us in asking for open doors through our white youth meetings in asking for a sum-

mer conference for our State boys and girls. We are asking for an older adult conference. Our victory is that we hold all that has been gained in the past. Victory and that funds are in hand for our summer conference and a man and wife served on the faculty of our summer conference of the white, thereby opening a larger victory for our young people.

The church and its agencies cannot succeed in carrying out the program of Christ for the world unless its members have this spirit of loyalty and the conviction of ultimate victory. The Church cannot succeed in its program unless plans are launched to realize its great objective. A program of loyalty and victory demands Christian leadership and definite planning.

There has been \$106 given to the local Church through our youth meetings.

MOORE AND MOORE

To my brethern yokefellows: In the ministry in Ky. who are not regularly engaged and churches not having full time ministry: If I can be of service connecting you, kindly write me.

My motto is and shall be "Every church with full time minister and every minister, every day busy."

ELD. I. H. MOORE,
State Evangelist,
N. Middletown, Ky.

Eld. M. M. Bostick, of Little Rock, Ark., pioneer of that section, writes thanking the Master and all friends for remembrances during his eight months illness, and to announce his convention Sept. 22-26, looking for good representation. His mug appears later.

THE COLUMBUS CONVENTION (Continued from Page 3)

tucky is 400. The registration fee is only one dollar and all who think they can attend should enlist at once, as numbers create enthusiasm. A leader has been appointed for various counties who will contact the churches.

I am counting on a large delegation from Kentucky. If we attend in large numbers it will do us good and it will help the cause at large. As president of the convention I urge the co-operation of all the Kentucky churches.

A. W. FORTUNE,
Lexington, Ky.

Hustonville, Ky., and Stanford should use the same minister—half and half.

Eld. C. H. Johnson, in S. W. Ky., Roaring Springs, Ky. We worshipped with the good people of Roaring Springs, Ky., where we found a fine group without a pastor. They came out in great numbers when we preached four nights. While there we preached the funeral of Bro. Jas. Tinsley.

Sunday, Sept. 5, we had fine service at Hopkinsville.

The churches both need help as the field is ripe. I understand a good work could be started in Russelville.

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The Disciples National Youth Movement

By MISS CARELLA L. JAMIESON, President.

Box 343, Tusculumbia, Ala.

Constant convention goers for many years report the 20th National Convention, in Dayton, Ohio, August 24-29, 1937, as having had the largest representation of youth. They came from many States and Churches deeply concerned about the Church work.

Realizing what a powerful army youth constitutes, there was a feeling on the part of those young people who were there that youth as a whole should show its interest in Kingdom building.

On Saturday afternoon of the Dayton Convention the youthful Disciples were assembled with Mr. R. H. Peoples, Mrs. R. P. Welch, Mrs. C. W. Arnold and others vitally interested in youth as an Advisory Committee. One after another, many young people expressed themselves as being desirous of taking an active part in a youth movement. Realizing the importance of the tasks which youth have the group pledged itself to organize with the following aims:

1. To organize the youth of our Brotherhood in the participation of building a new world.

2. To build a unified program for the total youth of the Church, helping each one to live more effectively the Christian life.

3. To function through the present organizations in the local church.

Officers elected were:

President—Miss Carnella L. Jamieson, P. O. Box 343, Tusculumbia, Ala.

Vice President—Mr. J. H. Jones, 1328 James St., R. I. Box 515-A, Memphis, Tenn.

Secretary—Miss Johnnie A. Howard, Eureka College, Eureka, Ill.

Dear Disciples of the National Youth Movement:

Do you realize what a marvelous goal we have chosen and to it we have dedicated our lives? Our aims are involved in building a new world. The materials with which we work are Christian youth. Our method is in Christian living.

Life itself is the greatest blessing we have. The living of that life as a Christian is the greatest challenge.

It might be well if our Convention coined phrases "Oldsters" and "Youngsters." "Oldsters," those who are concerned about rebuilding the world with the principles of Christ as the only model. "Youngsters" as those who are not afraid to live dangerously for Christ, staking their all in a principle which they believe.

One difference between youth and age lies in strength and in dynamic energy which needs direction of consumption in youth, while in age that energy has already been consumed. In our present effort it is our pur-

pose to live in order that that strength and dynamic power may be effectively used in His service. Can we truthfully pray "Lead on O King Eternal, We Follow Not With Fear?"

When we think of the body of youth alive today, and when we think that on tomorrow youth will exchange places with those who live today, and when we think of the patterns of living now on display, and when we think of the patterns of living which we shall exhibit, we realize the weight of the privilege which is ours.

As youth we must see the greatness of our own strength. To make our lives effective we must be Christian ourselves. In making our lives Christian let us use a similar or the following procedure.

1. Rededicate your life to Christ by thinking carefully and prayerfully through your life plans—sealing His plans for you.

2. Take a personal interest in humanity — experiencing and sharing brotherly love.

3. Be concerned about world peace.

4. Study the liquor problem with an open mind in view of becoming an intelligent eradicator of the evil.

5. Take an intelligent interest in economic and social differences which cause unhappiness.

6. Start or do a constructive piece of work in your community.

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

THOU CROWNETH THE YEAR WITH THY GOODNESS—Psalm 65:11

Prof. R. H. Peoples, our National Field Secretary, had a very pleasant and profitable meeting with the Kentucky State Board, October 1st.

It was unanimously voted that the Church Workers Institute (such as was held in Georgetown, Ky., last June) become a part of our Annual Convention program, and that the entire morning sessions, aside from devotions be given over to the Institute.

This is according to State President's recommendation, "Referred to State Board," page 6, Kentucky minutes.

The Board also voted to employ Elder I. H. Moore for full-time service, allowing for his services at Little Rock.

Again the Board voted that hereafter the State Board serve no more dinners out of missionary money and that each Board member or his Church care for this service.

Elder James Harrison of Midway, Ky., and Elder Owens of Winchester, Ky., each had a week's installation service.

Elder E. W. Meeks, of Stanford, has been called to the Churches of Hustonville and Liberty. They will build a Church at Liberty, Casey County.

Among the errors in the financial reports were \$2.55 which the London Church sent to State Board meeting. We received it O. K. Thanks!

From far off California Brother Arnold returns and sends \$1.00 for subscription for Mr. G. P. Peyton.

Elder Lorenzo J. Evans, Valdosta, Ga., has "betook himself" to Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., where he will "Theolog" for a season.

His many friends will be glad to know that Brother Eugene Mason (home is Mt. Sterling, Ky.) as State President of the Mississippi Christian Endeavor Society reports a fine State meeting at Port Gibson where our own Brother W. D. Campbell ministers.

"Can War Be Abolished" was among the subjects debated there.

More societies is their objective.

Elder W. D. Campbell recently closed a great meeting in Montgomery, Ala., with splendid results.

We CANNOT put your picture in the Plea unless you send your CUT, or, send picture and \$1.25.

Would be proud to have a line from the new National Bible School President, Bro. Raymond Walton, and Bro. Daniels of Washington, D. C., President of C. E. Societies.

They replaced the splendid workers, Brothers S. S. Myers and C. W. Arnold and thereby come onto our "Staff of Publication. Speak up, Brothers, 'spress yo' self."

Elder J. F. Blair of Mt. Sterling recently held another good meeting for Elder I. H. Moore at the old historic Hathaway Church, Little Rock, Ky. More than \$200 was raised and a goodly number added. They will cover the church house.

231 WEST BROADWAY, WINCHESTER, KY.

The General Secretary of the Kentucky State missionary work has been moving.

From the State Convention at Covington, the latter part of July, which, by the way, was one of the most inspiring for many years.

First, the societies all reported new interest in their talks—a spirit of willingness to meet the new "recovery and advance" program. An awakened child always shows signs of life and so hope is felt for definite action this year, and then again the young folks were so encouraging. Led by the gallant young Miss Wilson and Mr. Sanders they really made the work seem like a real worthwhile venture. Then Miss Herod, our National President, with our good "Storehouse," Mrs. Bracy, gave us just the send-off necessary to make us desire to "measure up." And our own President, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, that Joan of Arc, whose leadership in many fields is top notch," and especially in the missionary work, threw out the challenge which we'll have to meet or else. Reports were great and encouraging.

We missed greatly old old Secretary, Miss Ellen Henderson, and welcomed the new one, Sister Sara E. Jones. Mrs. Letton's place was filled by Sister Brent of Winchester.

From the State Convention we went to Dayton to our National and wasn't it a "ringer?"

We learned of the advancement of our schools, Jarvis and P. S. C. I. Best of all we rejoiced to learn that Jarvis is to

become an accredited four-year college, almost right now, and that we have some of the finest young literary giants—young men that we're going to hear from.

And still we moved again. This time to 231 West Broadway, Winchester, Ky., where we shall be looking for quarterly reports from all societies from now on.

Address and send reports to 231 West Broadway, Winchester, Ky.

MRS. E. WINIFRED OWENS,
State General Secretary.

ELDER S. R. GARRISON TELLS OF JUBILEE

Fayetteville, Miss., the Jubilee Convention set fire to the Mississippi Christian life.

Elder Frankln kindled the fire and it burned on throughout the Convention.

Attendance was indeed fine. Nearly 2,000 years ago was the beginning of the Church at Pentecost, in Jerusalem. Note the death of Stephen, and Antioch gives the name; then Samaria plays its part.

It finally made it way to Mississippi where 50 years ago Elders Woods and Owens started the fire in Port Gibson, Miss., with Elders K. R. Brown, Patterson Lomack and others whose names were mentioned in the pageant given by Sister S. R. Shaifer.

This added fuel to the flame that started 50 years ago—so we indeed had a Feast of the Passover and our Jubilee.

Sister Bracy is a power to any Convention and surely played her part.

Dr. J. E. Walker was heard and felt in his old home State.

Brother Williams, State Secretary, read time, place and money raised in every Convention in 35 years and how all monies were spent.

SEPTEMBER BRIDE

By MRS. DAISY S. FRYERSON

Under the massive Good Luck Arch, before an immense bank of verdure, gowned in flowing white satin with train carried by five-year-old Margaret Jones, Miss Harriett Sanders was married to Mr. Jerome Fisher in Fair St. Christian Church, Sept. 26th, 1937.

Maid of honor was Miss Ann Davis, with Mr. John Daniel, "best man," and bridesmaids, Misses Chloe and Dorothy Martin. Elder Leslie Smith officiated.

The bride, only daughter of Mr. Frank Sanders, was presented by him.

At the following reception the bride graciously served the toothsome wedding cake.

September bride, but will be "At Home" on June St., No. 256, Springfield, Ohio.

DEACON GEORGE WASHINGTON PASSES ON

BY A. D. GAULT

The passing of Bro. George Washington is cause for sorrow in our Mayslick Church.

He had been Superintendent of the Bible School. His was another case of faithful suffering under long illness. He died Sept. 22nd.

Being an outstanding member and Deacon, a large assembly paid tribute to his memory. To follow on are his faithful wife and five children.

Elder T. R. Everett delivered the splendid eulogy, assisted by Pastor D. Botts, ex-Pastor H. T. Wilson and Rev. Hughes.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Bro. A. D. Gault of Mayslick announces the good sermons with one added when our Sing-

ing Evangelist preaches there on Sunday.

His good program Saturday night was indeed inspiring. Pastor Botts still preaching the old Jerusalem Gospel here.

Because of illness Bro. G. L. Anderson resigned as Superintendent of the Bible School.

the Pastor has a committee, Miss Gault, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Washington and Mr. Cautious Gault as live wires.

By T. C. CABELL,
1301 Shephard St.,
Chickasha, Okla.

To the Brotherhood of the Church:

I am blest to read this morning a copy of the Plea and to find that the good work is still going on. I read the Plea regularly and it inspires me so very much, but I am sorry to say that for four or five years my health has been so that I could not meet with you.

I had a nervous breakdown and have been unable to give my time to the work.

I have written some of my colleagues in my home State (Texas). So this morning I am writing the National Work at large to please come to my rescue. Maybe the men whom I have worked with will wake up and hear a melancholy cry.

Names of some are L. H. Crawford, A. J. Hurdle, Prof. J. W. Pratt, H. G. Smtih, S. S. Myers, R. L. Love, J. E. Qualls, N. H. Johnson, H. M. Johnson and R. H. Henry.

If I am too far away to your voices please let me see your words.

I am unable to do any labor and if there is a pension for retired and disabled Ministers please let me know of it.

Write the Pastor of Christian Church here, Rev. E. A. Daniels, 816 Shepard St., Chickasha, Okla.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"Let him not boast who puts his harness on, as one who puts it off." 1st Kings 20:11.

This advise is still good. Evidently youth is coming to the fore. I appreciate all this and more, as I write not, as one sailing out of port, but coming gloriously in.

After forty years of active service in the ministry—in the "Harness" every minute, for I've never been a moment without employment—I have this word to offer to the younger minister of less experience "Make Haste Slowly."

As an older minister to a younger one Paul endearingly writes Timothy, "My own son in the faith," and more than once he thunders "I charge thee," "watch yourself, your teaching, stick to your work" and then "O Timothy, keep the securities of your faith intact." (Moffat.)

Preaching is a "high art," and to some, evidently, a "lost art."

Those who know me, call me a young preacher, friend, and helper. I have ordained many. Some I regret, hence this friendly chat, and as God told patient Job "Answer me now?"

Which of you younger men, who clamor so vociferously for place and hearing, have organized a church, built a church house, paid off outstanding dangerous church debts, written a book, dug a well or planted a tree?

Have you stayed and suffered when everything went dead wrong? Stayed when the official board played leap frog with the preacher's pitiful salary? Stayed when the church played hide and seek with sacred obligations?

Or have you rather, cuckoo-like, nested where another bird built? I have every respect for the coming young preacher and will dedicate my future to his good, while I urge him to read and re-read all that Paul wrote to Timothy and Titus "Aim at Integrity, Piety, Faith, Love, Steadfastness and Suavity; fight the good fight of Faith and secure that Life Eternal, unto which you were called, when you voiced the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." (Moffat.) 1st Tim. 6:11-12.

PAUL BOKESE OF CONGO

Paul Bokese is Head Evangelist of that area about Mondombe, Africa, farthest inland of our six mission stations in Africa, 1,500 miles from the mouth of the Congo River. An outstanding leader he is truly a pioneer preacher and comes from one of the "first families"

of the region round about Monieka.

Paul's family was famous for its leadership in war, and he himself early shared in many bloody encounters. He remembers the time when his village killed and ate two white men and their bodyguard. Because of his valor he was expected to fall into a position of leadership and to carry on his village's reputation.

When Christian teachers arrived in Monieka, Paul was one of the most eager listeners and one of the first to be baptized. Then family problems came to the fore — he must choose among his seven wives the one who would live with him in a Christian home. Thoughtfully he went about this adjustment, believed that she would make the choosing Balinga for he best Christian. Paul and Balinga established a home that has been beautifully Christian and a great power in all that region. Balinga has faithfully done her part.

In 1917, when Mondombe was opened, the missionaries asked Paul to serve in the advance group. So well did he carry on that when the missionaries arrived in Mondombe in 1920 they found beginnings for the work.

NATIONAL EVANGELIST ITINERARY

Ten days or two weeks revival at Church of Christ, Memphis, Tenn., beginning Sept. 19, 1937. Prof. Blair T. Hunt, Minister.

Ten days or two weeks revival at Church of Christ, Warren, Ohio, beginning Oct. 10, 1937. Elder F. T. Barnett, Minister.

Ten days or two weeks revival at Monroe Avenue Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, beginning Nov. 1, 1937. Elder C. E. Craggett, Minister.

IN DEFENSE OF EVANGELISM

"Go Ye Therefore and Teach All Nations"—Matt. 28:19-20.

By REV. R. L. PETERS,
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in America.

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To the Editor of the Christian Plea:

As National Evangelist of the Christian or Disciple Church in America, I am asking you for space in your valuable paper to make periodical reports.

Our Fathers in the Restoration Movement knew the power of the press and used it. From the beginning until now, our papers have been among the most powerful agencies for the spreading of the Faith as we understand it.

Evangelism should be one of the keynotes of the Church. Every Christian Journal should urge Evangelism, support it and tell of the glorious conquests of the Cross. In its columns "The New Acts of Apostles" must be recorded and the "New Miracles of Grace" reported.

There is no true Christian Journal, no Christian Church, or man, for that matter which ignores the greatest task which Christ gave to His Disciples. The commission still stands and in both of its aspects the early preaching part and the more neglected portion enjoining the instruction of Disciples in all things commanded by the Lord Jesus.

On my return from the National Convention I preached Sunday, Sept. 5th, at 11 A. M. Using for my subject "A Sure Foundation" resulted in two accessions to the Church, a preacher from Baptist Church and a young woman who is a

candidate for baptism.

May I urge upon the Brethren everywhere to report number of accessions through this column at least once a month?

METHODS OF THE NATIONAL EVANGELIST FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF STATES

Organize an evangelistic team in each State.

Secure an advance agent who will do general advertising, etc.

How to finance the work—First, by free will offering; second, by every adult member of the Church in the State giving 5 cents per month. (The price of a cigar, box of snuff or an ice cream cone). That will save many souls. Try it and see.

I am requesting every Minister and every Church throughout the Brotherhood to begin at once to collect the money, put it in a special treasury for evangelistic purposes so there will be no gathering when I come.

I am now making up my train and will soon pull out on the main line. Get aboard.

What State is ready? Hurry! Hurry! The King's business requires haste. Men are dying—souls must be saved.

Don't wait until the Convention year is almost gone before you put on an Evangelistic campaign. Read Jer. 8:20.

Beginning Sunday, October 17th, and running through eight nights, Rev. R. L. Peters, Evangelist to the National Convention, will conduct revival services at Second Christian Church, Georgetown, Ky., Rev. Ira S. Ashe, pastor.

Rev. Peters will bring with him from Winston-Salem, N. C., Prof. L. Galloway, noted blind musician, and Rev. L. W. Price, a powerful Gospel singer.

THE PASSING OF A PIONEER

Mrs. Bettie McMillan, wife of Wilson McMillan, was born in Murray County, Tennessee, December 3, about 74 years ago.

When she was quite young, her parents, Brother Steven Handcock and Sallie Handcock, with a large family of children moved to Kansas where she, with her brothers and sisters, attended the first school in Kansas City, Kansas; then Wyandotte, Kansas.

When a young lady she taught school in the First Christian Church which was then the first school for Negroes in Wyandotte County. Later she taught in Clay County, Missouri, where she met and married her first husband, the father of her children.

She was born in a strictly religious family of devout parents and was brought up in the teachings of right and the principles of the Bible.

She was married to Hiram Jackson in 1881 and to this union seven children were born; four of whom survive her.

She embraced the religion of Jesus Christ early in life and adopted the Christian Church of which her parents were pioneers; four of her brothers were ministers and founders of the church in Wyandotte, Kansas.

Brother Squire Handcock who was the first of this family to bring the Christian religion to Kansas, and who was a preacher in the county districts; Brother Samuel, a preacher and teacher of the Bible and Brother Michael Handcock who preached and founded the Christian religion in eastern cities of Missouri, and a nephew, Rev. R. E. Handcock, who is now in charge of the Christian Church of Hannibal, Missouri.

Sister McMillan was married to Wilson McMillan 14 years ago. To him she was a loving and faithful wife, and they were loving mates and a comfort to each other in their declining years of life.

The church has lost a member who cannot be replaced; one who was loyal to it above all else. With her the church was first; her work and her influence was felt in every department of the church and her every thought and effort was to make it prosper and thus spread the words of truth to the world. She was President of the Sewing Circle for a number of years and only relinquished it when her health became impaired; she was also a member in regular attendance in the Bible School until she became ill.

Her kindness and influence were felt with equal sincerity in the neighborhood where she has lived for 35 years giving counsel and advice to all, and to the young in particular. With her own four daughters she lectured kindly and helpfully.

A life of beauty and grace has ended. A heart of kindness and love has ceased. May we who are left on the trail now winding, follow on in the faith for which she contended. We have lost our friend and adviser; the voice of the mentor is stilled, but the way of the cross made perfect. Shall abide in our hearts for aye.

She has lived in and near Kansas City for fifty-five years where she has raised a family of five girls; of them four were here to comfort her in her last illness, the youngest, Mrs. Lela Guest, having passed three years ago.

She leaves to regret her demise, four daughters, Mrs. J. B.

McLendon, Mrs. J. W. Holloway, Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mrs. N. Fine, 23 grandchildren, two of them she was raising; four sisters, Sally Johnson, Josie Brown, Maria Price, and a large family of relatives and friends who will strive to emulate her life.

Sorrowfully submitted,
REV. L. H. CRAWFORD,
Pastor.

ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH PRAYER

By MRS. AMELIA GAULT,
Mayslick, Ky.

When Jesus was upon the earth he taught his Disciples how to pray; he directed them to present their daily need before God, and to cast all their cares upon Him, and the assurance he gave them that their petitions should be heard is assurance also to us.

Sometime we get discouraged when we don't get what we pray for. Prayer without faith means nothing.

He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He as a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Jesus said to His Disciples, "What thing soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."

Let us use prayer in our homes more and world's program less. There is no home complete without prayer.

A few days ago I had a cousin to get killed in a car wreck on his way to a dance. And as soon as the message reached his home the family's first words were: "Why do we have so much trouble and sadness?" Because they taught the worldly program and not prayer. A right prayer prevailed much.

Perseverance in prayer has been made a condition of re-

ceiving. We must pray always if we would grow in Faith and experience. We are to be "instant in prayer" to continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

Peter exhorts believers to be "sober and watch unto prayer."

Paul directs, "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Let the Soul be drawn out and upward that God may grant us a breath of the Heavenly atmosphere. We may keep so near to God that in every unexpected trial our thoughts will turn to Him as naturally as the flower turns to the Sun.

A TIRED PEOPLE—SLEEPY

Whatever may be truly or untruly said of our people, underprivileged, migratory, laughter-provoking, insanely religious, forgiving or contented it remains that we are a tired people—weary, and we don't pick our places to rest.

Let your fancy follow me to the depot or bus station where we wait for passage.

We're tired and but for the porter we'd get left. And now we're on the train, tired and drowsy. Are we at Church? Tired and "asleep in Jesus." Do we get a few moments off from work? "How tired I am."

Nearly 70 years of freedom, but not yet rested. Perhaps a few more generations will find us rested and reading.

Surely we find consolation in the writing, "There Remaineth a Rest for the People of God." But that's yonder. Let's wake up and work here and rest "over there."

State Evangelist I. H. Moore will conduct our meeting here at East Second Street Church, Lexington, in November.

TODAY'S MIRACLE

A poor man living in Pendra Road, India, fell off the embankment of his rice field and dislocated his hip. It was neglected for one and one-half months. The Secretary of our Sunday School at Pendra Road, a keen, alert young fellow, undertook to massage the hip back into place.

Twice daily he went to his self-appointed task, and his patient is now walking and praising God for his deliverance from helplessness. To him it is as great a miracle as that one was to the blind man at the temple gate, healed by Peter and John.

The lad had watched one of our missionary doctors perform a similar feat while he was taking normal training. This young Christian is the son of a youth rescued from starvation by our missionaries in 1903.

September, 1937.

National Convention of Christian Churches of America.

Attention Rev. J. N. Erwin, President,

Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

My Dear Reverend Erwin:

I am glad to extend a personal and official invitation to the National Convention of Christian Churches of America to hold its annual session from August 23rd to 28th, 1938, at the Odd Fellows Temple, McCulloch and Lanvale Sts., Baltimore, Md.

I understand invitation has also been forwarded you by Mr. Marse S. Callaway, President, The Colored Republican Voters' League of Maryland, and I sincerely trust that Baltimore will be selected for your Convention next year.

Very truly,

Mayor.

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

By the State President, ELDER S. KENNEY, 207 Elmo St., Johnson City, Tenn.

The 58th Annual Convention of the Churches of Christ in Tennessee met with the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn. This meeting was indeed a success from all points of view, and we have every reason to feel encouraged over the work in this section. And we trust that every Church in the State will enter whole heartedly in the task of the Church and do all within its power to carry out the recommendation unanimously adopted in this meeting. Tennessee is planning a great year's work.

I dropped a penny and a dime
From the same hand, at the
same time.

The penny stopped where it
hit the floor,

The dime rolled on and rolled
some more.

And then, of course, the search
was on,

To find out where the dime had
gone.

I moved the dressed and the
rug

And heavy things that made me
tug.

The dime was worth ten times
the penny

But lost it hadn't value any.

The simple lesson of the Thrush
One bird in hand worth two in
bush.

And such in life the things
worthwhile

Roll on ahead, mile after mile.

C. H. D.

FORREST ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Beaumont, Texas
1370 Forrest Avenue

The members of the Forrest Street Christian Church are having a week's Church anniversary, closing the third Sunday in April, with Elder A. D. Littles of the Grove Street Christian Church of Houston, Texas, preaching the anniversary sermon.

Members as individuals are supporting their Church morally and financially better than they have since 1924.

Brother Bowles gave an address for the Washington Boulevard Christian Church (White) the first Sunday in March.

We are planning to raise \$6.00 in our Sunday School Easter Sunday for home missions.

Our minister will have been with us one year the fourth Sunday in April and he has kept a constructive program before the Church.

We expect to raise \$150 in April to pay on our Church.

Our pastor has been preaching a series of sermons on the Cross.

Our week of prayer leading up to Easter Sunday with inspirational talks by the various heads of the Church departments was successful.

J. O. BOWLES, Minister.

W. H. HADNOTT, Clerk.

WE WANT A PREACHER

(Borrowed from The Christian Evangelist)

We want a man for our church;
The last one's gone, we're in
the lurch.

Of course, we've been running
behind

For the last three years, but he
was kind!

At last he received a handsomer
call,
And he went on away last fall.

The man we want must be
awful smart,
Well-dressed, honest, gentle of
heart.

He must preach just like the
Apostle Paul;

Manage the Church, official
board and all.

He must have taste and please
every clique,

Add to the membership, and
call on the sick.

He must live well, keep his own
car,

Use it each day, drive it near
and far.

We want him to lead in every
good work,

Give the best of his time, and
never to shirk.

We demand he pay all his bills
on the dot;

If he doesn't, we'll tell him
what's what!

We want him to speak in such
eloquent words,

That he'll draw other folks in
curious herds.

We want him to put the Meth-
odists to rout,

And convert a few Baptists to
help us out.

If he's the man we're looking
for,

He'll fill our Church from door
to door.

What about pay? Well, that
will be small!

We want him to work with his
hands like Paul.

Life insurance? Why, he
should leave that alone.

His family will make it some-
way, when he's gone.

The minister shouldn't be con-
cerned about pay.

God will take care of him at
the end of the day.

THE DISCIPLES NATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT

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7. Make your life "felt" in-
stead of "seen" in your com-
munity.

Remembering that we must
build the good and true forcing
that which is evil and false to
decay, each day we are called
upon to "Give of our BEST to
the Master — Give of the
Strength of Your Youth." Let
there be something within us
to which the beautiful can re-
spond.

Finally, ever mindful of
those who believe in us, of
those who are looking to us for
real comradeship, and of Him
who is our ideal, let us choose
the following as our pledge of
youth:

I would be true, for there are
those who trust me;

I would be pure, for there are
those who care;

I would be strong, for there is
much to suffer;

I would be brave, for there is
much to dare.

I would be friend of all the 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.

I would be prayerful through
each busy moment;

I would be constantly in touch
with God;

I would be tuned to hear the
slightest whisper;

I would have faith to keep the
path Christ trod.

I close seeking your prayers
and co-operation in the task for
which you chose me as a helper.

Very sincerely yours,
CARNELLA L. JAMISON,
President.

Sept. 27, 1937.

P. O. Box 343,

Tuscumbia, Ala.

The Disciples National Youth
Movement comes forth with an
article for publication in the
next issue of the Plea. From
time to time we hope to use the
Plea (if we are permitted to do
so) as a channel through which
to reach our group.

In the article which I am
submitting I am trying to tell
about the origin and purpose of
our Movement. I sincerely hope
that every youth in the Broth-
erhood. I sincerely hope that
every youth in the Brother-
hood will align himself with
the Movement and make his
Life count.

Will you please add my name
to your list of subscribers for
one year. If possible I would
like the last issues which have
been published since the Con-
vention. I shall send remit-
tance for same by October 15
(after pay day). I am em-
ployed in the city school here.

Please remember me kindly
to Mrs. Dickerson. Wishing
you a successful year of service
you a successful year of service,
I am

Yours sincerely,

CARNELLA L. JAIMSON,
President of Disciples Na-
tional Youth Movement.

Elder S. Kenney of Johnson
City, Tenn., is closing a splen-
did meeting for Elder J. E. Blair
at Mt. Sterling, Ky., and will
begin a 10-day meeting at Dan-
ville on the 18th.

Miss Myrtle Hummons will
give "My Experience Abroad"
at the East Second Street Chris-
tian Church Sunday afternoon,
October 24th.

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ARKANSAS CONVENTION

By MRS. SARAH BOSTICK

The State Convention is now history—real good spiritually. Finance was limited, but we plan for a greater one at the old home Church next at Pea-ridge Christian Church. The Convention opened with sermon by Brother Haywood, a young minister of Oak Grove. Prof. Peoples gave us a good lashing for not advertising our meeting. Had fine business sessions, fine address and Conference by Prof. Peoples. He knows what to say and how to say it. There were several discussions by the delegates and ministers. If we would only go home and practice them, our state meeting would have good reports for state and national meetings each year. Mrs. Irene Cole gave us a great address. Women's session was at its best. Mrs. Mary B. Franklin headed up. The Remarks and Devotional program was O. K. Each party on program measured up. Paper by Mrs. Louis Mitchell on "How to Make a Successful Church," was good, and one by Mrs. R. F. Hays "A Good Leader." Miss Sally Woodward led the discussion "Why the Community Does Not Grow Religiously." It was the keynote to the Progressive Church. Mrs. J. H. Fulter, our secretary of the White Church, delivered an address. She is a



We're glad to present the faces of these noble "Arkansaw Travelers," Elder M. M. Bostick and wife, Sister Sarah L. Bostick, of Little Rock, Ark., as faithful pioneers of that section. She is seriously missionary minded and he is indeed one of the "old guard" of our members.

Cheerfully together they face the sunset of this life, looking toward the "eternal morning."

big-hearted Christian to Negro Christians in Arkansas. Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy, guest speaker of the Convention and Prof. Peoples held an informational conference giving the shortage and progress of the churches. Friday, Woman's Day, the Conference was so constructive. She delivered one of her best addresses. Mrs. Bracy was asked to remain in the state for a few days, visiting the secretaries, and her visit has meant very much to us. She spent a few days with Cross Street Church on business. She will return very soon. She is a very great worker. Mrs. Daisy Dean read a nice poem, "Last But Not Least." Mrs. Mary B. Franklin,

our President of the Woman's Department, brought us a worthwhile message. She lost her husband the first of the year. Elder H. Martin and Elder T. R. Moore attended the funeral. With all good wishes to all of the churches throughout the Brotherhood.

NOT YET

Because we have several calls for our National Convention, we have been investigating the places. Just as soon as we confer with the Executive Committee we will "Broadcast the News."

PROF. J. N. ERVIN,
Hawkins, Texas.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

PRESIDENT OF OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION SPEAKS

Dear Brethren:

For your information, we arranged with the Recording Secretary of the National Convention to have a sufficient number of copies of our Church Constitution printed in order that each minister might have a copy so that he can be properly informed of our needs and responsibilities.

A copy also will be in the Minutes of our last National Convention. I wish to urge upon each minister and local congregation to begin a drive to save souls because this is a paramount issue to be considered by the Disciples.

May we look forward with enthusiasm to live up to the recommendations adopted in our Convention. The Convention through all its departments pledged the raising of \$8,000 for the year of 1937-38 to be distributed in just proportions to the United Christian Missionary Society, to the expense of the Convention, the Taylor Monment Fund, Scholarships and in fact all departments.

May I urge upon you now to raise a large proportion of this fund in the November Rally and send the money directly to Mr. C. W. Plopper, Treasurer, 222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. To hesitate is to lose. Do it now while our spiritual fervor is highest and while the people are in a mood to give and while they have an abundance in hand from which to give.

Brethren, do not hesitate.

Pray for the success of our Institutions and unless money is sent to the United Christian Missionary Society, our colleges, our Missionary enterprises, our Ministerial Relief, our pension fund and Evangelistic work must lag behind. We have elected Rev. R. L. Peters, National Evangelist. He cannot travel unless we furnish funds. This also must be cared for.

Yours in Kingdom building.
J. N. ERVIN, President.

TRI-STATE ECHOES VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, this is the way." Isa. 30:21.

(By Evangelist R. L. Peters, Field Secretary of Tri-State Christian Convention. Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone: 7863.)

All churches in the District in action. The ministers, numbering around twenty-five or thirty. Some active and some inactive.

The churches will meet in annual convention Wednesday before second Sunday in August, 1938, with Philippi Christian Church, Louisa County, Va. This is an old historical church within less than forty miles from Richmond—the Capital of Virginia. This is the oldest Christian Church (Colored) in the State of Virginia. The home of G. W. West and Burrus Roberson, pioneer Negro Christian preachers, who past into eternity near half a century ago.

First thing on program this year is the Women's Mission-

ary Society Conference to be held at Spencer Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, November 25-28, 1937. (Thanksgiving Season.)

Second: The Fiftieth Anniversary, celebrating the marriage of President I. H. Smith and wife, Chatham, Va., December 21, 1937. Pull together and let's put both over in fine style.

An effort is being put forth to raise \$25.00 for the Christian Plea. Let every church connected with Tri-State Christian Convention fall in line.

National Evangelist Itinerary

Booked for ten days or two weeks revival at Georgetown, Ky., beginning October 17th.

Two weeks revival at Monroe Avenue Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio, beginning November 1st.

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS CHURCH NEWS

By Mrs. A. L. MARTIN

We report our National Field Secy. of Missionary organizations visited here Oct. 9-12. Just the time for her to come. We had fine sessions and wonderful fellowship. We were ready to meet her and receive her message. She gave three rousing messages and conducted two conferences; all full of food for thought.

Sunday morning she spoke to a fine audience. I wish I could picture to you the congregation, silently, motionless, some with tear-filled eyes, as she entreated us to ask "Lord, is it I?" with the earnestness of the twelve when Jesus said to them "One of you shall betray me." If a picture of the audience

could have been taken when she had so spoken, and then passed, I believe it would make a worth while slide for a Bible scenery. The people were hushed—they looked repentent.

Sunday night featured missionary organizations. The women had a very fine worship service. A larger number were present at this service. Rockford Church is missionary-minded.

Monday morning she and I started out in one of the brethren's car to visit homes of the members. Maybe about three-fourths of them were seen. We went, and went, and at two o'clock we reached the home of our president, Sister Gee, who had prepared a very delicious meal for us—and we were really ready for it.

We went out again and visited 'till time for the group conference at six o'clock. From this conference we, having been joined by others, went to church, where we had a very fine service, followed by a general conference.

We extended Mrs. Bracy an invitation to come to us again. Her visit did much good.

We regret to report our minister is suffering a foot ailment which has kept him in two Sundays, but is improving. Eld. Williamson, chairman of official board, has aided me in carrying on his work, however, so we have kept going. Our next big fete is to be our Fall Revival meeting, conducted by Eld. F. F. Floyd, of Louisville, Ky.

MT. STERLING, KY., NOTES

By MRS. ISABELL MORTON

The superintendent and teachers of High St. Christian Church took the Bible school to Cincinnati to the zoo. Also the

Bible school had a mother's box social. Mrs. Amy V. Stockton, supt.

In our revival Bro. S. Kenney, from Johnston City, Tenn., is the evangelist. He is preaching forceful sermons to large attendances.

We had a rally in Sept. and raised \$147. Bro. Blair has been holding a meeting at Little Rock for Bro. I. M. Moore. On our sick list are Sister Carrie Lockridge, Ella Jones, Sister Alice Glover and Bro. Albert Keith.

Our choir is at its best. Sister Vina Dyson choirstor, Sister Malinda J. Prewitt, president, Sister Sabell Morton secretary, Sister Viola Chenault pianist.

FROM FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

297 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

The cooperation of local churches of all denominations throughout the country is being sought in connection with the Unemployment Census which is to begin on November 16. The Federal Administrator of this Census, Mr. John D. Biggers, who has temporarily laid down his great responsibilities as President of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., of Toledo, Ohio, to devote himself to service in behalf of the unemployed, has expressed his hope for much assistance from the churches.

The Census of the Unemployed and Partially Employed has been decreed by Congress in order "to aid in the formulation of a program for re-employment, social security, and unemployment relief for the people of the United States." The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, recognizing the demoralizing

effects of unemployment on the spiritual life, has offered to help Mr. Biggers by serving as a point of contact between his office and the churches.

Since the Unemployment Census is an entirely voluntary one, hearty cooperation by citizens in all communities is necessary in order to make it successful. Ministers of local churches are being asked to call the attention of their people to the Census on Sunday, November 14.

Report cards containing fourteen questions to be answered will be left at every home of the nation by the mail-carriers on Tuesday, November 16. Every unemployed or partially employed person is asked to answer these questions and return the card before midnight on Saturday, November 20. The information thus obtained is to afford the basis by which definite plans may be formulated for solving the problem of unemployment.

Unqualified assurance is given by Mr. Biggers that the cards will be used only for the purposes of the Unemployment Census. The names of signers will not be published anywhere nor will the information be used for any purpose whatever except the compiling of information concerning the number and condition of the unemployed.

"REBUILDING RURAL AMERICA"

"Rebuilding Rural America," by Mark A. Dawber, is the book being used by adult missionary study groups as they consider the problems confronting rural church life today. The first six months of the missionary year are being devoted to a study of rural life in the United States and Canada under the theme, "Dwellers in the Countryside."

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

THE QUESTIONNAIRE

"How you spec us gwine ter know?" would be Paul Lawrence Dunbar's answer to some untaught questions that people kindly ask "Mr. Editor" of the Christian Plea.

And now comes one who would know the whereabouts and whomsoevers of our church at Indianapolis, Ind.

That church has always taken high rank in a national way where indeed it set the pace for all others along some lines.

So with others, we're beginning to join "Little Alice in Wonderland."

We have a goodly number of Christian Plea readers there, and would welcome any news from their great church or any others who would "Rise to tell their determination for heaven and immortal glory."

We're not sure whether the Indianapolis church has a temporary or permanent pastor. No doubt the officials of that church would give any properly sought information.

Let us hope that they use discretion as they proceed.

C. H. D.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HIGH ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MT. STERLING

By J. E. BLAIR, Pastor

The great day has come, and the morning light has dawned on the High St. Christian Church once more, the writer has been serving this point for the past seven months, with good results, the members of this great church delight in cooperation with their leader, a compliment which can not be overlooked.

We have painted the top of the church, and paid off most of the church debts, just a few more days and we will be able to say well done.

Elder S. Kenney of Johnson City, Tenn., came recalling the minds of the people of this city back to the old Jerusalem Gospel, and he preached it with Pentecostal power, to large crowds each night.

Results: Two were reclaimed and fourteen baptized, and one more added since the meeting. We must admit that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

Germantown again was host of the District Convention to be reported in next number.

Miss Viola Smith and Miss O. B. Lewis are pushing the No. 2 District B. S. work.

Brother William Walker of London, Ky., writes "a girl in the 'teen age traveled 260 miles to be baptized here last Sunday.

The Lord still adds to his church those being saved." Brother Walker and his good wife are indeed live wires in the mountains.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS FOR OUR BROTHERHOOD From The United Christian Missionary Society

HEALTH AWARD FOR JARVIS

Dr. M. L. Edwards, resident physician of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, is the winner of the second award for 1937 Health Service Among Negroes. A bronze medal was given Dr. Edwards by F. Rivers Bernwell, director of the Negro Health Service.

Dr. Edwards, as leader of the Volunteer Health League, is conducting a comprehensive health service covering the wide rural areas about Hawkins, Texas, where Jarvis Christian College is located. In connection with this work he holds a free clinic for the community. This past year he has had as his helpers some of the most outstanding specialists in Texas. The presence of a health director in the community gives the constituency a source of protection which should be the privilege of all communities.

Mrs. N. V. Berry of the Jarvis staff this past year conducted a health survey of the local community under the supervision of several doctors. Much good has come from her efforts and timely suggestions. Such surveys keep constantly before the students and faculty of Jarvis their duty and task to the community.

Social Education and Social Action

Disciples of Christ, in common with other Protestant re-

ligious bodies, were not impressed with the importance of the social emphasis in the Christian message and program until world events of 1929 and the years immediately following focused attention upon maladjustments in the social order, and revealed the immoralities implicit in many of our ways of living and thinking. Sensitive minds can no longer be satisfied with religion that is departmentalized and isolated from the pressing problems which our civilization must solve or perish.

Field Work in Africa

It is an almost overwhelming realization that our Bolenge field alone in Africa is about the size of Michigan. It is inhabited by about 75,000 people who talk in the different sections ten different languages. Our missionaries have to use at least two, Lonkundu, and Lingala. East of the main Congo they use Lonkundu, but north of Bolenge and up the Ubangi and Ngiri rivers Lonkundu is not known. There is a real Babel of tongues, so Lingala literature must be used and the composite language spoken.

About twenty-five chiefs are in the Bolenge field, which means that there are just about that many natural groups in the area. From one end of our field on the Ruki River east of Bolenge to the other end at Dongo on the Ubangi River north of Bolenge is a distance of over five hundred miles. In order to visit this field twice each year, up the different rivers and creeks, our workers must travel about three thousand miles each year by Deisel launch, canoe, bicycle and on foot.

The Congo Christian Mission has work and workers in about 380 different rivers and streams over all the area. Approximate-

ly 470 evangelists and school teachers are at work in these places and must be visited twice a year.

MOVING FORWARD

By MRS. J. J. RUNDLES
Of Mississippi

For two weeks before the fourth Sunday in September the Christians at the North Jackson church with the aid of Christians of the denominations of the city had a wonderful soul stirring revival. Our spiritual strength was indeed renewed. The messages delivered from the pulpit still linger with those who heard.

This was the beginning of celebration of our pastor's tenth anniversary. The fourth Sunday was the climax. That day will never be forgotten by the Christians here. It was a glorious day. Sunday night Elder Campbell, pastor of Christian Chapel at Port Gibson, preached a wonderful sermon, illustrating so beautifully in parables the necessity of unity. We were not only celebrating our pastor's tenth anniversary, but the paying of all our debts. The burning of the mortgage, the sidewalk and pavement notes and all other debts of the church. The history of the church was told by Bro. M. S. Brown, our elder and charter member.

The amount raised was given by Bro. Abe Elmore, who has been our efficient secretary for years. How we raised it was told by Bro. Esau Wilson, our deacon and devout Christian soldier.

Just before the communion service the missionary society surprised our pastor with a token (a floor lamp) trying to express our gratitude for the

service he has rendered us for ten years.

Our theme is "moving forward" so as we were burning the old debts of the church the club captains, of whom all were ladies, brought fourth \$41.02, the beginning of our building fund. We are planning to build on this corner a beautiful church. Mrs. Celess Jordan, captain of Club No. 2, raised the highest amount, \$12.95.

We desire the prayers of the brotherhood as we go forward in this new step of building the church.

May we all go forward as one in His name.

The Department of Social Education and Social Action of the United Christian Missionary Society strives to face the brotherhood with its social responsibility in the light of the Christian message. It carries on the following types of activities: World Peace Education and Action, including international justice and good will; Education for Economic Justice, including industrial problems, rural economics, labor problems, etc.; Education for Christian relations between the races; Education and Action in support of Temperance and Prohibition, and in opposition to the liquor-traffic; Activity in the field of community welfare, including the relation of the church to professional and social agencies; Preparation and distribution of literature, maintaining the interdenominational relationship to the field of social welfare; Work in the field of rural social problems; Education and action to secure better motion pictures, and the establishment of local, State and National contacts for social education and social action.

**DEPARTMENT OF
EVANGELISM**

By ELDER R. L. PETERS

To the Churches and all readers
of the Christian Plea,
Greetings:

I am now on the Field doing
"Evangelistic Work." This be-
ing my first advance step since
being elected National Evangel-
ist at Dayton, Ohio, August,
1937. Beginning at Mississippi
Avenue Christian Church, Mem-
phis, Tenn., September 19th,
and closing October 3, 1937. The
results are as follows:

Number sermons preached	14
Accessions	
By Baptism	12
By Letter or Statement	1
From Denominations	2

Total 15

This church has on roll a
membership of two hundred
and fifty. The largest number
of members present at any one
time during the Revival was
ninety. Among the member-
ship of this church are doctors,
school teachers and some of the
most influential business men
and women in Memphis.

The entire membership of the
church displayed the finest of
hospitality by inviting Evangel-
ist and Pastor in their homes
where they sat down to heavily
laden tables with refreshments
of the seasons. Prof. B. T.
Hunt, Principal of Booker T.
Washington's High School, is
pastor. He is a good mixer.
Loved and esteemed by both
white and colored. He is a
Prince of Preachers. He has
around him an official stand of
the best men of Memphis, with
Dr. W. E. Walker, Chairman.

Mr. Utilius Phillips, Church
Clerk, saw after the Evangelist,
that he had a comfortable home
and was well cared for in every
respect. Mr. Phillips is a young

man having a nice job (mail
clerk) on train. He's the Presi-
dent of the Memphis Branch of
the National Association for the
Advancement of Colored Peo-
ple.

**HOME MISSION SCHOOL
ACHIEVEMENTS**

Statistics show that enroll-
ment in our four home mission
schools last year was 765, and
that 122 were graduated. De-
tailed reports are: Hazel
Green Academy, 99 enrolled, 17
graduated; Livingston Acad-
emy, 272 enrolled, 40 graduated;
Jarvis Christian College, 192
enrolled, 21 graduated.

A third year of accredited
college work has been added to
the curriculum at Jarvis Chris-
tian College.

That the native Christians
are assuming more and more of
the responsibilities of leader-
ship is evidenced by the fact
that Dr. Luther Shao, pastor
of our South Gate Christian
Church at Nanking, China, has
been appointed by those of the
National Christian Council of
China as their delegate to the
International Missionary Coun-
cil at Hangchow in 1938.

**REVIVAL MEETINGS TO BE
HELD IN LEXINGTON, KY.**

Every welcome at the re-
vival meetings to be held at
East Second Street Christian
Church, Lexington, Ky., begin-
ning Sunday morning, Nov. 7,
1937.

The services will be con-
ducted by our "Little Giant,"
Elder I. H. Moore, State Evan-
gelist, and the Minister, C. H.
Dickerson.

You and your friends are cor-
dially invited to attend. The
sermon begins each night at 8
p. m. There will also be good
music.

**FIRST SECTION OF ANNUAL
ADDRESS OF ELD. R. W. WAT-
SON TO OHIO CONVENTION**

Text, "Awake, awake; put on
thy strength, O Zion; put on
thy beautiful garments, O Jeru-
salem, the holy city."

Mr. President, members of
our Convention and friends, we
ask you to sit in prayer while
we attempt to bring you this,
our annual message. Introduc-
tion. Isaiah prophesied more
than one hundred years before
the captivity of Israel. Many of
his prediction had to do with
its termination. His inspired
anticipation of Israel's desola-
tion is now coming to a close
and the day of their redemp-
tion is drawing nigh. Hence in
these latter chapters he calls
upon the exiles under a figure
of a captive female to arise
from the dust with which she
has been covered, to lay aside
all the emblems of her degrada-
tion and to prepare to return to
enjoyment of freedom and pros-
perity in the land of her fathers.

By a figure still bolder he
summons the holy land and the
holy city to clothe themselves
in their best attire and get
ready for reception of the lib-
erated captive. Frequently he
employs the proper names Zion
and Jerusalem in their literal
sense but at other times Jeru-
salem is put for its habitation
and Zion representing the wor-
shippers of the true God. In
the latter sense, I now employ
this term in speaking to Ohio.

In the preceding chapter we
see the chosen people in a sup-
pliant attitude, sending up to
heaven the cry, "Awake and put
on thy strength, O strong arm
of God! In the text we listen
to the responsive command of
heaven addressed to the pray-
ing church, "Awake, awake, put
on thy strength, O Zion, put on
thy beautiful garments, O Jeru-

salem, the holy city." More than twenty-five centuries have passed since these words fell on expecting ears but there is a sense in which they are so much needed by the church today as for the Zion to which Isaiah spoke and wrote.

Brethren, God is calling to Ohio to "Awake." First to her opportunities. Paul says First Cor. 16:9, "For a great and effectual door is opened unto me and there are many adversaries." So in Ohio is OPPORTUNITY for the church of today as never before. Think of the many people who come here from your home and mine the South, no church affiliation, with so many places of temptation and worldly pleasures inviting them to 'come' and that they would do them good. Then as I see it the church has an opportunity to put on a great spiritual program and win them to Christ for the Southern man of my race is spiritual before he is Northernized. Therefore I say the church must awake to her opportunities. How? By being on the job.

"A business man was on his way to prayer meeting. His work had detained him. On the pavement he hurriedly passed a stranger, who was gazing curiously at the windows. Acting on a sudden impulse, he turned back. "This is our prayer meeting evening. Will you go with me?" The stranger hesitated a moment. "Why yes," he answered. Prayer meeting ended, the two went out together. "I was very glad to have your company tonight," said the business man, as he parted from his new acquaintance after finding out his name and where he lived. "May I call for you next Wednesday?" The man, without much enthusiasm, replied that "he didn't

care" if he did. He called, and followed it up on the preceding Wednesday, taking care to introduce the stranger to the other men of the congregation. That was the starting point. Prayer meeting led to church services. The stranger with his family, united with the congregation. He became an active and efficient church worker. "Do you know," he said to his friend, "I had lived in our city seven years before I met you. I had not been in the city three days before grocers and dairymen had hunted me up; within three weeks the politicians had learned by political preferences. Yet in all these seven years you were the first man who had ever said, 'Come let us go to the house of the Lord.'" When strangers come to church make it very pleasant for them. Be friendly. The one thing that gave the Christian church a very warm spot in my heart even before I joined was the fact when I was a stranger seven hundred miles from home, our much beloved Sister King made me welcome, and showed kindness to me while attending our Bible College in Louisville, Ky.

Enroute from the Columbus Convention, President J. N. Ervin visited Cincinnati, Lexington, Mt. Sterling, Louisville, Bowling Green, Ky., and Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.

He is investigating locations for the next National Convention. His very congenial bearing and other attainments make him eminently fitted for this great work. He wears his honors lightly.

After spending a happy vacation at home Misses Eloise D. Jackson and Velma Chambliss returned to the Southern Christian Institute to resume their studies.

ONE OF THE BALTIMORE ELDERS

I am glad to say our dear brother Minister, C. L. Whitfield, is a young man who is not asleep. He is the type of Stephen, full of the spirit of Christ and a doctored preacher. No occasion of sleeping on him.

Paul said you cannot be saved except you abide in the ship. This young man of God, through his sermons, brightens up things quite frequently by taking souls on board his ship. He is striving to lift the debt from the church and is very active.

All of the activities of the brotherhood and the best of all, he keeps us laboring together in the spirit of love.

The church would feel a great loss and vacancy without him.

Christ said, "You can do nothing of yourself except ye abide in the vine. I am the vine and ye are the branches."

Let us go forward and face the great problems. When it seems hard, think of that hymn, "My Captain Never Lost a Battle."

John said, "I have glorified thee on the earth, I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

Japan is overrunning China, destroying hospitals and missions of every sect, but when the mighty army of Christ sweeps over the battlefield and whispers, "peace, be still," not a gun will be able to belch. They will all be turned into plough shares and pruning hooks.

Our Captain had on a vesture dipped in blood, and his home is called the Ward of God. Let Jesus lead you through his minister, he carth for you.

ELDER HENRY JOHNSON.

THE MINISTERLESS CHURCH

By R. L. SANDERS,

President, Ky. Y. P. S. C. E.

The minister is an important person in the church. He is to be a leader, a good shepherd who watches over his flock. The minister is to be the spiritual teacher of this age. The fire-side prayer meeting has become a thing of the past and religious training received at home is very little, therefore the minister is very important.

The next question which would logically follow is: Why do we have so many churches without minister? The answers are:

1. We do not have enough ministers. No, we as an organized body, do not have the ministers. That may seem strange to believe when we see the other churches crowded with ministers, both young and old, but if we compare how our church provides for a minister with other churches we will find out just why we do not have ministers.

There are several factors which prevent the Negro Christian Church from having a well-trained clergy, namely poor salaries, improper recognition, no chance for promotion. You may attempt to refute my whole argument by saying that the Campbells, Stone and the other pioneers didn't have large or comfortable salaries, but they forged on. Yes, that is true, but they aren't making any Campbells these days.

The significances of the ministerless churches are: Our church institution is weakened and our influence upon others is lessened.

The greatest need of the Negro Disciples of Christ at

present is a larger and a well-trained group of ministers who are both fired by Divine and intellectual wisdom.

It is the task of the leaders of this church to make ministers and not until every town has a church and every church has a minister, as Bro. C. H. Dickerson phrases it, will the influence and mission of the Negro Disciples of Christ be accomplished.

"How can a person hear without a preacher and how can a man preach unless he is sent? That quotation has stood for years and will forever stand. It is the foundation of making ministers and we need to add or imply how can a man preach unless he is prepared? We need a school located at a central point of the United States for the training of our ministers yet to be called. We may not have a fine building well equipped with all Twentieth Century equipment, but men as teachers who are both educated in the teachings and doings of Christ and of the world. A school of this sort will turn out ministers like I hear them say of the old Louisville, Ky., Bible School. Our church is suffering from a lack of ministers, and it is time for the various State Conventions and the National Convention to spend some time in the Convention Halls discussing some methods of making ministers and creating a situation or condition in our rank that will encourage the young man to aspire for that noble work, instead of passing so many resolutions.

In conclusion, let me repeat, "Whatsoever things are honest, and whatsoever things are just, think on these things and may I add act."

ANOTHER GOOD MEETING REPORTED

By WILLIAM E. JOHNSON

Germantown, Ky., had a one week revival. Rev. L. D. Botts, pastor; Rev. I. H. Moore, evangelist. Beginning Oct. 11th soul stirring devotion preceded the sermon each night.

The church was greatly revived and three were added.

Lord's day services were well attended. Rev. Moore gave the distinctions between the days of the week and the Lord's day.

Many people from Mayslick came Sunday, a little tired, but were full of what had been taught them during the week.

There was a great number from Mayslick on the Lord's day.

TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Just closed splendid week of celebration of twenty-five years of my pastorate here at Midway Church of Christ, North Tazewell, Virginia.

Ministers of the various local churches of as many connections and their congregations served each night, along with Tip Top and Bluefield ministers.

Twenty-five years service recalls many reminiscences, running the whole gamut "from the sublime to the ridiculous."

Grateful to our friend who presented us a purse of forty dollars extra and a "God bless you" for 25 more years.

Yours in fellowship with all Christian Plea readers.

George M. Dickerson
North Tazewell, Va.
(One of the Editor's brothers.)

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SHALL WE LIMIT OURSELVES?

By James K. Dickerson,
Bluefield, W. Va.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Suppose a man from Mars visits our world. He would probably note that on Sunday we sing hymns of praise, pray, and glorify God in the highest. During the other six days of the week, however, he would note that we have a certain greed to lay up treasures on earth where moth and rust corrupt, and thieves steal. During the week days we refuse to believe the eternal truths that we pay our preacher to tell us on Sunday. In this way we limit ourselves.

How many of us ever worry about where we are going to get air to breathe or water to drink? We don't have to worry about it, its plentiful and we know we can get it at any time. Does not the same power that gives us air and water also give us food, shelter and clothing? Then, why limit ourselves? The fact is that we don't get the idea of mixing Sunday philosophy with our everyday activities. Our preacher tells us certain things on Sunday, we say "Amen" and forget them on Monday. No one would hire a doctor if he weren't going to follow his advice. Then why have our preacher if we are not going to follow his advice. Even many of our schools have abandoned the morning devotions

because they feel that is the duty of the Sunday School teacher. Let us think on these things?

Many have limited themselves by thinking they must do a certain type of work. Let us not feel that we are painters, masons, teachers or what not, but that we are all workers in Christ's vineyard. Regardless of the type of work that comes our way, we become successful by doing that work well. We have heard much talk of depression and talking about it is what makes it. After one firmly convinces himself that everything is against him, and that he can not get a job, he still expects someone to hire him. Why limit ourselves by thinking against instead of for.

We have acclaimed the Bible as an important factor in our religion. Since we believe it is, why don't more of us use it? Why don't we read a few verses from it to open up our places of business? Why aren't we seen reading it on the bus, the trolley car or train? It isn't even safe for a preacher to read his Bible in public. Why do we limit ourselves by confining God's program to a certain period during the week? This program is not a Sunday matter.

Let us remember that each of us is a part of God's worldly machine. Every part has a definite function. There are no unnecessary parts. Let us find our place, start functioning, and not limit ourselves.

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOTES

Winchester, Ky.

Beginning Oct. 4th a week's installation services were held for our new pastor and wife, Rev. Wm. Owens. A special program each night was held with visiting ministers of the city and Hon. Mayor D. B. Scobee.

On Oct. 10th Rev. Martin Frazier, Cincinnati, preached the installation sermon, installing Rev. Owens as our pastor, in a very impressive manner.

Rev. Owens just closed a very successful meeting at Millersburg, where he serves part time. One was added to the church and good financial returns.

Friday, Nov. 12th, Little Miss Turpin of Nicholasville, 5 years old, was presented in a recital to a packed house and really enjoyed by all.

Sunday, Nov. 14th, was a high day for us. Rev. Holloway of the M. E. Church preached in the afternoon to a very appreciative audience.

Nov. 21st is rally day. Our goal is set for \$500. Rev. Blair of Mt. Sterling church will be with us in the afternoon.

Ten days revival services begin Monday, Nov. 22nd, conducted by Pastor Owens.

Our church seems to be taking on new life and the members are supporting the work financially and spiritually.

REV. WM. OWENS, Pastor.
JOHN S. GREENE, Reporter.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ADVISES

The committee on recommendations recommends the approval of the attached resolution on the ministry and urges that every possible means be used to convey the message of this resolution down to the membership of the local churches.

Voted unanimously by the International Convention at Columbus, Ohio, on Friday, November 29, 1937.

RESOLUTION

Christ commissioned his ministry to serve the church and to propagate his Kingdom. Their support is definitely set forth in the New Testament, as the practice of Christian fellowship in its highest form.

To this end the International Convention recommends to all the Churches, and to all State, District and County Conventions the following:

I.

That each church have full fellowship with its minister by providing an adequate salary for him and his family. The Church cannot hold the respect of this age unless the ministers are adequately compensated in view of rising prices and the general increase in salaries throughout the nation.

II.

That our churches and individuals be urged to give Ministerial Relief through the regular channels of support to the aged ministers and missionaries who are too old to qualify for the pension. It will be tragic if the church does not care for its own.

III.

That all our ministers practice the principle of fellowship as taught by the early church. We therefore urge every minister to enroll in the Pension Plan at once by paying his 2½ per cent dues and to lead his church to have this Christian Relationship with all other churches and ministers.

THANKSGIVING CALL

Much is at stake in the Thanksgiving offering. The new calendar with its fewer days provides that five causes be presented rather than one as in former years. This means that at Thanksgiving there has to be at least a 25 per cent increase in offerings to make an advance.

The new calendar suggests that the special days become total church days. We are sure that your church will want to have a part in the offering this year along with your Sunday School.

For the advance of the causes at Thanksgiving there must be more churches and Sunday Schools participating in the day. Will your church and Sunday School observe this day and help to set forth the cause of Christ as projected by these causes? May we suggest that:

—An offering be taken in the church and the Sunday School on Thanksgiving Sunday. This offering may be credited to the organization giving it or send totally as a Thanksgiving offering from either one of them.

—Your church and Sunday School utilize the Thanksgiving offering to give them a real lift

on the realization of their goals on the Five Year Program of Advance.

—Announcements be given from the pulpit, in the opening service of the Sunday School as to the importance of the offering on this day.

An increase in the Thanksgiving offering this year is necessary for the causes. We appreciate very much your cooperation and interest in the advancing program of the Kingdom.

Very cordially yours,
VIRGIL A. SLY,
Director of Special Days

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ISSUE OF WORLD CALL

The November issue of World Call features Christian Education among Disciples of Christ. Myron T. Hopper tells of the 1937 youth conferences and Miss Lura Aspinwall of student work. Roy G. Ross writes of the relation of social education to the total program of Christian Education.

NORTH MIDDLETOWN, KY. MEETING

By Pastor T. R. Everett

The Sunshine Church of North Middletown just closed a fine meeting. State Evangelist I. H. Moore did the preaching exceedingly well. Splendid cooperation from all sides. The women of the church entertained royally. More than \$100 was taken in. Minister and officers would thank all for generous support.

OUR GOAL FOR CONVENTION YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1938

By Squire R. Daniels,
President National C. E.
Convention

Residence, 905 Westminister
Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Greetings Endeavorers:

Those of you who attended the National Convention in Dayton, can bear witness that the dynamic spirit exhibited by the young endeavorers there in attendance is indicative of a willingness to attempt to reach any goal, within the bounds of reason, that the president of the convention might set. Hence, I am availing myself of the wide privileges that are mine, as is intimated by the worthy editor of the "Plea," to set forth from time to time, in the columns of the "Plea," certain phases of definite objectives for the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor; that this department of the church might realize, that, like the Church School and the Missionary Society, it too, is responsible for the spreading of the Kingdom of God in the world.

First, I propose a Christian Endeavor organization in every church, be it great or small—be it imposing or humble.

Second, I propose one hundred model Christian Endeavor Societies: all carrying out effective local programs; holding prayer meetings weekly, executive committee meetings monthly, and rendering account to state or district bodies quarterly; all cooperating in national development and sharing in the general unified promotional work of our church.

State presidents, can I count on your cooperation in our struggle to make these things

possible? Local presidents, will you do your bit? Lay members, how about you, and you, and you, and you?

Write me a line of constructive criticism. Inclose the name and address of the president of your local society, and the name and address of the president of your state work—if possible. I will answer your letters directly, and when possible, will seek to have them published in the Christian Plea.

Let "Greater things than these" be our motto.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

By Raymond R. Walton,
National Pres. of Bible Schools

To our National Convention I wish to express sincere gratitude in being elected your President. I shall do all in my power to help make this convention year a banner one. Our national goal is \$2,000 and if each school will observe the special offering days and send in its offering there is no reason why we should not reach our goal. Our national work will be just what we make it and unless each school shares in the making unbounded success will not be ours. I am asking each state Bible School president to lay special stress upon our national work and report 100 per cent cooperation from each local school.

For our next convention let us have a whole day for the Bible School Dept., and an outlined program to merit the time. We must train the youth of today in the ways of the convention that they may lead tomorrow. A strong Bible School will help to make a stronger church and a far more interesting program.

On leaving the convention I motored to New York and visited the schools and churches in

Brooklyn. I found a fine work and a very hospitable people. Halsey Street Church has no pastor but Elder Hayes is holding the church together. In my short visit I held services for Halsey Street; Williamsburg, Rev. Keep pastor and Bro. Loadholt superintendent of the school; St. Phillips, Rev. Kinard; and Galilee, Rev. Haynes, and raised \$32.50, which money is to be applied to promotional work, credit given to the churches as follows, Halsey St., \$16.50; Galilee, \$2.50; St. Philip, \$3.00 and Williamsburg, \$11.00. For the success of this trip I am indeed greatly indebted to my dear friend Rev. R. Wesley Watson of Knoxville, Tenn., who accompanied me and Mrs. Ruth Dozier of Brooklyn, a Gospel singer over W. C. N. W., who gave of her talent so graciously. She has a very powerful voice. Our meeting was filled with the spirit. Then my sister, Mrs. Erma Walton Hall, played for us and to her also I am indeed grateful. From time to time I will make visits in the various states and districts and with the help of our officers and the brotherhood at large the program should go over.

Very gratefully,
RAYMOND R. WALTON,
215 W. 8th St.,
Emporia, Kansas.

FATHER LOVE CHANGES STATES

I've still interest in The Plea and will keep in touch.

Just out of hospital and much improved. I recommend Bro. W. A. Scott to represent the Plea in Wichita. His address is 1227 N. Ohio St. He's church clerk.

R. L. LOVE.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"And we all do fade as a leaf." Isa. 64:6.

The Season's Lesson

Perhaps nothing teaches greater lessons to the observing mind than the falling of the leaves so much in evidence at this time of the year.

We're told that this season derives its name, "Fall," because the leaves then fall. There's no distinction because of the leaves' position on the tree. They all somehow turn brown, and one by one, or by twos, threes or dozens leave the twig and hurtle to the ground, nor do they "pick their places" on the ground.

The leaves from the topmost boughs seem perfectly satisfied to nestle beside the leaf from the lower limbs.

Botanists, back to Linnaeus have dissected leaves and found varieties, but they all fall. What

a great lesson here—the time of the "sear and yellow leaf."

Isn't it truly a time for "Thanksgiving?" Shall we not give thanks unto Him whose mercy endureth forever?

Thanks for countless unmerited favors. Thanks, that we yet hold on. Thanks, that we can join the millions now giving thanks. "For we all do fade as the leaf."

NEWS FROM KANSAS

The Emporia Church has called Rev. R. R. Walton for full time service and since his moving onto the grounds work has gotten well under way. Our attendance has doubled and the Y. P. S. C. E. was organized with 22 and since then has added some 5 or 6. He gave the young people a definite work to do and all are falling in line. The parsonage has been remodeled and decorated and now plans are being made to repair and remodel the church. Sunday, Nov. 7th, Rev. Walton and Mrs. Collier, the Bible School superintendent, took 25 of the Bible School students to visit the school at Topeka. Mrs. Dietsy Blackburn Gray, state elementary superintendent, and her daughter, Jewel, came down from Kansas City and conducted the Model Bible School. After preaching service there was a big basket dinner for which all were thankful, and then a reassembling to hear echoes of the National Convention. Both Rev. Walton and Mrs. Gray gave interesting reports and also urged a larger attendance from Kansas to the next convention. Each school in the state is asked to send one or more boys or girls to the youth conference next year. We hope that by these visitations from school to school of the officers of our state work that our

work will progress. The next visit is scheduled for Wichita.

DORIS GOLDEN,
Secy. Bible School,
Emporia, Kansas.

Mrs. Lucy Handy, pioneer Christian and member of the Emporia Church, passed last month. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Walton. Mrs. Handy was the mother of Mrs. Alice Henry, one of our teachers at Jarvis College and at one time treasurer of our National Bible School work under Prof. Pratt. Mrs. Handy was 77 years old and had been an active and faithful member of the church until her passing.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Thanksgiving Sunday is the first offering day in the new calendar of special days of the International Convention and issued by the Commission on Budgets and Promotional Relationships on July 1, 1937. This day on which formerly the offering for Religious Education alone was taken, is now shared by five great causes including Religious Education. In other years each of these five causes had separate offering days. This means that the causes have made the adjustment in special days which the churches asked, but also that in order to continue the work these causes are doing for which they receive support from the churches, the Thanksgiving offering must equal the offerings given to all five causes last year. This would be an increase of at least 25 per cent over the Thanksgiving offering of last year.

Your church has set a goal for its Thanksgiving offering. You should have a part in that offering, remembering that it represents five offerings of last year.

POST MORTEM PRAISE— NEVER

"Cheer me while I run, bury me when I'm dead," said one.

"If there's anything that's due me now's the time to slip it to me. For I cannot read my tombstone when I'm dead."

"Blind Homer begged bread through seven cities" and the record says those cities waged law suits for the first privilege of placing a monument at his grave. And so it goes.

Worthy after worthy of our able leaders are falling. Shall we go on "monumenting them?" Is that the best way to keep green their sacred memories? Would they so have it, if they could tell us? I trow not.

Why not smash the "alabaster box" while they live and thus "cheer them while they run?"

"Let us gather up the sunbeams as they come across our path, Let us keep the wheat and roses casting out the thorns and chaff,

Let us find our sweetest pleasures in the blessings of today, With His tender hands removing, all the briars from the way."

Church at Covington, Ky., has sixteenth anniversary and homecoming Nov. 7th. Rev. L. L. Dickerson is the new minister.

Elder F. T. Floyd of Louisville is conducting a good meeting at Rockford, Ill., and no doubt will report splendid results.

Elder S. Kenny of Johnson City, Tenn., is treating Danville, Ky., to a flood of Gospel sermons, with marked results.

Some news from far off California is in the offing.

Elder Whitfield of Washington, D. C., keeps the Capital reminded of the power of the Gos-

pel while the pen of his "Big Chief—My Friend" is resting a while.

The Lettons report good work and progress in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Lucy Jones and the Packard Church is setting the pace for Kentucky Missionary Envelop System. She's sending them in.

All departments of Kentucky church work regrets the loss of the active service of Miss Mary E. Taylor, now a teacher in Hampton, Va., and Miss E. M. Harden, now teaching in Dorchester Academy, McIntosh, Ga. Both are ever loyal to the church and to the Christian Plea. Among the younger teachers who follow in their footsteps in church and Sunday School work are Miss Viola Smith of Danville (who recently received her degree from Indiana University), Miss Odie Bell Lewis and Miss Marion Grayson, both young teachers in the Lexington, Ky., schools.

Dr. Geo. C. Campbell, our minister in Cleveland, came off second best in his tilt with a vicious automobile. A few weeks in bed brought again his lower extremities in line and the "Roaring Lion," with our sympathy, can again shake his silver streaked mane. Beware! as they "back up."

Mt. Sinai Church,
Little Rock, Ark.
Dear Bro. Peters:

Three people from another communion took fellowship with us when Elder H. Martin preached the closing sermon of our Convention.

We regret that the report of Little Rock, Ky., W. M. S. was omitted in the State Minutes. \$10.00 was sent to state and \$1.00 minute money.

Any parties not receiving Kentucky State Minutes will

promptly write Sec., Mr. D. I. Reid, 705 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

CLEVELAND AVE. CHURCH GOES FORWARD

Winston-Salem, N. C.

Eight weeks ago, the Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ's Trustee Board agreed to rebuild its second unit, at which you had the privilege of worshipping during your visit here in 1929.

On the third Sunday of last month Prof. J. H. Thomas of Martinsville, Virginia, preached for us, and we had a successful rally. At the closing of the rally we raised Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Now we have started a revival, Elder P. E. Carter of Bluefield, West Virginia, is the pastor in charge. Elder Roland of the Middlefork Christian Church is conducting the song service.

There were four additions recently. This congregation has been working like bees, the last twelve months, without a permanent pastor. Elder G. F. Ragsdale is acting pastor.

We hope to be able by 1939 to invite the National Convention back in this territory.

Sincerely yours,

E. C. WILLIAMS,
Chairman, Trustee Board.

SOME ESSENTIALS IN BUILDING THE KINGDOM

By Mrs. Mary E. Elmore,
Mathews, Ala.

The first essential is Bible study, that the truths may be rightly divided. In a study of the Bible, we come in contact with God's laws, and with His followers. God has always wanted people to know Him. Another essential in Kingdom Building is obedience. The

very first law given to man was one of obedience. The Bible is the story of God's patience in dealing with His children while they were learning to obey. The first lesson the child should learn is obedience. He thus learns to respect rightful authority. The Bible gives two motives for obedience—Love and Fear—In Deut. it is written: "And now Israel, what does Jehovah Thy God require of thee but to fear Jehovah Thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to Love." This was His message, also, to His people, through His prophets. His first call to obey was because He loved them. Then because they should fear Him. Jesus in the New Testament places the greater emphasis upon love. "If you love me, you'll keep my commandments." It is obedience from this higher motive which we should hope to see. Another essential in Kingdom Building is love. The citizenship of the Kingdom is made up of redeemed men and women whose lives are purified by Christian love that first saves, and then serves. Prayer, another important essential. The Bible tells us to pray always, in season and out. Live congregations today are always praying congregations. Nothing will take the place of the spirit of prayer in church service. Fellowship—Every Christian congregation should practice this. It is the principle means of applied Christianity at its best. It means the highest type of cooperation. Then comes sacrifice. A willingness to sacrifice our time and means for the Kingdom. Building a religious character must be a by-product of self-forgetfulness, in religious service. He that loseth his life, hurling it with the full self-surrender into the service of Jesus, will find it again.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Dear Co-Workers of the Missionary Societies:

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of our most worthy President, Mrs. Aurelia Bracy, who died Oct. 29, 1937.

Her funeral was at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, the services being held by Pastor Eld. B. T. Hunt and her girlhood pastor, Eld. M. M. Bostick of Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Dora White from the Lee Avenue Christian Church in Nashville, Tenn., came to witness the last rites of her missionary companion.

You who had met Mrs. Bracy in conventions know there were not among Christian women, a more sincere and devout worker than she.

Although her body was frail, it possessed a spiritual life that was marvelous.

The Christian Church in Memphis, Tenn., will never forget her. She was beneficial in all departments.

Rain or cold were never obstacles to her. Her anxiety for the progress of the church will ever be before us as a guiding lamp.

The Missionary Society will miss her most, as for six years she was our President. Each member had placed in her the confidence of a competent leader, and in no respect did she fail.

The task of leading a Missionary Society is a hard one, but it was inspirational to see her lead on with a smile.

Every member of our Missionary Society joins in saying, "We have lost a beautiful character and a wonderful President."

MRS. KATIE YARBROUGH,
Vice President.
1076 S. Orleans St.
Memphis, Tenn.

DISTRICT MEETING

By A. D. Gault,
Germantown, Ky.

Theme — "Readiness and Service."

Greetings and recommendations were up to the standard.

Mrs. Amelia Gault headed up the Missionary Period with Mrs. Emily Roberson of Paris leading the discussion.

Bro. Wm. Johnson led next session when "Readiness for Service" was discussed and the welcome was by Miss Marshall and response by Mr. Crawford of Paris.

Mr. Carlton Finch led a healthy Devotion and Highway to Heaven and "Creating Interest" was given attention.

Miss Wilson and Miss Butler were much in evidence and the Christian Endeavor had its inning.

Eld. E. W. Meeks just closed a good two weeks' meeting at Old First Nicholasville, with two baptized and church revived. Will they call him?

December 31 is the end of the first half of the missionary year. Goal: Reach one-half of your total goal for the year. Remit all available funds for the causes co-operating in Unified Promotion to the co-operating agencies or UNIFIED PROMOTION, Irvington Station, Box 36, Indianapolis, Ind.

State Evangelist I. H. Moore just closed a very fine meeting here in Lexington with three added and a financial success.

Mr. George Fish, an officer in our church at Danville, Ky., will be buried Wednesday, Nov. 24th. Funeral by Elders J. C. Blair and I. H. Moore.

Watch the Plea for good news next issue. Subscribe now!

A CHRISTIAN IF

If—you can go to church when
all about you
Are going anywhere but to the
House of Prayer;
If—you can travel straight
when others wobble,
And do not seem to have a
righteous care;
If—you can teach and not get
tired of teaching,
Or tell the truth when others
lie like sin,
Or pray and pay and carry
heavy burdens
And pay the heavy price it costs
to win;
If—you can face the surge of
things about you
And keep your moral balance in
life's whirl;
If—you can act with patience in
each crisis,
Nor be a coward, cynic, or a
churl;
If—you can live and not be
spoiled by sinners,
And give—without a Pharisee's
vain pride—
Your life for God and man will
pay real profit,
You'll be a saint no critic can
deride!

—ERNEST BOURNER ALLEN
(With apologies to Rudyard
Kipling.) First Christian
Church, North Fourth St., at
Seneca, Harrisburg, Pa. J. R.
Baker, Pastor.

IT DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN

Do lesson helps, programs,
magazine articles, books, pam-
phlets and the other literature
used in our churches just hap-
pen? Indeed they don't. Care-
ful and deliberate planning and
work by a staff of competent
and trained workers make it
possible. Different types of ma-
terial are planned for different
age groups, for adults, young
people and children.

The Division of Education of
The United Christian Mission-
ary Society carries the major

responsibility of preparing edu-
cational materials. This past
year a more adequate curricu-
lum of study for all groups has
been developed. For young peo-
ple additional units of the new
Bethany graded lessons for sen-
iors have been produced, to-
gether with a series of elective
units for young people from
eighteen to twenty-four. The
Intermediate program mate-
rials have been reviewed and
needed revisions made, and ma-
terials for mission study for all
young people's groups made
available.

Christian Endeavor topics
and a special series of units for
young people's societies have
been published. A special
young people's world friendship
project which emphasizes the
study and support of education-
al missions has been inaugu-
rated.

Not long ago Dr. Jaggard had
a minor accident while riding
his cycle to his work. He was
turning a corner just after a
rain and it slipped out from
under him. He was so injured
that he was unable to walk for
some time, and then with quite
a limp. Determined, however,
that he should not be kept from
his work, in two days the doctor
managed to perform operations.
He had a small stepladder
pulled into the operating room
and took care of several opera-
tions, using the stepladder as a
seat high enough to let him
work on his table.

**MRS BRADLEY FINDLAY
PASSES AT CLARKS-
DALE, MISS.**

The church loses a faithful
worker in the passing of Sister
Findlay. Devoted mother and
friend, with noble character
and dutiful. She will be sadly
missed.

MISS GENEVA P. JAMES.

AFTER THE CLINIC

"Christ didn't sit up in a fine
temple and wait for people to
come to him, but he went out
to them," said one of our home
mission workers as she told of
the service being given through
a baby clinic. She went on to
explain the follow-up work
which is done in the homes to
see if the doctor's advice it car-
ried out. This is most impor-
tant for it is easy for one to sit
in a clean, well organized room
and tell women what to do.
What must not be forgotten is
that the most of these mothers
go back to crowded dirty shacks
where they work with a bat-
tered wash pan and a smoking
fire.

**A DOCTOR'S DETERMI-
NATION**

The Belgian government has
long recognized the value of our
mission to Belgian Congo. Now
its officials have asked our mis-
sionary doctor there, Louis F.
Jaggard, to take charge of a
colony of lepers. This means
heavy responsibilities for Dr.
Jaggard until the houses are up
and some of the gardens are
planted. He rides to the col-
ony, which is some distance
from Monieka, on a motorcycle.
Such interest by the govern-
ment speaks well for the hu-
manitarian interests which the
Congo Christian Mission has
had no little part in arousing.

"I will place no value on any-
thing I possess save in its rela-
tion to the kingdom of God. If
anything will advance the king-
dom of God it shall be given
away or kept, only as by the
giving of it or the keeping of it
I shall promote the glory of
Him to whom I owe all my
hopes in time and eternity."

—David Livingstone.

CARRYING ON IN WAR TORN CHINA

Since the Christian way of life represents an attitude rather than a stereotyped program, unusual conditions which disrupt the processes of orderly living direct Christian service into other channels. Famines, floods, earthquakes, epidemics, revolutions and wars, while they frequently render it impossible for the maintenance of usual peace-time services of Christian missions, open other doors of opportunity.

In the present emergency in China, the spirit of Christian love and service is finding expression in new undertakings such as caring for injured people and providing food and safe shelter for refugees. Mrs. C. A. Burch, driven out of Nantungchow since the bombing there, writes from Shanghai, "We see the poor, dejected homeless people packing every doorway and sidewalk, and the lost babies, and truck after truck of mangled bodies going through the streets hunting hospital room. I have been working mornings making bandages, bedding and clothing and am going to help at the shelter for homeless babies at the Community Church."

Our Hopei station has thus far been exempt from hostile aerial attacks and is a mecca for about 10,000 refugees who have evacuated North China and the lower Yangtze valley. In spite of the distress of war, all aspects of the Christian work is flourishing. The Coe Memorial Girls' School has the largest enrollment in its history. The rural center is continuing its work and the hospital is crowded to capacity. The church has taken the lead in organizing first aid classes and emergency classes. Normal ac-

tivities at Chuchow are almost entirely suspended because of air raids, yet the church holds its regular services.

HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

When in sorrow, read John 14.
When men fail you, read Psalm 27.
When you have sinned read Psalm 51.
When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.
Before church service, read Psalm 84.
When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.
When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.
When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
When you are discouraged, read Isa. 40.
If you want to be faithful, read John 15.
When doubts come upon you, read John 7:17.
When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.
When you forget your blessings read Psalm 103.
For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matthew 5.
For James' idea of religion, read James 1:19-27.
When your faith needs stirring, read Hebrews 11.
When you feel down and out, read Romans 8:31-39.
When you want courage for your task, read Joshua 1.
When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.
When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30.
When you want Christian assurance, read Romans 8:1-30.
For Paul's secret of happiness, read Col. 3:12-17.
When you leave home for labor or travel, read Psalm 121.
When you grow bitter or critical, read 1 Corinthians 13.
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, read Psalm 67.
For Paul's idea of Christianity,

read 2 Cor. 5:15-19.

For Paul's rules on how to get along with men, read Romans 12.

When you think of investments and returns, read Mark 10:17-31.

For a great invitation and a great opportunity, read Isa. 55.

For Jesus' idea of prayer, read Luke 11:13; Matt. 6:5-15.

For the prophet's picture of worship that counts, read Isa. 58:1-12.

For the prophet's idea of religion, read Isaiah 1:10-17; Mic. 6:6-8.

Why not follow Psalm 119:11 and hide some of these in your memory?

A DAILY PRAYER

I ask Thee, God, for mind and heart that understand,
When I should reach and when withdraw my hand,
A self-surrender that flings the love door wide
For friendliness to enter and there abide.
Dear Lord, I need these gifts so much,
Perhaps some human soul is plastic to my touch.
I ask Thee, God, for some warm and helpful skill,
Patience, love and consecrated will.
I ask Thee for a white and perfect dream,
A touch of Thine own spirit, a glimpse of the Unseen.
Dear Lord, I need these gifts so much,
Perhaps some human soul is plastic to my touch.

—Selected.

But woe unto you, Pharisees!
For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done and not left the others undone. Luke XI. 42.

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OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER



R. H. Peoples is national secretary of Negro churches under the auspices of The United Christian Missionary Society, Disciples of Christ. He began this work in September, 1936.

Mr. Peoples is a graduate of Southern Christian Institute and of Eureka College, and has worked four summers toward his master's degree at the University of Chicago. After graduating from Eureka he became head of the department of religious education at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

While at Jarvis, Mr. Peoples held the pastorate of the Line Street Christian church at Tyler, Tex., and often made trips throughout Texas to speak to

"And the angel said unto the Shepherds, Fear not: For, Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,

The little Lord Jesus laid down
His sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on
the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask
Thee to stay

Close by me forever, and love
me I pray.

Bless all the dear children in
Thy tender care,

And fit us for heaven, to live
with Thee there.

The Plea Family wish to all our readers and friends a joyous Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

the churches both in the interest of the general church work and Jarvis College.

Although new in the national work, Mr. Peoples has won many friends, aided many local churches, and inaugurated a splendid program of field work. The future record will list his name as a great religious leader.

EUREKA COLLEGE, Eureka, Ill.

To the Youth of the Christian Church:

The president of our National Youth Movement has asked me, as your secretary, to supply you with the November challenge. I would that I could look into each of your faces as I issue it.

In Dayton, Ohio, the youth present sensed a great need of a new world. A world where the Kingdom of God is lived, where abundant life is realized because of the Christian principles practiced. Because we were conscious of this need a National Youth Movement was organized.

In building this new world Christian youth must not look outward for direction—with Jesus as the pattern we must expect inward guidance. Before a new world is a reality each individual must establish that kingdom within himself. When every youth has felt the keen necessity of re-dedicating himself and has done so, great will be the result.

The second great commandment has been declared this one: "That ye love your neighbor as yourself"—the first is "Thou shalt love thy God—" I doubt sincerely our ability to obey one without doing the

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

"ON THE FIRING LINE"

Second Christian Church, Georgetown, Ky.

One Week Membership and Financial Drive. October 17-24th. R. L. Peters, Evangelist—Miss Frances Scott of Winston-Salem, N. C., Singing Evangelist, Music Directress. Elder Ira S. Ashe, Minister. Good crowds—increasing interest from start to finish. Delinquency on part of the church membership decreased 50 per cent. The church greatly revived. The offering for the week totaled near two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Elder Ashe is a very fine pastor, a man of great executive ability. Mrs. Ashe, his devoted wife, works along with her husband, side by side. Both of them are in the heart of the people. One of the high points in the Week's Campaign, was that the High School of Georgetown faculty and student body turned out one afternoon to hear a special sermon by the Evangelist. Rev. Ashe is a great financier. The debt of ten thousand dollars has been reduced to less than fifteen hundred dollars since his pastorate began there two years ago.

From Georgetown we went to Cincinnati, Ohio, October 25th. Spent one night at Canaan Ave. Christian Church. Had nice audience and a very inspiring meeting. From Cincinnati we went to Bluefield, Va. Spent one night. Had a full house notwithstanding the very inclement weather.

Jones St. Christian Church, Bluefield, W. Va.

Revival October 27th to November 5th (Nine Days).

The Evangelist in the absence of the pastor (Elder C. C. Carter), fell in line with the officers and members and had a very successful meeting. For three or four days the weather was very inclement but the crowds kept coming, both white and colored. Increasing interest from start to finish. Eight accessions—all adults.

Ninth Avenue Christian Church Roanoke, Va.

Two Weeks Revival, November 7-19th, R. L. Peters, Evangelist, Charles M. Diggs, Singing Evangelist, Music Director, Williams, Minister.

The first week was spent in mobilization; getting all forces lined up and every man in his place. "Pentecostal Power" was the revival "theme." The songs were in keeping with the message each service.

A growing young married minister wishes a church where he may continue to grow. He was trained at our Jarvis, Tex., school and gives good reference. Address Eld. E. B. Washington, 3511 Trunk Ave., Dallas, Texas.

Our Midway, Ky., church, J. H. Harrison, minister, has two splendid young lady public school teachers who render fine service to our District Bible School Institutes. They are Misses Rose Irene Johnson and Nettie Printers, and Hustonville would add Mrs. Katie Coulter,



MRS. J. E. WALKER
Memphis, Tenn.

She was unanimously elected as a director of the Universal Life Insurance Company by its stockholders in their annual meeting, held at the home office. Her husband is president of the Universal Life Insurance Company, chairman of our Publication Committee and the "brains" of the Christian Plea, with son, Maceo, my friend, stepping in "Daddy's Tracks."

First Quarterly Conference of Tri-State Women's Mis- sionary Society

In session November 25-28th at Spencer Memorial Christian Church.

Mrs. J. E. Walker, of Memphis, Tenn., was the principal speaker Sunday afternoon at

Spencer Memorial Christian Church during the closing session of the Woman's Missionary convention of the Tri-State Christian Churches. Principals of the final session were Mrs. Lizzie English, president of the organization and other representative ladies of various churches of the city. Music was rendered by the choir of the church, the N. B. C. Choral Club and individual city talent. However, outstanding on the program also was music by a combined orchestra representing the Clover Leaf Band and Spencer Memorial Church music group.

Mrs. Walker delivered a stirring address relative to a trip to England in 1935 at which time she accompanied her husband, Dr. J. E. Walker, of the Universal Life Insurance Company, to the second world conference of Christian churches.

Mrs. Walker was the house guest of Mrs. Rober Shoaf, 2313 North Cherry street.

On Monday Mrs. Walker visited many places of interest as follows: The Coffee Pot that marks the dividing line between Winston and Salem; the house in Salem that George Washington spent a night in, back in the Seventeenth Century; the Moravian Cemetery; the Salem Female Academy, over a hundred years old and other historical places of interest.

She also visited Winston-Salem Teachers College, North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company's office, Safe Bus Company, the largest bus company run and operated by Negroes in the world. The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's plant. Deacon J. P. Spencer, a deacon of Spencer Memorial Church and an employee of the company for nearly forty years, was granted the privilege of

being her guide to show her through the plant.

Mrs. Walker made a wonderful impression upon the people of Winston-Salem and the Women's Missionary Society of Tri-State voted unanimously for her return in 1938.

THE CUT RATE PLEA— 75c CASH

And now comes the chance to put The Plea in every home. Beginning with this issue we offer The Plea for 75 cents per year cash, the offer running through Xmas to Jan. 30th, 1938.

Ministers and those interested should enter the drive for clubs of five and ten as well as single subscriptions.

The offer not only calls for new subscribers but applies to old subscribers and those in arrears.

The Presidents of states and their departments, along with our staff of publication, we feel, will lead off in our cut rate drive. Remember cash must accompany each order. Give the Christian Plea for an Xmas gift.

With pleasure we acknowledge check for fifteen dollars for Christian Plea from the College Church at Southern Christian Institute, sent by Prof. John Lonf, along with other helpful "congrats."

When the larger self support-churches catch the spirit of this college church at Mt. Beulah, Miss., we may "count ourselves happy as we endure."

We congratulate Miss M. Ridley, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and her staff in publishing the "Voice." Some wellknown names appear on the staff. Send us an "exchange."

A Correction

On page 6 in The Plea of Nov. 5th the "Home Mission Schools" statistics mentioned achievements of four schools, but by same unexplained cause, named only three. Surely this was an oversight for which apology is earnestly sought.

We're very proud to give here the missing report, which is that of the Southern Christian Institute, Mt. Beulah College, of Edwards, Miss., where that fine body of faithful workers carry on.

Last year they had an enrollment of 222, exactly 111 young men and 111 young ladies.

Of these there were 43 graduates.

Of these 43 graduates, 27 are taking advanced work in our school or in some other college; 4 married; 5 are teaching; and 7 are otherwise employed.

Five of these graduates were ordained to the Christian ministry and are continuing their ministerial training.

They're havng a very fine school this year, also. Two new workers have been added to the staff: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Washington. They are graduates of some of our best colleges, and Mr. Washington has had over twenty years' experience in our Negro schools. Dean Jason Cowan is on leave of absence for the year doing graduate work at Butler University. Miss Hazel Bacon is acting dean for the year. Mrs. J. M. Cowan is the primary teacher now in the thoroughly modernized demonstration school for prospective teachers. Their future is bright and their friends are legion.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"NOT ALL WHO GO, ARE GONE."

Some have uttered regrets that many of our able men, of late, have left no writing to at once perpetuate their memory and guide their posterity. We are fortunate to find two splendid addresses delivered by our late and well-beloved Henry L. Herod of Indianapolis, who served that church and community so long and so well.

Each is a worthwhile contribution to our religious literature. Perhaps Bro. Herod's masterpiece is his sermon delivered at our Pittsburgh, Pa., Centennial in Duquesne Garden, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 16th, 1909.

At this convention his subject was "Progress and Achievements of a Hundred Years."

From his first sentence, "A century ago, our fathers re-

solved, here in this land of liberty and union, that the world should have a new birth of religious freedom," to his closing words:

"Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea,
 Our hearts, our hopes, are all with Thee, are all with Thee."

He measured lances with the occasion.

Again at the International Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, (fifteen years later). This time it is Friday, Oct. 19th, 1934. The subject of his sermon is "The Necessity of the Cross for Today."

Again his message takes its place in the literature of the Brotherhood. One who knew (and loved) Bro. Herod as we did, can trace his earnest spirit in every line of these outstanding addresses.

It remains for others of us to leave some written contribution to our common cause. We shall notice others, later.

THAT GOOD SLOGAN WHICH DIDN'T "SLOGE"

"Put the Plea in Every Home," has been the chorus and refrain heard at every district, state, and national convention. This indicates that the great heart of the Brotherhood is in the right place. But of each occasion it might be written "and it came to pass that when one goeth home he straightway forgotteth the slogan along with his vows and pledges.

Verily, verily, I say unto you that whomsoever would save the Plea must subscribe (and pay) for it, and whomsoever forgets the Plea, him shall the Plea forget when it cometh to the "mailing list."

"He that heareth these things

and doeth them, I'll show you who he is like."

But wilt thou know, oh vain man, that slogans alone never win. Remember now thy slogan which thou didst vote at the "meetin,'" before the holidays come and the year closes, lest thou shalt find that thou hast no part in it. "Put the Plea in Every Home."

The Plea family would not forget the ever mindful and courteous Mrs. Daniels of Oklahoma, president of the Ministers' Wives National Council, and the personnel of that splendid staff who make up the Ministers' Wives Council — (once facetiously called "The National Convention Grievance Committee")—smiles.

That's one place on the face of the earth where the women hold indisputable reign without protest. Their banquet, each year is indeed one of the high points of our National Convention.

We wonder just how Rev. L. H. Crawford (our National Convention midget) is "thinking on these things" or whether he is "thinking on those things."

We hope our next issue will carry the exact time and place of the setting of our next National Convention.

It is still "broodin gover the."

VACANT PULPIT

The church at Ocmulgee, Okla., wants a good pastor. They have a good building, paid for, and a good membership. Any preacher looking that way may write Eld. S. Parker, R. F. D. 1, Box 235, Ocmulgee, Okla.

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

By the State President,
Elder S. Kenney,
207 Elmo Street
Johnson City, Tenn.

Elder R. L. Peters, our National Evangelist, reported a great revival at Memphis, Tenn. The church and the community were revived, 15 accessions. Elder Peters is a great evangelist. I want to congratulate the National Convention on electing him for our National Evangelist. The right man in the right place. Elder Sam Russell, our pastor at Jonesboro, Tenn., reports a great meeting at Jonesboro. Fifteen accessions, all by baptism. The East Tennessee District Meeting at Bristol, Tenn., Nov. 19, 20, and 21, was indeed a success and we have every reason to feel encouraged over the work in this section. The district made an advance step in this meeting. They elected two district workers, one for the Church and Bible School, and one for the Missionary Society and the Christian Endeavor Society. Elder C. H. Cook, the pastor of the Bristol church, has done great work there since August. He has worked up a good congregation and a good Bible School, organized two good choirs, senior and junior choirs, added ten members to the church. As they see the light, they walk in. We are planning to hold our next district meeting at Knoxville, next March 18, 19, and 20th. We are asking all the churches in the East Tennessee District to begin now to get ready. I have received no report from the West Tennessee District yet. We hope to have it in for the next writing. I was called to Kentucky and I found a warm welcome in that great old state. My first meet-

ing was at Mt. Sterling, Ky. There I found a great pastor and a great church. We conducted a two weeks' meeting there. Sixteen accessions. The good pastor, Rev. J. E. Blair, took me in his car to Danville, Ky. I found a warm welcome at Danville. I found a lovely congregation there without a pastor. We conducted a two weeks' revival in Danville, Ky. Four accessions and the church revived. Danville is a great field. A good minister could build a large congregation there within a little while.

I am closing with sad news. Mrs. Aurelia Bracy, State President of the Missionary Society, passed away peacefully Oct. 29. She was a loyal woman to her home, to her state, to her church and to her God.

A letter of condolence:

May I share with you the deep sorrow you are called upon to bear at the loss of our sister Aurelia Bracy. So many beautiful traits made up her character. Be greatly comforted by the assurance which He gives to us that We shall see our Lord again, for He says: Because I live, Ye shall live also.

Most sincerely yours,
ELDER S. KENNEY.

1219 E. 17th Street,
Winston-Salem, N. C.
December 2, 1937.

Dear Sir:

Last spring this congregation with its members and with the cooperation of our senior Elder, Nathaniel Penn, who is a prayer meeting King, thought it was wise to make arrangements for the little folk, and we had a vacation Bible School, and it made such an impression on the church that we have started a Kindergarten School. It is growing nicely, Mrs. J. H.

Hayes is the Supervisor of this department. We hope that each congregation will see the vision of the future church, if they are not doing such, and we are asking each church to pray for our success. Wherever you may be, the victory depends on all of us.

The Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ is getting along exceedingly fine in peace and harmony, I am

Very truly yours,
E. C. WILLIAMS,
Chairman, Church Board.

Nanking is a city of dug-outs. Business, cultural and religious activities have been radically affected. The principal activities are providing food and clothing for the destitute, refuge for those who cannot provide themselves with places of comparative safety, and gathering in and caring for the injured. Our Nanking University Hospital is the only large modern hospital now available to civilian patients. In cooperation with the city-wide organization for first aid and emergency medical work, this hospital organized six ambulance squads with a doctor and two nurses in each. When warning was received that the city was to be laid in ruins, there was only one car, that of our missionary doctor, R. F. Brady, which he drove himself, picking up the wounded and conveying them to the hospital, where he then had to operate on some of them. Later Lewis S. C. Smythe assisted in organizing volunteer help from among university students, and by strenuous efforts was able to secure the use of cars for the emergency squads. Miss Minnie Vautrin of Ginling College also helped with this work. She is also aiding the Chinese Women's National Organization for the Relief of Wounded Soldiers.

**ELD. WATSON, CONTINUED,
"NO SUBSTITUTE"**

I admit history is very refreshing and thrilling but not thrilling enough to refresh a soul from sin, therefore not history. Astronomy? No, no. Astronomy is a very enlightening theme. I too sometimes like to sit in Jupiter and fish in Mars, but not astronomy for there is not enough light in astronomy to light a sinner's way from an unfriendly world to that beautiful home above. Not Culture, and that is a very fine thing to possess. To know how to be refined; but never have I heard of Culture redeeming a lost son of Adam. Not knowledge, and yet we all know that Knowledge is a mighty power, for with knowledge man has been able to go into the bowels of the earth and bring out treasures both old and new, with knowledge man has chained electricity and made it to do his will, with knowledge man has conquered the air, explored the sea and far into the depths of the sea, but knowledge is not sufficient to save a soul from a burning hell. What, then were they commanded to preach? The Gospel. What is the Gospel? I Cor. 15:1-4. "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye also stand; by which also are ye saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He arose again the third day according to the scriptures." Paul said, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that be-



Sister Rosa Bracy, our National Field Worker, leader in cash subscriptions to Christian Plea this year and helper in every department. Our "Nannie Burroughs" in financial campaign.—Departmental Editor.

lieve." God has given to His church this, and nothing else to save the world. No wonder that battle-scarred veteran could cry out and say, Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the Power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." So, I would urge you to put on thy strength by preaching a full Gospel, Timothy was given this farewell charge by one who had not failed to preach, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the Word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will

not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. II Tim. 4:1-4.

Church, hold up your preacher's hands and help him to preach. And put on strength by being loyal to Christ's teachings and His program. There are certain principles that the Church of Christ stands for and when we cease to stand for them we are not loyal. One is a weekly observance of the Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7. "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them." The breaking of bread was primary then preaching. O Brethren! there are so many disloyal disciples in our ranks. They let so many Lord's Days pass and fail to "Break Bread" and let almost anything keep them away, sometimes a little friction with some brother or sister. Jesus told His disciples, "As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye shew forth my death until I come."

Let us put on our strength by loyalty. What was it that won thousands of followers to Christ in the days of the Fathers? It was their loyalty to Christ and His teachings. Put on strength by prayer. The one cause for our weakness is that we are leaving out that one vital factor—PRAYER. Jesus spent much time in prayer. A very fine sister in my first charge said to me when I took the church, "Son, you are going to do well here for I am going to pray for you."

BOLL ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dallas, Tex.

Dear Editor: Allow me space to tell the Brotherhood of the awakening spirit that has found its way into the hearts of the loyal members of the Boll St. Church. We have approved of the Enlistment Program as sent out by Unified Promotion. We are now perfecting a program of Evangelism in the local church. We hope to go higher from every angle. Our purpose is to reach the unreached, touch the untouched, make dynamic the souls of those who constitute the church and mobilize all groups under the supervision of the church. The next issue of The Plea will tell how many new members we shall expect to gain this year by the help of God. We are now making a general study of the church together with the City of Dallas then we will be better prepared to tell just what we should do this year for God and His cause. This verse gives my creed:

I do not fear to tread the path of those I love long since have trod;
 I do not fear to pass the gates and stand before the Living God.
 In this world's fight I've done my part; if God be God He knows it well;
 He will not turn his back on me and send me down to blackest hell.
 Because I have not prayed aloud and shouted in the market place;
 'Tis what we do, not what we say, that makes us worthy of his grace.

Yours in His name,
 R. L. SERCY.

A Three Months' Report of the Boll St. Christian Church, Dallas, Texas.

General expense, Church Prop. and Aux's;	
Church as such	-----\$332.00
Trustees'	----- 118.75
Pennies	----- 15.08
Bible School	----- 45.46
Choir, Sr.	----- 13.80
W. M. M.	----- 7.00
Usher Board	----- 20.00
Christian Endeavor	--- 8.75
Pastor's Aid	----- 27.00
C. A. B. Club	----- 20.80

Grand Total Raised--\$608.64
 Total paid out for general expense, Missions, Church Erection, Insurance, and Misc. -----\$771.13
 Additions by baptism 5, otherwise 17, total 22 additions.
 Elder J. L. Patton, Chairman, Deacon Robert Bolden, Treas., Deacon Kyle Blair, Secretary, R. L. Sercy, Pastor, 2700 Flora St., Dallas, Tex.

"FREE LANCE"

And now comes one who dubs himself as "Free Lance" and urges that we strictly "follow copy" in her paragraphing. We will—if, we can.

He begins in socratic style, as though he would subject us to a rigid examination, failing, however, to state the "passing mark."

- (1) He begins—Have we not left the "old order of choosing Elders and Deacons—in the local church as regards scriptural fitness and duties?
- (2) Do these church officers know their duties and requirements?
- (3) Do the Preachers know—Book and Chapter—where the above things are found, and do they teach them?
- (4) Since Satan, Socrates, John the Baptist and other men

and women had disciples, are we not "off the track" when we call ourselves disciples, instead of "Christians."?

(5) Are we to wear His name or the name of those who followed Him?

"Does anybody want "to argue"? If so, please be brief and answer each question separately—just as you wish, and we will "strictly follow copy" with yours.—Ed.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

Rev. P. E. Carter in Revival Membership Revived, Many Additions to Church

The two weeks' meeting at the church recently was most successful in every way. The services of Elder P. E. Carter, pastor of Jones Street Church, Bluefield, W. Va., were secured to do the preaching. The music was conducted by Elder G. Roland, pastor of the Brushy Fork Church in this city.

The members of the church were revived spiritually as was evidenced by the loyal attendance and hearty response to the wonderful messages delivered by the evangelist. The congregation was hungry for such a meeting. This was obvious throughout the meeting.

There were twelve added to the church. We are challenging the officers to lose no time in harnessing these new members in the work—give them a job, there are many avenues in our church which need to be expanded and as we are blessed with these new people, let us extend the program of Jesus Christ that His name may be glorified in our work.

IN DEFENCE OF EVANGELISM

By R. L. Peters, National Evangelist—614 Hickory St.
Winston-Salem, N. C.
Phone: 7863.

The Marching Orders of the Church is "GO." Matt. 28:19-20. Mark 16: 15-16.

Fellow citizens of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Hear ye the Word. Acts 1:8. Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem (your home town) and in Judea (your State) and in Samaria (your Country, the United States) and into the utmost part of the Earth (among all nations).

Listen: Have you seen that your home town has had our Plea made known to them? Have you one or more flourishing Churches in your home town? How many Churches of Christ have we in your Country? How many have we in your State? Are you contributing to Missions both Home and Foreign? Will some one write an article to this column in favor of Evangelism? I shall look to see it in the Current issue of the "Christian Plea."

ARKANSAS TRAVELER

Somewhat late to give reports of the state meeting from 1936 at Wrightsville last year, when our national president, Mrs. H. L. Herod, was with us. We give the apportionment and also made pledges. Little Rock Cross street apportionments were \$42.00. They raised this. Mrs. Orene Cole, Pres. Mt. Sinai N. Little Rock apportionment was \$20.00, raised \$21.60, S. Bostick, Pres. Oak Grove Scott's apportionment was \$10.00, they raised \$15.00, Miss Carrie Moore, Pres. Russellville apportionment was \$15.00,

they raised \$19.00, Mrs. Mary B. Franklin, Pres. Wrightville sent to the state convention by their pastor, Eld. Forbes, \$2.00. Representation fees to National Convention was \$88.00, by just four societies, Russellville, N. Little Rock, Cross Street, Oak Grove, Scott's; and the other two societies felt that they could not take up their cross and follow on at this time. At the woman's session raised in their department \$17.45, making a grand total of \$123.05. Most of our churches had a deal of sickness this year and a very few doing any worthwhile labor. In the summer season, therefore, there is not very much pay after they shall have worked. The good women that have the work at heart are promising Mrs. Herod, our National President, and Mrs. Bracy that we would do our best to respond to the call of responsibility in 1938.

Respectfully,
MRS. S. BOSTICK,
Reporter.

LIFE'S STEPLADDER

The aging year, yes bleak December,
We reminisce, yes, we remember.
Our minds revert to bygone scenes,
We've passed our toys and our teens.
Of these we knew our scarce or plenties,
Till we began our tireless twenties.
But later on we were less sporty
As we approached the thoughtful thirty.
And here we dropped some useless haughties,
As we pass through our fiery forties.
We also part with many "nifties,"

As we begin our fading fifties.
Our neighbors claim that we're prolyxy,
Since we drove into sober sixty.
Our hoary domes appear more heavenly,
As we stroll on through senile seventy.
Upon the "octogs" years hang weighty,
We toddle—as a child—in eighty.
As still we climb, we grow more whiney,
As up we go—now nearing ninety.
If we should reach the hundredth year,
Though tired of life—the grave we fear.

—C. H. D.

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other, but let us concentrate on that second commandment—Loving one's neighbor as well as one loves himself would solve every problem that we face in any avenue of life. Love is unselfish and when we can say as an individual "I am unselfish" with every fibre of our being echoing the full meaning of the statement we will have made a definite step toward building this new world.

I give you the great challenge "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." For one month forget yourself, lose yourself for others, push yourself into the background. Live for someone else. Your Task: To Love Someone more dearly everyday.
MISS CARNELLA JAMISON,
President.
MISS JOHNNIE HOWARD,
Secretary.