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FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO CHINA

By BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE

HOWEVER much these two countries may vary, they are alike just now in the fear of war overshadowing their people. To travel from one to the other, as I am doing, is only to move from one area of distress to another. The language, dress, and customs may differ, but the people are alike in their love of country and a united purpose to defend their land against a foreign invasion.

Since the annexation of Austria by Germany, Czechoslovakia has come to the forefront of world-wide interest as the nation most vitally affected by the spread of the Nazi-Dictatorship. This is due to two causes: First, more than half of its 2,554 miles of frontier is a common boundary line with Germany, forming a wedge into what is now known as greater Germany; and, second, Czechoslovakia has remained faithful to the democratic pattern of America, England, and France.

It will be remembered that the Western part of the Czechoslovak Republic has been known in history as the Kingdom of Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia, with a line of kings stretching over many centuries. The King of Bohemia used to be one of the most important among the seven electors who in turn elected the Emperor of the "Holy Roman Empire." Under Charles IV., founder of the University of Prague in 1348, this ancient Kingdom reached probably the summit of its glory. His daughter became the wife of Richard II of England and was known as the beloved Queen Anne of Bohemia. This royal intermarriage became an occasion for most cordial relationships between the Czechs and the Anglo-Saxons. Professors and students were exchanged between the universities of Oxford and Prague. John Wyclif's writings were thus carried to the University of Prague. Well known is the story of John Huss, who defended Wyclif's writings at the University and who, by his courageous preaching in Bethlehem Chapel, aroused the conscience of Christians throughout the world. This herald of the Reformation died a martyr's death, having been condemned as a heretic and committed to the flames by decree of the Council of Constance in 1415. The Czechs knew and loved their John Huss too well to be able to accept the verdict of the Council of Constance as final. They felt that a crime had been committed and they rose in protest, demanding a reform of the Church in accordance with Huss's teaching. Thus was born the Hussite Church which anticipated the Reformation by a century.

The year 1620, which brought to the shores of America the "Mayflower" with our Pilgrim Fathers, was for Bohemia the year of its downfall. Having failed in its attempt to throw off the Roman Catholic rule of the House of Hapsburg it was cruelly crushed. Twenty-seven of its noblemen were beheaded, all pastors and 30,000 of its leading Protestant families were exiled and their properties confiscated. For a century and a half no Protestant Church was tolerated in these lands. Relief came under Joseph II, who issued an edict of toleration in 1781 which permitted the existence of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches under certain restrictions.

Between the years 1722 and 1729 about 300 religious refugees from Bohemia and Moravia were permitted to settle upon the estate of Count Zinzendorf in Herrnhut, Saxony. Here they resurrected the Church of their fathers. Because most of them had emigrated from Moravia they were known as Moravians. Twenty-six of the believers from this group sailed to Savannah in 1735 on the same boat with John

* THE BEAUTY OF ISRAEL IS SLAIN *
* UPON THY HIGH PLACES; HOW ARE *
* THE MIGHTY FALLEN!—II Sam. 1:10. *

Wesley. Upon his return to England, in one of their meeting houses in Aldersgate Street, London, in 1738, Mr. Wesley came to his experience of the warm heart.

What a wonderful kindling of the sacred flame of divine inspiration between John Wyclif, John Huss, the Moravians, and John Wesley. Methodism in Czechoslovakia is in the country of its own spiritual origin. It seems to be called of God to bring back that blessed experience of the warm heart to the descendants of those unfortunate inhabitants who in the years between 1620 and 1781 were compelled to give up their most sacred possessions, political liberty, the freedom to follow their own religious convictions, and the right of self-expression.

Faithful Christians among the Czechoslovaks regard the establishment of the Czechoslovak Republic as God's answer to the prayers of the martyrs. They believe with a profound conviction that God would not "loan" them their present freedom merely for a couple of decades, but that they have a mission for centuries to come. It is in this spirit they are approaching the solution of their present problem.

The Sudeten German Problem

The present boundaries between Czechoslovakia and Germany are the ancient boundaries between the Kingdom of Bohemia on the one side and Prussian Silesia, Saxony, Bavaria and Austria on the other. German immigration into Bohemia became noticeable beginning with the 13th Century. These early settlers were welcomed as skilled workmen who helped in the development of the cities. Many of them adopted their new country as a permanent home, entering whole-heartedly into their new life and rendering loyal allegiance to their new king or emperor, so much so as to be willing to defend their boundaries against the inroads of their former German Lords. After Bohemia had lost its freedom, following the year 1620, an effort was made to Germanize the Czechs and thus to make them more willing subjects of the House of Hapsburg. No effort was spared to bring the Czech language into disuse and disrepute, and in 1774 by imperial edict the Czech language was forbidden to be used in schools, in governmental offices, and in all public affairs. This aroused the dormant patriotic spirit of the Czechs to such a degree that it marks the beginning of a Czech Renaissance, bringing to life the ancient glory of Bohemia, and preparing the way for the resurrection of the state.

The life of President Thomas Masaryk may be considered as a fitting culmination and personification of this period of enlightenment. The resurrection of the ancient Kingdom of Bohemia in its new form as the Czechoslovak Republic may be regarded as a modern miracle of grace.

This modern democracy, patterned as it is upon the great republics in America and Europe, guarantees liberty and justice to all of its citizens. Some of its German citizens have had a hard time because they were settled in the rich industrial centers of the North which have felt the effect of the world-wide financial depression more keenly than most of those who were in the agricultural areas and were accustomed to a lower standard of living. The well advertised success of the Nazi regime in Germany to overcome unemployment, the dream of becoming party to a Pan-German lordship over the rest of Europe, the call of the mystic doctrine of veneration for Nordic Aryan blood, have cap-

tured the minds and hearts of the Sudeten German youth under the leadership of Konrad Henlein, so as to endanger the peace of the world. The constitution of the Czechoslovak Republic provides equality and freedom to all of its citizens, and the best proof of this is the present agitation which is tolerated in a democratic state, but would not be tolerated, for instance, in Germany. The German minorities of Tyrol in Italy have not half the freedom of the German minorities in Czechoslovakia. Yet nothing is heard about it because it has not the freedom to express itself and because Germany does not consider the time propitious to lay claim to it. I am convinced that there are no just demands made by the German minority which the Czech government would not be willing to grant. An impasse is reached however, when Henlein, acting under Hitler's instructions, demands an autonomy which would mean the disintegration of Czechoslovakia.

The Work of Our Church

The opening of our Mission in Czechoslovakia in 1920 coincided with a movement away from the Church of Rome. In view of the Protestant tradition of three hundred years ago the Czechs took advantage of their new freedom and were reconsidering their religious adherence. Many priests of the Roman Catholic Church left their Church, followed by their parishioners and founded a national Czechoslovak Church maintaining certain forms of the ritual patterned after the Church of England. All Protestant denominations profited by this religion movement. Our Church, too, moved upon the crest of this wave. It may not be surprising that under these circumstances some joined who were not fully aware of the obligation to support the institutions of the Church. As members of a state Church they had become accustomed for the state to take care of the ministers and certain patronage funds to take care of the maintenance of buildings. In the days of the Centenary Movement our Church was able to take care of these items from Mission funds. The years of financial depression taught us otherwise. The appropriations from America dropped 60% in 1935 and our work in Europe had to readjust itself accordingly. Yet losses in membership did not correspond to the reduced scale to which the number of effective preachers dropped. The sifting process has been going on in the last four years. We have now come to the bed-rock of solid membership. The advance made is not yet registered in the statistical tables, except in the direction of self-support. One Church pays the salary of its preacher in full, another is paying practically one half, while a healthy increase in ministerial support is seen in all the Churches. These churches pay all incidental expenses, furnish and repair their prayer halls and parsonages, and for the last nine years they have been maintaining one orphanage, and an old people's home and a summer camp for children.

One night, after I had spoken on conditions in the Orient, the people, without any request, came forward with their offering for their brethren in China and in a few minutes the amount of Kc 1,515 (\$52.44) was placed upon the altar. All those who were present that evening were deeply moved by a sense of oneness with their brethren in China as the service was concluded with the song "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

One more feature is significant about our work in Czechoslovakia. We seem to have passed out of the stage of being regarded as a foreign sect. Many of our preachers are being called upon by city authorities and citizens' committees to speak in public celebrations. Other Churches have invited our preachers to speak on John

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METHODIST EVENTS

N. Arkansas Conference, at Paragould, November 9.
Little Rock Conference, at Camden, November 16.

Personal and Other Items

SOME one has said: "There is enough for
everyone's need, but not enough for every-
one's greed."

REV. T. O. RORIE, Hot Springs, writes: "The
Young Man's Councillor, by Daniel Wise, is
long out of print. I would like to correspond
with any one who has a copy."

REV. CURTIS WILLIAMS, pastor of Douglas-
ville and Geyer Springs Charge, has moved
into the parsonage near the Douglasville church.
His address now is Little Rock, Route 3.

REV. B. E. ROBERTSON, pastor of Waldron
Circuit, writes: "We have just closed a great
meeting at Mount Pleasant and are now in one
at Fair Chapel. To date there have been four
conversions."

REV. J. FRANK WALKER, pastor of Emmet
Charge, writes: "Our work is moving along
in a fine way. Have had good revivals at every
point. Am in my meeting now at Biene. Every-
thing will be one hundred percent before Con-
ference."

THE fundamental crisis is moral. America
must rearm morally. This is our first and
most urgent need. This takes precedence over
all other search for security. Moral recovery is
the forerunner of economic recovery.—Frank
Buchman.

REV. J. R. SEWELL, our pastor at Wilmar,
writes: "Bro. Jack Taylor led us in a very
successful revival at Mt. Pleasant Camp-Ground.
We had five accessions. Four were on profes-
sion of faith. May God bless Bro. Taylor in his
great work."

FROM casual observation of conditions that
most certainly must be known to the police,
we have seen enough to warrant our fears that
if something is not done and done soon to clean
up the bad spots, there will be no taverns from
which Chicago might collect its \$600 annual fee."
—Brewers' Journal.

REV. SAM M. YANCEY, on his way back from
Memphis where he had spent a few days
with his brothers and sisters, on Monday stopped
on business in our city. He is happy over the
unusually fine season at Mt. Sequoyah and is
already planning for next year. He will begin
a union meeting at Harrison on Sunday, Sept. 18.
He will visit several Annual Conferences in the
interest of the Assembly.

MRS. EVANS, wife of Rev. L. W. Evans, a
superannuate of Little Rock Conference,
died at their home in Pine Bluff Monday, aged
73. This fine Christian woman is survived by
her husband, a son, Albert of Pine Bluff, and
six daughters. The funeral services were held
Tuesday at Hawley Memorial Church. A faith-
ful, helpful itinerant wife has gone to her re-
ward, leaving behind many who honored and
loved her.

THE CHURCH COLLEGE was founded to cre-
ate and sustain in its students the Christian
attitude toward life. That makes the school's
Christian purpose not an incidental but a basic
thing. It works out in the steady effort to pro-
duce in students that distinctive Christian qual-
ity of life which asks and responds to the high-
est standard of scholastic demands. And so the
church college, directing itself to the Christian
public, deserves both the faith and the support
of those who desire that education should be
grounded in Christian character.—Central Chris-
tian Advocate.

CIRCULATION REPORT

WITHIN the past week the following subscrip-
tions have been received: Springdale, H. O.
Bolin, 12; Strong, L. O. Lee, 1; Hermitage, O. C.
Robison, 2; Wilson, E. W. Faulkner, 1; Wilmar,
J. R. Sewell, 1, Waldron Ct., B. E. Robertson, 1;
Douglasville-Geyer Springs, Curtis Williams, 1;
Gardner Memorial, Jefferson Sherman, 2; Al-
theimer, R. A. Teeter, 1; Mansfield, E. C. Brown,
100%, 30; Sheridan, B. F. Roebuck, 100% 42;
Bryant Ct., Robert Core, 4. These reports are
highly appreciated. Brethren who have not
yet reported, go ye and do likewise, and great
will be your reward in increased interest and
loyalty among your people. Now is the time for
this kind of work. Pastors, please do not fail
your paper.

REV. T. A. BOWEN DEAD

THE secular press carried the news of the
death of Rev. T. A. Bowen, in a Memphis
hospital on September 9, at the age of 84.
Licensed to preach in 1891, Bro. Bowen joined
the old White River Conference, and spent his
active life within its bounds, in the Batesville,
Jonesboro, and Paragould Districts, serving 36
years in all. Since his superannuation he has
lived in Mammoth Springs, Detroit, and Mem-
phis. He is survived by two sons, Neal of De-
troit and Earl of Brooklyn. Quiet and retiring
by nature, Bro. Bowen was sweet-spirited, loyal
and faithful, loving his people and dearly loved
by them, a noble, true-hearted servant of the
Master whom he loved and served.

THE SESSION OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

BISHOP SELECMAN requests that announce-
ment be made that the Little Rock Confer-
ence will convene Wednesday morning, Nov. 16,
at 9:30. Following reception of the class into
full connection, balloting for delegates to the
special session of the General Conference is sug-
gested as the order of the day, Wednesday, at
11:30, and that the Conference re-convene at
2:30 to receive the tellers' report and to cast
further ballots. Pastors are requested to have
their reports in the hands of the statistical secre-
tary on the morning of the first day of the Con-
ference.

Friday has been designated as "Layman's
Day" with the Board of Lay Activities and the
Woman's Missionary Society in charge of a spe-
cial service at 11 a. m. Stewards, Church School
workers, other officials and all interested mem-
bers and friends are cordially invited to attend
all sessions, especially this service in recognition
of the lay forces making possible the work of
the Kingdom.

A Conference preacher, to be selected, will
preach twice daily, at 3:00 and at 7:30 p. m. The
memorial service is set for 11 a. m. on Saturday.
The evening hour on Saturday will be given
over to a Conference-wide Young People's ser-
vice, with a special service in recognition of the
youth of the Church. The ordination service
will be Sunday afternoon, followed by the read-
ing of the appointments.—Roy E. Fawcett, Sec-
retary of Cabinet.

DR. ATTICUS WEBB CO-OPERATES IN CAMPAIGN

AN agreement has been effected between the
Arkansas Anti-Saloon League and Dr. Atti-
cus Webb, of Dallas, Texas, who has been broad-
casting from Siloam Springs and putting on his
Prohibition Drama, for a co-operative campaign
in Western Arkansas. Having been State Super-
intendent of the Texas League for many years
and also having written much on Prohibition
and kindred subjects, Dr. Webb, with his Drama,
is recommended to our people in Western Ar-
kansas as a thoroughly capable representative
of our cause. It is hoped that he may have op-
portunity to put on his Drama in many com-
munities.—A. C. Millar, President of Arkansas
Anti-Saloon League.

BISHOP CANDLER CALLS UPON FEL- LOW METHODISTS IN S. CARO- LINA TO KEEP FAITH WITH UNITED METHODISM

BISHOP WARREN A. CANDLER, senior bishop
of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
esteemed and beloved throughout the church,
issued from his home in Atlanta, Ga., on August
27, this statement to the Methodist people in
South Carolina in support of Methodist Union
which was recently consummated by the Con-
ferences:

To the Methodist People in South Carolina:

"Although I did not favor the union of the
Methodist Churches in America I think it the
part of wisdom for our people to stay in the
Church and not cause a division now that Union
has been legally adopted."

(Signed) Warren A. Candler.

1653 North Decatur Road, Atlanta Ga.,
August 27, 1938.

Bishop Candler, who passed his 81st birthday
on August 23, is the senior bishop of world
Methodism, having been elected to that high
office in his church in the year 1898. He is
widely revered and beloved throughout the
church, particularly in South Carolina where
over a long period of years he was superinten-
dent of the South Carolina Conferences. South
Carolina was the last Episcopal district which
he served before his retirement in 1934.—South-
ern Christian Advocate.

FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO CHINA

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Wesley's Aldersgate experience. The Rev.
Joseph P. Bartak, one of our trusted leaders, has
been elected General Secretary of the Federal
Council of Protestant Churches and was asked
to draft an appeal to the conscience of the world
which had a remarkable response. I am happy
to report that the Czechoslovak Annual Confer-
ence is making an increasingly large impression
upon the life of its land and that it is a worthy
representative of world-wide Methodism.

These notes are being written in Vancouver,
Canada, where on tomorrow I take ship for
China. In both these countries significant events
follow each other in such rapid succession that
one almost holds his breath. It is not easy for
our missionaries and native Christians to carry
on in the face of these distressing conditions. To
falter or withdraw, however, would be to re-
move the one institution that preaches peace and
flies the flag of brotherhood. It is a nerveless
Christianity that knows not desperate ventures.
Christ continues His march of redemption. It is
our business to evade no peril and seek no dis-
charge from duty, but take our appointed way
with Him, confident we are not alone.

I am happy to have a humble part in the
Christian enterprise as it faces all the threaten-
ing influences at work in the world.

Vancouver, Canada, Sept. 5, 1938.

Bishop Cannon's Appeal

Hon. Cordell Hull, Sec'y of State, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

One year ago, September 1, 1937, I wrote you urging that our Government respond promptly to the appeal of Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek, for the intervention of foreign powers to end the unprovoked Japanese warfare against China. I emphasized that Japan is a signer of the Kellogg Peace Pact, and of the Nine Power Treaty, neither of which has been abrogated; also that the declared unchanged policy of the United States is the Open Door in China. I urged that the United States should lead, calling upon the other signers of the Treaty to declare to Japan that her warfare against China must cease, and that if Japan refused, all diplomatic relations should be immediately severed, and an embargo laid on Japanese commercial and monetary transactions with the other Treaty nations.

But a whole year has passed, and the most horrible, barbarous warfare known in civilized time, has been carried on by Japan, murdering thousands upon thousands of unprotected, unarmed civilians, raping girls and women of conquered territory, with an utterly contemptuous disregard for the horror of the civilized world, especially as no active measures were taken to even hamper her in her determination to subjugate China.

Very recently you made an address in which you stated: "We believe in, we support and we recommend: (1) Adherence to the basic principles of International law in governing rules of conduct among nations; (2) respect for and observance of treaties; (3) voluntary self-restraint, abstention from use of force in pursuit of policy, and from interference with the internal affairs of other nations."

All three of these basic principles Japan has ruthlessly violated, and has flouted her barbarity in the face of the world, and has become a veritable outlaw in International

life. Surely the time has now come to sever diplomatic relations with such an outlaw, and to place an embargo, if not on all forms of commercial and monetary transactions, at least upon all trading in whatever can be used as munitions of war. Such an embargo should apply only to Japan and not to China, as Japan is the outlaw aggressor, and China should be accorded every possible facility to defend herself against Japan's cruel, barbarous warfare.

I thought that our nation was right, when it went to the rescue of the Cuban people from the atrocities of Spain. I thought it was right, when we joined to fight against German submarine frightfulness and the ruthlessness of the German war-lords. I think our country will be eternally condemned if we do not endeavor to put such pressure on Japan as to bring to an end her unprovoked, barbarous warfare upon China, calling also upon other signers of the Kellogg Pact and the Nine Power Treaty to join with us. I do not propose a declaration of war. I do not think it will be necessary. I believe the measures indicated above will at this juncture bring Japan to her knees, and put an end to her indefensible, horrible conduct. Indeed, it may be that Japan would welcome such action on our part as an excuse to terminate a conflict which is draining away the very life-blood of the Japanese people.

I believe that, with the exception of some profiteers in munition, the great mass of the American people would approve such positive, persistent, peaceful pressure in accordance with the principles enunciated in your recent address. I am writing not as a Bishop of a great Church, but simply as one American citizen of many millions.

With much respect, sincerely,—
James Cannon, Jr.

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—by—

SUSIE MCKINNON MILLAR

"So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low, thou must,
The youth replies, I can!"
—Emerson.

CHAPTER I

"Well, my young man," exclaimed Mr. Johnson as he greeted Phillip Andrews at the Church School classroom door, "give an account of yourself. Now that you are class president, as your teacher I depend on you and you'll have to be on time every time. You're half a minute late now and the class is 'raring' to go."

"I'm here now!" declared ten-year-old Phillip eagerly. "And if you'd had to dress Alice without knowing how, I believe you'd of been more later than we are."

"We," gasped Mr. Johnson, noticing for the first time the ragged but clean boy standing abashed and uncertain a few steps behind Phillip and holding by the hand a little three-year-old beauty, fearfully and wonderfully dressed, eager, in love with the world and everybody in it and sure that everybody loved her. "Who are we? Is this the Alice you dressed?" Involuntarily he took a step forward and held out his hand.

Alice ran and stretched up her little hands and laughed so joyously that Mr. Johnson gathered her up into his arms and started for the classroom, Phillip and Mike close at his heels.

"That's Alice Mahoney, Mr. Johnson," explained Phillip, "and this is Mike, her brother. Mike's a great guy; he knows most everything. He sells papers and takes care of Alice while Mrs. Mahoney works. Mostly she washes at home, but this morning she had to go cook for Mrs. Brown because she's got so much company. Mike said you wouldn't want him and Alice, 'cause their clothes weren't stylish, but I told

him you wouldn't mind if they were just clean. So here we are and nearly on time. Here, I'll take Alice to Miss Allison."

Without more ado he reached up and took Alice, who came very willingly. He ran into Miss Allison's room and put Alice down on the table by which the teacher was sitting and said, "Here, Miss Allison, I've brought you a new baby. She's Alice Mahoney. She'll be good. Keep her until I come for her." As he turned to leave the room, Alice reached out and touched Miss Allison's cheek and cooed, "Pretty lady, I love my pretty, pretty lady."

Miss Allison smiled at sight of Alice's costume and shook her head as she sighed, "Oh, you ridiculous darling, I don't know what I can do with the 'loikes of you.' I guess I have to keep you until Phillip comes after you. But whatever will I do with you?"

Alice gurgled with laughter. "Phillip said you'd love me and teach me 'bout the really truly God and let me sing. Will you?"

"Here's hoping," said Miss Allison and put her arm around the newest little pupil and went on with her morning task.

In Phillip's classroom all went well until the lesson period was over and the collection plate was going the round. When it came to Mike, he reached out his hand timidly and took a nickel and stammered, "Thank you kindly."

Most of the boys giggled but one little fellow called out, "Mr. Johnson, Mr. Johnson, look at this red-headed thief. He stole a nickel from the Lord. What you gonna do with him?"

"We're going to sing now," said Mr. Johnson; and he put his arm across Mike's shoulder as he continued, "then we'll be dismissed and Mike will wait here for me when the rest of you leave and he'll explain about the nickel."

When the other left, Mike was too embarrassed to speak.

"What about it? How did you happen to pick up the nickel instead of putting one down on the plate? We always try to save our nickels and pennies so we can bring (Continued on Page 4, first column)

MAGAZINE MOUNTAIN AND PARIS

INVITED early in the summer by Rev. G. G. Davidson, our Paris pastor, to give him a Sunday, I was not able to arrange for it until last Sunday. He met me at Belleville, and we went out first to Spring Lake eight miles northeast and found this recently created lake of 86 acres to be a lovely body of water held back by a rock dam between rock banks of Spring Creek. The rest room and shower baths for those using the lake are of rustic stone construction in harmony with the surroundings. Returning via Belleville and Havanna, we made the ascent to the top of Magazine Mountain over a well built gravel road of easy grade. From various points there are look-outs; but the supreme view is had from the top where, looking out north and south for many miles are the beautiful valleys of the Arkansas and Petit Jean Rivers, with the mountains of the Ozark and Ouachita National Forests in the far distance. The Federal Government has acquired the land of the whole mountain, and it will become a part of the latter forest, but maintained primarily for recreation. As this is the highest elevation between the Alleghany and Rocky Mountains and the Gulf and Canada, 2,840 feet high, this mountain offers one of the most beautiful views and coolest breezes in this region. With the fine road and other improvements to be made, this will undoubtedly attract thousands of tourists and other visitors. Going down the north side, we found Cove Lake, a body of 160 acres, held back by an immense earth dam. This

is also a fine place for swimming, boating and fishing. Here we met Mr. V. D. Hill, of Conway, who has charge of the whole development project. He informed us that approximately 12,000 people had visited the mountain and lakes within four previous days. Going eight miles northwest we came to Paris.

Sunday morning I addressed the Adult S. S. Classes, and preached at eleven to a fine congregation. At 2:30 we sat in with a Community singing class in the church, and enjoyed the music. Brother Davidson encourages this class to use his church. At night I had a smaller congregation, and running true to form, I had a light shower at that hour. This cooled the atmosphere and later made sleeping comfortable. Next morning, rising early, we motored over to Ozark, where, after a few minutes with Rev. A. N. Storey, our pastor, I took the train for home, having had most delightful fellowship in the parsonage and among many friends.

When I first visited Paris about 50 years ago, Rev. J. B. Stevenson was pastor and it was a small town and our church was weak. Now Paris is a fine modern city of some 4,000 population, fine business, many beautiful homes, splendid schools, a new gymnasium, active coal mines, two hospitals, and fair and improving farming interests in the surrounding country. Its court house, school buildings, and churches betoken an unusually strong and active community.

Our church, strategically situated on a whole block, is a sightly and convenient structure.

Soon a new Post Office will be erected on a block across the street and will enhance the appearance of surroundings. Plans are maturing for a commodious brick parsonage, and later it is hoped that an education annex may be built. With beautiful trees, shrubbery, and flowers, it will be hard to find a church with more attractive surroundings or better prospects.

Since Bro. Davidson became pastor three years ago, about 100 members have been added, 31 this year, and the membership now totals about 570. They include many of the finest people of the community and constitute a strong body of loyal folk. Finances and salary, both increased, will be in full. The W. M. S. is extra fine. The Board is active. The Sunday School is well organized, and the Young People, especially the Intermediates and Juniors, are active. As 13 youths will go to college, it is difficult to keep up leadership. Many improvements have been made on the building and it is now in first-class condition, and without debt. Paris, under the efficient leadership of its capable pastor, has become one of the most desirable charges in the Conference. Bro. Davidson is demonstrating that a good presiding elder may also become a good pastor. Noteworthy is the fact that Supt. W. S. Morgan, of the public schools, who has been there 20 years, is chairman of the Board and a teacher in the Sunday School. It is a delight to return to a place long known, and find it improving and progressing in every way. The entertainment at the parsonage was delightful and the occasion will be a red-letter event in memory.—A. C. M.

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WHITE HALL AUXILIARY

White Hall Missionary Society had an all-day working August 31 at the church with the Building Committee and friends, on the church and church grounds, making fine progress and we are happy to have Rev. Mr. Barnett with us to advise and help along with our new church building. At noon a covered dish luncheon was served picnic style. Although the church is far from being finished, we hope to have services Sunday, Sept. 4—Church School and eleven o'clock services by our pastor, Rev. M. O. Barnett.—Mrs. D. W. Coleman, Publicity Supt.

FAIRVIEW HOSTESS AUXILIARY

The Fairview Auxiliary was hostess to other Societies of the Camden District at the Study Leaders' meeting, September 6, at Fairview Church, three miles south of Camden. Over seventy-five auxiliary presidents, study leaders, social service superintendents, and visitors were present.

With Mrs. G. E. Moseley, District Secretary, as chairman, the morning session was opened with a hymn, after which Mrs. Moseley led in prayer. Mrs. C. M. Reves of Camden led an appropriate and inspiring devotional which consisted of the following numbers:

Hymn, "God of Our Fathers"; Prayer, Mrs. Reves; Scripture, Isaiah 52, Mrs. Reves; Solo, "This Is My Father's World," Mrs. Frank Long; Scripture, Zachariah 8, Mrs. Reves; Hymn, "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"; Poem, "Awareness," Mrs. Reves; Hymn, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"; Scripture, Acts 8, Revelation 21:2-4.

YOUTH REPLIES

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them to Church School and give them to help the missionaries and others who need help. Tell me why you picked up the nickel. I'm your friend and want to help you."

"Gosh, Boss! Honest, I didn't mean to steal. This is the first time I was ever in a jail like this, and I didn't know why you passed nickels instead of candy or cookies, like they did at a party where I went once; and Ma said I should always take but one when they passed me anything and not grab a handful, which some of the fellows always does. Gee, I'm sorry, Boss. Here's the nickel and I wish I had a handful of my own to put on the plate. I'd love to help others. But Ma needs all I can make to help take care of her and Alice and me since Pa up and died of newmony last winter. Truly, you see how it was, don't you? You don't think I'm a thief, do you?"

"Not on your life, old fellow. Give me your hand," said Mr. Johnson. "I'll explain to the other boys and you be sure to be on hand next Sunday. Remember now we're friends and I'll be counting on you to help me in many ways. Will you?"

"You bet I will. And I'll be right here next Sunday."

(To be continued)

Mrs. Reves; Silent prayer.

Mrs. Moseley spoke of the benefits she had received from the study of the book, "The American City and Its Church," at Mount Sequoyah; then she introduced Mrs. Tom McLean of Malvern, Conference Study Leader, who told, in an interesting manner, how this study should be presented. The morning session ended with a play, "The Skyline of a City," presented by five members of the Camden Auxiliary.

After a bountiful lunch was served by the hostess Auxiliary, the afternoon session was opened with a hymn, and Rev. Fred Arnold led in prayer. Mrs. Moseley introduced Mrs. W. C. Watson and Miss Josephine Fort, rural worker for this District, who spoke briefly of her work.

Mrs. McLean continued her helpful talk to study superintendents. Mrs. Moseley gave a number of references which might be obtained by Auxiliaries to aid in teaching this study. Mrs. W. C. Watson talked on the part of the superintendent of Christian Social Relations in making this study successful, and told of numerous projects that might be carried out as a result of it. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Moseley.

ZONE MEETING AT ALMA

Zone 3 of the Fort Smith District met at Alma August 23, for an all-day meeting with Mrs. Truman Galloway presiding. About 30 were present. All enjoyed a fine lunch at the noon hour.

The following program was given:

Morning, 10:30-12:00

Group Song—"I Love To Tell The Story."

Devotional—Rev. Mr. Barnett, Alma.

Welcome Address—Mrs. A. E. Callum, Alma.

What the Missionary Society Does for Methodists, Mulberry Society.

Report of Societies.

Special Music—Miss Virginia Crigler, Alma.

Missions in India—Miss Fannie Fern Fisher, Alma. (Retired Missionary from India)

Talk—Mrs. Fred Stone, Ft. Smith.

Afternoon, 1:00-3:00

Song—"Are Ye Able."

Prayer.

The New Day In Home Missions—Miss Sallie Burrow, Altus.

The Deaconess A Good Neighbor—Mrs. J. A. Dowdy.

Reading—Mildred Misenhimer, Clarksville.

Finding the Larger Life in Bethlehem Centers—Mt. Zion.

Prayer.

Spiritual Life Work—Miss Fannie Fisher.

Reports of Committees.

Dismissal.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE STUDY LEADERS, ATTENTION!

Plans have been made for study-leaders' meetings in four of the eight Districts, as follows: Jonesboro at Blytheville, First Church, Sept. 15; Helena, at Forrest City, Sept. 15; Batesville, at Batesville, First Church, Sept. 23; Fort Smith, at Fort Smith, First Church, Sept. 29. Other tentative dates have been set and will be reported later in this column.

This is by far the most important meeting that study leaders are asked to attend. Specific suggestions will be given for the leadership of the

Christian Education

HENDRIX MEN AT COUCHWOOD

The men of the Hendrix College faculty spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Couchwood in an annual outing. Such outings occur every year before the opening of school. This year Mr. Couch, chairman of the Board, was kind enough to invite the men to use Couchwood and placed at their disposal not only his home, but servants, the lake, boats and other facilities. It is an ideal spot and the faculty was highly appreciative of the courtesy of Mr. Couch. Not only did they have excellent facilities for recreation, swimming, boating, fishing, mountain climbing, etc., but their opportunity for discussing some college problems was excellent, because of the spacious hallways and porches. Some of the most progressive measures of the college have been initiated or developed at these outings. They foster a good fellowship and comradeship among the teachers as well as are refreshing and inspirational in all respects.

The meeting at Couchwood last week was the best in the history of the college.

HAPPENINGS AT HENDRIX COLLEGE

The 55th session of the college opened auspiciously last Monday. Students arrived in increasing numbers; some came even on Sunday before the dormitories were open. Old-timers happily greeted each other and welcomed new-comers, found their rooms in various dormitories, unpacked their baggage, and got settled. After supper the spacious parlors of Galloway Hall were crowded for a get-acquainted reception for new students, faculty members and their wives.

Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted to a freshman-week program, including a series of tests and physical examinations for Freshmen and Junior transfers from other colleges. Tuesday evening the Hendrix Program of Education was presented by Dr. Robert L. Campbell of the English Department, and on Wednesday evening representatives of the various student organizations set forth their plans for the new year.

Upper-class students will ma-

fall study course, "The Church in the City." Conference and District officers have studied the course under Council representatives in both Pastors' School and the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, and are eager to share their information and their enthusiasm with Auxiliary superintendents. The 1938-39 approved book lists have just been issued and general suggestions as to courses and methods will be given for the entire year's work, including the course on India and Bible courses.

Council emphasizes this year that superintendents of Christian Social Relations must also attend this meeting in order that plans may be made for their departments to direct public follow-up activities that should grow out of this study even in rural societies. Auxiliary presidents are also expected to attend.

Let us make this day in each District a red-letter day of fellowship, study, and reconsecration to a most important task.—Mrs. Peter Kittel, Conf. Superintendent of Study.

triculate Thursday and Freshmen on Friday, and their courses of study will be chosen with the aid of personal advisers. On Saturday classes will meet on regular schedule. At 9:50 a. m., Saturday, the first regular Chapel assembly will meet and President Reynolds will address students and faculty. Visitors will be welcome.

Saturday evening the Hendrix Christian Association will give a party for the new students. On Sunday morning the opening sermon will be preached by Dr. C. J. Greene, vice-president of the college, at the First Methodist Church.

Another new instructor, the seventh this year, has been added to the faculty. Miss Mary Louise McElwee of Fort Smith will be instructor of Physical Education for women in place of Miss Etta Walters, resigned. Miss McElwee received her training in the University of Oklahoma and comes well-prepared for her duties.

Professor and Mrs. Clem A. Towner, of the Department of Music, returned Saturday from Long Beach, Calif., where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Helen Towner Lewis, and her husband, Mr. W. J. Lewis. They announced the birth on Aug. 17 of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, who was promptly named Gregory Harrell Lewis. Miss Barbara Towner, who accompanied her parents to Long Beach, will remain for a longer visit.

Dr. J. M. Williams is delivering a series of addresses this week at Fordyce. It was like going home, he said, for he lived there 44 years ago and taught in the Clary Training School then operating there. He spoke at the Methodist Church at both morning and evening hours.—G. A. Simmons.

1,692 SET AS GOAL FOR MEMBERSHIP INCREASE BY 41 CHURCHES IN THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The Church School Membership Increase Campaign, launched in the Little Rock Conference two weeks ago, is meeting with splendid results. As we write this note Saturday, 41 Church Schools have reported showing a total goal of 1,692. This is certainly encouraging. We believe that it will run at least 5,000 in the Little Rock Conference when all schools get in their report. The schools with their goals for increased membership are herewith given:

First Church, Arkadelphia.....	100
Gurdon	50
Wofford's Chapel (Gillham Ct.).....	15
Portland	15
Nashville	15
Tulip	10
Pindley	15
Des Are	32
Hamburg	25
Washington	15
Prescott Ct. (4 schools).....	150
Grady	25
Gould	10
Humphrey-Bayou Meto (2 schools).....	50
McNeil	15

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Ogden	50
Rowell Ct. (5 schools)	100
Smyrna (Okolona Ct.)	10
Center Grove (Okolona Ct.)	10
Trinity (Okolona Ct.)	25
Glenwood	10
Ozan	25
Okolona	15
First Church, Texarkana	100
Sheridan	25
Fairview, Texarkana	50
Gum Springs	10
Bethlehem (Hickory Plains Ct.)	10
First Church, L. R.	400
Hope	50
Thompson's Chapel	20
Winfield	150
Pulaski Heights	100
Grand Total	1,692

—Clem Baker.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PASTORS AND CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

A number of pastors and superintendents are writing, saying that they have misplaced the material sent some two weeks ago on which they were to make their report on the goal set for increased membership in Church Schools this year. Our office supply of this material is exhausted. If you have misplaced your material, please get your group together, find out what the total enrollment for your Church School was reported at the last annual Conference and set a goal for increase over that amount which you hope to report at next annual Conference and simply write me the goal you have set, giving the name of your Church and your District. This will answer in place of the regular report form.—Clem Baker.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE MEET AT DAVIDSON CAMP-GROUND

On Monday, August 29, the Presiding Elder, Pastors, Adult Counselors, and Young People, making a group of 225 from the Prescott District, met for an all-day meeting at Davidson's Camp Ground. This was the annual Prescott District Young People's Conference. Bryan Stephens presided. The meeting was sponsored by Charles Giessen, the District Director, ably assisted by Rev. J. D. Baker, the Presiding Elder, and all the preachers and young people's officers within the bounds of the District. It was my happy privilege to attend part of the session and to speak to the young people on the "Youth Crusade." I was greatly impressed by the reports given by the young people from the various local Young People's organizations. This type of meeting is of exceedingly great value and we congratulate the Prescott District upon its outstanding success, both in point of attendance and in the program prepared.—Clem Baker.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

The two-day session of the Little Rock Conference Youth Council, held at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4 and 5, was one of the most outstanding meetings for youth that our Conference has ever had. There were 75 young people in official capacity in their local churches, districts, and unions together with their adult leaders attending the Council. All the Presiding Elders were there except one who was unavoidably detained. All the Conference officers and District directors were there. All associate directors attended, save one who was out of the state. About fifteen Union presidents were present. In addition to this we had several Local Church Adult Counselors and Young People representing Local

Churches. The program was given over largely to the study of the objectives of the Youth Crusade and the plans for perfecting our organizations, unions, and districts for launching the campaign in the Little Rock Conference. Special addresses and sermons were delivered by Rev. J. E. Cooper, Rev. Leland Clegg, Rev. Arthur Terry, Dr. J. D. Hammons, and Rev. E. C. Rule. Our new President, Bryan Stephens of Gurdon and our new Secretary, Miss Burpelle Parsons of Texarkana convinced the group that our Young People's Assembly had acted wisely in the choice of their officers. Our Conference Director, Rev. Arthur Terry of Texarkana gave wise direction to the proceedings of the Council and contributed much to the program. It was indeed a great meeting and we all came away feeling that our young people are ready to go.—Clem Baker.

BISHOP SELECMAN LED IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Our new Bishop, C. C. Selecman, is entering upon his work as leader of the Little Rock Conference in an intelligent, sympathetic and vigorous manner. Last week he spent two days in Little Rock attending various committee and commission meetings, looking forward to the coming session of the two Conferences in Arkansas. On Thursday he participated in the meeting of the Little Rock Conference Rural Church Commission, presided at a joint meeting of the Presiding Elders of the two Conferences, with a special committee, planning for an enlarged program for Hendrix College, and met the Presiding Elders of the Little Rock Conference for a special pre-Conference cabinet meeting. Bishop Selecman has engagements that will keep him out in the field visiting districts and local churches in Oklahoma and Arkansas practically every day until after our Conferences meet. We are fortunate in having Bishop Selecman as our leader.—Clem Baker.

WORK IN THE ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Rev. Roy E. Fawcett shows no "let up" in interest and zeal as he comes to the close of a very fine quadrennium on the Arkadelphia District. Last week I attended his September meeting of the Arkadelphia Brotherhood at Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs, and found that all preachers are reporting good meetings with prospects of paying 100% on all claims. A special feature of the Hot Springs meeting was a splendid address by Rev. Harold D. Sadler on "Ministerial Ethics." Friday night of last week I met with Brother Fawcett, Dr. Watson, the Board of Christian Education, and the Workers' Council of our First Church, Malvern, at which time we set up a three-unit Training School to be held at Malvern, October 16-21. It is a real joy to see the Board of Christian Education in action at Malvern with Mrs. Tom McLean as chairman. We are looking forward to a great school at Malvern. The instructors will be: Miss Fay McRae, Rev. C. R. Hozendorf, and Bro. Fawcett. Within the next several weeks, Brother Fawcett is also to have several one-unit short term schools throughout his District in which he and Miss McRae will be the instructors. Last Tuesday night the educational staff for the Arkadelphia District met with Brother Fawcett and planned a series of Sunday afternoon institutes beginning the last Sunday in September

and running throughout October. These institutes will be held at strategic places so as to make it possible for representatives from each church to attend.—Clem Baker.

A GOOD WEEK WITH BROTHER ARMSTRONG AT SHERRILL

Beginning Sunday morning, Aug. 28, and continuing through Saturday night, Sept. 3, it was my happy privilege to be with Brother Armstrong in a week's meeting at Sherrill. Dr. Hammons preached Thursday night of this week and Dr. Paul Quillian of Houston, Texas, preached Friday night. We had a good attendance and splendid interest, but I have not yet heard the final additions, since we had to leave before the meeting concluded with Brother Armstrong doing the preaching for the last days of the meeting. Brother Armstrong has done magnificent work both at Sherrill and Tucker and has rendered a real service as chaplain of the Tucker prison farm. It is an inspiration to sit around the table, as I did almost every night during the week with the Armstrong family. This is the second revival meeting that I have had the joy of participating in this summer and I appreciate the privilege that my brethren have given me for trying to do some old-fashioned preaching.—Clem Baker.

OF INTEREST TO CHILDREN'S WORKERS

THE PRIMARY CLOSELY GRADED LESSONS, (those used in the large churches), has been entirely re-written. All churches having separate classes for each age in this department, 6, 7, and 8-year-old children, will need to order all new materials, as the old will not be available. Order the TEACHER'S TEXT: PRIMARY BIBLE FOLDER, Courses I, II, and III; PICTURE SETS, Courses I, II and III.

Childhood and Youth Week has been observed annually for a number of years by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is a time when parents and all other adults in the church have brought to their attention some specific phase of their responsibility to growing life in the home, in the church, and in the community. The emphasis for 1938 will focus attention upon the ways in which we may help children, young people, and ourselves move into ever more satisfying ideas and relationships to God our Father.

The suggested time is for the third week in October, or as near thereto as practical. The emphasis this year is in A GROWING UNDERSTANDING OF GOD. For sources of material on which talks or discussions may be built, see the current issues of THE ELEMENTARY TEACHER, ADULT STUDENT, CHURCH SCHOOL MAGAZINE, and CHRISTIAN HOME. In the September issue of the Church School Magazine will be found a short play, "THE CHOICE," written by Miss Leila Bagley. Ten activities are listed from which local workers will select those which can be carried out with greatest satisfaction and benefit.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION YEAR-BOOK, volume II, is already in the hands of many of the leaders. This helpful pamphlet has a three-fold purpose: to provide a list of reminders that will improve the work with children in every church; to help every worker with children to become a more joyous and effective teacher; and to bring to many who use it a sense of belonging to a

The Laymen's Forum

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An incident related by Robert W. Searle, general secretary of the Greater New York Federation of Churches, in his book, "City Shadows," clearly illustrates the responsibility of a community to its youth.

An attempt was made in this column a week ago to show that Church members who condone gambling in Little Rock and elsewhere are in a measure responsible for the downfall of a high school graduate who recently was arrested here because his desire to place bets with illegally operated "bookie joints," led to his use of questionable means for securing money to turn over to the bookie shop operators.

Dr. Searle in a chapter, "A Case Against Society," tells of a judge who sentenced a delinquent boy and commented:

"I have just performed an act of moral injustice under the constraint of legal justice. The boy was guilty. He had done harm—he doubtless would do more harm if unrestrained. I take this into consideration. But granting all that, the boy really was the victim.

"Society has done him more harm, vastly more, than he has done to society.

"Society has blighted his life and distorted his nature. It has driven him over the border into the realm of lawlessness, and has then ordered his arrest and condemnation because he was found lawless.

"The real criminals in this case go free in this earthly assize. They are respected members of this community. Every day such cases come before this court, and every day this court is compelled to indulge in such a travesty of justice."

Continuing, the author says: "The judge picked up his papers and left the courtroom. He had closed the case involving this youthful offender—but he had opened a new case against society."

These bits of advice were found in a periodical published by the United States Navy.

"If you want friends, be one."

"An individual who is all wrapped up in himself is usually a pretty small package."

"When you are given a difficult task to perform, try tackling it with enthusiasm."

"How long will the American republic endure?" M. Guizot, the French historian, once asked of James Russell Lowell, an American poet and diplomat.

Lowell replied: "So long as the ideas of the men who founded it continue dominant."

Would Lowell, if he were living today, say that the ideas of the signers of the constitution continue dominant, or would he say that people have tired of freedom and independence and soon may be expected to fall the victim of conditions which existed prior to, and brought about a declaration of independence that made a great nation?

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CHURCH NEWS

ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

We are now engaged in additional necessary repairs at the Orphanage costing several hundred dollars. I have been thinking much recently of the difference in the church's care of its property and business men's care of their property. The building in which my office is located has been undergoing repairs amounting to four or five thousand dollars and it is not nearly as old as our Orphanage.

It is necessary for me to have money to keep the Orphanage in proper repair. I hope our people will read this and take it seriously and help us.

No interesting news concerning the affairs at the Home. The regular routine characterizes our daily life.

Last Sunday I worshiped at Winfield Church and had two inspiring experiences. First, I heard Mrs. Alberta McMurry, who is back for a visit in the United States from France, where she is finishing her voice culture, sing, and what a pleasure it was; great voice from a great Christian character. Second, I heard Dr. Paul Quillian of Houston, Texas, preach. I have seen great audiences in nearly all of our churches in Arkansas, but I have never seen a greater crowd or a more completely filled house than I saw at Winfield last Sunday; pews, aisles, vestibule and gallery all filled. The people love Dr. Quillian and Mrs. McMurry and were out to see and hear them.

It is not long until Conference and we are all headed for that pleasant occasion.

Wishing to be remembered to all, I am, yours truly.—James Thomas, Superintendent.

SALEM CAMP-MEETING

The camp-meeting at Salem this year was a great success as a result of fine preaching, a fine group of praying people, and good congregational singing.

The preaching was in charge of Rev. Francis Buddin, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff. This consecrated man of God surrendered himself completely to the Spirit of God, and, through his preaching hundreds of souls were brought closer to God and to a better understanding of the things of God. Through his preaching twelve were born again into the kingdom of God. Out of the twelve we feel sure that there will be two ministers of the gospel.

The singing and music during the meeting were in charge of Bro. McHughes, his daughter, and Mr. Richards of the Levy Methodist church. We had a wonderful choir and good congregational singing. We are indebted to Mr. McHughes and his musicians for their part in making the camp-meeting the success it was.

Guest preachers, who led us at the nine and three o'clock hours, were: Bros. Frank Scott, J. D. Hammons, L. O. Lee, Gaston Foote, L. R. Sparks, T. D. Spruce, S. K. Burnett, F. P. Doak, J. W. Nethercutt, J. E. Cooper, Harold Scott, Harold Sadler, W. R. Jordan, Curtis Williams, Charlie Mashburn and O. L. Cole. We were refreshed spiritually by these brethren.

Of special importance were the memorial sermon by Bro. B. F. Scott, a special Young People's ser-

mon at which a great throng of young people rededicated their lives to Christ, and the special family service where many family heads dedicated the lives of their family to Christ and the work of the building of the kingdom.

All of the services of the ten-day meeting were vitally spiritual and inspiring.—Robt. Walker Core, P. C.

DOUGLASSVILLE-GEYER SPRINGS

I moved into the parsonage at Douglassville on August 16, and on August 23 the people of both churches welcomed us with one of the greatest poundings possible, literally overwhelming us with good things. We have put on a composition roof, painted the outside and papered the inside, and put bathroom fixtures in, and a new oil stove. We are paying the cost monthly and are ahead one month. We are also paying on the debt, the first payment in three years. Eight new pews have been purchased. Last Sunday had 120 at services, although the membership is only 90. All finances are paid up to date.

At Geyer Springs we have bought 100 song books, put in ceiling lights, and a new composition roof at a cost of \$130, all paid. Money is in hand to paint the church inside and outside. Have had no revival, but hope to begin one October 3. Have received in all 27 members, about half on profession of faith.

We deeply appreciate the interest and loyalty of our people and expect to close a good year. My address is Little Rock, Route 3.—Curtis Williams, P. C.

HOME COMING DAY AT OLD TRINITY CHURCH

Trinity Church, Bono - Trinity Charge, located in a beautiful grove on the Western slope of Crowley's Ridge, ten miles North of Jonesboro, observed Home-Coming Day Sunday, August 7. Rev. James F. Jernigan, of Walnut Grove, a former pastor, preached at the 11 o'clock hour; Rev. J. T. Hood of Blytheville, preached at three p. m. Brother Hood was pastor of Trinity just 30 years ago, and Rev. Joe A. Stephens, who was converted at Trinity just 50 years ago, during a meeting held by Rev. John Eidson, preached at the evening hour.

Brother Jernigan preached an old time Gospel sermon, and called mourners. We had a great service. Henry Knight, Jr., was converted. His father, Henry Knight, Sr., was converted just 45 years ago during a meeting held by Brother Jernigan.

Trinity is one of the oldest and strongest rural churches in Eastern Arkansas. Six preachers have gone out from this church, and some of them have become outstanding. It is the home church of Dr. A. D. Porter who died in Texas this year, Dr. J. Q. Schisler, of the General Board of Christian Education, Rev. W. R. Schisler, missionary in Brazil, Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary North Arkansas Conference Board of Christian Education, Rev. Vernon Bradley, and Rev. Joe A. Stephens. Brother Jernigan told me that Dr. J. D. Sibert, a former presiding elder of the Jonesboro District, was converted at Trinity. Dr. Sibert's home church was Shiloh, which is located several miles east of Trinity.

The people of the church and community are proud of their preacher sons and while many of the pioneers of the church have

passed on, we still have with us W. R. Schisler, father of Dr. J. Q. and Rev. W. R. Schisler, and Mrs. W. B. Broom, widow of the late W. B. Broom, who was a leader in the church for a number of years. We have a splendid group of young people, and hope to send more preachers and missionaries into the field.

The writer considers it a great honor to serve this fine old church as pastor. It is a pleasure to serve these good people.—M. A., Graves, Pastor.

REVIVALS ON THE AUBREY CHARGE

We have had five revivals on the Aubrey Charge. The first was at Rondo in March with Brother H. J. Couchman doing the preaching for me. We had one conversion and nine additions to the church.

Our next was an Easter revival with Brother I. L. Claud preaching for me and teaching the course on the "Life of Christ." We had six additions and twelve attended the class.

In July we had a Young People's revival at Aubrey with I. L. Claud, Jr., preaching and helping in a Vacation School for children. We had six conversions and five additions with 37 attending the vacation school.

The pastor held his own revivals at Moro and Oak Forest. We had four conversions and five additions at Moro with 70 attending the Vacation School. We had 22 attending the Vacation School at Oak Forest. We have had a total of 26 uniting with the church and 129 attending Vacation Schools.—C. H. Harvison.

CENTER POINT CHARGE

We began our revival meeting the fourth Sunday in July at Trinity Charge with A. E. Jacobs of Little Rock doing the preaching. He was with us from Monday night to Friday night, and did some very fine and forceful preaching. The writer did the preaching until the following Monday night. The Church was greatly revived. We had one addition on profession of faith. From there we went to Shiloh for one week with Rev. J. A. Hall doing most of the preaching. We had a good revival within the Church. We had two additions on profession of faith.

From there we went to Longview with Rev. R. F. Shinn of Lewisville, Texas, doing the preaching. We had the greatest meeting the writer has been in for fifteen years. We had a real old-time Holy Ghost meeting prayed down from heaven. We had twenty additions on profession of faith, two by vows, one by letter, twenty-three in all.

From there we went to the Center Point camp ground with Bro. Shinn doing the preaching, which was as good as any one need to hear. The meeting was fine, but not as good as the writer had hoped for. We had two additions on profession of faith.

From there we went to Center Church. Bro. Shinn did the preaching. We had a great meeting within the Church. Some were re-claimed and the Church greatly revived. Here we had some old-time shouting. This has been the greatest year for this writer in many years. I think we will be able to say "Everything in full Bishop, with more than forty additions to the Church this year."

Anyone needing help in meeting will do well to get Bro. Shinn. He

is safe and sound and I can recommend him very highly.—S. L. Durham, P. C.

AMITY CHARGE

Our pastor, Rev. Joe H. Robinson, has had a very busy year. He not only has worked hard at the job of being pastor, but has completed creditably a year of college work. We believe in him, and are proud of the progress that he is making in his preparation for a greater ministry. Substantial gains have been made in the spiritual life of our people under his leadership.

Fendley re-organized a Church School the Sunday following the Aldersgate commemoration and enrolled forty-five members. They have re-covered their church and had a successful revival during the summer. Several additions to the church followed the revival and members of the congregation who have lived there for some time have stated that the spiritual life of the community was better than it had been for ten years.

The Thompson's Chapel congregation has remodeled and painted their church at a cost of about \$175.00, a task that they may well be proud to have accomplished. This church too has had a good revival with five additions to its membership.

The budget plan for financing the church was put into operation in the Amity church this year and has helped greatly in raising our church funds. The Church School and the Woman's Missionary Society have been doing some good work. At present the Missionary Society is sponsoring a Bible Study Course, which is proving helpful in holding and building the spiritual gains made during the revival. The attendance has been unusually good. The organization set for its goal a membership of forty for this class, and the average for the four class

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sions has been eighteen and five tenths. This study class is open to the entire congregation. We are very happy for the interest manifested in this work and the results that are being gained.—G. W. Johns, Supt. Church School; Mrs. Jim Pate, Sec'y-Treas.

A NOTE FROM REV. F. A. LARK CONCERNING THE DEATH OF HIS BROTHER, JULIAN

(When the brief announcement of the death of Rev. J. E. Lark was made in last week's paper, the information in the secular papers was so scanty that we were unable to state all the facts. The note below, from his brother, Rev. F. A. Lark, supplies some needed data. It seems that the burial was in Van Buren cemetery and not at the old home cemetery.—Ed.)

It is possible you did not get the report of the death of dear J. E. Lark who died on the way to the Methodist Hospital at Memphis, as they were taking him out to the ambulance at the depot. Heart failure. He and his son, Julian, were together. He was buried beside his wife in Fair View cemetery at Van Buren, Ark. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist Church at Van Buren, with Rev. J. T. Byrd and Dr. F. M. Tolleson officiating, and Rev. Connor Morehead and Rev. J. M. Barnett, assisting. All Methodist preachers were the honorary pallbearers who were present, and his old friends and relations were active pallbearers. A great concourse of people, who knew and loved Julian, came. How he was loved! I am mighty lonesome. He was so very dear to me all my life. God is with us. He was not afraid. Preached three times the Sunday before he went away.

FOR THE CHILDREN

SCARS

"I don't see why we can't go," snapped Estherella crossly. "Why should we have to stay at home, when Madge lives only a few blocks away?"

"Because," said Millicent gently, "in the first place it's Sunday, Estherella, and we ought to stay at home and be quiet and read our books; and in the second place, because Mother said so."

"Yes, that's just it," pouted Estherella. "Why did she say it? And what did she have to go away for, anyway, to stay all afternoon?"

"You know very well why," answered Millicent in her quiet voice. "Grandma's sick, and needs her. And you remember the last thing she said before she drove off—"I trust you, girls."

"Well," said Estherella, with an ugly look on her face, "she trusted me too soon; I'm going."

Millicent said anxiously, "O Estherella, don't!" But that young lady already had her raincoat and one rubber on; and soon the door slammed and she was hurrying down the street, holding her umbrella high above her head.

"Oh!" sighed Millicent, "I wish she wouldn't; but what can I do?"

Mother came home earlier than she had expected to, for Grandma was better; and the first thing she said was, "Where is Estherella?"

"She went to see Madge, Mother," said Millicent. "I tried to stop her; but you know how she is, when she makes up her mind to do anything."

"To see Madge!" cried Mother, with a frightened look in her eyes.

"Yes, I know, it's too bad," nodded Millicent. "Why when Madge first moved in, you told us to stay away from her, you know, 'cause she says such bad words, and—"

"My dear," said Mother excitedly, turning to Father, "we must do something at once! Madge's little brother has smallpox!"

They called the doctor quickly and asked him what to do. And then poor Estherella's troubles began. That very evening, they moved her into a little room far away from everyone else in the house, and left her there all alone. The next day Mother brought her breakfast, and dinner, and supper. Poor Millicent felt so lonely and so sorry for her sister; and Mother looked very sober, and said she hoped Estherella's punishment wouldn't be worse than this before she was through with it.

But it was—oh, ever so much worse! For the time came when Estherella lay tossing on her bed, burning up with fever, so sick that she did not even know the gentle nurse and the kind old doctor, who were the only ones allowed near her. Night after night she tossed from side to side of her little white bed, and said queer wild things; and the nurse cried softly, and the doctor shook his head; and Millicent, alone in her little room, sobbed herself to sleep. "Dear God," she would whisper into the darkness, "don't punish her any more. Oh, please don't let her die!"

Mother was very pale and quiet these days. She often took Millicent in her arms and held her a long time without saying a word. Millicent would stroke her cheek and say, "Poor Mother!" because she did not know what else to say.

But even the most dreadful things must end; and after a long time—years, it seemed to Millicent—Estherella was moved back into their own little room. How happy she was to have her sister back again! But the sick child lay very quiet, with her eyes closed, most of the time.

One day Millicent, watching the thin little white face, saw two tears roll down on to the pillow.

"Don't cry dear!" she said softly, stroking the shining hair.

Just then Aunt Esther and Aunt Ella—the two for whom the little girl was named—came in. They brought flowers and fruit and a new book, and tried to act very bright and happy.

"Why the tears?" cried Auntie Esther gaily—she was hardly more than a girl herself. "We must be happy today, little girl, because you'll soon be well again!"

"I'm so sorry I did it," sobbed Estherella, "but I've asked God to forgive me a thousand times. I think He did, but—but—"

"But what?" asked Aunt Ella gently.

"I asked Mother for the mirror this morning," sobbed the little girl, "and oh, the dreadful s-s-scars! And they'll last forever 'n ever."

"Hush, dear!" said Aunt Ella, "we won't think of that—we're so glad to have our little girl back again."

Then Aunt Ella suddenly bent over and kissed her, her own eyes filled with tears. "Poor little lamb!" she said softly. "It's a hard lesson to learn, but the earlier learned, the better. We may ask Mother and God to forgive us—and they will, if we are truly sorry—that doesn't take away the scars!"—Burning Bush.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for September 18

JONATHAN: COURAGEOUS FRIENDSHIP

LESSON TEXT—I Samuel 20:4-17.

GOLDEN TEXT—A friend loveth at all times.—Proverbs 17:17.

Without question, the most precious possession any man or woman has (apart from his fellowship with God if he is a Christian, and the love of his own family) is friendship. It is the flower that blooms by the side of the rugged pathway of life. Like many flowers, some friendships need to be cultivated and encouraged.

It has been said that the love of a woman for another woman is a beautiful thing, the love of a man for a woman an even more devoted and precious thing, but that the bond of love between man and man surpasses all in its strength and glory. Some might question such a statement, and yet it is true that between man and man there is the possibility of the highest type of friendship. David and Jonathan stand at the head of an inspiring list of men who loved each other with their whole souls.

The lesson for today calls for a careful reading of the incidents in the life of Jonathan and David recorded in I Samuel, chapters 14, 18, 19, and 20, as well as the first chapter of II Samuel. It is a story which will richly reward a careful reading. Considering the printed portion in the light of this background we note six things that characterized this great friendship.

I. Cultivated (v. 4).

Friendships must be "kept in repair." Foolish and almost wicked is that man who by boorishly offending his fellowmen, or by neglecting the thoughtful words and acts that cultivate friendship, drives men away from him. "He that hath friends must show himself friendly" (Prov. 18:24). Consider the admonition of our Lord in Luke 16:8, 9, where he urges the righteous use of even our worldly possessions to cultivate eternal friendships. Read what Jonathan did in I Sam. 18:3-5, only one of his many loving and thoughtful acts.

II. Courteous (v. 8).

David asked that Jonathan deal kindly with him, and the entire story reveals that he did just that, always. More friendships are wrecked on the rocks of little discourtesies than in almost any other way.

We live in an age which affects an outward veneer of culture but which is at heart often thoughtless and unkind. Let Christian men and women be courteous. They should be so as followers of the gentle Jesus, and it will bring them countless friends.

III. Candid (v. 9).

Friendships that last must be built on absolute candor, not the kind that delights in telling an unpleasant truth, but one which speaks the truth in love. Jonathan told David the truth.

Little wonder that friendships built on smooth greetings of "dear" and "darling" or "delighted to see

you, old man," but which are in reality not honestly affectionate and true do not last until one goes round the corner.

IV. Courageous (vv. 12, 13).

Jonathan was such a faithful son that when the time of parting came he stayed with his wicked father rather than go with David, whom he loved. But he was true to David even though he knew it would incur the wrath of his father if that friendship became known.

Things that cost us nothing are usually "worth it." Real friendship calls for sacrifice, standing by in the night hours, sharing burdens, being loyal even though others may condemn us for it.

Covenant Keeping (vv. 16, 17).

Covenants entered into by solemn treaties in our time are soon discarded as "scraps of paper." People make promises to one another that they never intend to fulfill. Jonathan and David made a covenant and kept it.

This matter of trickery and falsehood in life and business is one that deeply troubles the writer of these notes. He sees unmistakable evidence that this perverse spirit has come into the precincts of the church itself. We should have a revival of honesty in office, home, state and church.

VI. Complete (v. 17).

"He loved him as he loved his own soul"—such a friend was Jonathan. His devotion to David had no qualifying "strings" on it. He was not seeking something for himself. The closest he came to that was to bring his children into the covenant with David (v. 15), and who could question the propriety of such devotion between true friends? He saw that David was to supplant Saul as king, and in the face of his own interest as Saul's son, he put David forward.

Friendship is akin to our relationship to God in that it calls for a complete giving of ourselves, if we are to be true friends. This does not mean that individuality is lost, or special interests and abilities destroyed, but it does mean a whole-souled desire for our friend's welfare, and a complete devotion of our all to his good.

A METHODIST CONCILIATOR

Some of the most difficult of all the issues of peace or war in Europe just now center in one man, who holds no office, but is just an English nobleman visiting in behalf of the British government various parts of Czechoslovakia.

This man of mark is Lord Runciman, who, as Walter Runciman, was already well known to every British Methodist thirty and forty years ago. He maintains his interest in Methodism, and his active relation to it.

He has held many public offices, several of them of Cabinet rank, but his present unofficial mission may easily be the supreme public service of his life.

Even now Lord Runciman has become, by his presence and his quiet investigations, a steadying influence on Central European affairs. He has made first hand studies of the dispute between Germany and Czechoslovakia over the Sudeten Germans in the latter country, and, even more, he has succeeded in moderating some of the more fantastic of the Nazi demands.—Ex.

The best gift you can make to your boy or your girl would be a copy of Anderson's History of Arkansas Methodism.

Circles to Meet Next Monday

No. 1—Mrs. A. C. Shipp, Chairman, with Mrs. F. C. Faust, 2816 Broadway, 2:30. Mrs. D. M. Garrison, co-hostess.

No. 2—Mrs. Paul E. James, Chairman, with Mrs. Kenneth Smith, 1801 State, 1:30 dessert luncheon.

No. 3—Mrs. C. B. Wilson, Chairman, with Mrs. R. G. Paschal, 5024 Lee, 1:30 dessert luncheon.

No. 4—Mrs. Jas. Thomas, Chairman, with Mrs. W. H. Esslinger, 1606 Fair Park Blvd., 2 o'clock.

No. 6—Mrs. E. Q. Brothers, Chairman, 12:30 luncheon at the Wonder Bread Bakery hostess room.

No. 7—Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon, Chairman, at the church, 10:00 a. m.

No. 8—Mrs. R. D. Ginocchio, Chairman, with Mrs. Taylor Pre-witt, 2119 Main, 2 o'clock. Mrs. W. A. Welch, co-hostess.

No. 9—Mrs. E. W. Beeson, Chairman, with Mrs. W. P. Ivy, 1221 Park, 2 o'clock.

No. 10—Mrs. E. F. Dixon, Chairman, with Mrs. F. B. Thacker, 3300 W. 10th, 1:30 dessert luncheon.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into the fellowship of Winfield the following members who joined last Sunday, Sept. 11:

Mrs. Vada Ott and her son, Elwood, 1850 Summit.

Mr. Jack Heard, 1323 Summit.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bottoms, 1905 W. 19th, upon the birth of a daughter, Diane Ruth, on September 5.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Mr. E. F. Dixon is confined to his home, 621 East 21st, recovering from a recent operation.

Mrs. Helen Rutherford, 815 N. Spruce, who underwent an operation recently, is reported as very much improved.

Mrs. Guy Dillahunty is ill at her home, 1406 McGowan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Massey, 3100 W. 13th, are visiting relatives in Atlanta, Ga., and Gastonia, N. C.

Miss Floreta Skinner left last week to go to Imboden, Arkansas, where she will teach school this fall.

CHILDREN BAPTIZED

Last Sunday morning Richard Martin and Jackie Lou Heard, small son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heard, 1323 Summit, were baptized by the pastor. These children are members of our Church School.

THE HAVEKOST RESIDENCE

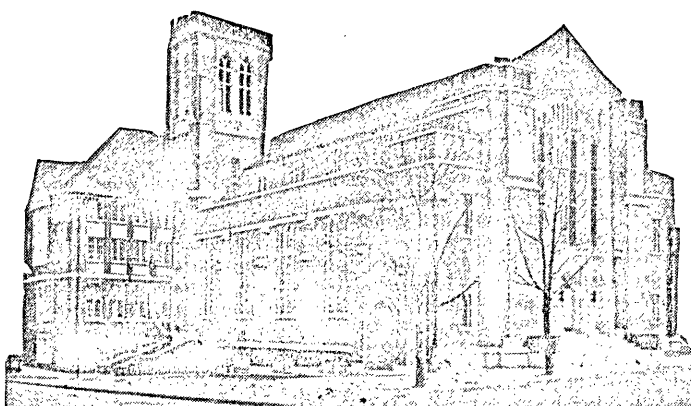
Dr. and Mrs. Havekost are now settled in their new home at 111 Brown street (two blocks west of Stiff station). They invite the members of the church to drop by and see them at any time it is convenient. Tel. 3-4756.

Collections on the budget to Sept. 1 were \$15,418.00. The budget for the year calls for \$25,195, leaving \$9,777 to be raised between now and Conference, which is but nine weeks away. With every interested member co-operating, the year can be ended with all bills, including \$2,700 for the reduction of principal on the church debt, paid in full.

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Church Secretary

Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 A. M. Church School—HOMECOMING DAY
11:00 A. M. "BUILDERS"—Sermon by Pastor
6:30 P. M. Senior and Young People's Leagues
7:45 P. M. "COUNTRY FOLK MOVE TO TOWN"—Sermon by Pastor (First of a series on "The Whole Lot Family")

Wednesday—Fellowship Dinner, 6:30 P. M.

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

The Fall Program

Next Sunday marks the beginning of Winfield's fall program of activities. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. I. J. Steed, will be back with us after a two month vacation and the usual good work of this loyal group will be resumed.

Evening services will be resumed beginning Sunday evening at 7:45. Dr. Alvin D. Havekost, our associate pastor, will lead the congregation in hymn singing and special musical numbers will be given by members of the choir.

Fellowship dinners will be resumed in Fellowship Hall next Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. A series of devotional studies in the twenty-third Psalm will be given by the pastor.

A Young Adult League will be organized Sunday evening, September 25th. This group will be composed of young men and women, married or single, from 23 years of age to 35? and a varied group of religious topics will be discussed in an informal way. The program will include fellowship games, light refreshments, and round table discussions led by local and outside speakers.

A Junior High League will be organized Sunday evening, October 2nd. This step is in response to a number of requests by parents and the children themselves for an organization of expressional Christian activity. Mr. McKinney, Junior High Church School Superintendent, will direct this group but will probably have co-sponsors to assist.

Winfield has a great program before her and a consecrated group of Christian workers to put the program in action. We have always been optimistic about our church, but we were never more encouraged by the outlook of Winfield than we are today. Under the leadership of God, let us go forward.

Christian Education

By MARGUERITE CLARK

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday 508
A Year Ago..... 444

Departmental Report

	On		Sty.	
	Present	Time	Cont. Ch.	
Jr. High.....	64	54	40	50
Sr. High.....	48	39	32	24
Y. P.	37	23	9	25

Adult

Couples Class	39
Carrie Hinton Bible Class.....	33
Men's Bible Class.....	32
Fidelity Class.....	28
Mae Jenkins' Bible Class.....	20
Lila Ashby Bible Class.....	16
Brothers' Couples Class.....	14
Forum Class.....	12
Total.....	204

DR. FOOTE TO BEGIN SUNDAY EVENING SERMON SERIES SUNDAY 7:45 P. M.

Dr. Foote will begin a new series of Sunday evening sermons next Sunday evening, Sept. 18, on "THE WHOLE LOT FAMILY." The first in the series for next Sunday evening is "Country Folk Move to Town." Others on successive Sunday evenings will be:

"Lot in City Politics"—Sept. 25.
"Mrs. Lot and Girls in Society"—Oct. 2.
"Mrs. Lot Loves Her Sodom"—Oct. 16.
"A Helpless Man With a Wicked Family"—Oct. 23.

Dr. Alvin D. Havekost, Associate Minister, will lead in congregational hymn singing and the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Steed, will bring a special musical number each Sunday evening.

HOMECOMING FOR CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES SUNDAY

Every class in the Church School ought to make a special effort to get every former member of the class to attend Church School next Sunday morning, Home-coming Sunday. Adult class officers and teachers should visit those who have been away during the summer and encourage them to enter into the work of the class and the church during the fall and winter months that are ahead. This is a time when the various attendance committees of adult classes should be busy.

SENIOR AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS SUNDAY

Miss Nina Buchanan will lead the worship service in the Young People's Department at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. At the evening service at 6:30 Stuart Barden will lead the devotional. The second of a series of lessons on "The Origin and Growth of the Bible" will be presented.

Wanda Lunn and Frances Botsford will be hostesses for the Seniors Sunday evening at 6:30.

CHOIR TO RETURN NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday morning our regular choir, directed by Mrs. I. J. Steed, will be back with us in the worship services, after having had a vacation during the summer. We sincerely hope they have enjoyed the vacation and are looking forward to hearing them again.

We are very grateful to Miss Kate Bossinger, our organist, for the fine way in which she has taken care of our music during the summer months.